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In College and Out of It.

In all the realm of College Literature there appears but little on the important topic of individual responsibility toward the honor or dishonor of a man's Alma Mater. In the biography of men of distinction we find mention of their character in their college days. Indeed, great men as a rule are extremely loyal to their beloved mother. We need but to speak of Roosevelt and Harvard, of Root and Hamilton, and scores of others who have retained the early love through all the vicissitudes of an active public life.

The men who compose the alumni of an institution are watching with intense anxiety the conduct of its undergraduate body. They know whether the college is gaining or losing. It is a striking fact that the interest felt throughout that great body is but a reflection of the interest and devotion of the undergraduates. Did it ever occur to you that Hamilton spirit is either increasing or declining on account of your efforts, and those of your associates?

Every man has some duties to perform daily and their neglect or well-doing bespeak the College body for the year 1901-1902. Is it composed of men who sanction the perpetuation of long-established customs, and consider well the new, or do they allow their mater to suffer by some slight difference of opinion or fancied wrong?

We believe that every man on this hillside has done something for the College. We believe that every man of every class possesses the latent ability to do a vast deal more. Whether in literary, athletic or any other line, the College will give credit justly deserved. Rarely has this judgment been misplaced. Men watch and estimate the manner in which others perform their service to the College, and the subsequent judgment is a true mirror. If you are not receiving the recognition you think you deserve, analyze your attitude

toward the College. Put your shoulder to the task and help worthy enterprises. No man can expect to receive something out of this place who puts nothing in it. It is but beggary to ask more than you pay for. This is the finest campus, the best College, you ever knew; here is ample opportunity to display the qualities of nature which bespeak manhood. A worthier mother never lived, and she asks you to fight her battles.

But this is in College. Responsibility, however, does not cease when leaving the hill. It follows homeward, it travels with you at every stage, and it clings to you as closely as if you had its name pinioned on your forehead. Few men outside this community know what takes place on Kirkland hill, but the public know Hamilton when they observe its men. A precious name is honored or disgraced in accordance with your conduct. Men of Hamilton, wear the buff and blue colors triumphantly, and trail them never. Your beloved Alma Mater, with its scores of alumni scattered like atoms in a cold, cold world, trusts and credits you.

Clark Prize Appointees.

Pursuant to the decision of the faculty and trustees that a legitimate restriction be placed upon competition for Clark Prize, the following men have been designated as eligible to write: In addition to those who have participated in prize declamation contests, Messrs. Frear, Signor, Minor, Warren, Payne and Reeve have been elected to the quarrel of the quill.

This innovation was introduced with a perfected purpose. In order that the K. P. exhibition might be thoroughly representative of both the oratorical and literary merit of Hamilton College, the above method of first deciding as to eligibility and then as to the merit of the individual efforts, was adopted. This process will prove of twofold advantage. In the first place it will offer an incen-

tive and a stimulus to aspirants from the inception of their course. It will redound to the inevitable betterment of the practice, both of oration and of essay. It will conduce to the greater credit of all chapel appearances and general literary productions. It will promote perseverance and consistency each man's individual work else his eligibility will be impaired. And it will prevent that by inadvertency or pressure any may be appointed above one who might have more deserved election, both in letter and in spirit.

Of course this requirement bears heavily upon the upper classes, since the regime has been inaugurated for but so short a period, but even then we feel that as a rule the best merit and ability of the senior class is represented in the appointees and we feel no apprehension as to their acquittal at the crucial hour.

The Exam. Schedule.

The exam. schedule apparently meets the satisfaction of the college in general to the end. Complaints as to crowding or conflict are conspicuous for their absence. The appointments are so arranged as to accommodate the most exacting convenience. The respites are evenly distributed in the majority of instances which fact gives no opening for dissatisfaction. In short, the schedule is as halycon a one as could be planned.

