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Hamilton 28, Union 0.

That was a worthy delegation which came down with the team to help bury Union's hopes on her own campus last Saturday. Enthusiastic, ready to cheer or sing, and a hundred strong, it proved more than a match for the Union supporters who are by no means unworthy opponents in such matters. "The rains descended and the floods came" but it failed to dampen the ardor of the Hamilton body-guard, and the way it supported the team was wonderful. A yell or a song continually rolled over to the eastern side-line where the Union men had collected. Notwithstanding the partisan make-up of the spectators, at the close of the song written to the tune of "Bring back my Bonnie" they broke into hearty applause of the Hamilton men. We ought to have some more football songs just as good.

On the side lines also were Congressmen Sherman, to whom the college owes so much; Gilbert, '89; Wright, '72; Van Allen, '02, and our own and only "Uncle John" Crossley, who is an adopted son of every class of Hamilton College. His cheerful countenance was a tonic for any depression of spirits.

This was the first time a Hamilton football team has played on Union's campus since the memorable break of 1900 and the result has justified the game this year. The two colleges on the side lines were courtesy exemplified and nothing but the highest praise can be spoken of Union's rooters in that regard. Cheers were given and heartily exchanged and the entire game was characterized with the lack of petty scurrying on either side.

The game itself was not without objectionable features. It would be scarcely just to attribute to the college itself some of the unsportsmanlike conduct which the Union players displayed at different times during the game, but many of those can be attributed to the excitement of the game and not to any

particular inclination to do so consistently. Nevertheless, the referee and umpire in a football game are entitled to respect and courtesy and have a right to suppose that these will be violated least by college men.

But now as to the game. The Union team was the first to come on the field and it was greeted by cheers from both the Union line and the Hamilton supporters. The "buff and blue" were a little late in appearing and their coming was the signal which started the Hamilton men into action. The side lines roared for fully five minutes before the game began. Hamilton took a slow trot around the field and was ready for battle. Union kicked off and Hamilton made a good advance. Several see-saws and she took the ball over the goal line for the first touchdown. Bramley kicked the goal. Two more kick offs and two more goals measured the score for the first half. It lasted over an hour all told because of the inclination of the Union team to question every decision of the umpire and much valuable time was wasted.

As the half concluded the Hamilton aggregation formed in line and with lock-step showed what they were like. They made things lively during the intermission. Humorously enough about a dozen boys about ten years of age attached themselves to the end of the procession and shouted for Union.

The second half was a repetition of the first except that Hamilton was penalized more and Union less. It became so dark that it was almost impossible from the side-lines to distinguish the men. Several fumbles were made by both teams on account of the slippery condition of the ball. Both sides substituted and although Hamilton had but few of her original men at the conclusion of the game her warriors had added two touchdowns to the score. By a misstep outside the unmarked field the

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Position of Press Club.

The College has a right to know what the Press Club is doing, and LIFE was right in its criticism of a few weeks ago. The Press Club is not doing what it ought to do. Like every other college activity the students alone can make it entirely successful. In a modest way a Press Club was started spring term, 1891, for the purpose of sending out to various papers college news. It did a great deal of work. Whole columns of Hamilton College news were published under its direction. But there is no money in such work and it takes both time and money to carry it on. If there are any men at present in Hamilton College who can write college news matter well enough to have it published in the big New York papers, they have not shown their ability to do so. At present the Press Club is covering the Utica and Rome papers, the Associated Press and New York Sun. These latter two send out the news to all the papers in the eastern states. It is for the papers to say whether or not they will publish the news so sent to them. Each week the New York Sun pays for a two hundred word football letter from Hamilton. If it does not want to publish that letter, the Press Club cannot force it. The Associated Press takes all the scores from Hamilton. If the papers it represents refuse to publish these scores, the Press Club is not to blame.

Now a great deal of the misunderstanding about the Press Club is due to a lack of "news sense." A few weeks ago LIFE said it saw reports of the Hobart and Colgate game, but nothing from Clinton. The report of Hamilton's game was sent out. That Saturday, Hobart played Cornell, and Colgate played some other first-class team. Hamilton's game was with a normal school. A newspaper man regards a football game between a small college and a normal as a very poor piece of news. A game in which a university plays is a good

news item. It is a rule in a newspaper office that when copy is crowding in, the poor news must be thrown out, the middle class news cut down, and only the very best news used in its entirety. The Hamilton game of a few weeks ago was not published, because it was inferior news.

