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A GREETING.

The emotions of a soldier returning from a pleasure-laden furlough to the scenes of strife to take up again the arms and arts of war must be closely akin to those of the student who having been steeped in the joys of a lusty vacation wakes up from his slumber and his dream to find himself looking full into the sweet, smiling, serious eyes of alma mater. To meet caress and woo again this lovely dome, old-fashioned and new, ancient and modern, full of days and health and strength and beauty, loved by thousands, and with suitors increasing with her years, not entirely out of hoopskirts, yet garbed and jewelled in latest style, brown with the stamp of age, and bright with the sheen of youth, 'tis a joy, in truth, which makes one almost forget the pleasures and sweets of our separation.

Verily, three weeks without the proximity and company of her suitors have told heavily on our beauteous mistress. We left her sunny and smiling, a sad farewell beaming from her golden chapel brow. Returning we find her grown gray and hoary, her sadly beautiful countenance fluted deep with lines of solicitude and worry for her children out alone in the wide, wicked world, beyond the tutelage of her guiding care or restraining influence, lapped in the soft pleasures of a naughty universe.

And here we are, vacation by, asail on the tack of another term with crew practically undiminished, and renewed and rejuvenated by the elixir of three weeks of active idleness. You can see the effect stamped on the shining countenance, and speaking in the sparkling eye, the swinging step and sprightly air of nearly every member. Verily, vacations are made in heaven. There's no question about the success of a long Christmas vacation. We regret however, to notice a few exceptions. Take

"Shorty." The opening of the term finds him looking like a man who had the cares of an approaching marriage on his hands, and was thinking where on earth the minister's fee was coming from. Or Catlin, who looks as if he had received an invitation to write his solution of the trust problem for the from. Or Catlin, who looks as if he return to the bosom of Alma Mater may render it necessary to send Anthony Comstock down to Greene to investigate the mysterious nature of its allurements. Or "Prof." Lee, who seems to be seriously reflecting on the advisability of accepting his recent call to the Presidency of Mudville University. All of which proves that too much idleness isn't good, as "Rick" observes.

Hamilton is now entering upon the broader field of new relations, and larger activities, she can feel within her veins the bounding flow of a richer blood, and that her undertakings this term and next and hereafter may be fully as successful as last term is the high and loyal hope and faith of every student.

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THE ENGLISH-BOER WAR.

Newspapers of America seem to find a great satisfaction in favoring the Boers in this war. The masses hold "Pro Boer meetings" to sympathize with the so-called "unfortunates, victims of British sagacity." The American people are a little hasty and erroneous in their judgments. It is for the interests of the world for England to interfere in the Transvaal. England will develop the resources of this fruitful country, while the Boers would have allowed them to go to rack and ruin by mere undevelopment. The English are progressive, the Boers not only stagnant, but retrogressive. Surely, in this enlightened century, when we have learned how neces-

sary to the world is every resource, surely now, none are so blind as not to see that it would be a grave misfortune if the Boers should be successful over the English in this war. And, now, when the guns of the Spanish-American war are still smoking, now, surely, no American should take a stand against England, our ally—from a moral view—in the recent war. A review of the battle of Manila bay will convince all that there is good evidence to show that England, by taking up a position between the American and German and French fleets prevented and checked any assistance which these Germans or Frenchmen would have gladly given the Spanish. This would have been a great disaster to us, and England alone protected us from it. Shall we now, when an opportunity is offered to return some part of our debt of gratitude to England by our moral assistance, refuse this? The generous and large minded will say "No." "Our country right or wrong" was a mighty saying, and our friends right or wrong is but an interpretation of the ideas of international relations on this toast.

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The three weeks' vacation didn't seem to be very successful. More men were late than at the opening of previous winter terms. Whether this was due to home-sickness or the desire to protract amateur love-affairs, we don't attempt to say. The latter is certainly the cause of the dilatory appearance of Dan Redmond. We are not so sure about Dunn.

There were a lot of men back early, however. A conservative estimate places the number of "dinks" at fifty. Most were lucky in their exams, but a few flunked. Nels Drummond, we are glad to say, passed off his Bible; but poor Gil is still up against it as regards mathematics.

Athletic Department.

R. S. C. DRUMMOND, - - - - - Editor
E. J. WARD, - - - - - Reporter

GYMNASIUM PRACTICE.

