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A New College Magazine.

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To the Editors of the Hamilton Life:

Dear Sirs:—May I so far take advantage of your open columns as to express my opinions on the advent of a new college paper? If so you may publish the enclosed article.

Yours very truly,
HOWARD I. DAVENPORT.
John Hopkins University.

The "Hamilton Record"—"a Quarterly for Hamilton Graduates," has made its debut into the society of college journalism.

The reasons for its appearance are fully stated in its first pages and may well be called the "Apology for my Appearance."

Until recently there have been two college papers, the one published by a board of students, the Hamilton Literary Magazine; the other published by the members of the Emerson Literary Society, the Hamilton Review. These two papers have just been consolidated into a new Hamilton Literary Magazine, to be published monthly.

The "Record" states that it is published to fill a long-felt want, and yet when it states the field it is to cover we are surprised to find that the field is almost identical with that covered by the Hamilton Literary Magazine.

Let us quote from the article on pages three and four of the first number of the Record:

"This first number of the Hamilton Record announces and introduces a quarterly designed to answer the frequent and urgent request of our graduates for regularly furnished information as to the work and status of the college. It will give precisely and fully such matter as they cannot get by sporadic press reports, etc." Sporadic press reports, indeed! Is the Lit. to be so classed? The Lit. has always furnished information as regular as the months came round, and

it is to be had just as the Record is to be had, by paying its subscription price.

"The complete prize-award writing of the undergraduates will occupy a part of the issues of each year." We call your attention to the first article of any issue of the Lit. It is a prize award writing of some undergraduate.

"The Commencement Bulletin,*** will be *** a large part of each July issue! It has heretofore been sent gratis to all alumni.

"The athletic events of whatever kind will be noted." The Lit. in its "local" column always gives the scores and items of interest of every game or contest.

"The matter of the Mail Book will make the bulk of one number about once in two years." This could formerly be had upon application.

"The Commencement notices will appear in the May number." A complete account of these will be found in the June number of the Lit. of any given year.

"Personal items concerning the alumni will be a feature of the Record." Fourteen pages of small type articles appear in the Lit. edited by Dr. North and devoted solely to "personal items concerning the alumni."

"The control of this quarterly will be in the hands of the President." The control of the Lit. is in the hands of a body of students elected by the college and approved by the faculty. The practical training received by the board so composed is of great value. The literary editor and his assistants learn to write their editorials, and these editorials must need be of merit for the college body is a severe critic. The business manager and his assistant learn by a hard experience the "running" of a business venture, and with the advertising manager the manner of publishing a large advertising medium. Then, too, the college at large is at liberty and is urged to write articles for publication. What better training could there be for

those who wish to write for any of our prizes?

"The price is fixed at one dollar per year." With four numbers that means twenty-five cents per copy. That is the price of a Lit., twenty-five cents per copy, two dollars a year. A paper published once in two months must needs have some news two months old. Would we rather pay one dollar a year for stale news or two dollars a year for news that is news?

If the "Record" wishes to "set up" as a paper from which the high school boy of the country may obtain a new declamation it might "fill a long felt want."

The Lit. publishes at various intervals good declamations written by some of our seniors or our juniors. Or, the Record might succeed as a quarterly journal of college song and offer a grand opportunity to college students, or even to members of the faculty, to publish their effusions.

So far as our limited vision and intellect can grasp this new idea it seems as if the controlling hand of the Record were trying its luck at starting a rival paper to the Hamilton Lit.

Senior Class Book.

The senior class, realizing that much good literary material and a greater amount of good "roasts" will be lost if its prophesies, poems, orations, responses and histories are not preserved, have decided to publish in book form all these choice collections of commencement days. The baccalaureate, the pictures of each member of the class, with his honors, the class song, etc., will occupy the principal space. No attempt will be made to make it elaborate, and the expense of the undertaking is paid by a tax of about \$2 on each man. No efforts will be made to secure advertisements, and the book is primarily for the class. No one outside of its members is under any obligation to purchase a copy unless he desires it. The book will appear

sometime during July. This is a movement ahead. It ought to have the co-operation and support of every loyal 1902 man, and there are none who are not. It is simply a record-preserving booklet and all the little souvenirs of college days will be in it. So here's success to the book.

Senior Banquet.

