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Dance Week.

It has been rumored about of late that the faculty are seeking to cut down our mid-year dance week. By offering the College one whole day without any recitations, they expect in return that festivities be limited to three days. It is to be simply a compromise, and to all appearances a fair one. Instead of being arbitrarily bound by a hard and fast rule, we are to be appealed to through our sense of right and fairness. The faculty recognize that while we are here in college for a great and serious purpose, fellows that we are, we must have our frivolities. "Proms," "Hops," etc., seems to be tolerated if they do not interfere with college work. Now our winter dances have stepped beyond the prescribed limits. Dances of junior week begin on Monday night and the whirl continues until about three a. m. of the following Saturday. But the effects hang on for another week. The majority of men are back in five days' work and three night's sleep, too tired to settle down to business and still generous enough to sacrifice their scanty store of "cuts." It is too long a dissipation, and no one with an ordinary degree of sense will deny the fact. Without any doubt just as much fun could be crowded into three days. Let the fraternities hold their dances on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and leave Thursday night for the "Prom." If the faculty come forward with their rumored offer, it is to be hoped that the College will "accept with pleasure."

Y. M. C. A.

E. J. Ward, '02, will spend Sunday here and give a special talk to the students in the afternoon. He is a football player to whom our team owes much, and a speaker worth hearing. The meeting at the Y. M. C. A., at 4 o'clock, will be given to his talk. The fellows ought to plan to be there.

The Colgate Game.

The distressing accidents of the past few weeks to some of the most valued members of our football team and the consequent weakening of the eleven, only indicate the extraordinary efforts that we must all put forth today in order to sustain the proud banners of our athletic reputation. Both team and College must leave nothing undone which may contribute to an issue of this contest, both honorable and glorious to us. The ranks of the team supporters must leave considerations of voice and physical condition for the morrow, for the effects of continued and sustained enthusiasm are incalculable: and our embattled champions must forget the Amherst game, must cast aside every reflection save that of victory *now*, this afternoon. There shall be no "faithers" behind the ropes or on the chalk lines. The duty of the College begins when our train stops in the village of Hamilton; that of the team at the call of the first whistle.

Our foe is confident and not unreasonably so. Far be it from us to underate the power of that eleven which represents our rival this season. But weakened though we may be, let us fill our breasts with that love-potent inspiration, the Hamilton grit and doggedness that has so often lowered the colors of antagonists, more puffed up than these whom we go forth to battle with today; and which even last fall snatched victory from the grasp of this same opponent, at a time when even our friends dispaired.

Then let the side-lines sing! Let the roar from our lusty-lunged battalions deafen the sense and confound the turmoil of our adversaries. Let cheer and song propel our team forward and over the five-yard line and between the posts, and let our roar take unto itself brute strength and aid them to hold for the fourth and last down! The team needs us. We are behind the team and let

every man who wears our uniform in battle today, exhaust himself in well-doing—shut his teeth and drive the play home. Crowd them over, push them back, and away we go once more! Our teams in days gone by were not quitters. Their deeds of valor beneath these same walls of our enemy, yet call down the cause of the seasons. Men of the team of 1903! Think of them and do as they did. Let your resolve and your performance be even desperate, so it be effective. We must not lose. Colgate has not defeated us since 1897. We need this victory. Every man in every play. And remember that never yet has a Hamilton team given up until the call of time is sounded. Remember that this is Colgate.

Our Electric Lights.

The fraternities on the Hill have been threatened with the same trouble, during the past week, which turned the business portion of Clinton upside-down a short time ago. The electric light people have sent their representative around to the various houses which are lighted by their power, with a contract for the different crowds to sign. This paper is one in which the consumer is held in a vice and at the same time the company is not made responsible for anything negligent. Rightly the fraternities have refused to sign such a document. Besides being very unfair in the matter of mutual obligations the contract calls for a new rate of 75 cents per lamp. This is over double the amount that is being paid now. All the houses have their lighting bills paid to the first of January and thus the company can take no stringent steps immediately. What will be done thereafter no one can speculate. There is certainly room for a new lighting plant here in the village and such an industry would be well patronized. While such a plant was being established the houses would be willing and glad to go back to oil, provided there was a promise of faithful and good service in the future.

The Amherst Game.

One week from today we meet Amherst for the first time, in the most important game ever played on the campus. They will be worthy opponents upon whom to try our skill. It should be the duty of every man in College to see to it that our visitors on that day lack nothing for their comfort. Then too, the whole College should turn itself into an advertising agency during the coming week and get every person possible to attend the game. Not only do we wish to have a good crowd out for the sake of the College, but the management needs every cent that it can make on the game. The expenses of this contest will be very heavy, so a good attendance must be present to pay the necessary bills. Such games as these with colleges like Amherst will do more to spread the good name of the College than a dozen ordinary games.