As the conclusion of the term is phenomenal for its schedule of sorrows, so let it be exceptional for the manner in which we bear and bleed them. In order to enjoy the vacation we must be unharassed by the thought that a delinquency awaits our unfond return. Get into it!

—It is up to some heroic fellow to put on the armor of a policeman, and head an expedition against the people who persist in stealing sleds left at the top of the hill.

To Improve Coasting.

Now that the snows have been adequately melted from the hillside it would be an opportune time for enterprising freshmen to attend to some of the defects in the walk which deserve and in fact demand consideration. All these deficiencies should be set at nought before the permanent snows begin to fall and necessitate the abandonment of any such project. In order to have secure coasting, and at the same time to have it smack of sport and zest, the Psi U curve in particular needs attention. In its present impaired condition it will never adjust itself to our desires nor adapt itself to the course of the sleds. In times of yore a miniature trench has always been excavated on the immediate interior side of the walk in order that the sled-shoe and runner may drop over the elevated walk and insure a safe circling of the curve. This cannot be done as the curve is now. Of course the erupted walk has been repaired in the best manner and method that circumstances will allow, and we'll have to be contented until the advent of another vernal season. But to the Psi U curve in special, some enterprising band of freshmen after consultation with the Psi U authorities could to their credit and the convenience of the college in general, devote a little needed labor and decidedly improve thereby our winter's sledging.

An Opportunity for Inference.

To the observant eye there appear to be great projects in contemplation by both sophomores and freshmen. There is that air of compellent secrecy in the attitude and the demeanor of certain men in both classes which bespeaks a purpose on their part and the intended discharge of a responsibility. We can but attribute all these evidences to the progress made by those omnipotent bodies known as the "poster committees." Judging from the capabilities of both classes in the realm of real rowing we infer their co-ordinate abilities along the lines of biting satire and deserved censure. We expect to be afforded a considerable amount of delectation at the opening of next term by reading the respective proclamations. We need not inform the committees that in both classes there is abundance of material and object. They need to have their frailties and foibles heralded, and let them be

"bruited" with no uncertain or redundant horn. Let them see themselves as others see them. Mirror up to them their own impressions made. Let it be in mud or marble. Have no qualms. It doth rejoice the hungry heart to read a ribald line. Bohn in!

Everybody Go.

A benefit entertainment is to be given this evening at Scollard Opera House, in which the college musical clubs appear in Clinton for the first time. They will furnish only part of the program. Later, in January, these clubs will give an entertainment under their own auspices. Following is the program for this evening's entertainment:

Shadow Pictures; Mandolin Club, "Ole Mississippi"; reading, selected, Wilbur J. Downey; Glee Club, "Ole King Cole"; reading, selected; D. T. Hawley; Banjo Club, "Niagara Falls"; reading, selected, Wilbur J. Downey; Mandolin Club, medley; Glee Club, "Stein Song."

A Plea for Brevity.

(With apologies to an old declamation.)

Have mercy, O ye future orators, ministers and talkers generally, have mercy on your hearers. Let your words be measured by the minute hand of your watch and not by an eight-day clock. Bethink you of the innumerable throng of speakers and writers this hillside has nourished and lay to heart the significant fact that he alone among them was successful on the college stage whose brevity was proverbial and whose most wordy speech was hardly five minutes in length. Many of our embryonic public speakers and sermonizers are so long coming to the point that they remind one of the Dutch gymnast who ran a mile to jump ten feet, and finding himself out of breath, stopped to rest, and then leaped at leisure.

Do you say it costs labor to be brief? Of course it does. Mere words are cheap and plenty enough but ideas that rouse and set multitudes thinking, come as gold comes from the quarry. Your five-minute man must be a worker, not easily satisfied and much given to blotting.

How well we will remember, in later years, the many hours spent in gazing up at the chapel stage and listening to lengthy and fossilized declamations. What a blessing would an automatic

bell arrangement be, sure to ring off the speaker at the right moment. This would distinguish many a dry political or moral discourse and would relieve much suffering. "ALIQUIS", '05.