The class of 1902 has revived the custom of a class banquet. Since the famous class of '99 left these college halls no class has given a banquet, and the twenty-five men who assembled at the Butterfield House Thursday evening are unanimous in saying that the custom should never die out. The feast of food began at 8:15. The members of the committee, Messrs. Gilbert, Signor, Moody and Reeve, had made all arrangements and the pretty menu card is a tribute to their good taste. Songs were interpolated between courses under the leadership of Dewey and the assistance of "Fat." At the conclusion of the vi-and festival Toastmaster Warren said that the last course had come. It was not wet, and he hoped it would not be dry. He told some of his characteristic stories, including some good roasts, and introduced Miller. This was without question the best speech of the evening. Miller hit responsive chords in every man and he was listened to eagerly. Lewis was the next victim. "Morgan" for some time has been accused of the vice of smoking and he was called upon to tell his classmates about "My First cigar." That "moose" story was a "corker." Slaughter had for his subject, "Bib." "Bill" has long been recognized as a disciple of the literature course and he handled the subject excellently. "Dewy," the songster, was "unable to give his pipped speech on account of lack of time. He, however, entertained royally, impromptu. After yells for the toastmaster, committee and hotel management, the banquet was off. Success!

MENU.

Blue Points.
Salted Peanuts with Cheese Sticks.
Consomme Celestine.
Olives.
Grilled White Fish, au Vert-Pre.
Saratoga Chips.
Celery.
Tenderloin of Beef Larded, aux Cepes
Potatoes, au Gratin.

Sweetbread Croquettes, Periqueux.
French Peas.
Chartruse Punch.
Philadelphia Squab, au Cresson.
Mayonnaise of Lettuce.
Ice Cream in Fancy Forms.
Assorted Cake. Chocolate Eclairs.
Roquefort Cheese.
Toasted Crackers.
Cafe.
Cigars. Cigarettes.

TOASTS.

Toastmaster,

FRANK DEWITT WARREN.

"Grand, gloomy, and peculiar, he sat upon the throne, a sceptered hermit, wrapt in the solitude of his own originality."—*Chas. Phillips.*

"The Class and the College,"

FREDERICK GRANT MILLER.

"The world knows nothing of its greatest men."—*Sir Henry Taylor.*

"The Fallacy of Happiness—My First Cigar," CHARLES WILLIAM LEWIS.

"The man who smokes thinks like a sage, and acts like a Samaritan."

—*Edward B. Lytton.*

"Bib,"

WILLIAM HARRISON SLAUGHTER.

"Now hear the lark!

The herald of the morn, whose notes do beat

The vaulty heavens so high above our heads."—*Shakespeare.*

"We still will be thy boys,"

DEWEY TANNER HAWLEY.

"Let the singing singer

With vocal voice most vociferous
In sweet vociferation, out vociferizo
Even sound itself."—*Henry Carey.*

A Mail Bag in North.

This is a suggestion which has been advanced by several of the inmates of North college. Who has not had the troublesome experience of carrying his letters, either to the Y. M. C. A. or down to his respective "frat" house, in order to get them in an afternoon mail? The occupants of South have the box in Siliman Hall at their service, and it is no more than fair that a similar convenience should be furnished to the other dormitory. One more bag would not make any great difference to the mail carrier, especially since it would be empty on the trip up the hill. Ye men of North unite and do something for your own good.

A Character Sketch.

His hair is closely cropped, what there is of it, for he is slightly bald on the back of his head; his eyes of China-blue are large and shine with vast non-comprehension; his square shoulders support a head equally square; and his short, slender legs hold well his rotund body. Such is the external appearance of the Houghton butler.

Mrs. Houghton imported him direct, and people tell that there was large duty to be paid before he landed. Hobbs is his name, and a more respectful, yet disapproving, dignified, yet responsive being, can not well be imagined. There are queer tales told of him. People relate how, when told by Mrs. Houghton's maid that her mistress was in negligee, but would be down as soon as dressed, he came to the drawing-room door, and, with great dignity, told the caller waiting that "the missus is hupstairs, naked has ha jay, sir, and says, as 'ow she'll be down directly she is dressed, sir." This is only one of many, but will serve as a measure of Hobb's greenness.

In dress, as in decorum, his dignity covered all imperfections. He was generally arrayed in a sombre suit of black, cut after a gentleman's evening dress. On occasions, however, he varied this by wearing a flaming red four-in-hand, tucked in his shirt bosom. He actually wore this at two dinners and no one had the moral courage to correct him, so dignified did he look in this peculiar dress.