The All-Collegiates.

There have been so many inquiries made about the doings of this aggregation that the writer thinks it best to relieve himself of the trouble of answering questions by putting in LIFE the schedule and team's makeup. The team will be drawn from the following men, eight or nine being the number taken. Forwards—Adams and Gainsway, of Utica Free Academy; Stark, of Little Falls; Rhoades and Bourne, of Mt. Vernon; S. Sherman, of Hamilton; Risley, of Clinton. Centers—Lowery, of Utica, and Stringer, of Colgate. Guards—Leary, of Colgate; T. Sherman, of Hamilton; Moore, of Clinton; Thompson, of U. F. A.; Coffey, of Mt. Vernon; Thomas, of U. F. A. Leary is captain of the team and A. S. Davis, '04, has been managing it. The following is a partial schedule: Nov. 26—31st Sep. Co., at Mohawk; Nov. 28—Smyth H. & L. Co., at Clinton; Dec. 1—Cortland Athletics, at Cortland; Dec. 3—44th Sep. Co., of Utica; Dec. 4—Little Falls High School; Dec. 17—Saterlee Hose Co., at Fort Edwards; Dec. 18—Glens Falls Y. M. C. A.; Dec. 19—Washington Continentals, at Schenectady; Dec. 30—Holyoke High School, Mass.; Dec. 31—Middletown Y. M. C. A., Conn.; Jan. 1—Co. F. at South Norwalk, Conn. The balance of the week, Dec. 28—Jan. 2, will be spent in Connecticut, playing Army teams. The length of the trips amounts to about 1300 miles.

Gather in the Sub-Freshmen.

Every college is doing her best to draw students in many different ways. It is apparent that the most necessary thing is to keep the college before the eyes of prospective freshmen. This is at present the aim and object of the old Press Club, and it has been doing its duty well. The College might assist this unselfish club a little in its work if some of our College publications and a copy of the Hamiltonian could be sent each year to the principal schools in the state. This method is practiced by many colleges and by Hamilton also in a very small degree. In the case of the Hamiltonian. It is of course impossible for the board alone to send the book without getting payment. It would, therefore, be a great help to the College if some one would found a fund of perhaps fifty dollars for that purpose so each year copies of this College book could be sent out. At all events LIFE and "Lit." ought to find their way into every important school, whether payment is received or not.

Our Own Personalities.

The fates save us from being fools! So thought the writer as he sat in the Clinton car one evening not long since and listened to the noisy attempts of certain fellows—funny fellows, who were endeavoring to entertain the rest of the company and themselves with various noises supposed to be musical sounds. This was bad enough, but to the surprise and disgust of several of the passengers, a couple of college fellows joined the disturbers in their antics and seemed to think it as right and proper as could be.

We have always said and believed that the typical Hamilton man, in the first place, is a man—and we have not changed our opinions. But such conduct as this, disgraceful in the extreme, shows that an unpleasant element is beginning to make itself felt.

A man said a few days since, in the presence of the writer, that he was surprised and pleased beyond expression at the gentlemanly conduct of the football team on their last trip to New York. He made the entire trip with them and came back with the opinion just quoted. That is evidently another case of a man who has seen some fellows indulging in their uncalled for disturbance, and who had based his opinion of the entire College on these fellows. So it is that we fall into disrepute. Let us be more careful.

The Inter-class Debate.

Now that the juniors have made some stir towards choosing their men for inter-class debate, the subject of this contest should be kept alive every minute. It is absolutely necessary to have this annual event early next term before the inter-collegiate contests and for this reason all parties concerned must keep busy. Nor till the question is settled and sides chosen can any work be done. There are but five weeks left in this term, and a few of these will step by before the final arrangements are completed. There will necessarily be some exasperating delays but let the debators find their places as soon as possible.

The News Association.

The Hamilton News Association met Tuesday evening and organized, electing Weber, '05, president, and Kingsley, '05, secretary. The name which begins the first sentence of this paragraph was determined on as the title of the new organization. After the faculty and undergraduate members had talked the matter over it was decided to keep the Press Club and News Association separate; as increasing the membership of the former would probably interfere with the work it is already doing so well. Meetings of the News Association will be held at 4 o'clock every Monday afternoon. At the next meeting reports will be made on the matter of a pin for the members will be discussed.

The Faculty Song.

