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Coach Sweetland.

Last winter when the football management was confronted by the proposition of securing a coach for the season of 1903, Mr. Sweetland was asked to recommend a suitable man. He applied for the position himself, and accepted the comparatively small salary we could offer him without an objection. The college body immediately waxed enthusiastic and predicted great things for the football team of 1903. They went on the assumption that "everything is possible to Sweetland," and they have in no way been disappointed. The amount of football he has instilled into the squad has been enormous. Not content with slighting any detail he taught his men the science of the game from the interpretation of the rules to the manipulation of his own intricate, and to the opponent, unsolvable formations. With a squad of green men and the task of replacing three graduated 'varsity men of 1903, he began his labor. With never a pause, always hopeful and enthusiastic, he completed his work last week. During this time he not only turned out the fastest 'varsity we have had in years, but also coached a large squad of substitutes who were capable at any time to take their places on the 'varsity, without greatly weakening its strength, a state of affairs before unknown at Hamilton. Because of the lack of heavy men he early saw that hard work must be omitted and everything done to develop speed. This was his object; how he succeeded the College body knows. To aid him in this purpose he almost entirely discarded the use of scrimmage practice. The men were given light work throughout, so that the men entered every game with no bruises and eager to do their best. His knowledge of athletics enabled him to give each man just enough practice to keep him in the best physical condition, there was no "staleness" evident in any the players. Yet the requisites of a coach are not so much the knowledge he

has of his branch of athletics, but his personality. He must be a man whom the men will respect and obey. Here lies Mr. Sweetland's chief value and charm. He is a man unique in personal characteristics. It is a strange fact, that an instructor having close contact with not more than thirty men, could in ten weeks win the universal respect and admiration of the whole College body. He was here in '99, and since then his influence has been constantly felt. Just as the last class, then in College departed, he returned to us and again bolstered up our somewhat lagging spirit and enthusiasm. Modest almost to a fault, he will tolerate no demonstration in which he is to be the central figure. His love also for Hamilton makes the College feel that although a graduate of Cornell, our College holds an equal share in his affection.

Now that this season is over, eyes must be turned to that of 1904. We must, as every man in College realizes, do everything in our power to get him back here next fall. He has just got the ball rolling in good shape. Another season with the men he rounded into form this year, would turn them into an invincible combination. We must get him if possible, and to this end let the efforts of every man in College be turned.

Interclass Basket-ball.

The basket-ball management has completed the schedule for interclass games. The series consists of six games, and tickets good for the series can be obtained for fifty cents. Every one should take a keen interest in these games and buy a ticket to help the basket-ball management out. It has been customary to charge twenty-five cents for each one of the games, but as an additional inducement for every one to come you are allowed to see six for the price of two. The schedule is:

Nov. 28, Juniors vs. Seniors; Nov. 30, Juniors vs. Sophomores; Dec. 3, Freshmen vs. Seniors; Dec. 5, Sophomores vs. Seniors; Jan. 9, Freshmen vs. Juniors; Jan. 13, Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

Review of the Football Season of 1903.

A retrospect of our annual career in football produces all that may cause pride and naught to shame us.

The season was commenced early under the oversight of E. R. Sweetland, Cornell '99, who came in order to inaugurate the results of his work so advantageously supplemented by Rymer and Berrien for the previous three periods. With a parcel of veteran men and more of inferior experience and prowess, the coach and captain subsidized morally by the presence of a goodly corps of graduate players addressed themselves to the task of tightening loose tactics and sifting the unappropriated forces into expedient rank. Owing to the recruited character of the candidates the development of a unit team was the chore of the work and exacted most of the time and efforts of those in charge.