Advisory Board Meeting.

The following men were put in nomination:

President, Prof. Henry White; vice-president, Prof. W. H. Squires; treasurer, Prof. A. P. Saunders; secretary, G. E. Miller, '03; manager of football, H. T. Maxwell, '03; assistant manager, D. J. Carter, '03; sophomore representative, J. E. Strickland; freshman representative, Conklin Mann.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the interscholastic track contest. It is composed of Captain Naylor, '02, H. M. Tuthill, '03, and Remington, '04. The committee on the indoor exhibition will consist of Drummond, '02, Grant, '04, and Wicks, '04.

The nominations of the board are uniformly good. The men are representative. Each of them is well known to the college. They have shown their interest in affairs both on the football and other fields. They are men who stand for the best interests of athletics, and their election will show that the college appreciates what they have already done. LIFE urges the election of the entire ticket.

Theta Delt Dance.

On last Wednesday evening the Theta Delta Chi fraternity entertained informally. The patronesses for the occasion were Mrs. M. W. Stryker, Mrs. T. F. Nichols and Mrs. Taylor, of Houghton Seminary. The out of town guests consisted of Miss Laing, of Buffalo, Miss Hayden, of Easton, Pa., Miss Huston, of Englewood, N. J., and Miss Harris and Miss Babcock, of Utica. The music was furnished by Miss Charles, of Utica, and was considered superb. Humeston, '99, and McLaughlin, '01, were on hand for the affair.

—Prof. Robinson: "Dr. Root, I intend to flunk about 10 per cent. of my Sophomore Latin class this term."

Prof. Root: "If 10 per cent. of my class failed Prof. Robinson, I would consider it was the fault of the teacher."

—Pretty talks about "political pap" in Finance.

News of the Colleges.

—Professor Kent and Dean Sanders, of Yale, have edited nine volumes soon to be published of ancient inscriptions prepared by leading scholars in United States, England and Germany. Many of the inscriptions have never been published. They are mainly Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian and Arabian.

—The choice of Roland Pearce Jackson, 1902, to captain the Columbia crew in 1902, was received with hearty approbation from the students of that college.

—Columbia will enter the intercollegiate chess tournament to be held during Xmas vacation. Harvard, Yale and Princeton will also be represented.

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WE BELIEVE that we voice the sentiment of a large portion of the College when we say, that the lack of system in the matter of reviews has given rise to a growing demand for some definite scheme by which these can be regulated. In the last few weeks examples of the inconvenience occasioned by the indiscriminate manner by which these are carried has been painfully evident. Every professor arranged his work in such a manner that reviews come regularly in his subject, and in fairness we must say, that when too many have come on one day there has been a tendency shown to put off one in order that the others may be held. But this is not where the difficulty lies. Injustice dwells in the fact that for several weeks no reviews are held, and then all at once we are startled by the report that we are to have four or five reviews that week, and often these come either all on one day or on two successive days. It is very easy to have, say, one or two reviews a week, but to have them in a bunch is not only unwise and unjust, and unprofitable, but also extremely injurious to health. This sitting up all night to get up two or three exams. for the next day is entirely unnecessary. It needs only a settled plan between the different departments to straighten this matter out. There is no argument in the statement that we should be so well prepared that it is unnecessary to read up much. This needs no contradiction here. At the beginning of another term LIFE would like to see a concerted plan this matter for the evident good of everybody.