The winter season is the time for the candidates for the track and base ball teams to make themselves known, and to begin practice. Captains Millham and Mason should get to work and root out their men. All the men who can play base ball should start playing hand ball. Besides doing this, pitchers and catchers should practice, and fielders and basemen try "picking 'em up." The track athletes who run can use the "gym" track. Those who are strong men can put in a little preliminary muscle limbering and shot putting. The vaulters jumpers and hurdlers can practice their respective lines. Now, just because we have had a fairly successful foot ball season, is no reason for lying back upon our laurels and stopping our work. Especially you freshmen! All who have any athletic ability should make themselves known to the proper captain, and should get to work immediately. We are in hopes of seeing the "gym" in an active state from now on.

BASKET BALL.

"Life" is glad to announce that the preparations for the basket ball season are well under way. Mr. Andrews, president of the Athletic Association, and W. J. McLaughlin, have the matter in charge, and are pushing things energetically. A considerable amount has been subscribed already by the various classes, and the baskets and the ball are purchased and hired ready for use. De Regt went to work Monday fitting up the gymnasium. Screens are being placed on the windows, and the playing field is marked out. All that is necessary now for an interesting and successful season is that men will come out to try for the team. While the game is a new thing for Hamilton, there ought to be a large number of men capable of playing basket ball and putting up a scientific article of the game, especially when there are a good many in college who have played before, willing and enthusiastic to instruct. The two Mc-

Laughlins and Jesse Millham are men of experience in the business, and acknowledged experts; and they are certainly capable of developing a very fast team out of the men that may be selected. A good schedule is promised. Cornell has arranged for a game, and with the Colgate, Utica and Waterville teams close by and anxious to play us, the college won't lack excitement. The promoters of the project have in mind also an extended trip during the Easter vacation.

All these prospects ought to induce plenty of men to become candidates for the team. The whole college should take an interest in the game, as matches could be arranged between class teams or others that will relieve mightily the heretofore killing monotony of winter evenings. Above all, let the college come down with enough cash to enable the men in charge of the department to do things up in good shape; and we have ample reason to hope that the inauguration of this game in Hamilton will see added to our laurels new athletic victories.

A RECITATION IN JUNIOR BIBLE.

When the class of 1901 entered the ethical room for their first Bible recitation, they found the temperature at freezing point. Dr. Elkin gave the class permission to keep their hats on, but this did not prevent the sudden aggravation of apparently already serious colds and coughs. Augsburg, Stowell and Goss Stryker immediately pre-empted the register, but even then Stowell had to swing his arms to keep warm, and Goss shivered pitifully, and looked appealingly at Dr. Elkin. The professor asked if there were any other rooms unoccupied, if the chapel wouldn't do, but Bill Quinn squelched this by suggesting that the chapel was no place for the study of Bible. Speh asked if the men couldn't take turns on the register. Rick suddenly caught a violent cold. Speh took a cut. Catlin lit a match and passed the flame up and down his body, but failed to absorb much warmth. He was given the privilege of taking a cut. Quinn suggested that somebody open the outside door and let in some heat. Dr. Elkin tried to go on with his lecture,

but was unable to make himself heard amid the confused din of chattering teeth, coughing, sneezing and swinging of arms. Easy finally persuaded the doctor to dismiss the class "for this time, but not again." It is really too bad that the men should lose part of their college course because of poorly heated recitation rooms.

FOOT-BALL TEAMS PICTURE TRIP.

The same old songs and gags characterized this trip. One would have thought we were going to play Colgate in Utica, but for the cigars and cigarettes projecting from their respective faces. Hank sang: Fat cracked jokes, and Esty blushed when we sang our little song about "We'll be happy forever with Esty Stowell." "Humph McGinnis" was rendered with our old time fervor, while "Oh! listen to the band" was rendered with the customary punctuatiary of Boom! Boom! Boom! We landed in Utica and went to Frey's, where we put on our foot ball suits in the old regulative way with the old regulation chattering, joking, singing, and so forth. Oh! it seemed like old times. And then we had four sittings, one of which Baker spoiled. If Sweetland had but been there, we would all have enjoyed the last trip of the 1899 foot ball team to the fullest extent.

No! said the foot ball fiend. "No! I can not understand why Princeton beat Yale. But come, will go to Charley Dearflunger's and get a hand ball, with the half back of a chicken and a goal line of frankfurters." Is that verbatim, Esty?

"Say, Deke, why do they have those glass cases with the axe, hammer, crow bar, etc., in these cars," asked Freak when he and Taylor were going cross lots to Rome via N. Y. O. & W.

"Oh! those are put there to use in case any one wants a window open," and Deke let off one of his spontaneous bovine chuckles.