The schedule began with a game against the Potsdam team which was easily and leisurely defeated by a score of 64-5. This tussle tested the mettle of of the individual men and the coherence of them collectively and as a team. From this event as a toe-off the moulding of the team sprang actively forward and revealed its improvement in the offense against Cortland Normal. The combat with St. Lawrence disclosed a corresponding defect in our defense, and to the patching up of this all endeavors were exerted. The difficulty at once incurred was the dearth of inured material, and on this account incessant scrimmage was not only inadvisable but barred. Yet belabored by conditions and ill-starred circumstances the team faced and fought Columbia from whistle to whistle, leaving the field with no inglorious defeat entered to its discredit.

Union was mopped in her homestead mud by strokes 28 to 0, and Hobart and Rochester fell inevitably as well. At Williams the furious play and vaulting

tactics of the purple reenforced by vim and agile avoirdupois wrenched our hopes of laurels and a third of the men on the team. The maiming of Roosa, McIntyre, Nellis and Pratt for the ensuing portion of the season and the temporary disablement of Hosmer and Bramley, all in one tilt, crippled us disastrously then and from then forward. This game left the the squad as a bird with broken wings. We were in poor fettle to prepare for Colgate, lying conchitant for us and our palm. The time was none too generous, but every remedial and recuperative influence was brought to bear upon the remnant force.

We took the train for Hamilton with a storm impending and the snow-rain pelting on our enthusiasm. The day was a wretch of a one. The field was a miserable stretch of treacherous ground which no foot could trust and over which momentum seemed to gather sliding weigh. Our hopes, rejoicing always in conditions favorable to quick, brisk, darting maneuvers, were cropped of their crests. Our inadequacy of weight was a cumulating disadvantage, while the total was commensurately and correspondingly in Colgate's favor. The offense of Colgate for the major duration of the first half was balked and beaten back by strange resistance; the ball kept erratically in Colgate's wet domain. Our novel defense wrought consternation to her plays and players. An unfortunate judgment of a kick made from a formation violative of the rules occasioned an intermission of discussion and regretted parley. The superior weight of Colgate aided by the leaping defense of her backs gradually bore us back until the game ended with our defeat for the first time in 7 years. But at times "clan alpiners best are backward borne;" and "time at last sets all things even," as it shall repeat in doing.

The attitude of Amherst complemented by our circumstances induced the former to cancel the final game of the athletic scheme and wound up the season somewhat disappointedly.

Sweetland's unstinted sacrifices for our football team before and now have infused into the athletic body of the college and its supporters too an inalienable spirit. His work and its consequences will be felt for years that are yet to be ushered in. Our success has but begun to wax and grow out of his ceaseless devotion to the team, its members, the scrub and our codected needs.

The team as a machine this year was

badly disappointed at times and worked at cross purposes. The automatic element was absent on occasions when needed and consistent plying of all limbs would have changed the face of things and reversed the fact. The ingredient of hard fight seemed at times totally eliminated. Individuals and team would not forget that mercy is not a football virtue; violence of play was esteemed too much a vice and, there was a deplorable lack of fury tempered with a relentless discretion. But it requires time and a developed temperament for all these to assert themselves, and their reign will come next year, and after with victory their ever-needed sceptre.

The members of the squad that graduate are Davis, Dowling, Ehret, Soper, Evans and Wills. The college affords these men the homage and honor of honest and appreciative hearts. To Davis, Dowling, Ehret and Soper, who for four weary years have borne the buffets and the strain of scrub work and who have earned a well-wrought fame, all tender applause for what they did and sorrow that they go. To Evans, who has worked with a spirit always able when the body could not meet demands, all credit is beholden. To Capt. Wills, who for four seasons was absent at but a single practice and was withdrawn from but one game, and that because of injuries, every man lifts his cap and shouts a cheer.

The management carried on by Carter and Schwab has furnished the team with the accommodations, which limited resources and conservative superiors would allow. The incumbents have established and maintained the best training table ever administered; they engineered our most expensive season thriftily and generously, and Schwab deserves for his prudence and versatile ability, coupled with respected diligence, the office of chief steward for next year.

To the men, the college corps by whom throats, lungs, purses and presence have been lavished to support the team when cheers meant exultations and when shouts triumphed over the sting of a defeat, the men in suits owe and pay with interest their unfathomable obligations.

