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Colgate Academy vs. Hamilton.

Saturday's game was proof of improvement in many ways. Those who are ardent followers of the game and are acquainted with its principles, recognize the rapid development of the 'varsity. The game served not only as a means of verifying the strength of the players, but also of showing us wherein we were weak.

Comparative score is no just basis of judgment. Hence we shall not consider the number of touch-downs nor the length of halves in an estimate of Saturday's game.

Before speaking of each individual man, it is very proper that a general survey of the game and the team should be made. The kick-off and return was too hasty. This is an important and necessary feature of good team work. Important games have been won and lost on the strength of the return of a kick-off. In this respect the 'varsity is perceptibly weak. We want a touch-down today from the kick-off.

There are two kinds of football—football that *is* football and football that *is not* football. We saw more of the former, that which is true sportsman-like football, in last Saturday's contest than in the previous game. "Play the game."

The 'varsity this year is making the sport more interesting by playing a punting game. In this we are well supported by the back field. Both Peet and DeVotie are excellent punters and the former is rapidly developing into a drop-kicker, as was demonstrated Saturday, when he landed a beautiful ball squarely between the posts from the 30-yard line. It was a pretty sight and brot the cheers down from the side lines. The work back of the line is for the most part quite satisfactory. The backs run well with the ball. McLaughlin plays a steady, witty game, though improvement in his head work is by no means out of the question. As a ground gainer he is fast; in defensive work he is sure.

His work Saturday was good. DeVotie ran low and always hit the line as if he meant to go thru. A good deal depends on his ability to keep his halves with him. He should work to keep the back field together and steady. His greatest fault is in aggressiveness. His work in the line on Saturday was not as strong as it should have been. Strickland's weak point is failing to keep with his interference, although a marked improvement in this was shown last week. His gains were substantial, and his running and dodging very pretty. Though erratic and unsteady at times Mangan played a remarkably good game. From Blakely we heard but little, yet those who watched the game, watched this man. He was in the scrimmage and in the runs; he was everywhere. Wills, who played left guard, was strong in defensive play. He can improve in his running and carrying the ball. One of the strongest and surest ground gainers in the game was Ward. To his efforts we largely owe the high score. A close observer, however, would pass adverse criticism on his wide circling of the ends. Better gains would have resulted had he kept in close to the end. Opportunity was not given Gilbert of showing his strength in advancing the leather. However, his work in the line was always cool, never erratic, and at times cleverly accomplished. Gilbert will be a hard proposition for his opponent in whatever game he may be.

Captain Drummond's management of the team and his own individual playing at end were encouragements to his men. He seldom failed to convert 5 into 6. The selection of a man for the position of right guard is still doubtful. Last Saturday Dowling was put in during the first half, and despite his lack of weight filled his position very acceptably. He needs to practice quickness in getting off and in playing aggressively. In the second half he was substituted by Lambert. Lambert is heavier and is capable of putting up a strong game. His work

Saturday, however, was not earnest enough. His strength seems to be exhausted at times. Perhaps careful training will help this defect in his playing. Sherman with another year's experience will make a reliable man at quarter.

At times Hamilton weakened and allowed her opponents to gain. The snap and vim of last year was not apparent. This, we believe to be a necessary characteristic of a light team such as Hamilton must send out. It was fire and snap that won at Albany. It will be fire and snap that wins again at Albany, at Hamilton, and at Hartford.

Colgate Academy 0: Hamilton 40.

College Enthusiasm.

If there be one thing which distinguishes one college from another, and which, appealing to the disinterested spectator, shows to him at a glance, the individual characteristic of the college as a whole, it is the spirit shown by the men who support and cheer on our athletic teams. Here may be seen the pulse of the whole, beating in unity as the eye follows the players advancing across the field. The self-forgetfulness as some favorite gains a difficult five yards or secures a touchdown by a brilliant end run; the unconcealed pleasure of the rooters at every conceivable advantage well used; and the extreme anxiety for the success of each individual play is as easily translated and classified as are the olden classics by the learned students of the languages. Here a man yells simply because there is a something in him which must come out and, whether the greatest man in the U. S. stands by him or the least of our foreign contributions, makes no difference to him. "Look at Davy run around that end," or "See Bunco break thru the line," or "Did you see Nelse nab that fellow?" are expressions made and repeated again and again, and the story never grows old. Indeed, one forgets that the other fellow can see the play just as well as himself. It is this spirit of pride and inspiration

which makes a plumed knight of us all and a valiant warrior of each. Dignity is thrown into the ditch. There is a world of meaning in a hat throwing gesture; it means more than can be expressed; it means I am happy because my college is winning.