But there is another side to this question. Frequently last year, LIFE voiced the wail of some alumnus that Hamilton news was not published in the New York paper, when every New York paper had a good report of the particular event. I recall in particular the Hamilton-Columbia debate. It was said that nothing about it appeared in the New York papers. The fact was that all the New York papers published from one hundred to four hundred words on the debate.

As regards the remainder of the football season, both the big news associations have ordered fifty words on the Hobart game and a hundred words with the line-up on the Amherst game. The Springfield Republican has ordered five hundred words on the Amherst game and the Press Club has written to all the big newspapers about it, asking to be allowed to supply a good report.

This is only an explanation. The Press Club is pleased to be criticised, because criticism shows that some interest is taken in its work. It would be better, however, if in addition to criticism, some of the students would offer to work. The Club can be reorganized if necessary, or enlarged. It has the sole aim of advertising Hamilton. It has not been eminently successful because only a few of the students take any interest in it.

COLLINS, '04.

A Sophomore Hop.

Now is the time for the sophomores to begin their plans for a "Hop" this term. There is no doubt but such a function is in order, and the members of '06 should decide whether or not they will give one. If they decide that they will, then it is not too early to begin making plans for it now. Those who have had experience know how it is if everything is postponed until the eleventh hour. It may be that some one has hired the hall for the night on which it is decided to give the dance, or else the music is engaged elsewhere, or a multitude of other little things will come up that could have been avoided if more deliberation had been used.

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referee was unable to credit Bramley with the fine run and touchdown extending the whole length of the field. The line-up follows:

Hamilton.	Union.
	Center.
Nellis, (Davis),	Nutt.
	Left Guard.
Wills,	Gilmour.
	Right Guard.
Speh,	Lent.
	Left Tackle.
Wygant, (Thompson),	Kluge, (Conway.)
	Right Tackle.
Barrows,	Capt. Olmstead.
	Left End.
Evans,	Reeder.
	Right End.
Soper,	Cook.
	Left Halfback.
Hosmer, (Pratt),	Harvey.
	Right Halfback.
Roosa, (Bennett),	Cantwell, (Tredick.)
	Quarterback.
Bramley,	Robinson, (Raymond.)
	Fullback.
Mann,	Raymond, (Patten.)

Substitutes, Robinson, Cantwell, 30 and 25 minute halves. Umpire—Bingham. Referee—Wheeler. Timekeeper—Evans. Linesmen—Evans and Cantwell.

A Mistake.

In last week's issue of LIFE appeared an article saying that Hamilton authorities should have pictures taken of the different College buildings and sent to the various preparatory schools throughout the state. The idea, of course, is a good one, but the writer was not very well informed on this subject, for the College for some time past has been doing this very thing. There may be many schools who have not yet received the pictures, but we know of several that have. There is also such a group in the waiting room at Bagg's Hotel in Utica.

The Hamiltonian.

What is the matter with the Hamiltonian Board? In previous years the representatives from the different crowds have been appointed, the members of the board assigned their different positions and work started at least the first few weeks of fall term and often towards the end of spring term. The present board has not, as far as is known, even got together. Perhaps they are able to work faster and better than those who have preceded them, but if they are not, they will find that they have got a big proposition before them.

A Course of Lectures.

Have you ever thought that it would be an excellent thing for the College and for the student body if during the college year we could have a good course of lectures given in the chapel? Hamilton is behind her eastern sisters in that she has little contact with the great men of to-day. Most of our colleges make a special effort to have a number of famous men speak to the student body during the year. Aside from the benefit it would be entertaining. Whether such a course would be supported well enough for the trouble we can not say, but it would certainly deserve our aid and attendance.

Press Club.

It has been realized by college and alumni this year, that Hamilton has not been recognized in the newspapers of the large cities. The old press club was limited in number and could not properly attend to its duties. Last Wednesday in the college meeting it was voted to revive the Press Club by electing some additional members. The following slate was accepted by the college:

Faculty members—Dr. Squires, president, Dr. Morrill, Prof. White.

Student members—Edward Root for New York Sun, J. J. Weber for New York Times, A. J. Schwab for New York Express, R. C. White for Albany papers, George C. Kingsley for Rochester papers, J. O. Collins for Utica papers, A. M. Drummond for Syracuse Herald.

A Trophy Room.