One of the best Hamilton songs for singing in a crowd is the "Faculty Song," yet how many men are there in College who know more than the verse about the chief executive? It should be used more than it is, for that is the only way to perpetuate a song. Start it up whenever a crowd gets together and the words will come immediately. If some one who knows all the verses would write them out it might be a good idea to print a copy in LIFE, so that the freshmen and anyone else who does not know the words could commit them to memory. Then, too, some new verses are needed. There are certain members of the faculty who have not yet been honored with the distinction of a verse. They should not be allowed to feel slighted on this score but ought to receive immediate attention.

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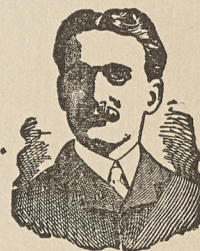
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THE WALKS.

While we are enjoying this beautiful November weather we should not forget that winter will soon be upon us, and with winter comes coasting. But our sport of coasting will surely be curtailed if some action is not taken at once to improve the sidewalks. There are many places on the hill which will be very dangerous when the snow comes and may be the means of a broken bone for some unfortunate fellow. The walk is especially bad above the arbor, and at least ten feet of it needs repairing. Now, let this appeal to the proper authorities in order that our customary sport may not be interfered with because of a poor sidewalk.

SATURDAY CHAPEL.

Have you ever heard a student do anything but sigh when the time comes to go to Saturday chapel? And have you ever thought why these exercises are usually so dry? The reason is that the subjects chosen for orations are very often uninteresting in themselves and on that account sometimes poorly handled. Ancient history is a facination subject, but when doled out in oration after oration, it becomes rather monotonous. Live questions of the day are what we want on the chapel stage to wake up the dreamers in the seats. Living in these times, when events of world importance are happening almost daily, it seems rather unnecessary that nine-tenths of the orations should be upon some subject which was whipped threadbare in the time of our grandfathers.

PAY UP.

The football season is nearly over. As the college knows, it has been necessarily an unusually expensive season. A large amount of equipment had to be bought at the beginning and there have been relatively few big games on the campus to yield any very great sums in the way of gate receipts. There are necessary bills to be paid and they should be paid immediately, or at least just as soon as the season ends. It is not a very pleasant task for the mana-

ger and assistant manager to be obliged to continually drum the students for subscriptions nor should it be necessary. Every man who subscribes should feel that he ought to pay just as soon as he possibly can. You can just as well pay in early as late and it would be a great favor to the Association. The subscriptions come too slow. Every dollar should be in before the Amherst game. Let every man see to it that his subscription is in by the middle of next week. The report of the season needs to be made, right at its close, and that report can not be made until the money is all in. Every one desires to see the season end successfully and the financial part of it is as important as the rest. Greatly oblige the management and pay your subscriptions.

THE FOOTBALL DINNER.

Next week Saturday is the Amherst game, the last struggle of the season. Once more veterans of four years will throw off their suits for the last time, their hard and faithful work ended. Usually we have finished our football season by a few farewell yells on the field, with one or two songs in back of the Gym.; but this year as is now generally known, the grand finale is to be in the Hall of Commons. Arrangements have been made with the steward to serve a substantial dinner at a reasonable price. It is now time to begin talking seriously about the event, stirring up some young alumni, and inviting on a few sub-freshmen. Every man in college, if it takes his last cent, must be out. We will give the team such a celebration, and ourselves such a good time as we have never before had in college. We want to see the whole faculty there, not up on the platform, for that is where the team will be, but right down amongst the rest of us. All together we can let loose that spirit which has this year made itself so prominent on the gridiron and sidelines. We hope to see the balcony full of friends to see the after-dinner fun. Seats will be provided there for all that will come. Mothers, fathers, sisters, and girls may have an opportunity to see college life in full swing. If anybody has any suggestions to make, let him be generous with them. Everyone should feel a personal responsibility to make the evening a success.

—Several freshmen lost their way last Monday and ended up in "Sophomore Bible."

Colgate vs. Hamilton.

Today on her home grounds Hamilton will meet Colgate in the annual football game as usual excitement and anticipation is running high before the contest. Both teams are confident of victory and both colleges will attend the struggle in a body.

Hamilton's warriors with the student body will leave Clinton for Hamilton at one o'clock. There will be no special train, but five extra coaches will be placed on the regular train to accommodate the additional crowd. The visitors will return to Clinton on the 6:25.

In the preliminary games Colgate apparently has the better of the argument, but she had the same good record last year and only tied our badly crippled team. So the knowing ones smile and look happy. So far, Colgate has tied West Point, held Cornell down to ten points, defeated Syracuse 10-5, crushed St. Lawrence by a large score, snowed Rochester under, and allowed Williams but six points. This is perhaps one of the best records Colgate has had in years. She has a veteran team, losing practically no men from last years' lineup.