If one spoke a harsh word to him, he appeared offended for days. Not that the offense of an ordinary butler should bother one, but Hobb's was not an ordinary butler. His blue eyes showed his contempt of the gentleman who could not handle a card-case with gloves, or who awkwardly stepped on somebody's train. It is told by some that the butler was responsible for the breaking off of Mrs. Houghton's engagement to a prosperous broker. 'Tis said the fiance could not stand having that dignified personage in the hall waiting so patiently for him to go.

Such is Hobb's. Dignity is his mainstay, his prop, the source of all his joy. Men are impressed with it, women pleased with it, and youths actually scared by it. Dignity surely covers a multitude of faults. A. E. H., '04.

—"Prex" preaches in the Williams College chapel May 4.

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"The Hamiltonian."

The matter of the annual publication by the junior class of a book which shall well represent Hamilton College, is deserving of serious consideration. The trouble is not that the book is cheap, or carelessly done, but every year the college is coming to look upon the venture as a mere money-making scheme. Quite the contrary is the truth. No board since that of '99 has made any money for the simple reason that they have preferred to expend the extra amount in getting out a better book. But still the trouble grows worse. The college doesn't seem to realize that it is as much their book, and more, than that of the men who are supervising its publication. The pictures of class teams were printed last year upon the promise of the managers and team to pay for the same. After repeated requests to settle these managers calmly sit back and say that they have not yet collected the money. The board, in addition to its already large expense, has been compelled to settle for some one. This is an injustice. If class teams are organized simply to publish their pictures and avoid paying debts, then the evils counterbalance the good. The *Hamiltonian* should be supported; it should be the pride of every man in college; everyone ought to contribute his share toward its maintenance; no promises should be made to the editors unless upon strict intention to keep them. We do not mean to say but what the intention of these managers and teams was all right but they do not follow their intention to the proper conclusion. Editors are never millionaires and can ill afford to pay the debts of others.

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TONIGHT comes the Cornell game. It will be held at the Armory in Utica, and begins promptly at 8:30 p. m. The college has not supported the last two games as it should, and this is the opportunity to show true spirit. It is worth your time; it is worth your money; it is the request of the college. We must stay by athletics through defeat and through victory. Hamilton's name ought to be a synonym for concentrated unified action in every branch which it fosters, and it can't be done unless the men do their duty. The team has worked hard, and now our test comes. Shall we play the game with them or hold back and let them fight alone? Hamilton was not made that way, and the past is a good guide for the future. So we want to see every man in the Armory tonight yelling for this "old mother" of ours, and let the roar be deep and loaded with a determination to win.

THERE seems to be considerable misunderstanding between the students and the professor in charge of the noon chapels, in regard to the amount and character of criticism from the seats. A few years ago, this kind of criticism was carried to an inexcusable and unwise extent, and we are all glad to see the improvement that has been made. But the present conditions seem to point to a total exclusion of the practice. Instances have occurred lately when criticisms, thoroughly deserved, have resulted in dismissal from chapel, and this, too, after we have been told that such criticism is allowable. There is no necessity of our enlarging upon the value and advantage of this old cus-

tom; we can all remember from our own experiences how much good that "horsing" on our weak points did us. It is something that we wish neither to lose nor abuse; we would be glad to see this misunderstanding removed for the common good of students and faculty.

ANY man who can go through Hamilton College and fail to be strongly impressed by that invincible pair of public speakers, Dr. Stryker and Dr. Terrett, in their Sunday sermons, has lost a large part of the education to be secured on this hillside. The sermon given by Prex a few weeks ago on the duties of college men was a model. Dr. Terrett followed last Sunday with one of the most practical talks we have ever heard. Each of these were just the kind which college men appreciate. They were neither over our heads nor filled with dry abstractions. This article is not intended for flattery nor to secure a ten-spot, but in order to show that the college thoroughly appreciates what it is pleased to call "its best."

IT is far from the pleasure of the editors to perform the painful duty of calling the attention of the college to the desultory manner in which the apparatus is returned to its proper place in the gymnasium after basket-ball practice. We do not know how much of this is left undone after 'varsity practice, but it is generally conceded that the main fault lies in those who do not belong to either the 'varsity or its squad. Underclassmen are the principal offenders, and we have assurance that unless this shiftlessness is remedied, the gymnasium will be open only on certain evenings, and then under strict conditions. It is unfair to the college, it is unjust to "Uncle John," and every man who commits such a breach of good manners and courtesy ought to be ashamed of himself. If classes are to have teams they must take care of the gymnasium and put everything in good order when they leave it.