It has been Hamilton, thoroughly for Hamilton. Be it perpetuated, and the years shall yield an untold increase of our best activities, and wear away our few deficiencies, as figures trenched in ice, perish before the sun.

Brown University is to have a graduate department.

D. T. C. Banquet.

The D. T. Club held its first banquet of the year at the Butterfield, Monday last. The majority of the members left Clinton in a body and on the trip, the new satellites, entertained the people in the car with songs, speeches and comic stunts. A general jollification marked the club's animal at the Butt., where the hotel guests were appreciative listeners to the debates and songs of the evening. Adjournment was taken to the banquet hall.

After the banquet the club attended "The Girl from Dixie" in a body, occupying the front row of seats. The chrysanthemums—some of those eleven-inch ones which you see advertised in College street—which adorned the organization, created something of a stir. After the show the crowd scattered, some returning early to Clinton, some late, but all unanimous in their verdict of an enjoyable evening.

Theta Delt Informal.

On Tuesday evening a very pleasant reception and dance was given by the gentlemen of the Psi Charge of Theta Delta Chi. Owing to the absence of electric lights the house was very artistically decorated with colored lamps and candles. Bergner, of Utica, furnished the music, and the selections included the popular music, together with fraternity and College songs. The guests were received by Mrs. T. F. Nichols and Mrs. E. E. Edgerton, of Clinton. Among the guests present were: Rev. and Mrs. Humeston, of Vernon; Miss Sherwood, of Syracuse; Miss Silliman, of Herkimer; Miss Golden, of Little Falls, Miss Irene Harris, of Utica; Miss Josephine Harris, of Montreal; Miss Peck, of Vernon, Miss Vedder and Miss Hodge, of Barneveld; Miss Stevens, of Verona; Miss Light, of New Hartford, and Misses Cauldwell, Freiburger, Payne, Quisenberry and Williams, of Clinton. The gentlemen guests were: James Donahue, of New York; Chas. T. Ives, '92, of Clinton; D. G. George, '97, of Rome; C. S. Cunningham, '98, and James Goodier, of Utica; D. R. Campbell, '02, of Johnstown.

The Chess Club.

At a meeting last Saturday the Chess Club reorganized. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Toll, '04; secretary, Harwood, '05; treasurer, Barrows, '06. It was decided to play a tournament next term to determine the men who are to compose the team for inter collegiate matches. Of last year's team Richardson, '05, and Driscoll, '06, are still with us. The club will welcome all new men who can play chess.

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News of the death of Parker Remington, who lately had left his native class of 1904 in order to reclaim his health and assume a capacity of tutor and preceptor privately in Waterville, reached the College early Wednesday morning. The message, sorrow-laden, has cast upon his class, his College and fraternity mates, a grief startling and sincere. No apprehension of a mortal outcome of the operation which he underwent was even entertained, so sanguine were all of his life and the strength of his youth. He had been chosen by his fellow athletes captain of the track team for this year and many other honors elective and potent have been his crown.

The College tenders its total sympathy to the stricken family and sorrowing friends.

THE AMHERST GAME.

Every man in College regrets that the last game of the season fizzled out, especially when it was the only big game to be played on our Campus. Whether Amherst or ourselves should be blamed for mismanagement we will not discuss, it is sufficient to say our team was ready to play the game of their lives last Saturday. What the result of the game would have been must also be but speculation. From a financial point of view, the management no doubt saved money, because a paying crowd would not have braved the snow to watch a football game. We can only regret that Amherst did not visit us. But this is now history. Our thoughts now turn to the season of 1904 and what it will bring forth.

THE SCRUB.