A PHANTASY.

How many of us are then who are the true college fellows, who do not have a phantasy. As we sit in our room on a cold bleak night and hear the wind whistling around the corners of north college—then are we in a fit mood for such an one. As the smoke curls up from my pipe, I see it portray faces I have known. The little romances of my life pass before me one by one. Here with her gleaming shoulders is the creation of a ball—here with sleeves turned up over tanned arms, my pardner of the canoe. In rapid succession, faces follow each other—faces to which are connected the little stones which make up the romantic side of our nature. This is a phantasy—but Oh! what a pleasant one. Is it not comparable with the pleasures of a college dance? Yea, we say it is more pleasant. Truly fortunate is that man who can live over his past experiences with some of the pleasures they brought him before. What man of us but has some cherished picture to remind him of some absent fair one? What one is there who would willing throw or give away such a picture? But if he keeps it, not to recall past pleasant experience, why should he not part with it. Reflection is our greatest delight. Anticipation is only less than it. The absence of petticoats from our dear old hill would render life here intolerable for some of us, were it not that we reflect on some we have seen and anticipate others we are to see. So I say to you, college men, do not attempt to crush this phantasy (and you have one) out of your lives. Let it grow and develope, for it will make itself one of the greatest factors of pleasure for you. Let it grow, and perhaps some of these delightful expectations and anticipations that you are cherishing may become realities when next you see her.

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“Life” would recommend to the janitor that the paths be kept in better condition. Wet feet resulting from unshoveled paths are uncomfortable.

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"Life" hopes that the college will hold a meeting and appoint committees to organize glee, banjo and dramatic clubs.

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An agitation to test the practicability of lights in the north college halls might result in the placing of a few lamps on trial.

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It is time for the juniors and seniors to organize their whist clubs. Get at it upper classmen and begin to play next week.

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A good snow ball row would wake things up, and give the whole college some wholesome amusement. Start one sophomores!

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"Life" wishes to emphasize the fact that the college should practice reciprocity, that is, we should patronize those who patronize us. What we mean by that is, just this—All Hamilton College students should trade with the firms who advertise in Hamilton College pa-

pers. The firms who advertise with us are the reliable firms, and the firms we ought to deal with.

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There seems to be a feeling in the air that the sophomore hop will fail in the same way that the junior prom. did. This would be too much. It is not only ridiculous, but disgraceful, that these petty quarrels and jealousies can not be patched up in order to gain an end which every one desires. The college needs a dance. It has, already, gone long enough without one. The sophomore class ought to be able to find some solution or remedy for the trouble. Why will the two factions not get together and make a compromise of some sort so as to obtain the desired end, a college dance for the college men. How can we hope to rival other colleges in social functions if we allow our dances to be broken up by these bickerings and dissensions. We felt compelled once before to mention the evils of letting the split go too far. We hope that this time will be the last—that the college will have come to its senses.

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1900 has come. We believe that the twentieth century has come. The "Life" feels glad to be able to enter on the second year of its existence at this auspicious time. We feel that 1899 has been good to us, and hope that the new year will have as much in store for us, and that the twentieth century will see us become as fixed and prominent in our province as the "Lit" and "Hamiltonian" are in theirs. We need not repeat that we seek the support of the college and its friends in our expansion, and we promise to improve and extend if we receive such support. We have no complaint for the past, but are thankful for the reception of our first complete term's work, yet, our ambition is to become indispensable and necessary to every professor, friend and student of Hamilton College.

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The day of the opening of college was a peach. A cold rain fell all day, and froze as soon as it fell. To say that things were slippery would not be indulging in hyperbole, in the slightest degree. Nearly everybody took a tumble. Fat Millham was descending the chapel steps in all his dignity as an

alumnus of one year's standing. At the bottom his feet went up in the air, and he landed on the usual portion of the anatomy in a pool of water. Fat picked up his hat and his ruined umbrella and returned, much crest-fallen, to Murray Andrews' room for repairs. Dr. Stone was another prominent victim. He was picking his way daintily down the steps, but at the third he lost his balance and went down, flinging away his hat and umbrella, and frantically clutching the air. He was more fortunate than Millham, as he landed in a heap of wet snow about four feet from the steps.

The other unlucky ones were countless. Barrows and Keith took the most picturesque falls. Bartholomew tried to walk down the hill, but after describing several pirouettes, landed up against one of the poplars in a sitting posture. He was rather sore over his discomfiture. We have attempted to compile a list of those who passed part of their time sitting down, admiring the landscape; but we gave up the task for lack of space. The inclement weather of that day had one advantage, it showed that there are few wicked men in Hamilton College.