It is sometimes said that such enthusiasm glories in the defeat of opponents, but here is where such logic breaks down. The college student, while jubilant in victory, remembers also how he felt when *his* team lost, and in proportion to this, he shows his deep sympathy for the other team by saying that they played a good game and did all they possibly could for the honor of their college.

Show us the men who enthuse over these things, who act like wild savages as the ball goes over the goal line, and we will show them preference over all comers. It is of just such stuff that success is made. Use the lungs to herald our approach and let the air resound with cheers until victory is assured. Be a howler and a hustler for your college.

The Scrub.

The most important aid to a successful football season is a good enthusiastic scrub. Without a team against which to line up every afternoon no 'varsity can ever round into that form that means winning games. It may seem to the men who do not don suits that playing in the scrub day after day is a most forsaken proceeding. And there is no incentive unless one truly loves his college, and then the sacrifice of an hour during the afternoon seems little enough to do for his Alma Mater.

Thus far in the season the men have done well in turning out and there has been no lack of material. This word is not intended for the men who have worked hard and faithfully during the past weeks, except as the highest commendation: it is addressed more particularly to those men, large in size and stature, who for one paltry excuse or another refuse to come on the field and help in the good work. There are enough big men in college to make a second line but little, if any, inferior to the 'varsity's in size and strength. And yet—and to our shame as a college be it said, these same big men—big physically and woefully lacking in college pride and spirit, would rather roost at home than come out on the field; would rather leave the work to be done

by the plucky lightweights than do it themselves.

There is a splendid chance this year for men to get in line for the 'varsity of 1902. Gilbert, Naylor, Ward, and the Captain will all be absent in the line-up another season and the men who are out this fall honestly working are the ones who will gain the "H" another year.

The scrub are working hard and faithfully, are being coached and taught new plays almost daily and not an afternoon passes that they do not give the 'varsity a hard rub. But it is not fair to ask the smaller men to do all the work against the heavy line of the 'varsity. Come out, you big men in college who are doing nothing, either for your college or yourselves. Come out and help us. Come out for the experience you will gain; for the promotion you will surely get. Come out for very shame's sake if for no other reason. Come out.

And one word to the men who have been out regularly. Keep at it. Don't let up. Changes are being made every day and there is a chance for everyone, if not this year then next season, and remember you can never learn the game by sitting on the side lines.

Next week the scrub will be organized, a captain elected and a permanent team planned out. Games will be arranged later in the season and everything will be done that is possible to show the men playing in the scrub how thoroly the college appreciates their work and honors them for doing what they can.

And now turn out fellows; everybody, big and little, come out and keep on coming, and it won't be many days before the 'Varsity's goal line is crossed again. Those who cannot come on account of illness, inspire the "whole in body" to come, and those who cannot play come out and root in the side lines and encourage those who are in the thick of the fray. A strong scrub means a strong 'Varsity, and if the men will turn out faithfully we will again lower the colors of Williams and perhaps also of some of the larger universities that least expect it.

Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

The annual ball game between the sophomores and freshmen took place on Steuben Field last Tuesday. It bordered on a farce from beginning to end, barely furnishing excitement enough to keep the spectators warm. The sopho-

mores, of course, had the advantage over the freshmen of having played together before, but the latter's exhibition was by no means what it should have been. The game by innings was as follows:

The freshmen take their outs with Robinson in the box and McIntyre behind the bat. Bastian first toes the plate, singles to first, and gets to third on fumbles. Knox takes his base on balls. Soper singles, and Knox and Bastian come in on pass balls. Pritchett brings in Soper and by pass balls gets around to the plate. Judd walks to first and is brought in by Strickland. Miner and Bullard go to first on balls. Pitcher and catcher change places to stop the scoring, but in vain. Carr brings in Strickland, Bastian brings in Miner, and Bullard comes home on pass ball. Knox walks to first; Soper fans; Pritchett brings in Bastian and Carr. Judd singles. Pritchett makes home by Strickland's hit, and Judd comes in on fumbles. Knox is put out at the plate. Carr fails to make first and retires the side.

Robinson is up first for the freshmen. "Durk" calls two strikes on him and is chased off the field by the juniors. Robinson strikes out. McIntyre and Merriek are caught out at first, retiring the side.

In the second inning the freshmen take a brace. Capt. Schwab goes into the box and livens the game a little. Several other changes are made in the line-up. "Strick" is caught out at first. Miner, Bullard and Carr make runs, and Bastian and Knox fan out.