Once more the College pays homage to a faithful and ever present football scrub. The men who get out on Steuben Field every day, rain or shine, during the football season, with no possibility of making the 'varsity, but just to help things along, are the heroes of the football field. They make possible the perfect team work of their more fortunate brothers and are content with the thought that they have done their duty. Football is not recreation, it is work, even for those men who perhaps acquire

glory and football fame. Still these men have something to strive for, which when attained, rewards the victor. But the scrub man has no incentive, but a feeling of duty well performed. This at times is a mighty poor reward for hard knocks. A man who works for his College in this manner rightly, has the admiration of the college body. The scrub has not been lined up against the 'varsity much this fall, but when it was needed, it was there, making possible as only it could do, the good football team we had this season.

CONCERNING SLEDS.

With the advent of coasting comes LIFE'S usual admonition on the traditions, uses, and privileges of coasting. Everyone one in College, with the exception, perhaps, of the freshmen, know the unwritten but binding laws which govern this sport. But for some reason there seems to be more complaint this winter than is customary about lost, strayed, or stolen sleds.

It is very provoking, as every one knows, to drag a sled up the hill and then when you wish to go down again, find that some one else has made way with it. Perhaps you find it half-way down the hill, or again down towards the Oriskany. Of course some of this taking of sleds is no doubt to be laid at the door of the raft of small boys who frequent the hill. But still every man in College should be careful not to take someone else's sled, either carelessly or otherwise. It would not be entirely amiss, perhaps, to drop a warning to any small boy seen with a College sled. In short: "Do unto others as you would be done by."

SOMETHING WE NEED.

We need a system of lockers in the Gym. We feel the want of them every season in our athletics; we need them for track; we need them for football, for baseball and basket-ball, and we need them for the Gym. classes. They are more than a luxury—they are a necessity. We have a first-rate plunge, good showers, a good basket-ball floor, a fair indoor track and an apology for a baseball cage. Our gymnastic equipment is excellent, but the lockers are an adjunct to all that makes each incomplete. Why not combine the main dressing room and the room across the back hall into an ideal place for lockers. That back hall is a perpetual nuisance; it does not communicate

directly with the dressing room, nor is it a good access to the second floor. The walls of the hall could be removed and one large room formed to serve as a dressing room and for locker space. Then the rear door could open into the main room through a small entry, to keep out the weather.

There is no doubt that we need lockers and better room accommodations, but how to get them. The expense of this improvement would be too great for one class, but if '04 and '05 combined, the matter could be arranged. Let's think it over and see if we cannot make this more than a suggestion.

The Football Dinner.

However we feel about the cancelling of the Amherst game there was only one way to feel about the college dinner in the Hall of Commons, that we had a jolly good time and poor food. It was the first occasion of the whole college getting together for a social evening. At 6:30 the crowd had assembled and all took their seats by classes. Professors and alumni mixed in where they found places. The football squad of twenty-three men sat on the platform at the end of the hall. No need of quibbling about it, the dinner was poor, when of all times, it should have been the best possible. But it took only a short time to finish this, and then the fun began. Everybody lit up their pipes and cigars as the team lined up their chairs against the wall on the platform. A number of seniors at one of the head tables appointed themselves chairman, and informally yelled out the numbers of the impromptu program. "Eddie" Carr was called out to lead "Carissima," and the whole college rising, sung the three verses until the rafters rang. Here a number of '99 men gave their yell, and this necessitated responses from each of the present classes. Louis Ehret and "Strick" were next called out and made to go through their stunts. Louis' impersonations of the faculty were especially applauded. After one or two college songs, Dr. Wood was called up to speak for the faculty. Mr. Rudd was the next victim. He paid the college a compliment on the spirit which it had shown during the past season. La Rue of '93 gave a few recollections of the first days of football at Hamilton. "Nelse" Drummond was rather expecting by this time that his turn was coming, and it was. The speech-making

ended with Capt. Wills, who was greeted with a hearty cheer from the fellows. He spoke briefly in thanking the college for the way they had stood by the team through the fall—"it wasn't the team, but the whole college that played football this year." We had all hoped to hear from Sweetland but he was unable to be present. It would have done his heart good if he could have heard that "long rah" yell with his name on the end of it.