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Winter term has begun. For the benefit of the freshmen "Life" will say that it is traditional in Hamilton College that the winter term is the term for work. There are no athletics, at least out-doors, and no attractions such as the fall, spring and summer offer. Consequently, the faculty leave us a little more leisure to enjoy those aforesaid distractions in the pleasanter seasons of the year, and let us do the majority of our work in the cold bleak desolate winter. And this is fair, just and agreeable to us. Ya, college hill in winter is a little unpleasant, if the word suits. When the cold winds sweeps across the campus and throw up the big snow drifts across the paths, then we realize that another winter at Valley Forge has begun. Yet the pleasantness of our rooms and the conviviality of a lot of fellows hugging a north college stove makes up for the minor discomforts of outdoors. And the intellectual progress that we make in winter is a recompense for this, and the increased comfort of our rooms, a gain, so there is no cloud without its silver lining.

Local Department.

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LOCALS.

Jan. 8. The dinks begin to appear. Gilbert bohns in a cold room. Rick Hatch sleeps off a bad attack of insommia, according to G. T.

Jan. 9. Dink exams. Sheppard has a box of stogies for his friends. Most of the fellows get back from their vacation. W. E. Euchre joins 1903.

Jan. 10. College opens. Customary announcements. Monumental association formed. Square "will meet his first division in mathematics." Mason, Arthur, MacNaughton and little Greek measure their length on the ice. The whole campus covered with slippery ice, which makes navigation very difficult. Dave MacNaughton brings a baby to chapel. Bratt and Augsburg prate. Pruyne, Kirkland and Head prize orations handed in. Poor old Dick Cookinham begins to work again. Sophomore and freshmen posters appear. The sophomore posters were made up in good form, but the language used was decidedly vulgar when compared to that of previous posters.

Jan. 11. Slippery day. Some stragglers arrive. Most every one is here now. The campus is deserted. Every one is in his room telling his friends of some new vacation experience, or some new vacation girl, whose picture now occupies the sacred place on his mantel or desk. This new one is certainly a "peach." Poor recitation in Junior Polycon. Fragments of Roman Latin proves no cinch. Prex starts the term boldly by hearing the seniors recite 40 pages of ethics at 9 o'clock. Dinner of the New York Alumni Association in New York City.

Jan. 12. Bill Nye holds chapel, and Prexy cuts the seniors. A crust over the ice decreases the slipperyness, but leaves disagreeable uncertainty under foot. Schimmerhorn and Zeigler run over Davy in the book store. Davy gets a little angry at the frolicsome freshmen. Freak Hull brings a couple of leopards to chapel. He can not change his spots. Fritz Dunn is still missing. "Where is our wandering boy

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"to-night?" Weaver made a New Year's resolution and gets his hair cut.

Jan. 13. Prexy gets back. G. T. delivers an oration. Sheppard asks Bill Nye if Johnson issued a proclamation on June 31st. Rick Hatch and Dick Drummond go to Waterville. Rick is certainly on a string. Lots of fellows go to Utica and see a good (?) show, by name of "Have you seen Smith?" How did you like Smith Esty? Athletic Association meeting. Relations with Union severed. A committee of W. S. Stone, R. C. S. Drummond, and F. M. Weston appointed to draft resolutions to the maintenance of our position in the matter. Meeting of foot ball team adjourned. Nick smiles in math for the second time in his life. Catlin wears a worried look on the stage. Bullard creates "a sensation in freshmen essay." Harwood and Redmond turn up. Gilbert entertains an interested group in the drug store.

Jan. 14. Sunday chapel well attended. Dr. Terrett gives the first of a course of lectures for the Y. M. C. A. Dick Drummond has hard luck trying to pip an oration. Freak Hull wears a 4½ inch collar to chapel. Rubber, Freak, and wear a six incher. Higgins astonishes every one by wearing his hair pompadour.

Jan. 15. Henry lays down rules for OUR conduct in aesthetics. Lee and Henry spring new high shoes on the unsuspecting public. English poetry class becomes suddenly interested in certain compositions. Freshmen leave gym, and Tennant takes his annual bath.

Jan. 16. G. T. goes to Utica. Dunn shows up. Taylor makes a star recitation in ethics owing to his mascot—a pair of big black garters. The Saturday next Mason will fly to Utica and return.

THE POSTERS.