IN NO spirit of faultfinding but in

the interest of whatever pertains to the college welfare we cannot refrain from voicing our sentiments about the Chapel exercises. We dislike to call a man shiftless because of a failure until we understand all the circumstances which led thereto; nevertheless, it is but fair to say that some men have lost and are losing the golden opportunities of their college life when they appear before the student body at a chapel exercise with an oration, discussion or essay, in which the author has not taken the time to make it interesting or the care to ensure a good rendition of the same. Some have confessed with all due humility that they cannot deliver as well or as fluently for rhetorical as others, but they feel as though they were imposed upon when able men do not do the best they can. To throw away the chance of delivering something that the college will remember, is worse than casting diamonds into the sea for the sake of losing them. It is an honor to have the college give you a hearing, and to abuse this privilege is to admit your own insincerity and your own self respect. No man has any right to ask the Chapel to hear him when he has not taken the pains to prepare his subject. We are not "bohnners" nor "grinders." We don't believe in all work and no fun but we do believe that there is a place for each, and that the Chapel is no proper channel to confess indolence or unappreciativeness of other men's time and attention. And this is also true of a college meeting; to divest it of dignity by improper conduct or frivolity is justly reprehensible. What the college does as a body should be serious, deliberate, manly, businesslike and careful. Frivolity is as out of place in such a body as a thorn is in the flesh. It means too much; it is worth too much to rob it of its old-time dignity. Thoughtlessly perhaps, but unintentional as it may be, it is offering a dangerous ground.

THE musical clubs have been granted a four days' excuse for the purpose of making a northern trip. Twenty-five will be taken from the thirty-eight now trying. A project is under way to give a banquet in Watertown on the evening of the entertainment at which speeches will be made by alumni and representatives of the faculty and student body. Now that the faculty has assisted the effort it is the duty of every club to put itself in the best possible condition to

appear before an audience. Rehearsals must be frequent and attended by everyone who cares to try for the trip. No man can expect to go who shows a desultory or half-hearted spirit. He must help push all the time. New music must be learned. Drills must be held, for we must take nothing out of here which is not worthy of the name of Hamilton. "Cinched" positions are unknown on these clubs at the present time. Try for them and if you deserve the trip you will be taken.

IT HAS been noticed with more than satisfaction that a couple of beacons have been instituted in the halls of North. The enterprise of these men is to be commended. The pride they take in the presence of these torches is to be their praise. Why cannot more lamps be swung in the corridors? To drive away the deep Cimmerian darkness would be a feat not only feasible but generally desirable. We all know how the sensation of collision in the halls confounds the victims. Often indiscreet remarks are voided from the tongue. These lamps are lights both to the physical and the psychic eye. They guide the step and, as well, the soul. So let the mission work continue. The expense entailed is insignificant and the convenience derived tremendous. The college will not provide so we must furnish our needs ourselves.

NEXT week there comes the destined round of mental torture. Those who by their recitations have impressed the preceptors in charge with the validity of their reasoning will have an opportunity to vindicate the reputation and maintain it. Those who have suffered at the hands of perverted opinion will have a chance to revolutionize the same. It means a succession of days which should be nights and nights which are converted into days. Sleep will prove forbidden fare for many. We hope for a scarcity of flunks and a deficit of delinquencies. Here's to at least a six spot for all and bloods for many.

IN THE death of Arthur W. Soper Hamilton College loses a steadfast friend. Although not a graduate of this college he yet was as loyal and true to her as her own sons. With the assistance of his two brothers he equipped and remodeled "Old Middle" into this fine gymnasium that we have today. His foster mother mourns his loss and grieves over his departure.

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that the college receives the notice that the Christmas vacation is to be lengthened five days. The term will open on Jan. 8 instead of Jan. 2. The faculty has listened to the request of the students and generously granted their petitions.

Early in the term LIFE advocated this change. We were told by some that it was inconsistent with last year's policy; that our ideas had changed in a year. We admit these columns advocated two weeks for each vacation last year, but we did so because it was the wish of the college body in 1901. The editors represent no clique or clan, but their plain duty and steady policy is to reflect student opinion. That we did so, was manifested by the large vote cast in favor of a petition for a change this year. Our purpose is to present the ideas of any one who wishes to use these columns. LIFE is published in the interests of the entire college, and when so evident a majority stand as a unit in favor of any project, the editors do not consider that *their* will, but that of the majority should rule, even at the cost of sacrificing their own ideas if necessary. We rejoice with the college that the Christmas vacation has been fixed in accordance with its wishes.

