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## The Interscholastic.

In a short time the annual interscholastic track and oratorical contest will be held, and a few words apropos will not go amiss. This is practically the only time during the year when the college at large can directly influence men to come on to Hamilton. It means a great deal more to have a prospective freshman on here to show him what our College and college life are like than all sorts of talking away from here; it also affords a chance to make an impression upon the prep. school men favorable to Hamilton, which will be of more avail than second-hand information about the College.

The men who will be our guests at this time will be largely impressed by our attitude toward them and by the glimpse they get of our life here. And the impression made goes a great deal farther than the individual men, for whatever judgment they form of Hamilton will be transmitted by them to their schools, and our position in the eyes of the schools from which we hope to draw men will depend upon the impression their representatives get of Hamilton.

So it behooves us to show a lively interest in these guests of ours and see that the impression they get of our College is one favorable to our interests. The fellows generally realize that it is to the advantage of the College to show interest in attending the track meet and speaking contests. It is understood that the interscholastic management is going to give medals this year instead of ribbons, which is a wise departure.

So do your duty by your College and see that these men have the time of their lives and carry away an impression that will influence men to come on to Hamilton.

—The first trolley car from Utica to Little Falls went through this week. The Mohawk Valley will soon be entirely connected by trolley.

## 1903 Elections.

The seniors held a class meeting early this week and elected the following officers for Commencement week, in accordance with the report of the nominating committee: Class Day—President, Peet; poet, Carter; orator, DeVotie; historian, LeMunyan; prophet, Miller. Presentation Committee—Carmer, chairman; Smelzer, Keith, Morris.

Campus Day—President, Tuthill; orator, Durkee; poet, Harper; ivy orator, Lambert; responses, '04, Wicks; '05, Stowell; '06, Nellis. Upon motion from DeVotie the class unanimously elected Blakely for permanent secretary. Hunter reported that the class flag will be hanging in the Chapel balcony in two or three weeks.

## A Sermon.

We take our text today from the hearts of the *Hamiltonian* editors, left ventricle, lower part—"Go, therefore, and purchase each of you two copies of the college annual."

Brothers, it has long been a matter of dispute among commentators and scholars whether the meaning of this command must be taken literally or expansively. It will be my purpose today to show that the command means buy at least two copies, and more if possible; but without two copies you can not be saved. That every man is his brother's keeper, is now admitted by all. It is then our solemn duty to keep our brothers from perdition, if we possibly can. But if each of us does not buy at least two copies of the *Hamiltonian*, then its editors will go in the hole. To save your brothers, then, you are in duty bound to "come up." Do so, brothers, for goodness sake, and make your old pastor rejoice.

—That was a good editorial article in the April "Lit" relating to Sub-Freshman Day.

## College Education.

A very interesting discussion is going on now with a view to proving that the college graduate has a better chance of success than another man.

Scientists and college presidents are endeavoring to dissipate the somewhat prevalent popular notion that college men are handicapped by their learning in the struggle for a living. This notion is usually backed up by pointing to such notorious non-collegiate successes as Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab, Thomas A. Edison and others.

It is excessively easy to point to a few such men, but if we take a long representative list of highly successful men, how many college men do we find among them?

Dr. William W. Smith, chancellor of the Randolph-Macon system of colleges and schools in Virginia, has made an inquiry into the subject based on an examination of "Who's Who in America," a biographical work which contains the names of 7,852 successful Americans. He says:

"With a view to determining what effect education of the various grades has had on success in life, effort was made to ascertain the school training of each of these men and women "of more than local note," and 7,852 on their United States list were thus educationally classified.

According to the best estimate we can make from the latest census returns, there are in the United States 40,782,007 persons over twenty-one years old. These are divided educationally about as follows:

Class 1—Without school training.....	4,682,498
Class 2—With only common school training.....	32,862,951
Class 3—With common and high school training.....	2,165,357
Class 4—With college or higher education added.....	1,071,201

Now the question is, How many of the 8,000 distinguished citizens of the United

States on the "Who's Who" list came from each of these classes?