Hallman fans for the freshmen. Hand singles to first and Schwab gets there on balls. Crumb makes a pretty hit, bringing in Schwab and Hand. Crumb crosses the plate by Stowell's hit. Springstead and Robinson strike out.

The third inning was as unexciting as the others. Soper and Judd score for the sophomores, and McIntyre makes one more for the freshmen. The score by innings is as follows:

Sophomores,	12	3	2	-	17
Freshmen,	0	3	1	-	4
Umpire, Durkee,'03; scorer, Hunter,'03.					

—The *Life* Board is trying to secure the love letters of an Episcopal clergyman for publication. "Gil" has so far refused all offers.

—It is a common occurrence now to see sophomores lead freshmen over to Mrs. Kelly's, there to realize dividends on their investments.

South College.

Ten steps to the foot of the stairs; nine in the first flight; eight the rest of the way up. How many Hamilton men have repeated that formula as they groped their way up the gloomy stairs of old Hungerford Hall? And how many have lost count in the Stygian darkness and gone rolling down, to the detriment of a rib or the third Commandment?

There have been many rumors of an Alumni Hall to surplace old South. Each class, for years back, has been told that before they graduated they would see the old pile of junk torn down. Is the Alumni Hall only an idle dream? Is 1905 to go stumbling and swearing about the old building all thru their course? And the next class and the next?

At the beginning of President Stryker's administration, the campus must have been pretty forlorn; but as the needs arose, the men to meet them were found. Our Gymnasium, the Chapel, Steuben Field, Silliman Hall and the Halls of Science, Language and Philosophy bear testimony that Hamilton has some loyal alumni. Are there no more? To the trustees and the president, sitting in their comfortable apartments, it may seem that the college has need of other things before a new dormitory. But to the poor devils, forced by their ruling to live in that uninhabitable building, shivering from the incessant draught, stumbling up the rickety stairs, and straining his eyes in the too doubtful light, the new dormitory justly seems the paramount need.

That the sanitary conditions of Old South are bad no one doubts, who has been struck by the effluvium issuing from some of the rooms. It will probably be attended to, after a few of the fellows have died of the fever. The door will be closed after the steed is stolen. South College ought not to have lasted into this century. The students at Ravenna, three hundred years ago, were better housed.

With its uncertain stairs, it endangers the life and limb of the students. Its sagging walls and sprung windows admit the rain and snow. Half the rooms are underlighted. From a sanitary point of view it should have been condemned years ago. It is a menace, not only to those condemned to live in it, but to the whole college and community.

—The freshmen and sophomores had a small row after the ball game Tuesday. It was caused by a dispute as to who should walk down the hill on the sidewalk.

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ONE of the most pleasing and inspiring affairs for the student body is to get together in the evening and sing college songs. It is one of the things which every man will remember when he leaves college, besides soothing some of the rough edges during his course. It makes work lighter and books but pleasure gardens, where we read the meaning of the lines sung. Why not have a good old college sing? and as a starter LIFE suggests a meeting next Friday evening at eight o'clock. Let's liven up the old hillside and sing the old songs once more. Everybody come out next Friday evening at eight.

TODAY is the time to show your college loyalty and patriotism at the football meeting in the Chapel after rhetoricals. Heavy guarantees have been given this year and the coach receives an increase of fifty dollars. It will cost somewhere about a thousand dollars to carry us thru, and this means that every man must do his best. To give niggardly is worse than folly; to give in proportion to your allowance is your duty; and to sacrifice personal pleasure to the good of the college is worthy of the highest praise and commendation. This is the only way that we can push this college ahead, and who would show his loyalty for her let him give liberally today. The college appreciates the man who shows his interest in a substantial way, as well as he who shows it in other ways. Who will refuse to do his best!

THE intense spirit of rivalry between the two lower classes leads us to suspect that the inter-class field meet next Thursday will be well worth seeing. Every afternoon representatives of the

two classes have been out on the field for preliminary training. Fall field day is coming to be more of an event than in former years and its growing interest should be a matter of much gratification to every one. Opinions have heretofore been expressed in these columns that this meet should either be made more of, or should be dropped altogether, and it is a pleasure to see that the former course is winning. "Uncle John" is on hand bright and early to assist in any way possible, and no small amount of credit is due him for this increased interest.