THE numerous requests that we have received from High School papers for exchanges goes to show that the name of Hamilton is becoming better known every year. Our list has already been increased by nearly half a hundred of these and we gladly respond to their requests. One of the objects of LIFE has always been to help to proclaim our alma mater to every portion of the country. So we welcome these exchanges because we see in them an evidence of the growing popularity of this institution.

Basket-ball Schedule.

- Jan. 8, Freshmen vs. sophomores.
- 11, Juniors vs. seniors.
- 15, U. F. A. at Clinton.
- 18, Interclass championship.
- 22, Williams at Williamstown.
- 24, R. P. I. at Troy.
- 29, Colgate at Hamilton.
- Feb. 1, Rochester at Rochester.
- 5, Colgate at Clinton.
- 12, Rochester at Clinton.
- Mar. 8, Cornell at Utica.


Negotiations are in progress for a game with Hobart, Trinity, Williams and Columbia. The latter three will be played in Utica.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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Sunday mail open from 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. Sunday mail closes at 5:20 p. m.

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

F. E. PAYNE, P. M.

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College Notes.

- Where is Tommy Mac?
- Call a little earlier next time, Sig.
- Prex is visiting Goss at Washington.
- Slippery walking on the hill these days.
- Dick Drummond was on the hill Monday.
- McLaughlin, '01, is on the hill for a few days.
- It seems to be the thing just now to have a cold.
- McLaughlin, '01, spends Thanksgiving at Houghton.
- Hoffman still persists in raising his hand in Bugs' class.
- They say that Pritchett is getting an awful supe in Bible.
- Dr. Dwight Holbrook, '75, was a guest on the hill over Sunday.
- When will that new chapel bell relieve us of our misery?
- The sophomores had final Dutch exams. on Friday and Saturday.
- Final exams. in "Dutch" have been keeping things moving this week.
- Juniors in Chapel Saturday gave excellent papers on the elective system.
- Only three more weeks of grind and midnight oil and then a long vacation.
- Tennant seemed somewhat loath to state his reasons in chapel Wednesday.
- Prof. Robinson suggests the word "windy" for the translation of a Latin term.
- Seniors in Philosophy are wishing that Spinoza had kept his philosophy a secret.

—R. C. White, '04, has discovered that his cognomen "Rat" means "advise" in French.

—Basket-ball practice is over for this term. Next term the work will begin in earnest.

—It looks as though "Bill Squires" was becoming discouraged with the Junior class.

—"Stink" cut the upper classmen and sophomores in chemistry on Saturday morning.

—There is a rumor that the trolley to Utica will be in operation the early part of next week.

—C. H. Toll, Jr., '04, has the sincere sympathy of LIFE and the college, in his late bereavement.

—Quite a few fellows attended the informal dance given at "Houghton" on Thanksgiving evening.

—E. Van received notoriety down town by responding to a toast in which he cribs from Bill Nye.

—The Smelzer-Tennant combine will have a tendency to exclude all aspiring orators from the stage.

—Harwood is penalized 10 minutes for having cut history of education when he was supposed to lecture.

—The sophs in north had their weekly rough house, as the window panes will—or rather won't—show.

—An octette from the glee club will sing in Rome, Jan. 10, at the dedication of a Presbyterian chapel.

—Lieut. Goss Stryker was in the President's party at the West Point-Annapolis game last Saturday.

—Last Sunday the chapel had the pleasure of listening to an extraordinarily fine sermon by Dr. Terrett.

—As "Schnitz" sails for Europe on Dec. 12, he will hold his examinations on Friday and Saturday of this week.

—S. Sherman informed the sophs in Latin the other day that "both the fathers of Agricola were of senatorial rank."

