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## Some of Hamilton's Buildings.

At this time, when the nineteenth century is but a memory, while we look beyond with anxious vision into the dim, un-opened vistas of the twentieth, and while our beloved Alma Mater is surely and steadily approaching the one hundredth anniversary of its inception as a college, certainly no time could be more fitting than now to turn history's pages back to the records of its past. It is not the purpose of the writer to dwell upon the past failures and achievements. Rather let us consider the history of some of the buildings, which, clustered together on the hillside, are enduring monuments to the foresight and patience of the founders of this institution.

The first appearance of the college campus, with all its graceful, rustic beauty, its winding walks, its groves and slopes, is one long to be remembered by the visitor. Old South is one of the first of the series of buildings that commands his attention. Now practically crumbling to pieces, it was once one of the finest edifices owned by the college. Its pristine glory is a thing of the past, but loving memories associated with its walls, still linger in the heart of many an old alumnus. Let us turn our attention for a few moments to its history.

Less than a year after the college was chartered, this building, then known as Hamilton Hall, was completed. It was then of about the same design as at present, affording apartments for the students, and a number of recitation rooms. It served its purposes well for some time, but the college was growing, and other buildings, of which we will speak later, relieved the crowded condition of the dormitory.

Year after year Old South was shaken, endured the effects of many a tempest. But time decayed its timbers, and sixty years after its completion, it became very evident that the old building must be repaired, or it would be abso-

lutely unsafe for occupancy. A generous friend came to its rescue, in this, its hour of need, in the person of John W. Hungerford, of the class of '46. Ten thousand dollars was sufficient to place it in good condition. Since then it has undergone but few repairs. How long the old building will hold together, is a question. But no matter how long it remains, Old South will be affectionately remembered by those who were once sheltered within its gray old walls.

Leaving this landmark, let us advance to the north a few steps, through the shadows of the trees. Before us is the chapel with its slender spire, pointing the college student, by its inspiration, to a better and a clearer realization of true manhood and its responsibilities. Around this building hover varied recollections of rows, of oratory, of music, and last and of most importance, of lessons well taught.

The lack of such a building for some little time was surely felt by the college, and it was with thankful hearts, indeed, that the college authorities dedicated it in 1827. In common with the other buildings it answered its purpose for a long time. But in the early '90's it had become so corrupted with decay, that it was imperative to repair it. Many improvements were made upon this building, until it stands now, one of the finest and best proportioned edifices upon the campus. The clear-toned, deep throated clock was presented to the college in 1877 by the Hon. John Wanamaker. Seated within, the sunshine mellowing through the windows, the majestic peal from the great organ seems like music inspired by the Divine will and aid.

The gymnasium, now one of the best equipped gymnasiums in the land, was when first erected, and for a long time afterwards, used as a dormitory, and was known as Kirkland Hall. The advent of the fraternity houses removed the need of so many college rooms, and it was decided to transform it into a gymnasium. The sons of the late Albert Soper provided for this by magnificent

gifts. How well they succeeded in their plan is evident today. This department of college work was long needed, especially for the sake of preserving the health of the students. Athletics have ever responded to a natural and healthy inclination of mankind. In all times and in all countries, if young men are active and in good health, they will be fond of active sports in which to display their strength and agility for the sake of honor and glory. And it is no different here.

The big bell booms out the hour of six. Quiet and peace reign supreme. We must finish our visit and retrace our steps under the leafy arches, to the entrance. Lights are beginning to appear here and there in the windows of Old South. The day is done.

Live on forever, dear old Hamilton. Live on and breast the tempests and storms as thou hast done this one hundred years. Present to us, thy sons, as ever the smiling face of thy glorious beauty. Still shall fondest memories of thy walls remain deep imbedded in thy children's souls, and still shall thy name be hallowed by them, to be retained forevermore.

A. S. DAVIS.

## New England Banquet.

The New England Alumni Association held their annual re-union and dinner at the Bellevue, Monday night, February 12. President Stryker was the guest of the evening. Rev. William C. Winslow read a memorial on Charles Dudley Warner, late president of the association. President Stryker spoke on "The Real Meaning of the Term College" and Prof. Edgar C. Morris' subject was "The Younger Alma Mater." These officers were elected: President, Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, L. L. D.; vice-presidents, S. N. D. North, Rev. William H. Albright, D. D., and Rev. George Hodges, D. D.; secretary and treasurer, George S. Budd; executive committee, Rev. M. D. Kneeland, Rev. J. F. Brodie, Arthur J. Selfridge, Byron Wells, Prof. Edward S. King.