The 4,682,498 of class 1 furnished . . . 31  
 The 32,862,951 of class 2 furnished 808  
 The 2,165,357 of class 3 furnished . . . 1,452  
 The 1,071,201 of class 4 furnished . . . 5,768

It thus appears:

(1.) That an uneducated child has one chance in 150,000 of attaining distinction as a factor in the progress of the age.

(2.) That a common school education will increase his chance nearly four times.

(3.) That a high school training will increase the chances of the common school boy twenty-three times, giving him eighty-seven times the chance of the uneducated.

(4.) That a college education increases the chance of the high school boy nine times, giving him 219 times the chance of the common school boy, and more than 800 times the chance of the untrained.

It is a surprising fact that of 7,852 "notables" thus gathered, 4,810 proved to be full graduates of colleges."—*New York American*.

### Who Runs College Affairs?

In the last number of the *Lit.* I noticed an article signed "Pentagon," and purporting to outline the policy of that organization for those having a misconception of it. Perhaps I was of that category. But, however that may be, I am not enlightened by the article. If the Pentagon is not a political ring, then why did it attempt to run the class elections for Commencement week? They say it didn't; but circumstantial evidence points that way. Analyze the doings of that time. All the committees were so arranged that each would have a Pentagon man as chairman, and other important positions were also to be filled by the "influential" men. Then when all this was accomplished, this quintette would lie back saying, "What a great body of men are we!" Delusion, indeed! To tell the truth, were it not for the badges, no one would have known such an organization as the Pentagon existed, until the senior class rose up in righteous wrath to show that it would manage its own affairs. It has always been understood that the purpose of this society was to promote College interests. What has it done this year? When it is necessary to arouse College enthusiasm above the normal, you will notice it is usually some one other than one of the

"influential five" who does it. But perhaps this is too harsh. When a fellow is doing his best, it is unfair to find fault because he has not the stuff in him to do better. If the work laid out for him is too great, then he must find something else that is within his scope. But he should not overstep his bounds. To find an explanation of the inertness of the Pentagon we do not need to go far. To quote: "Its sole power lies in the personality and influence of its individual members." Such a criticism may possibly seem uncalled for, but the article referred to is such an antithesis that comment cannot be restrained.

INTERROGATOR '03.

### Attend the Games.

The manager does not wish to complain at the opening of the season about the attendance at the baseball games, but there is one fact certain, and that is that the season will not be a financial success unless the college turns out in good shape for the games.

On Thursday there were not over sixty men who attended the game. The guarantee paid Potsdam was forty dollars, and only about sixteen dollars was taken in at the gate. Of course it is not expected that every man will attend a "prep" school game, but certainly a game should not be a loss of twenty-five dollars to the management. It is well known that baseball draws no crowd from Clinton and that therefore the management is wholly dependent on college support. Fellows should take this in consideration and realize that since there is no money made on trips, that at least the games on the hill should be self-supporting.

Today we play R. P. I. and their guarantee is fifty dollars, and so it is hoped and expected that every man will be on hand. R. P. I. have a very good team and no doubt an interesting and perhaps exciting game will be played.

We have a good chance to win the pennant this year, and our team is fast getting into good shape. Hobart, Rochester and Colgate are the only games left to be played on the Hill.

Now, it is urged again that every man attend every game and thus make this season a success and leave a balance in the treasury to start next year.

MANAGER.

—About fifty men have entered their names for the spring tennis tournament.

### U. F. A. 3, Hamilton 19.

The second practice game of the season, which was played with Utica Free Academy, was won by Hamilton, the score being 19 to 3. On account of the high wind which prevailed during the game it was impossible to make any star plays. Haven pitched the first five innings for Hamilton and did well. With a little experience he ought to develop into a good pitcher. Nichols was in the box for Utica during the first part of the game, but retired in the fifth inning in favor of Weaver, who pitched fine ball. The first inning was uneventful for both sides. In the second Hunter made an excellent catch of a difficult fly behind third base, and Thompson pounded out a two-bagger for Utica. In the third, Farrell hit the ball on the nose for three sacks and Bramley followed suit in the fourth. The sixth inning was marked by Hunter's corking single, and the seventh by Stiles' fine catch of a long fly. Both sides were retired in quick order in the eighth and ninth.