SPEAKING of the care of the buildings recalls the fact that a certain man in college has left his name written on a seat in Room 3 of the Hall of Philosophy. We confess that we are unable to understand why any one should desire to mutilate these seats given us by a right royal alumnus. He has entrusted the building to the care of those who

use it and who profit by it; and let there be no such disgraceful thoughtlessness shown.

THE attention of the Advisory Board is called to the suggestion that all scheduled games of class teams should be approved, either by the full board or by a committee appointed for that purpose. The wisdom of this movement is apparent; the class managers are disclaiming all liability for debts contracted by the team; in some cases it has been unwise and unprofitable to send class teams to neighboring colleges, when it is well known that the team is far below par. It would be simply a matter of pure business policy and good judgment to have these scheduled games in control of the Advisory Board, and we advocate the adoption of the scheme.

THE management of the baseball team has scheduled a series of class games to be played on the campus during the early part of the season. The object of these games is to get material out for the 'varsity and to help defray the expenses of the season. We want to make these games as great a success as possible, and to do this the men who expect to play in these games must begin to get in shape now. This means that they ought to get out for indoor practice. There ought to be at least 10 men from each class getting out every day. As a matter of fact, the freshman class is the only one that comes up to this average. Let the other classes come out better if they wish to make a respectable showing in the series. The men who have so far reported are: From 1902, Church; from 1903, Peet, Durkee, Perry, Courtenay, Morris, Arthur, Foreman, Hunter; from 1904, Bastian, M. White, Soper, Strickland, Judd, Knox, Carr; from 1905, Crumb, Hayes, Post, Schwab, Hand, Stowell, McIntyre, Weber, Farrell, Merrick, France, Kingsley, Stiles, Robinson, Harwood.

THE musical clubs will continue their good work of this term by appearing in several larger cities next term. A date at Rome has been arranged for April 25; Oneida, Camden and Norwich are already negotiating for dates, and the spring trip is more promising than the last one. But let us sound one word of warning. Every club needs new music badly. They ought to have it now and get into good shape. The towns they



are to visit will demand a higher class article and a good showing is absolutely necessary. A word to the club is sufficient.

**The Acrobatic Exhibition.**

Preparations are already well afoot and on the run for the sequel exhibition. Practice is prerequisite. To this end, it is desired that all the candidates for the pyramids and Roman ladder team be punctually on hand, on every Thursday and Friday afternoons henceforth, at 4 p. m. Thursday, and 5 p. m. Friday. These two events contrast the major interest and effort of "Uncle John," so let every man accommodate his work to "Uncle's" convenience. The absence of one man vitiates the efficacy of the whole and impairs its development. Let not the reliable and ready be made the prey of dalliers. Let all be there each time.

The date for the "circus" has been made a fixture. It will be executed on Saturday night, the 22nd, at 8 p. m. It must be the result that both men and money attend in mutual identity, so let all prospect their unexploited resources with that regard in view. The following is a portional and provisional schedule of events:

- Pyramids.
- Roman Ladders.
- Flying Rings.
- Acrobatics.
- Parallel Bars.
- Class Drills and Stunts.
- Springboard and Horse.
- Pole Vault (record).
- Running High Leap.
- High Dive (record).
- Shot-Putting.
- Dumbbell Hoisting.
- Indian Club Exercises.
- Bag Punching.
- Walking on Hands (race 15 yards).
- Single Stick Exercise.
- Climbing Pole (record).

The bouts at boxing will be bettered and more varied than before. It is trusted that the musical clubs will suffer their part in the assistance to the elevation of the ensemble.

—The busts of Homer and Demosthenes which have appeared in the Greek recitation room show at last what the stone brackets on the walls of Language Hall are good for. It would be a pleasure to see some of the remaining ones in use.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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F. E. PAYNE, P. M.

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### College Notes.

- Is Minor, '02, in love?
- Moustache? Ask "Davy" Peet.
- The track team began work Monday.
- The College would like to hear from Prof. Brandt again.
- "Fat" Ward uses the phraseology of Comenius to justify a "trot."
- Dress suits loaned for Houghton parties by Carmer, '03.
- Stories of the Wild West, as told in No. 13. Inquire of "Bunco."
- The LIFE board was so injudicious as to have its picture taken Monday.
- Bishop, '02, was called home last week on account of the death of his mother.
- Bullard, '04, has been obliged to leave college on account of trouble with his eyes.
- Work has begun with the ladders for the new stunts for the coming gym. exhibition.
- "Hank" White favored the sophomores and freshmen with a cut on Monday morning.
- "Prex" cut the sophomores on Monday morning. The washout prevented him from meeting his class.
- It bears repeating that "Hank" White is "soaking" the rhetoric class with outside reading for exams.
- Wednesday afternoon the old bell, so long the theme of both curses and poetry, was taken from its resting place of three years and a new one installed in its stead.