THE manager announces that there will be but two games on the campus this fall at which a fee of fifty cents will be required. One is the Hobart game today and the other will be the Rochester game. The reason for this is explained by the big guarantee which we must pay each of these teams in order to have the game here, and unless more fellows turn out to this game than at last Saturday's, the gate receipts will not be sufficient to pay expenses. It is lamentable that so few men have come out thus far. Out of 185 men in college 75 appeared on the field last Saturday. Some even were seen to go over to the Golf Club, others into Utica, and many, we are sorry to say, remained in their rooms. This is lamentable, to say the least. How any man can turn his back to our athletic field when a game is going on is more than we can fathom. The college is not slow in inquiring the reason for such absences and are equally quick to show their disapprobation, and it doesn't do to incur too much the displeasure of the college. If you have true loyalty and patriotism, show it by supporting and cheering the teams on to victory. It is *your* college, *your* 'Varsity; support it.

Now is the time to organize and equip a dramatic club. It is absolutely impossible to produce a good play in a creditable manner, if the men get together after the Christmas vacation. We rejoice to hear that the matter is already talked of and that the play is being selected. This is a movement in the right direction. A play should be put on during the holidays and every man on the club should be required to sign an agreement that he will give up part of his vacation to it. It will be one of the most pleasant reminiscences of his college course. We wish the club all success.

As we have heretofore advocated in these columns we believe that the manager should be elected by the college. It is wrong in itself to go out as the Hamilton College dramatic or glee or mandolin club unless the college elects the manager, and what is not right should not be. Let the college elect the manager as it did last year and we will support him to the best of our ability.

ONCE more do we have to register a kick about the lights on the hill. Thursday evening was an extremely dark one and not one lamp was lighted at nine o'clock. Why is it necessary to oblige us to complain of this lack of attention. The college is provided with funds to keep these lighted and we go without. Light them up!

LIFE regrets that it will be unable to publish the obituaries of Hamilton's early trustees, prepared by Dr. Brockway. They appeal to us more as a matter of record than as a piece of news suitable for these columns. We extend our thanks, nevertheless, to our esteemed trustee who has so kindly remembered us. At some near future date we hope to see a catalog of Hamilton alumni, living or dead, arranged in similar form.

Is the Chapel Guilty?

As surprising as it was interesting was the appearance on the Chapel stage Wednesday of Busch and Burgess in the capacity of an alleged criminal and his defender. When Busch began in deep tones, choked with emotion, Dreyfus' celebrated speech with amendments to suit the occasion, half the audience thought he was dead in earnest. Burgess followed with Zola's famous effort and did it well. The plea was that the chapel be declared innocent of "dryness." It is a good one. It should strike home.

There was an unusual amount of "jibing" at the freshmen Wednesday, and when it was all over Prof. White stated the matter thus: "You are at liberty to express your opinion of the speaking in any way you choose. Your criticism will show a man his faults. But when you jeer men indiscriminately just because they are freshmen, then your criticism, when deserved, will have no weight."

Any student with "horse sense" will see the wisdom of these remarks.

—Where, oh where, are those longed for lights on the campus?

—It's time to organize freshmen. You want to get your yell, etc., before the track meet next Thursday.

—Dayton, '05, made his appearance on Saturday in noon chapel. Through the kindness of the sophs he was made aware of this mistake, and to him was rendered their beautiful ballad, "See the Little Slimer ascend up."

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F. E. PAYNE, P. M.

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College Notes.

- Grant, '03, returned this week.
- Lerch, '06, was visiting on the hill Monday.
- MacLachlan, '03, will not be in college this year.
- Who will suggest a proper nickname for the new Prof's?
- The Glee Club met in the Chapel Thursday afternoon.
- Sheppard, '00, visited his Alma Mater last Saturday.
- The Fall Field Meet will be held Thursday of next week.
- Wright, '08, will leave for Colorado Monday for his health.
- Prof. Robinson honored the sophomores with a cut Tuesday.
- The college contemplates building a new reservoir in the near future.
- Palmer, '71, Watrous, '04, and McKee, '01, spent Sunday on the hill.
- Prex calls on Gilbert and Bishop as authorities on math. What next, Charlie?
- Prices seem to have gone up at the bookstore under the new management.
- The dramatic and glee clubs are anticipating a trip during Christmas vacation.
- Tuesday, for the first time, the scrub scored on the 'varsity. Keep it up, scrub.
- A recent fashion magazine says that straw hats should be in prison long before this.
- The sophomores have convinced Dayton, '05, that he should set up their whole class.

—Little Greek was away on business during the week, consequently his classes received a cut.

—Prex made the upper classmen promise that they would allow no rowing after the sophomore-freshman baseball game Monday.

—Both sophomores and freshmen are beginning to train for the field meet which is scheduled for Oct. 10.