The game, as a whole, was a good one, and the playing of the Academy team was highly commendable. Thompson at second, and Weaver in the box, did the best work for Utica.

The Hamilton team showed up well. Easton, at second, played like a veteran, getting everything that came his way. He was rather weak at the bat, but his good fielding compensated for that. Bramley played a fine game behind the bat. His base-throwing was a feature. Ferris, Farrell and Stiles made an excellent trio for the outfield. Captain Durkee was right in the game all the time. He had plenty of speed and beautiful curves.

U. F. A.	Hamilton.
	Pitcher.
Nichols, (Weaver).	Durkee, (Havens).
	Catcher.
O'Brien.	Bramley, (Ehret).
	1st Base.
Risley.	Judd, (Purdy).
	2nd Base.
Thompson.	Easton, (M. White).
	3rd Base.
Hatfield.	Hunter, (J. LeMunyon).
	Shortstop.
Adams.	Peet, (Spedick).
	Right Field.
Brewer, (Nichols).	Ferris, (Crumb).
	Center Field.
Quinn,	Farrell, (Stryker).
	Left Field.
Berry.	Stiles.
Score by innings:	
U. F. A. ....	1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 — 3
Hamilton. ....	4 3 4 5 0 3 0 0 — 19

secretary will retain the sealed envelopes until the committee has reached a decision, when the envelope bearing the *nom de plume* of the successful competitor will be opened in the presence of the committee. Announcements of the committee's decision will be made on February 22, 1904.

The society reserves the right to make no award if the essays submitted do not in the judgment of the committee reach a sufficiently high standard of excellence.

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THE action of the faculty in changing the date of the prize German examination to accommodate the track meet with Colgate on May 23 is appreciated by the students.

### TRACK.

The track men have been working faithfully during the warm weather of the past week. They have a hard schedule before them. The spring field meet which comes on Wednesday, will be of especial interest as its results will determine largely the make-up of the team to compete against Wesleyan at Albany on the 16th. We must do our best to defeat Wesleyan; we must defeat Colgate; and we must win the intercollegiate pennant. But before all this must come an earnest endeavor on the part of each man to do his best in the field meet and steadily to build up into winning form by persistent and conscientious training. The team has had some ill luck; but there is sufficient excellent material for a winning team. If the men will continue their present faithful work, we shall have high hopes.

### A TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

It is now three years since we have had a tennis tournament, and the present manager thinks it is high time we had another. The last one proved a success and doubtless others would prove also; but the managers of the two previous years were not ambitious enough to try it. This year we have an energetic man at the helm and it only remains for the fellows who intend to enter to make it interesting.

—The Freshman "Prize stab" Wednesday was of average merit. Some of the speakers showed up well.

### A WEEK HENCE!

Next Saturday will be the occasion for Hamilton's annual dress parade. Interscholastic day should be so regarded. Everyone knows the reason why the day is set aside for speaking and field sports. It is to show off to the schools of the state the superiority of Hamilton as a place for continuing an education. Now, scenery and history and buildings are all very well in their way, but they are purely objective. Personal attention is what strangers want when they are visiting, and it is by this personal attention alone that Hamilton can keep up her name for hospitality, and that enthusiasm for Hamilton can be aroused in our visitors.

### A Debate Suggestion.

An element of interest that could be added to the already interesting classes in debate would be a decision at the end of each exercise. Three judges could be selected from the class itself by the professor in charge and these men could be relied upon to give a fair decision on the merits of the appearances. It would make the speeches more enthusiastic and the audience more critical.