—Freshmen should remember that they have yet to purchase a controlling stock in the college, all assumed conduct in the past notwithstanding. Verdants take warning.

—There will be no Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday afternoon. The communion service of the church will be held on Sunday at four o'clock, and the preparatory meeting for this service will be held Saturday evening at half past seven o'clock in the chapel.

—The Theta Deltas gave an informal card party and dance on Monday evening. The party was given in honor of Mr. Joseph Eckman, Pennsylvania '09, who has been visiting in Clinton during the past week. Hearts were played for the first part of the evening, after which refreshments were served and then dancing was the order.

—On next Wednesday evening, Mar. 12, will be held the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A., including the election of officers, at Silliman Hall. Names for nomination to the offices will please be handed to the secretary, C. H. Toll, Jr., before that evening. After the business is finished the fellows will get together for a little singing and to have a general good time.

—The following recommendations were passed at a meeting of the senior class on last Saturday. By mistake they were left from the last week's issue of LIFE. Resolved, that it be recommended to the class that they proceed to expel Dr. Styker from the college and community for the reason stated; in spite of all the efforts of the aforesaid gentleman to produce a dignified adiposity, his bay window is still of smaller proportions than that of T. Hogan, Jr., of Clinton.

—The practice of the acrobatic class has now reached the second week. In addition to the members of last year's class there are several new men on the floor. The Roman ladders will form a novel and enjoyable part of the program this year, while the pyramids will be remodeled and improved to such an extent as to make the coming exhibition much better even than that of a year ago. "Uncle John" is working hard to make a success of the affair, and the fellows should help him in every way, especially by a regular attendance at practice, which is billed for every Tuesday at four and Thursday and Friday at five.

—The following is clipped from the *Amherst Student* and the suggestion is

well worth serious consideration here: "We wish to point out to the thoughtless students in college that all men are expected to remove their hats while scheduled games are in progress in the gymnasium. It has been noticeable during the interclass basket-ball games this winter that many, especially freshmen, have neglected to do this. This is a small matter, of course, but we venture to call attention to it in the hope of its early correction. In connection with this we might say that many of the men exercising on the floor are too indifferent in the matter of dress. A little care in the general appearance on the floor would make a more favorable impression on the visitors who happen to be present.

### Prof. Herrick's Lecture.

Prof. Francis H. Herrick, of Adelbert College, will give an illustrated lecture on "Wild Birds at Arms' Length," next Friday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock, in the Stone Church chapel. Prof. Morrill is enthusiastic in praise of the lecture and no one can afford to miss it. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

Prof. Morrill is giving the lecture on his own responsibility and has gone to both trouble and expense in making the arrangements. It is particularly valuable to all who are interested in biology but it will not be uninteresting to anyone acquainted in the least with bird life. Prof. Herrick has recommendations from the University of Chicago, University of Michigan and Trinity College.

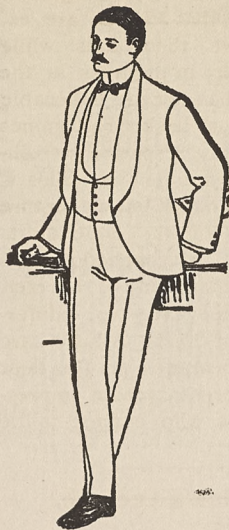
### The Intercollegiate Debate.

Steps have been taken to have the Hamilton-Colgate debate at the same time as the dual track meet on May 24. The team, if the challenge is accepted, will probably be composed of two seniors and two juniors. The date has been submitted to Colgate and a reply is expected in a few days. It is hoped that this debate will take place this spring term.

### Who Was It?

It is stated on good authority that some belated members of the college walked two and a half miles to Franklin Mills Sunday morning in order to make chapel. *And the Oriskany bridge was perfectly dry, too.* We realize fully that these men dislike to be called "easy" so we will call them a "cinch." What next? Oh, "E.," oh, Tuthill, oh, Judd and Collins.





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