—The mandolin club met its Waterloo at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday in the form of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

—Furnishings are arriving for the student room in Silliman Hall. The room will be in readiness in a short time.

—A few of the freshmen are sporting new hats with the class colors. Blue and white are well tried and ancient colors—a little originality on the part of '05 would have been appreciated.

—There is positively no reason why certain persons cannot refrain from tearing and mutilating the comic week-

lies over in the reading room. It is a senseless habit and bespeaks ill-breeding.

—In Elocution Hank White asked Palmer what word should be accented in the sentence: "The doctor and his wife went to the theater." Palmer was convinced it should be the pronoun "his".

—Congress has a bill before it on the prohibition of football. This question has been brought to the attention of Congress before, but was voted down. The bill will probably meet with the same fate again.

—The basket-ball team has an unusually fine schedule this year, as they will meet Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Williams and Trinity. This department has become an important factor in our athletic relations.

—The prices of books seems to be constantly on the jump, always rising. On one day last week at the college book store the price of a certain book was known to increase 5 cents in about one hour, and yet the sign still hangs "Don't ask to be 'hung' up."

—On last Saturday evening there was a coasting party given on the hill in honor of Miss Hayden, of Easton, Pa., who is visiting Miss Root. After coasting down the hill a number of times the party was invited to the house of Miss Grace Cauldwell in Clinton and there partook of bounteous refreshments.

—The time of reviews and exams. is once more upon us. For the student it is truly said that as the days begin to lengthen as the cold begins to strengthen. North and South begin to look home-like at midnight. This week we are finding out what we don't know; next week we will tell that same to our several professors. But what if we are mentally embarrassed? What if the work threatens to bury us? Follow Mark Twain's advice and "Cheer up, for the worst is yet to come".

—Rev. G. H. Adalian, a native Armenian, from Marash, Turkey, will speak at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. Mr. Adalian is an exile in this country, owing to the Turkish troubles. With his family he barely escaped the death in the Armenian massacres, and he is now awaiting an opportunity to return to his country as a missionary. While in this country he has been graduated from Andover Theological Seminary, and is now spending his time in preaching. He speaks English fluently and is a man of pleasing personality. He speaks at 4 o'clock Sunday.

Dr. Brandt.

This week concluded the labors of Dr. Brandt for this and the ensuing term here in the curriculum work of the college. All the examinations have been held earlier than usual in order that the preparations for his voyage may be perfected in convenient time. We all feel that the relaxation will be more profitable to him by far, than to those who otherwise would be afforded the opportunity to elect his work. We all wish him a secure and pleasurable cruise and shall await his return with all the love and loyalty that we know. The editors of LIFE will be glad and feel honored to hear from him from time to time in his pursuits.

Obituary.

It was with a sudden and deep sorrow that the college learned of the death of the Hon. Charles Hansen Toll, of the class of '72. The hearts of all in college attend in their generous sympathy the son who was thus called to his sorrowed home and mourning friends. To the bereaved family and loved ones we extend our sincerest sympathy and condolence.

Ode to "Analyt."

[By a Sophomore.]

O "Analyt," my soul's delight,
The time has come when we must part,
Old age, the memory's blight,
Can never drive thee from my heart.

[O "Analyt", of thee no more,
May thou be lost in endless night,
May fire and brimstone, heat galore,
Remove thee from poor mortal's sight.]

W.

—In the selection of an All-American eleven Harvard seems to be favored. Out of the eleven men six are Harvard students. Daly, of West Point, would easily pull captain and quarter, while Bunker of that school would be selected as the running mate of Cutts, of Harvard. Weekes would be selected pre-eminently as half and Kernan as the other.

—The Japanese students at Columbia University have organized the "Columbia Club of Japanese Students," whose object will be not only to promote social intercourse, but also to further the interests of the university in the far East. Most of these students devote themselves to the study of political science. Wasaku Natori, a graduate of Keiogyika University, Tokio., has been elected president.

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