Almost every year someone makes a vigorous plea for a trophy room, and on this account the subject has become rather stale. Everybody knows that we need one badly, but no one has been able to find a suitable place. We would ask if the waiting room in the Hall of Commons could not be used for such a purpose? There would be plenty of wall space and nothing would have to be changed to make the room ready. Our banners could be hung on the walls and some kind of a neat case procured in which could be placed the various footballs, baseballs, etc., which have been used in our important games. If permission can be obtained to use this room for such a purpose we would suggest that the advisory board appoint a committee to have charge of the matter.

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LEARN THE SONGS.

It would be a good idea if the men would learn the college songs. We have few enough and it seems ludicrous to see a man out on the football field scan his Blue Book in order to get the words correctly. How many are there who can repeat correctly two verses of the "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," or the words that go to the tune of the "Stein Song?" Just think it over and if you are one of those who can't, take five minutes off to learn them.

THANKS TO MR. SHERMAN.

Last week the College enjoyed a trip to Schenectady to see the Union game. The very low rates, secured by purchasing one hundred tickets outright, enabled almost everybody to go. After a hard afternoon of playing and yelling, the return trip was made in a special car, where the fellows could give vent to all the joyful feelings within them. It was indeed a great day, and for it (all except the victory, and bless the team for that) the whole College extends its most heartfelt gratitude to Hon. James S. Sherman, who made the day possible. This is only one of a number of instances when Mr. Sherman has stood ready with low rates and special cars to assist despairing managers and to give the fellows a good time. For all that he has done we thank him.

THE CHEERING AT UNION.

Our trip to Union last Saturday was satisfactory in more ways than one. It showed among other things that this year we have learned how to cheer and do it consistently. Last year Union showed far more ability in this line than did we, but this year the tables were

turned. One of the Union cheer leaders tried to brace up his following by saying that they ought to do as well as Hamilton.

Football men appreciate cheering and if it helps any, every student here is ready to do so much in winning a victory. The fellows this past week have shown better spirit in getting out on the field and in assisting the football men in the Gym. after practice. All this is worthy of praise, so keep it up.

CALSS BANNERS.

The last three lines of page 33 of the Blue Book read as follows: "A banner is presented to the class which scores the highest number of points in the spring field meet." That is a very excellent rule because it stimulates class spirit and in that way college spirit. But where are the banners, it might be asked? Well there is a banner that was won by the class of '09 in the Gym., but it is not possible to find one of a later date. Were they ever awarded? If so who has got them? They should be placed in the Gym. or some other place where they could be seen. But perhaps they have never been awarded. If this custom has fallen into decay it would be a good plan to revive it. There is time yet for the track management to award a banner to the class that won the spring meet last year. This class rivalry is what often brings to light "dark horses," and for that reason, if no other, it should be encouraged.

MUSICAL CLUBS.

Without assuming any dictatorial attitude LIFE wishes to make a few suggestions in regard to our musical clubs, which are just now beginning the long season of practice. First, in regard to a large club. We do not believe that such a club is at all feasible, for the simple reason that the management cannot afford to carry on trips the extra number of men. Our mandolin club was none too big last year, and would have been greatly strengthened by two or more men. This year we have material enough to furnish these additional men, and without a doubt our club will be the best the College has seen. The same is true with the glee club. Last year, on several trips, the number had to be reduced in order to lessen expenses. With the full quota of men the glee club can be made this season something to be proud of. Now, why sacrifice these two of whose worth we are

assured, to create another club which cannot in one season be what a banjo club should be? Let's not have too many irons in the fire.

Next in regard to music. As soon as a body of college fellows get together for a formal glee club, they begin to look at once for something fine to sing. Old rollicking college songs are forgotten, and classics are in demand. In Utica last year the criticism of the glee club was generally made, and mostly by Hamilton men, that there was too much solemn music. The very reason that people go to hear college men sing is that they expect to see some fun and hear a kind of music that they can hear nowhere else. Nothing takes so well as a "stunt" by the glee club, and why not give the people what they want? One or two good solos and one good club selection is enough of the solemn for one evening. This is also true for the mandolin club. They did not do enough novelty playing last year—too many flower and slumber songs. Other colleges can originate lively music and taking numbers, why can't we? And lastly, after the men have worked hard in practice, they should have two good trips. One trip of three days in the middle of winter term, and a week's tour at Easter would be enough. When the season is drawn out by one night trips throughout fall and winter terms, the clubs cannot do justice to themselves or the College. Now is the time to get dates arranged, and we hope the manager is busy.

What's the Matter?