—Signor, '02, is suffering from temporary indisposition. '02 misses its "walking interrogation point."

—Ward, '02, DeVotie, '03, Mann, Stowell and Wright, '04, have received injuries on the football field the past week. None of them are at all serious.

Prof. James J. Robinson.

When you hear "Prof." spoken of as the man who "soaks in lessons but is interesting in recitations," it may be relied upon that reference is made to Prof. James Johnson Robinson. Prof. Robinson takes the chair of Latin during the absence of Prof. Harry Ward, who is now in Germany. He was graduated from Princeton with the degree of A. B. in 1884. Immediately he became professor of ancient languages at the College of Montana, in Deerlodge, Mont. From there he went to Leipsic, where he studied at the university, and at Yale, in 1888, he received his degree of Ph. D. During the four years following the conferring of his degree he was master of Latin at Shadyside Preparatory School, Pittsburg, Pa. From 1892 to 1899 he was instructor in Latin and Roman Law at Yale. Last year he spent at Leipsic and Munich studying Roman law and classical philology.

The Mail.

What time does the mail go down? This has been asked several times during the past week. One night it goes away from North College at 4:30, the next at 5 o'clock, and so on. It is extremely inconvenient, especially when you expect that the mail goes at the same time every day. It might be well for the carrier to set a definite time of starting so that no one is compelled to walk down street evenings in order to get a letter off on the early train simply because the carrier happened to go a little earlier that night. This is not intended for a complaint, but as a suggestion, and we trust that such an arrangement will be made at once in order that this inconvenience may be remedied.

Freshman Elections.

Presumably the problem and question of freshman elections will soon be agitated. Experiment and experience have instructed that the policy of delay and procrastination are eminently expedient in regard to these selections. Any precipitancy is certain to be subsequently regretted, as it inevitably leads in instances to partial error.

It is an incorrect and inaccurate belief that these elections should occur at all early in the year. Reason dictates that a proper acquaintanceship should be allowed to arise among class-members prior to any choice or selection of a permanent head. The men should be convinced of the salient and superior qualifications of a certain man before they saddle upon him the onus of presidency. Therefore, it would be the counsel and advice of those who have observed, that the freshmen defer any class election until fully aware of their own preference and predilections. These should be unbiased convictions. The elements of party prejudice and factional feeling should be utterly eliminated, and if possible eradicated. Thus only will class-spirit, unity and zeal be prospered.

If necessary to convoke meetings for transaction of business prior to the time for permanent elections, the appointment of a temporary chairman to guide proceedings, should suffice. If as such, and in his capacity, he should acquit himself to his undoubted credit, let that man merit a primacy of consideration. At all events, proceed deliberately and allow no element of haste or hurry to preponderate a careful choice.

Allow a period of two months, at least, to elapse before your choice, and then let it be counselled to elect a president for one year's office tenure only. Introduce an innovation and experiment along lines deemed most expedient.

Think this over freshmen and deliberate it.

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The College Yells.

Recent football games have shown that the college needs more practice in giving the yells. So far the cheering has been run together, not snappy or distinct. Why not practice these at the meeting Friday evening so that when the Williams and Colgate games come on, Hamilton will make a good showing in yelling. It can be done. Why not? It is good cheering that smashes thru tackles, opens big holes in the opponent's line and gives vim to the entire team. It is a thrilling thing to see the crowd get behind the goal posts and yell, "Touchdown! Touchdown! Touchdown!" It weakens the opposing team and strengthens our own. Practice is needed and now is the time to do it.

Sing Up, '04.

[Written by a Sophomore.]

Last spring there was quite a sentiment among the men of '04 in favor of a class song. All were agreed that if someone would write the song the class could and would sing it. Now is the time to do the work. In a few months the present sophomores will be juniors and will no longer have class animosity to serve as a rallying influence. When they lay all "wise fool" tricks aside, it will be quite an influence for bringing them together often to have a class song. Their scurf songs have shown that they can sing. When, as juniors, they get out on the campus, by the light of the moon, to sing the praises of alma mater, if the first ones present could start up a well-known class song, it would be a card to draw the fellows out of "North" and "South." By all means, sophomores—sing the glories of '04.

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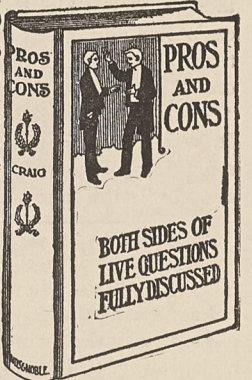
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