If college customs can be estimated by the law of the survival of the fittest, the custom of publishing scurf-posters must be almost as "fit" as a cat, judging from the growth, from the four x six card that came out when the custom was instituted, to the production which, in magazine-form under the title of "Kintergarten Review," attempts to make the freshman realize his faults and pecu-

liarities, and points out to the changes necessary before he can ever be anything else than a "fresh"-man.

That the freshmen publication was not in evidence after chapel on the first morning of this term was not only a scurf on the delinquent class, but it brought grief to the hearts of those who admire class spirit; to see one class keep its posters hidden because they were afraid to row with another class.

The green posters met with various expressions of feeling on the part of the freshmen. Zeigler said that it was nothing more nor less than libel, and that he would make it hot for those sophomores. But on the whole the freshmen received the scurfs with a calm putting on of shoes where they fitted.

Saturday, January 13, 1900, the athletic association of Hamilton College resolved to sever all athletic relations with the N. Y. S. I. C. A. U., and withdraw from that league. "Life" feels that some explanations are forthcoming in vindication of our stand throughout this long dispute. We have from the first accepted the testimony of the Hamilton alumni and undergraduates concerning that game rather than the testimony of Union men. By this, we have believed that Sweetland did nothing more, than both of their coaches were doing, to give offense. We have also held that no gentlemen would mob a visitor in their home, except in cases where their honor was at stake. And Union men must acknowledge that they mobbed a visitor of theirs in their collegiate home, and this visitor had not injured their honor. Mark you, we put in a reservation concerning the touching of the honor of a gentleman when some might advance the doctrine that no gentleman would lend his assistance to the mobbing of a man. By violation of the doctrine, which we hold, we think Union has shown that her undergraduates are not gentlemen. Now, the "Life" is enough of a jingo to believe that Hamilton is composed of gentlemen. From these facts we deduce that our associations have lasted long enough with Union. "It is of brass, smash it." Of course, the Athletic Association of this college is in no ways responsible for what appears in our columns, but we are re-

sponsible to the students of Hamilton College. We attempt to echo the sentiments of these students, and will assume responsibility for any failure in this, and this is the only event which will make us apologize or withdraw any of our statements in regard to the Union-Hamilton foot ball game

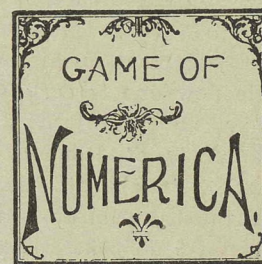
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SQUIBS.

A new member has come into 1903.

The icy paths have caused many falls. A slippery path is no respecter of persons. Faculty, alumni and undergraduates suffered alike.

It is announced that Chauncey Truax is the donor of the new Hall of Philosophy. The announcement was made at the annual dinner of the New York alumni association.

Cold, recitation rooms seem to be the order of the day. It is unjust, unlawful, and disgraceful to ask students to sit in cold recitation rooms and so take cold. The members of the faculty should remember this.

"Life" is informed that Mrs. Kelly would like to have all her debtors pay up.

England has found more sport in Boer hunting than ever she did in fox hunting.

There were more delinquencies of failure in examinations last term than at any previous time, recently. Whether this is to be attributed to the new six mark rule, or to the decreasing mental ability of the college, is not known. "Life" inclines to the former view.

This is the time for organization of the whist clubs, for the formation of dramatic, banjo, mandolin and glee clubs; for the training of a basket ball team.

Why does the college not hold a whist tournament? Duplicate boards and the necessary adjuncts would make this easy. By finding the two successful doubles and, by changing partners, the champion of the college could be found.

The reading room is a great factor in the education this college can give, if it is used in the proper way. This is a fact which many self-satisfied young men disregard or disbelieve. A well educated young man is up on all the current news of magazines as well as newspapers.

There is a member of this college for whose presence we should all feel grateful. He is like a ray of sunshine on a dark rainy day. We do not wish to give the Taylor away, but will gladly answer any private inquiry as to whom this person is.

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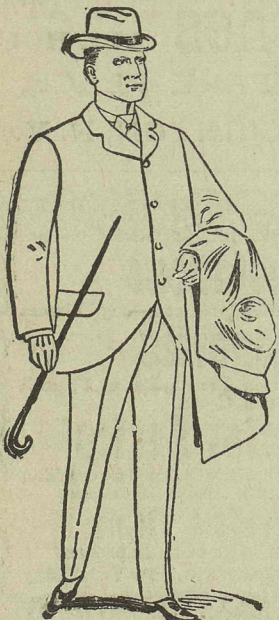
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