Where is our Press Club or what is the trouble that our games this season are not reported in any of the newspapers? Last Saturday we went down to Schenectady and won from Union by a large score, but in none of Sunday's papers was found an account of the game, not even a mention of the score. The writer took the trouble to procure a New York Herald, World, and Journal, also a Syracuse Herald, but none of these papers even mentioned that Hamilton had a game scheduled for the 17th. In each paper there appeared a list of all the college games in this section and also even many of the preparatory school scores, but Hamilton had no recognition. How are our alumni to find out what kind of football we are playing? Certainly Union is not going to report a score of 28 to 0, especially when she was

defeated so badly by her old rival Hamilton. Some one has very sadly neglected his duty, or else it is no one's duty to see that the accounts of our games reach the columns of the newspapers. If this was the fault of our Press Club, don't let such a thing occur a second time; but if not, let us appoint some one at once, whose duty it shall be to report our games to some associated press authority.

It is certainly detrimental to College interests and a disgrace to us, that such a thing should happen as occurred last Saturday. Parents of two hundred students, and also probably two hundred alumni, were anxiously watching the papers to read the Union score, but all must have looked to no end. When we went to New York and were defeated by Columbia, every paper on the following day had a long article with the heading, "Hamilton Snowed Under." This is a matter of great importance and some step should be taken at once to rectify this fault.

The "Lit."

The first issue of the Literary Monthly for this year is out. This is the second publication under the new regime which bids fair to accomplish all it has promised. Not only is the new form of the magazine a great improvement, but what is far more important, the literary value of its contents seems to have been increased by the Lit's new lease of life.

The leading article of the issue is a fine and sympathetically appreciative sketch of "Old Greek," by Dr. Fitch. To us of this college generation this is especially helpful, living as we do in an atmosphere instilled with his spirit, yet scarce knowing his face. Then there is a well written article on Cardinal Newman's style. Murdock has one of his characteristically humorous sketches, which you will do well to read. "Noah the Second" is another story in a quite different vein and thoroughly good. One of the best things published in the Lit. in a long while is J. D. Henderson's "Anniversary of Antietam." Although Mr. Henderson graduated with the class of '68, he has not yet surrendered the laurel to any of our greener poets. Then there is the editorial page and the wisdom of Criticus to ponder on, and for the graduates some especially interesting Alumiana notes.

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Local Notes.

—Sweetland really looked happy last Saturday.

—The first frost this fall came Wednesday night.

—The banjo club is again struggling for existence.

—McGaffin, '04, spent Sunday at his home in Cohoes.

—Prof. White preached at Holland Patent last Sunday.

—Thompson, Springstead and Day, '05, spent Sunday in Albany.

—Richard Sherman, ex-'04, was on the Hill Wednesday afternoon.

—Ehret, '04, MacIntyre, '05, and Nellis, '06, were in Johnstown over Sunday.

—R. N. McLean, '76, of Porto Rico, visited his alma mater during the past week.

—A meeting of the trustees was held Tuesday afternoon in the Hall of Philosophy.

—Wygant, '07, is temporarily out of football owing to a hard cold and lame back.

—After Wednesday chapel the college, body had a rousing sing led by Dr. Stryker.

—“Hank” Keough seems to put life into every football man by his presence on the field.

—We are glad to again see Dowling in a suit, although his ankle is not yet fully recovered.

—Owing to a severe attack of rheumatism, Minor, '04, has been forced to give up football.

—All prudent fellows will steer clear of the new breed of cats which has been visiting the Hill recently.

—The team can ill afford to lose Roosa, '06, whose leg was broken in the scrimmage on Wednesday.

—The October issue of the “Record” has many excellent illustrations of the college buildings and campus.

—During the severe wind storm of Thursday a large tree at the foot of the Hill was blown across the walk.

—Montague White, '04, was unanimously elected to the “Lit.” Board in place of A. S. Davis, who resigned.

—“Bib” tells Hayes in Bible, upon his failure to answer a question put to him, that he is a little lazy upon that point.

—On Wednesday this week Amherst defeated Union 16-0. Last Saturday Hamilton defeated Union 28-0. Well!

—Sam Adams of the class of '92, and advertising manager of McClures', has been on the Hill during the past week.

—Freshman had composition on Monday at four instead of Saturday noon. This enabled all to attend the Union game.

—Trustee meeting was held on Tuesday. Among those present were Messrs. Soper, Benedict, Truax, Catlin and Beach.