### Honor System at Wesleyan.

We print below the Honor System constitution adopted recently by Wesleyan College. The honor system is coming into fashion in many institutions and wherever initiated, it is claimed, has been found feasible and satisfactory in its workings. The system is not all confined to the smaller colleges but is coming to be looked upon with favor by some of our most prominent universities. We do not say that conditions here are as yet ripe for such innovation, but we are confident that the time will come when a similiar system will be advocated and perhaps introduced in Hamilton.

#### ARTICLE I.

SECTION I. The Honor System in examinations is defined as that system under which, after the examination is set by the faculty, no faculty surveillance is exercised; and under which the student body, through a committee, control investigations concerning dishonesty in examinations.

SEC. 2. It is necessary that under this system any dishonesty detected by any student in an examination or "written" shall be reported to the investigating committee.

SEC. 3. It is necessary that every student shall append a written declaration to his examination papers, as follows: "I hereby certify on honor that in this examination I have neither received nor given any assistance whatever."

#### ARTICLE II.

The investigating committee shall consist of seven upper classmen appointed by a nominating committee of three, this committee to be appointed by the president of the senior class.

#### ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The committee shall summon before it any student charged with dishonesty, shall state to him the charges, and shall take testimony *pro* and *con* in the presence of the accused.

SEC. 2. The committee shall convene secretly for its final action upon evidence, and all the evidence and work of the committee shall be, as far as possible, entirely secret.

SEC. 3. The committee shall only be empowered to recommend to the faculty penalties as hereinafter stated.

#### ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. Violations of the Honor System shall consist in any attempt to receive assistance from written aids or from any person or paper, or in any attempt to give assistance, whether the

one so doing has completed his own paper or not. This rule holds within or without the examination room during the entire time in which the examination is in progress; that is, until all papers have been handed in.

SEC. 2. Any one not signing the pledge placed upon the examination paper will be notified by the professor holding that examination, and if unable then to sign, will be reported to the committee for investigation.

#### ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. The recommendations of the committee in cases of conviction of members of the three upper classes shall be the posting of the name of the offender, and suspension from college.

SEC. 2. The recommendation in cases of conviction of freshman, for a first offence, shall be the posting of the name of the offender.

SEC. 3. A second offence and conviction on the part of a freshman shall require the posting of the name of the offender, and suspension from college.

SEC. 4. In exceptionally flagrant cases, the committee may report the same to a college meeting for instructions as to the recommendations.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The recommendations of the committee shall be made to the faculty in writing, and shall be preserved by the faculty as a record of the committee's work.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of those present at a college meeting.

### Intercollegiate Notes.

—A press club has been organized at Dartmouth.

—Chicago will offer a course to prepare men for diplomatic service. The desirability of such a course was thoroughly discussed recently at a meeting of prominent educators, Pres. Schurman of Cornell arguing against it.

—John D. Rockefeller has given \$10,000 to the new Medical College of Ohio Wesleyan.

—A gymnasium is being planned at Princeton to cost \$150,000.

—Wallace, right tackle on U. of Pa's team has been elected captain for the season of 1901.

—There has been a new system formed at Harvard, under which retired professors may receive pensions.

—It is reported that the presidency of Washington and Lee University has

been offered to ex-President Cleveland.

—The total receipts of Yale in her four principal departments of athletics were about \$68,000, the expenses about \$63,000, with a balance of nearly \$5,000.

—The new golf course at Princeton will be completed next spring. This course will contain eighteen holes, and will be one of the longest courses in the country.

—At the Science Teachers' Association in Rochester, a large proportion of the Wood's Holl exhibit of marine animals, and of the Denton exhibit of butterflies was purchased for the benefit of the Rochester University. These collections will soon be placed in the Zoological Museum.

—John D. Rockefeller has recently indicated his willingness to contribute \$200,000 toward an endowment fund of \$500,000 for Oberlin College.

—'Tis said that the college authorities often receive letters odd and amusing. For instance, it is not so very rare to receive a confidential letter asking if this or that graduate is a young man worthy enough to marry the writer's daughter; and letters addressed to the President asking him to analyze spring water, inspect a gold mine or recommend a patent medicine, are numerous."—*Bowdoin Orient*.

—Wellesley has recently raised \$100,000 in to sums too be used to establish two professorships.