Hamilton easily defeated Potsdam Normal, and Cortland. The game with St. Lawrence two days before this University met Colgate, was a hard won victory for us. Columbia and Williams both defeated our team by large scores, while we won as usual from Union, Hobart and Rochester. The team has done well considering the disadvantages which it has struggled against. Every man is prepared to play the game of his life today. The contest as usual determines the championship of the league. For this reason there is double interest in the game.

Below will be found a record of the Colgate-Hamilton games for the past ten years:

- 1892—Colgate 8, Hamilton 4.
- 1893—Colgate 0, Hamilton 6.
- 1894—No game.
- 1895—No game.
- 1896—No game.
- 1897—Colgate 12, Hamilton 6.
- 1898—Colgate 0, Hamilton 5; Colgate 6, Hamilton 6.
- 1899—Colgate 0, Hamilton 30; Colgate 0, Hamilton 38.
- 1900—Colgate 0, Hamilton 11.
- 1901—Colgate 0, Hamilton 12.
- 1902—Colgate 11, Hamilton 11.

The Exchanges.

Last year a good custom was started when the exchanges from different colleges were placed on the table in the lounging room of the Y. M. C. A. for the use of the College body. This year almost no new additions have been made to the number, and the present supply consists of a few old publications. Papers and magazines from other colleges are our chief source of information and very little of such news succeeds in finding its way into the daily newspapers. It would be an appreciated kindness if the persons who receive these college publications would place them in the Y. M. C. A.

Marching.

Although Hamilton is not a military academy, nor have we a course for soldiers or sailors, nevertheless the custom of marching practiced in many colleges of the country has many points of merit. A body of men formed in some uniform file is an imposing sight, nor does a college ever appear to better advantage. A simile is drawn from Thoreau, which well illustrates this fact. He says that however well furnished a house may be, let the owner pile all of his possessions upon a moving van and everything appear cheap and bad. Exactly so it is with a body of men. How different it looks to see a college body march onto a football field, two and two every man in step and all singing some lively song, than to see them come on in crowds of two to a dozen. Before our game in Williamstown the college body formed at the gymnasium and from there marched to the field. It was a great sight to see four hundred men come to a game all in perfect line. It made our team feel that not only did they have to defeat the 'Varsity, but also the college body.

At Hamilton, in order to start such a custom, two things are lacking: First, we need a good lively song written in march time, and second we need about four men to act as marshals. If we stop to recall the times we have formed in line, for instance this year at Union and last at year Albany, we will remember how many people spoke of the fact afterwards.

Now, why can't we start such a system on the Hill? Why not have the chapel bell strike twenty minutes before the time for games to be called and have the fellows meet in front of the Gym. to form in line and then march over to the field? It certainly would give us a much better organization and appearance.

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Local Notes.

—H. C. Keith, '03, is now in Goettingen, Germany.

—Evans, '05, spent Sunday in Remsen with his parents.

—Pratt, '04, will not be able to play in the Colgate game.

—Nellis, '06, and MacIntyre, '05, were home over Sunday.

—The fraternity houses are again in danger of darkness.

—Even "Monty" is not allowed to read in noon chapel.

—Downey ex-'05, is in business in Passaic, New Jersey.

—McGaffin, '04, spent the latter part of last week at Williamstown.

—The freshmen have chosen their class colors, they are gray and maroon.

—Sherman, ex-'04, has been on the Hill several afternoons during the week.

—The football men injured during the last week are coming along in good shape.

—On account of the Hamilton-Colgate game Saturday chapel was held Friday evening.

—From present indications the freshmen will not have to rake the campus this year.

—One hundred and fifty megaphones have been ordered for use in the Colgate game.

—Prof. Robinson, is spending this year in preparing a book upon Roman Law and History.

—Prof. Ebeling gives specimens of negro dialect to the great amusement of the sophomores.

—That was a rousing welcome the team received Thursday morning after the Williams game.

—A number of the members of the D. K. E. fraternity are attending their convention this week.

—Thompson, '05, had his hand injured in the scrub game with Clinton High School last Saturday.

—The freshmen recently elected Newton captain of their basket ball team and G. C. Clark manager.

—The Press Club is alive! There have been several reports in the papers lately regarding the games.

—Last Sunday Dr. Root gave one of his usual fine sermons on Chapel. The student body would like to hear him oftener.

—Rockwell, '05, and Abbott, '04, are in New York this week as delegates to the Delta Upsilon convention.

—The Jenks Bros. exemplified the principal of brotherly love when each tried to take the other's cut last Saturday noon.