### Warm Water.

Just at this season, when we have two athletic teams which need the benefits of the warm water in the Gym., it is most necessary to be saving of the water. If every man will make it a point not to be careless with the water there will be quite enough to go around, but if the water is selfishly wasted the teams will be the ones to suffer as they are the last to use it. A little careful attention is all that is needed to obviate this difficulty.

### A Double Bill.

It has been suggested that a baseball game be held in connection with the intercollegiate field day in Utica, May 30. The idea is that the game would draw a larger crowd than the field sports alone. As the diamond at Utica Park is some distance from the track neither event would interfere with the other. Perhaps a double bill would be overdoing it, however, and there is some doubt as to the power of a college baseball game to draw in Utica on a day when a state league game is scheduled.

### Baseball.

So far the baseball team has not had a chance to show its strength. We have had three practice games, but in none of them were the fellows forced to exert themselves. However, in these, the men have been tried out and team work has been developed. The new coaches, Smink and Barber, of the Utica State League team, take up their work in good shape and have thus far been quite satisfactory. The team is fast rounding into shape and gives evidence of ability to hit the ball as well as field. The game this afternoon will be watched with interest as it is the last before the league games, the first of which is with Hobart at Geneva, May 8th. If the team continues its good work, and there is every reason to expect that it will, there is a mighty good chance of the intercollegiate pennant coming back to this Hill. Hard, consistent work and the support of the College will win it.

### Tennis Tournament.

The entries for the tennis tournament have been closed and the contestants, whose names are given below, may commence work at any time; the sooner the better. It might be well to explain the system to be pursued, which is this: Those of the first group will play each other until a winner is singled out. Then he will play the winner of the second group who has been chosen in the same manner.

The management urges that the preliminaries be run off as quickly as possible in order that the finals may be finished before June 1st. For the preliminaries any one who happens to be on the court at the time, will answer as referee. Balls will be furnished by the management. An entry fee of 25 cents will be charged. This is to defray expenses and supply a good tennis racket as a prize. The entries are:

1. Day, Bramley, Maxwell, DeVotie; Mangan, Jones, Spedick, Kinney; Hunter, Harper, F. S. Child, Richardson; Sisson, R. P. Davis, Minor, D. Dowling; Croft, Grant, Stowell, France.

2. McGaffin, Roosa, Hayes, A. S. Davis; Sicard, Riggs, Morris, Mills; Tate, T. S. Sherman, Springstead, Owens; French, Love, Schermerhorn, E. W. Root.

—What has become of the "knockers" on the weather?

**Hamilton vs. Potsdam Normal.**

The team exhibited some of its real possibilities Thursday and swamped the Normals to the tune of 16 to 3. Potsdam was out of the game completely after the first inning, nor were they able to pull themselves together for any length of time. Hamilton fielded very well throughout, though the batting was not correspondingly good. The infield work was first-class, especially at second base and shortstop. In the box we bid fair to be stronger than for some years back. Durkee is pitching particularly well for so early in the season.

The work of the Utica league team coaches is having its effect on the team work, which has improved greatly in the last week. Altogether the team promises much and our hopes of winning the pennant are high. However, there are still weak points to be bolstered up, and only hard, consistent playing will bring us out where we want to come—On top.

Hamilton (16).		Potsdam (3).
	Pitcher.	
Durkee, (Soper).	McCarthy, (Barrett).	
	Catcher.	
Bramley.		Regan.
	1st Base.	
Judd.		Clark.
	2nd Base.	
Easton.		McCormick.
	3rd Base.	
Hunter.		Barnett, (Carr).
	Shortstop.	
Peet.		Homihan.
	Right Field.	
Ferris.		Cleland.
	Center Field.	
Farrell.		Carr, (McCarthy).
	Left Field.	
Stiles.		Kavanaugh.

—The new "Chemical Lab" is now well under way and it is expected that work will be begun on the new dormitory during the summer.

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Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the Carrier, and comes up after the Carrier gets down.  
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### College Notes.

—Dick Sherman has returned to College.

—"Chauncey" is smoking a la Landers cigars.

—The freshmen are sporting their caps—at last.