—We copy from the *Bowdoin Orient*, a few sentences by Benjamin I. Wheeler, President of University of California, as a fine description of "The True College Man." "There is a type of man found well represented in every class of modern American colleges from which we may expect a successful life. He does his college work faithfully and stands well in his class. He takes part in student sports and student affairs without being pure athletic or impure class politician. He is clean in manners, morals and dress. He holds the solid respect of his class without being flabbily popular. He plans his work, keeps his appointments, moves toward a goal and spends no time watching himself grow. It matters little whether such a man is a valedictorian or not."

—The Pan-American Exposition authorities will imitate the Paris Exposition and will hold a series of athletic contests. There will be a number of inter-collegiate events. Special committees have been appointed having these contests in charge.

—Yale has recently been presented by Maurice K. Jessup with a number of rare Arabic manuscripts, the former property and collection of Count Landberg.

—Only 63 men wear the Harvard "H," 16 in football, 15 the crew "H," 12 in baseball, and 12 of the track team.

—The Yale musical club cleared over \$30,000 last year.

—The World says: "Yale and Harvard will meet Oxford and Cambridge on track and field again, and the athletes of the American universities will try to wipe out the defeat they suffered at the hands of the English students in 1899."

—A stadium with a seating capacity of 12,000 will be one of the features of the Buffalo exposition. It will surround a quarter mile track.

—Michael Idrorsky Pupin, adjunct professor of mechanics at Columbia University, has perfected a practical invention for ocean telephony, which will make telephoning to London a possibility. It is understood that Prof. Pupin received \$400,000 for the invention from the Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., together with an annual royalty of \$7,500 until the patent runs out."—*Columbia Spectator*.

—The athletic association of Bowdoin has voted not to play Tufts, either in football or baseball during the year, because of alleged professionalism.

—William E. Dodge, of New York City, has donated \$30,000 to Yale for the establishment of a course of lectures on the "Responsibility of Citizenship."

—The Amherst Alumni Association of New York held its annual banquet recently. Thomas B. Reed, '60, was the principal speaker.

—The total endowment of Oberlin is \$1,028,345, besides college property valued at \$654,000.

—"The stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association, F. D. Colson, of Cornell, F. S. Bangs, of Columbia, and Thomas Reath, of the University of Pennsylvania, have decided to hold the Poughkeepsie races this year, on July 3. Invitations have been sent to Georgetown, Syracuse, Bowdoin, Brown and Toronto to enter."—*Targum*.

—We have heard on excellent authority that "Bart," on the occasion of a social at New York Mills, became intensely interested in a young lady present, and after missing his chance to ride home in order to accompany her to her domicile, found to his dismay that she was a married lady, and that she had given him a good case of jolly. Beware, "Bottle," beware.

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WHETHER the members of the faculty acting independently, should grant cuts to classes on extraordinary occasions, is a question that came up for serious discussion during the present week, and was answered, in general, quite to the satisfaction of the students, though not without some demur and timidity on the part of the professors. That it was in the main answered in the affirmative, is a tribute to their good sense and just notions, and we say this with no intention to flatter or cajole. In behalf of the student body, who appreciate their generosity, we tender our thanks, and venture to express the hope that the practice may be, like all noble institutions, immortal.

WE are for giving our professors a wider latitude and discretion in all such matters, where it may fairly be supposed they are best able to judge the circumstances of a case, and the reasonableness of a request of students and classes. General rules are good, but the good sense and judgement of professors should be allowed some field for exercise in exceptional cases, and not be "cribbed, cabined, confined" within steel embraced limits, beyond which it were a sin or crime to penetrate. The professor occupying a position of importance and responsibility, is quite generally a man of acknowledged talents and much discretion, who is able accurately to judge and properly to act in every such application of the students. Certainly our respect for a professor to whom was entrusted the right of independent action would be far greater, even though he should persistently and obstinately refuse our requests, than if his hands were tied, and restraint imposed upon him from without.

WE include in this issue a contribution from a member of the class of 1904, the article entitled "Some of Hamilton's Buildings." We are always glad to encourage literary talent in this college, and to this end we offer our columns to any matter that we feel worthy of recognition. Our policy is and has been, that the board should be actually and morally responsible for everything that appears in each issue. One of the paths of divergence from this rule leads us to the encouragement of young authors of the lower classes especially. None realizes now how necessary is such encouragement and such development than the editors; and be it understood that equally with other publications we stand for Hamilton effort, in all respects. In this particular case, the substance and motive of the production are meritorious, and for this reason, furthermore, we print this article.