—Some of the sophomores learned in their Latin review that possibly the low marks of last year were not the fault of the professor.

—Wednesday night was a busy one in Silliman Hall with meetings of the Gun Club, Banjo Club and a prayer meeting going on at the same time.

—Bloyer, '06, commands a person going across the campus to "hippety hop" and then when he sees it is "Little Greek" retires behind the Gym.

—In a game of football played between the Clinton High School team and a team from the college last Saturday the High School team was victorious by a score of 22-0.

—At a class meeting last Saturday, 1907 appointed its committee on scurf books and posters. The committee will be made public shortly after the opening of next term.

—"Hank" Keogh arrived on the Hill Wednesday night to assist in getting the team into shape for the Colgate game. "Nelse" and "Dick" Dummond came on Thursday.

—A sophomore hop will be given early next term. The committee in charge of the arrangements are Warburton, Edic, Mann, Nellis, MacDonald, Miller, DeWitt and Brokaw.

—Someone has been careless in the use of hot water in the gym. Three nights at least during the past week the football squad has been forced to bathe in cold water. This ought not to be necessary.

—Some of the football men were compelled to take four reviews during the past week. That circumstance together with the practice preliminary to the Colgate game made life anything but a pleasant dream for those unfortunates.

—Wednesday the juniors elected ten men to debate Dec. 2nd. From these ten the inter-class debaters will be chosen. Those elected were Beach, Day, Stowell, Speh, Schwab, Weber, Mills, Merrick, Sullivan and MacIntyre.

—Basket-ball practice is on Wednesday and Saturday. There has been quite a large squad out but there are more men in college who can play and they should come out and try for the team. Quite an extensive trip is being arranged for next term.

Light the Buildings.

Why is it that the College can't afford a few lights in the dormitories? Think of it—two buildings housing over one hundred students, all paying a fair rental, and the College can't light the halls. To go from one room to another at night in safety it is necessary to carry a lamp or a box of matches. The other night two fellows were walking through one hall in opposite directions. Both had pitchers of water. They collided and the next day two new pitchers were purchased. If the College can't afford to buy a few lanterns and take care of them, what is the matter with adding a little something to the room rent and specify that it is for this purpose? It is pretty safe guessing that no one will object to paying his share. But this is a matter for the College authorities to attend to and not for the students.

Hamilton's Improvements.

In many respects the past year has been a banner year for Hamilton. During this period we have seen two buildings finished and occupied, while a third is now in course of construction. And along with these additions there seems to have grown up a stronger and more healthy spirit, among the fellows on the Hill, for those matters which concern us most closely. College work and athletics have gone hand in hand, and though it is true that one must suffer a little for the perfection of the other, nevertheless the standard of both has been high. There are fewer names posted on the delinquency board in the library this year than for several years past. There is a larger football squad on the field every day and not one of these men has been barred from a single game on account of poor standing in his college work. All this is greatly to the credit of the fellows who are working for Hamilton on the athletic field. Furthermore the representation from the College body which has appeared on the side lines almost every afternoon has been large and enthusiastic. When Hamilton can boast of such a showing as this she has reason for self-congratulation.

—The exterior of the new dormitory is rapidly nearing completion. The fourth story will soon be finished.

Chicago has received \$300,000, which she will use for archæological research in Egypt and Babylon.

Football Schedule.

For the benefit of those alumni who have so often requested it, the football schedule will be published during the rest of the season:

- Sept. 23, Potsdam Normal 5, Hamilton 64.
- Sept. 26, Cortland Normal 0, Hamilton 47.
- Oct. 1, St. Lawrence 5, Hamilton 11.
- Oct. 7, Columbia 28, Hamilton 0.
- Oct. 17, Union 0, Hamilton 28.
- Oct. 24, Rochester 6, Hamilton 11.
- Oct. 31, Hobart 0, Hamilton 16.
- Nov. 4, Williams 29, Hamilton 0.
- Nov. 14, Colgate at Hamilton.
- Nov. 21, Amherst at Clinton.

Majestic Theatre.

Attractions for week beginning Nov. 16 Monday and Tuesday with matinees—Wealth and Poverty. Prices 15, 25, 35, 50c. Matinees 10 and 25c.
 Wednesday with matinee—The Fatal Weddgd. Prices 15, 25, 35, 50, 75c. Matinee 10 and 25c.
 Thursday—Dave Warfield in the Auctioneer. Prices 25, 50, 75, \$1.00, \$1.50.
 Friday—Nancy Brown with Mame Cahill. Prices 25, 50, 75, \$1.00, \$1.50.
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