—Professor Ebeling announced on Tuesday that the private reading in Pliny prescribed in the catalogue for the sophomores must be taken.

—Several impromptu football songs were sung on the football field this week. Can't someone get busy and write a new one with lots of snap in it?

—Dr. Stryker, since he discovered the other day that the beams in the Hall of Commons were harder than his head, surveys that structure from a distance.

—A three hole golf course has been laid out between North College and Sig. Hall. Tom Sherman is furnishing all the accessories for playing this ancient game.

—“Bright Hamilton” is an excellent addition to our college songs and bids fair to be second to “Carissima” alone in popularity. The words should be memorized immediately.

—The call for fellows to assist in rubbing down the players after practice has been responded to by a large number. If they knew how grateful the team was for this service they would never begrudge a minute spent in this way.

—The 19th of next month has been set apart for the commemoration services to be held in honor of Dr. North. No College exercises will be held on that day, but all students will be expected to attend the ceremony. Rev. Herrick Johnson, of Chicago, will be in charge.

—After the Union game a student of that place was heard to remark that we had not only outclassed them in playing but also in yelling. The fellows who were there can appreciate how much spirit a good large crowd put into a team. This brings up another point. During the last week there has been quite a number along the side lines during the daily practice. This infuses enthusiasm together with a desire to do the best into the players and affords the best possible opportunity for practicing new songs and yells.

A New Window.

This past week another memorial window was added to the chapel, so that now the number has reached ten. The new window is in honor of Pres. Davis, D. D., and is situated in the southwestern corner of the gallery. In appearance it is much like the window in memory of Dr. Terrett.

Help in the “Gym.”

It certainly is a shame that this article has to be printed. It is also a disgrace that the college body has to be reminded again and again that their help is needed in the “Gym.” every night to take care of the squad when it comes in from practice. If those men on the gridiron are willing to go out and work three hours a day is it unfair to ask that others spend fifteen minutes in showing a little spirit? We are college men still and our duties in the “Gym.” are the same as freshmen. Once a week, even fifteen minutes from each man would be all the help that is needed. Now, brace up a little, and show that you can do something besides yell. Come out, roll up your sleeves and get busy.

Chess.

The creditable record of the chess team, which had its beginning in holding Syracuse University for a draw has now been further brightened by a victory over Rochester. This match was played by correspondence and continued through the greater part of last spring term. Two games were carried on, each team having the attack and defense. Rochester with the attack staked her fortunes on the king's knight opening. Her offense, at first threatening, proved unsound. The game was resigned in favor of Hamilton after thirty-eight moves. Hamilton opened her attack with the queen's gambit. The game resulted in a draw after fifty-two moves. Those composing the team were Landers, '02, Owens, '02, Richardson, '05, and Driscoll, '06. Much credit is due the able and faithful work of Landers, captain of the team. It is expected that a meeting will be called soon to reorganize the Chess Club for the year. There will probably be a fall tournament, from which will be picked the four men who will represent the College in the intercollegiate matches. The popularity of the chess boards in the Y. M. C. A. has been clearly evidenced by the practice games that have thus far been played there. Such interest will do much to brighten Hamilton's prospects in the chess world this year.

Gentlemanly Conduct.

During the Union game of last Saturday there were many happenings and occurrences which are not allowed under this year's edition of the football rules. The principle fouls were slugging and unnecessary delay of the game. When the umpire attempted to penalize the offending team he was threatened with forcible expulsion from the field. That such actions should be allowed on a college football field shows poor management to say the least. No doubt the Union men desired to be gentlemanly and sportsmanlike in every detail, but the excitement proved too much for their self-control and better natures. They did not play a clean game and also greatly stretched the restraint placed upon Hamilton's players. But thanks to their good bringing up, our team acted the gentleman always and gave its supporters, together with its opponents, no chance to cry "dirty."

The Orpheum.

It is related of a saloon-keeper who did business in California during the gold fever of '49, that he had his sign painted "Last Chance Saloon" on the side that faced toward civilization, and "First Chance Saloon" on the side that faced the Rocky's. His sign was particularly appropriate for those going to the diggings and for those on the return. Regarding the Orpheum Theatre, one side of the sign might be applied to today and the other side to Monday. Today will be the last chance to see the excellent bill of this week, while Monday will be the first chance to see the new show. This week's bill is excellent, and that for next week will be equally good if not better. The prices are low and the treatment courteous. Bring your friends to the Orpheum.

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