NEARLY four weeks ago a committee of two was appointed by the student body to communicate with Colgate relative to a joint debate. It will be remembered that we made a similar proposition to Colgate last year to which a satisfactory declination was returned. This year we thought it proper to renew the offer, and accordingly a committee was named in the college meeting who forthwith addressed a letter to one of the seniors of Colgate stating the desire of the students of Hamilton, proposing a conference with a committee of Colgate, and respectfully requesting that the offer be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, and urging a reply at his earliest convenience. This was nearly four weeks ago, yet up to date, no answer has been returned, no acknowledgement has been deigned of the receipt of our letter, apparently no attention was paid to its contents, no respect shown for the committee authorized to send it. Yet we know, from indirect sources, that the communication was received by the student to whom it was addressed. We do not, for a moment, do the student body of Colgate the injustice of believing that they endorse such a breach of the commonest laws of personal or college etiquette. But we are unable to understand the principles of a conduct which carelessly or deliberately disregards an offer, sent by a sister college, couched in friendly tone, made, of course, in perfect good faith, and as the letter avowed, officially authorized by the students of Hamilton, in college

meeting assembled. This is not the complaint of a wounded supersensitive college dignity, but simply a protest against the infraction, whether by college or student, of the first principles of propriety toward a sister institution.

SINCE the above was written, the following has been received addressed to our committee. The writer is not the gentlemen to whom our committee's communication was sent.

"Early this year, a committee was appointed by our Students' Association to look into the matter of arranging a debate with Hamilton College. As chairman of that committee, I can say that the ground was thoroughly gone over, and after a due consideration of all sides of the question, we reported that we considered it inadvisable for Colgate to enter into such an intellectual contest this year. This report was accepted and the committee discharged. I feel sure that no such debate can be arranged for this year, but if you desire such a contest for next year, communicate to me at once, and I think such a debate can be arranged for next year, provided all preliminary arrangements are made during the present academic year.

Very truly,

JOHN AMBLER WILLIAMS."

We understand that the Hamilton committee has made reply to this, to the effect that such committee was appointed only to arrange a debate this year, and had no power beyond that. Moreover, besides the uniqueness of arranging for a debate a year in advance, it is evident that the present student body would have no authority to foist upon the very different student body of next year, an obligation which the latter might not be disposed to assume. We regret that Colgate has seen fit to refuse, a second time, our proposition for a joint debate, as both colleges, we make no doubt, would have derived considerable benefit therefrom.

THERE are a few men scattered around college who for a time at least will take with a grain of salt any offer from "Dewey" to take them out to dinner. The occasion for this distrust of our popular singer and impersonator is as follows:

One of the reporters on the staff of this paper sat in his sanctified sanctum on Sunday last, musing on the events of the week and anticipating the pleasures of Junior Prom., when he received a call

from "Dewey," who kindly requested him to go to dine with him at the home of "Bugs" the biologist. Now, this reporter, who had more than once the pleasure of tasting the dainty morsels provided by Mrs. Morrill, jumped at the chance to go. Other men, like Dan Campell, Ed Carr, H. Miller, Moody and Allbright, had also been invited. The reporter, after borrowing a clean collar, a pair of cuffs, and a necktie, started for the scene of festivities. But why all this commotion? Miller is seen racing across the fields looking for Davis and Van Allen with a decidedly crest-fallen countenance. "Dewey" had "got twisted." Mrs. Morrill wanted but three. Campbell started down the hill with a gait quite resembling a giraffe, Carr mused on the misfortune of being a freshman, Miller took it as a good joke, and John and Davis started for the Chi Psi Lodge to get dinner and tried to look as tho they hadn't been duped, but were unsuccessful. Whenever anyone speaks to "Dewey" these days, on whatever subject, he immediately proceeds to explain explicitly how it happened that he got mixed. Look out for him. He is simply insane on the subject for a few days. You're a lobster, "Dewey," and no mistake.

—Most important debate on Monday in Municipal Law. Affirmative ably upheld by Drummond, Stryker, Stowell, et al; negative poorly defended by "Pretty" with no supporters and no applause. The debate was spirited and evidenced great preparation and determination. No decision. "Pretty" renders verdict on following day in favor of the affirmative.

—Dr. Oren Root delivered his lecture on "The Making of a Nation" under the auspices of the Young People's Societies of the Walcott Memorial Church in New York Mills, Monday evening. Dr. Root was the principal speaker at the Lincoln G. A. R. memorial meeting held in Utica Thursday evening.