To finish the evening the fellows all rose and gave a yell for the team. Then a yell for each of the seniors who had played their last game, Wills, Soper, Evans, Dowling, Ehret, Davis, Pratt, and for Barrows who leaves college this year. Finally a yell for Dewey Carter, the manager, who has won the praise of the team and the college for his faithful work. He has been one of the best managers we have ever had—that's what the team say and they know.

After the college had left the team staid and held the election to next year's captaincy. Speh, '05, was elected.

It is to be hoped that this was only the beginning of a series of such gatherings in the Hall of Commons. No one could fail to appreciate the good feeling and the spirit aroused by setting aside all fraternity connections and mingling together as a college. It was an experiment for the chef, who will be able to do much better next time. About the middle of next term all should be ready for another such enjoyable evening.

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Local Notes.

—Polson, '05, has left College.
 —Perry, '03, visited the Hill Saturday.
 —Reviews begin next week, and then —!

—The coasting has been good during the past week.
 —Ostrander, '99, and wife were on the Hill over Sunday.
 —Fuller, '07, has returned to College after a brief illness.
 —Prof. Ibbotson preached in Chapel last Sunday morning.
 —Prof. Sheppard was ill during the early part of the week.
 —That football dinner was a success. Let's have one every year.
 —Hans, of the class of '99, spent Saturday and Sunday on the Hill.
 —A sophomore Hop will be held either the 13th or 20th of January.
 —Thompson, '06, says that he enjoyed "A Girl from Dixie," last Monday.
 —Dr. Root gave one of his good old lectures to the juniors last Saturday.
 —A great many of the fellows went home Thursday to spend Thanksgiving.
 —"Neise" Drummond was on hand at the football dinner and stayed over Sunday.
 —George, '07, Cunningham, '09, and Campbell, '02, were on the Hill this week.
 —The All-Collegiates defeated the basket-ball squad Monday afternoon, 16-14.
 —LaRue, '03, a member of Hamilton's first 'varsity, was present at the football dinner last Saturday.
 —Speh, '05, right guard of this year's 'Varsity, has been elected captain of football for next year.
 —LeMunyan, '06, has been elected to "D. T." in place of F. Barrows, '06, who is not in College at present.
 —The family of Hon. Elihu Root arrived in Clinton on Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving at their residence here.
 —There have been no electric lights on the Hill since Saturday. Let's hope this electric light war will soon be over.
 —Someone has been helping himself to sleds already. This is a cheap trick and we hope no student is the guilty party.
 —The class of 1906 has elected officers for the coming year. H. Barrows is president; Thompson, vice-president; Roosa; secretary, and DeWitt, treasurer.

—About sixty fellows attended the musical comedy, "A Girl from Dixie," on Monday night. It was "Hamilton night" and the blue and buff was much in evidence.

—It's a mistake to let such reports as "Hamilton 'Varsity Defeated" appear in the Utica papers after a practice game such as we had on Monday, which was merely for trying out the men.

—Tickets for the series of inter-class basket-ball games should be purchased by every man in College. The games will be exciting and interesting, as the class teams are getting into good shape, and the expense is not very great.

College Calendars.

Last week an article appeared in LIFE suggesting that some one get up a College calendar containing pictures of College buildings, &c. As an answer to this article it is suggested that such calendars are and have been on sale at the store of G. Floyd King. He has several of these souvenir calendars containing pictures of various buildings and scenes around the campus. These would very well answer the purpose of last week's suggestion.

The Football Squad.

Below will be found some interesting facts concerning the members of this year's football squad:

'VARSITY.

Wills, '04, left guard, weighs 191, height 6 feet, age 22, on 'varsity 4 years. Played center on Auburn High School before entering college.

Evans, '04, left end, weighs 154, height 5 feet 10 inches, age 24, on 'varsity 2 years. No football experience before entering college.

Soper, '04, right end, weight 144, height 5 feet 7 inches, on 'varsity 1 year. No football experience before entering college.

Speh, '05, right guard, weight 186, height 6 feet 1 inch, age 20, on 'varsity 2 years. No football experience before entering college.