—Plans for the freshmen frolic on June 3rd are progressing favorably.

—Putnam '03 has been spending the past week at his home in Johnstown.

—The D. T. C. had another banquet at the Butterfield last Saturday night.

—Richardson '05 wanted to know if French '06 was the new baseball coach.

—"Stinck" asked H. Barrows if the green coloring of a chemical is reflected.

—M. R. Davis has a new tennis costume. It's a peach. He looks really natty in it.

—That track on the north side of the field and near the new Lab., is in inexcusable condition.

—Wright wishes it distinctly understood that they are not relatives whom he visited last week. Not yet.

—For a few days we have missed "Prexy's" volume of melody which insures a concord of sweet sound in morning chapel.

—Lonsdale '01 was back for a short visit Wednesday. He and Webster, '02 are both in Union Theological Seminary, New York.

—Mr. Wate, general Y. M. C. A. secretary, of Syracuse, gave one of the keenest and most practical talks of the year. It was a shame there were so few to hear him.

—Coach Dave Barber is willing to bet any one ten dollars that we will beat Colgate in baseball this spring.

—The Emersonians held an informal party after the interclass debate. Mrs. Fitch was present as patroness.

—The sermon preached by Dr. Root last Sunday was greatly enjoyed by the College. Can we not have one more before College closes?

—The tennis courts, altho in wretched condition, have presented a lively scene of activity since the announcement of the spring tournament.

—Schwab '05 and Speh '05 went to Binghamton last Wednesday to talk Hamilton to the students of the High School there, of which they are alumni.

—Subscriptions for *Hamiltonians* have been solicited during the past week. The book promises to be an unusually good one and it deserves the support of every man in College. The book will be out inside of a week or ten days.

—"Prex" says that if he were a judge of any speaking or writing contest in which a man split an infinitive he would not vote for that man no matter how excellent he might be in every other respect. That is putting it pretty strong.

—Several articles relevant to a Hamilton badge made of a cameo of the college seal have appeared in "Life." Word reaches us that the New York jeweler who had the matter in charge has finished the work and samples soon will reach the Hill.

—If our College tennis courts were marked with tape instead of slack lime, it would improve them considerably, for they would then always be ready for use. Tape, if properly laid, and if the ground is fair, will last for a long time and will not loosen up so much as is generally supposed.

—The manager and assistant manager of track have been collecting subscriptions during the past week by making individual visits to the fellows, and so far they have been very successful. Wouldn't this be a better way to get all subscriptions than to call upon fellows after a chapel when they are always restless and in a hurry to get away?

—The baseball team has been coached during part of the past week by Smink and Dave Barber, players on the Utica team. Since it is now too late to obtain a coach who can stay for any length of time, the next best thing is to obtain the services of league players for a few days at a time when they are off duty, and this the management is trying to do.

—A paper was tacked on the bulletin board Tuesday, for all students desiring to enter the coming tennis tournament to place their names there. Many fellows entered and it is hoped that a large number will take part in the tournament, which will be a handicap contest and therefore one in which all will have a fair chance. Three or four men will be scratch men, and the rest will receive handicaps ranging from half a point up to two points. Everyone enter and make the affair successful.

—A man who thought of entering Hamilton recently said that he examined the catalogue and as a result had a very fair opinion of the College. In this catalogue there was a picture of one of the recitation halls, and this building, the man thought, was the principal building of the College. We have excellent individual buildings, but one should not to be considered as the whole College. To be sure, too much catalogue is bewildering, but a little more would not hurt anything, and several points in the present catalogue could be explained with much more compactness, and help matters considerably.

### Gold, Silver, Bronze.

The Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York offers to the members of the junior and senior classes in Columbia University, Cornell University, College of the City of New York, Hamilton College, Hobart College, New York University, St. Francis Xavier College, St. John's College, Union College, University of Rochester and Alfred University, three medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze), of a pattern to correspond with the seal of the society, reduced in size, as prizes for the best three original essays on the subject: "The Indebtedness of Europe to the American Revolution."

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