—Communications have been received from the Intercollegiate Committee who have in charge the college features of the inaugural program at Washington, March 4, inviting participation in the great college parade.

—"Prize" confesses that he wasn't in class the day before and "Pretty" remarks that he hasn't marked him absent, to "Prize's" discomfiture and the class's horror. Oh, in sooth, the tongue is an evil member.

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### College Notes.

—"Schnitz" accuses Dunn of polyglotism.

—Prex cut Bible and Debate on Wednesday.

—"Prex" was out of town almost the entire week.

—Landers inspects valentines weeks ahead of time.

—Hatch, ex, '01, was on the hill during the week.

—"Little Greek" was away a good share of last week.

—Several students of Colgate attended the college dances.

—Most of the professors found us with cuts during the week.

—Seniors took class cuts in American History on Thursday and Friday.

—Esty tries to jolly "Pretty" by telling him to go on while the bell is ringing.

—Weston, '00, and Humeston, '99, came down from Auburn Seminary for the dances.

—"Bunc" DeVotie, '03, is around once more. He has been troubled with a "swelled" head.

—"Uncle" John generously placed his apartments at the disposal of the Junior Prom. committee.

—The galleries of the chapel were crowded Wednesday noon with our fair visitors and guests.

—There were perhaps more coasting parties on the hill this week than during any week of the term.

—"Psycho" appeared on College Hill Thursday for the first time this week.

None of the class in sight.

—Hard winds and tall drifts made progress through the campus exceedingly difficult during the week.

—Much against his will "Uncle" John was obliged to cut the Sophs on Tuesday. The gym floor was too slippery.

—Prof. Hoyt, '72, of Auburn Seminary preached a fine sermon in Chapel on Sunday. He also spoke at the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the afternoon.

—Six seniors were in their accustomed seats in Chapel on Thursday morning. All the classes wore the appearance of a quartette of thinned and battered regiments.

—The Senior German Seminary class is to begin next week the study of Middle High German. The German class has concluded "Nathan, Der Wise" and will read next "Lessing's Prose."

—The Dramatic Club has been forced to suspend its labors during the last week, but Manager Van Allen hopes to be able to accept invitations to present "Betsy" about the first week of March. The cast, as at present constituted, consists of Keough, Drummond, Stowell, Stryker, Mintz, Hawley, Harwood, Bastian and Dickinson.

—The German club met at Dr. Brandt's last Friday evening and read the three concluding acts of Minna Von Barnhelm. All seniors of the class were present. The other members of the club are the Misses Stryker, Pardee and Metcalf, Mrs. Dr. Dudley and Prof. Ibbotson. The next piece will be Moser's comedy, "Koepinckerstrasse 120."

—Sunday, February tenth, the class of 1872 was well represented. In the pulpit were Professor A. S. Hoyt, D. D., of Auburn, its Valedictorian, and President Stryker; in the gallery were the Hon. A. H. Toll, of Denver, Professor A. G. Benedict, of Houghton Seminary, and Professor H. C. G. Brandt, its Salutatorian. A son of each was in the audience.

—A musical was given in chapel Wednesday afternoon by E. J. Humeston, '99, now of Auburn Theological Seminary. "Humy" played with his old-time and well-known skill and fire, and greatly pleased and was frequently applauded by a numerous audience of students and their fair guests. He was assisted by D. T. Hawley, '02, who sang several selections charmingly.

—Tuesday evening the Delta Upsilon and Theta Delta Chi Fraternities opened the festivities of the week by formal receptions. About ninety were present

at the Delta Upsilon House. Among the out-of-town guests were Messrs. Dow, Schafer, Wright, of Syracuse University, and Messrs. Marion and Phipps, of Colgate, the Mesdames Stryker, Brandt, Morrill, Ward and Allen, of Clinton, and Mrs. White, of Albany.

### Dance Week Ended.

This day terminates Hamilton's great dance week. No college week in years so well deserves the epithet. It were difficult to remember such a period in our existence, when Hamilton has been so absolutely steeped in affairs social, so completely absorbed with the gentler sides of college life. Books abandoned and forgotten, lessons un-noticed, classes unattended, cuts by the wholesale, sleepless nights, languid limbs, dreary eyes, expansive and explosive sensations in the head, and a great many other things too good and too numerous to mention, have been the leading features of this eventful week.