Barrows, '06, right tackle, weight 157, height 6 feet, age 25, on 'varsity 2 years. Played end on Detroit High School.

Mann, '06, fullback, weight 152, height 5 feet 9 inches, on 'varsity 2 years. Played guard on Balston High School.

Bramley, '06, quarterback, weight 145, height 5 feet 9 inches, age 20, on 'varsity 2 years. Played end on Utica Academy.

Thompson, '06, left tackle, weight 180, height 6 feet 3 inches, age 21, on 'varsity 1 year. Played center on Middletown High School.

Nellis, '06, center, weight 169, height 6 feet, age 18, on 'varsity 1 year. Played guard on Johnstown High School.

Roosa, '06, right halfback, weight 143, height 5 feet 8 inches, age 22, on 'varsity 2 years. Played end on Buffalo Central High School.

Hosmer, '07, left halfback, weight 156, height 5 feet 9 inches, age 22, on 'varsity 2 years. Played halfback on Auburn High School.

Wygant, '07, right halfback, weight 157, height 5 feet 10 inches, age 19, on 'varsity 1 year. Played tackle on Holbrook High School.

SUBSTITUTES.

Ehret, '04, fullback, weight 178, height 5 feet 9 inches, age 22. No football experience before entering college.

Pratt, '04, halfback, weight 154, height 5 feet 10 inches, age 20. No experience before entering college.

Dowling, '04, tackle, weight 150, height 6 feet, age 25. Played guard on West Winfield High School.

R. P. Davis, '04, center, weight 156, height 5 feet 7 inches, age 26. No football experience before entering college.

M. A. Davis, '04, guard, weight 254, height 5 feet 10 inches, age 21. No football experience before entering college.

Stowell, '05, halfback, weight 145, height 5 feet 9 inches, age 19. No football experience before entering college.

MacIntyre, '05, quarterback, weight 131, height 5 feet 8 inches, age 21. Played quarterback on Johnstown High School.

Bennett, '06, halfback, weight 150, height 5 feet 9 inches, age 19. Played halfback on Pulaski High School.

Sicard, '06, end, weight 154, height 5 feet 10 inches, age 18. No football experience before entering college.

LeMunyan, '06, end, weight 150, height 5 feet 8 inches, age 21. No football experience before entering college.

Stryker, '06, halfback, weight 150, height 5 feet 9 inches, age 18. Played quarterback on Clinton High School.

Swetman, '07, tackle, weight 163, height 6 feet, age 17. Played guard on Camden High School.

Getman, '07, quarterback, weight 131, height 5 feet 8 inches, age 18. Played quarterback on Central High School, Kansas City.

The average age of the 'varsity is 21 years; average weight 161.

The average age of the substitutes is 20 years; average weight 159.

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Bryn Mawr, feeling the need of a collection of college songs that are distinctively her own, has issued a neat volume of up-to-date songs with a few of the good old ones.

The Columbia freshmen have organized a debating society.

The growth of the University of Wisconsin is remarkable. In 1853 they had 43 students. During the Civil War the college practically disbanded. To-day they number 3,000.

Columbia now boasts of 576 officers and instructors. Yale has 380.

Yale has abolished the rule that made it necessary for athletes to rank 25 points higher on a scale of 400 than those who do not contest in athletic games.

The Yale Athletic Association is to erect an enormous base ball cage. It will be covered by a glass building protected by wire.

Students at Columbia College last year earned \$57,724.57, but nobody is reported to have retired to live the rest of his life on income.

With the profits of the Yale Glee Club concerts during the last six years two scholarships have been founded of \$1,250 each for deserving students. In addition, every year the club has given ten scholarships of \$50 each.

The University of Chicago has a course in Japanese. Professor Rashiaka is the head of the department.

The University of Porto Rico has been organized and the trustees have already been elected.

At the University of Indiana a prize of twenty-five dollars is offered for the best undergraduate newspaper work for this year.

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