Of all the deities who preside over college life, Terpsichore has been first, and the rest nowhere. Surely no one will deny her right to reign at least one week in the thirty-five which span our college year. No one who appreciates the value of the graces will gainsay the right of her fond votaries to pay her court and homage in this fashion at least once an Olympiad, though such devotion may mean some temporary sacrifices of studies, some abandonment of regular college work. Our president has often spoken of the romance of college life, and this it is surely which smooths the roughness of many a thorny path and dissipates the gloom of many an oppressive and harassing hour, and without it, college life would be like a rainbow robbed of its lines like a painting done in black and grey. What if our work has slightly suffered; at this particular point in the progress of time, we feel like that famous and fatuous French monarch, who exclaimed "After us, the deluge!" And now for a good, long snooze through the Sabbath.

### Faculty and Student.

The absorbing social activity of the college during the week, suggests the thought and recalls more vividly a fact which we have long noted, namely, that there is something of a vacuum in our social life in the very limited private intercourse between students and faculty.

We believe that there is nothing in college life more potentially beneficial, more a part and a real part of a college course, more to be encouraged and invited, than constant association of professors and students. The contact of the class-room is largely limited, formal, general. It has, of necessity, little of the personal and private element which makes communion in the highest degree instructive, delightful and ennobling.

What the student sorely needs at many periods of his college course, and what so often he deplorably lacks, is advice and personal instruction from those whose larger experience, superior abilities and elevated positions, give them the means and the opportunity to do much in controlling and directing the ambitions, the ideas, the careers of those who, for four years are, in so large a measure, committed to their charge. At Princeton, we believe, a regulation has been recently introduced enjoining upon freshmen, and making disobedience subject to penalties, to advise with members of the faculty as to subjects to be elected and courses to be followed. Modified forms of such a system exist in various institutions, and witness the desire of faculties and their recognition of its usefulness, to establish a close and frequent intercourse between professor and student.

There are as many men who fail by reason of ill-chosen careers, as because of absence of those natural qualities which are commonly supposed to bottom success. It is as important that men should follow that profession for which nature seems to have destined them, as that they should yield themselves to the discipline and preparation necessary to successful work. To teach the student to know himself, to make the best use of his powers, and not to err in the choice of a career, the professor wields a mighty influence, and can accomplish much in those private talks in which the student, away from the restraints and formalities of the class-room, can open his soul and pour out its sincerest thoughts. And these private interviews with a sympathetic and intelligent teacher are a liberal education in themselves, as much a part of a true college curriculum as the regular courses of study. Who can estimate the subtle, the profound, the abiding influence of contact with such a teacher as the late and always to be lamented Dr. Hopkins. We have seen many a student come from his presence, from pri-

vate talks with him at his home, from contact with his manly sympathies, and the liberality and vigor of his mind, feeling almost that they had been born anew, saturated with another spirit, and filled with those unspeakable feelings which not books nor reflection nor eloquence can give, but only the inspiring presence and expression of a noble soul.

Again we say, the lessons and lectures of the class-room, or a ten minutes interview on the campus, can not be a substitute for that close, familiar contact with professors at their homes, which we believe should form an essential feature of college life. There is not a man on the faculty who in this way can not, if he will, contribute greatly to make the student's life at college brighter, sweeter, more hopeful and beneficial.

This appeal would not be made if we believed that the members of the faculty were doing their whole duty (for such we believe it to be,) in establishing the strongest *entente cordiale* between themselves and the student body. Most students consider the professors too much occupied with their work to venture to visit them without something better than a general invitation. And there are few students who would not accept, and do not accept, with eagerness and joy, invitations to call at the homes of our faculty.

### Chi Psi Dance.

Wednesday evening the Chi Psi Fraternity gave a dance at their Lodge on College Hill. The patronesses were Mrs. Calder, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Frost. Gartland's band, of Albany, furnished music, and it was unusually fine. When encores are requested Gartland is just the man to have. His musicians responded promptly to every one, even for the second and third time, willingly. All seemed to be having the "time of their lives." About 85 were present. The dance broke up at 3:30 a. m. The Chi Psi's have had a house party for the week. Those present were Mrs. Calder and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hatch, chaperones, and the Misses Munson, Calder and Bailey, of Utica, Miss Edwards, of Rome, Miss Ferris, of Westchester, Miss Isabel McCurdy, of Youngstown, O., Miss Liecny, of New York, Miss Keogh, of Albany, the Misses Crump, of Poughkeepsie, Miss Russel, of Penn Yan.

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