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A Change Needed.

The Intercollegiate Track Meet which was held under the direction of Hamilton this year has taught two important things. In the first place it showed that we want a league composed of colleges who will do something. This year the meet at Utica, as far as being an intercollegiate meet, was a large farce. It was nothing more than our dual meet with Colgate repeated. Rochester claiming lack of funds sends down only three men. Now while we do not wish to accuse falsely we must say that on the face of the matter this looks as if Rochester felt able to send three men in order to claim her share of gate receipts. Hobart for two years has made no showing whatever in track, and this year not one letter written to them was ever acknowledge. And in basket-ball Hobart has never sent out a team. Now what is the use of having a league of this kind? The rules say that a college need not send a team to compete unless it desires. That is all right in the case of football, baseball, etc., but when it comes to a track meet, which is the only kind of athletic sport in which more than two teams can participate, every college in the league should be compelled to send a good representation. If a college cannot get out a track team then it ought to get out of the league.

But more than this, the meet this year showed the unfairness of the present system of dividing funds. At present each competing team pays all its expenses, and then receives an equal share in the net gate receipts. Last year we paid \$200 to go to Rochester with a team of 20 men, and received as our share of the gate receipts, the munificent sum of \$20—which so far we have not seen. The year that we went to Schenectady we suffered the same fate. In '98, when the meet was held under our auspices, every competing team was sent back with \$100 as its share. This year the gross gate receipts were about \$820,

which leaves, after all expenses, for band, officials, medals, banner, etc., have been paid, about \$600 to be divided. Now Rochester, who sends three men down at little expense, expects to receive \$200, while Hamilton, who did all the work of getting up the meet, and Colgate, who sent down a full quota of men together with the whole college for support, receive the same amount. This is gross injustice and should not be tolerated. Let us hope that the intercollegiate advisory board, which meets in the fall, will right this matter and see that a fair division of funds is made this year.

Senior Ball.

The committee on Senior Ball have been making every effort to give the college the best dance in its history. There will be a band for two-steps and an orchestra for waltzes. There will be a third more musicians than usual. The programs will be superior to any ever gotten out for the hill. Best of all, the floor will be in prime condition if we have to employ two men for a week to bring this about. There are other improvements that the committee, remembering the criticisms of four years, have introduced. All that remains for a complete success, is to have a large attendance; and that is chiefly for you to take care of. It is to be hoped a good number will stay through Commencement. MILLER, '03, Chairman.

—Putnam, '03, has accepted a position for the summer as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Texas Valley and has taken up his duties there.

—The Houghton Commencement has been the center of interest for many men on the Hill during the past week. At the class day exercises Harper, '03, gave a response in behalf of the College. The week's enjoyment culminated in the reception and dance Wednesday night.

Review of the Baseball Season.

The baseball season began with rather unfavorable prospects. We had but one pitcher to depend on and our games were so scheduled as to necessitate at least two to carry out the season successfully. And then there were places vacant on the team. Practice began winter term in the Gym., consequently Captain Durkee had his candidates in good shape when Coach Setley came. However, we did not enjoy the services of "Wild Bill" very long; he has signed elsewhere. The rest of the practice went along practically without a coach.

The queer thing about the season is that all the games on the campus we won; all away from home we lost. The men seemed to be nervous when off their home ground. With this exception the whole team played the kind of ball which, under ordinary circumstances, would give Hamilton an invincible combination.

The outfield was beyond reproach during the whole season. The infielders played a rather erratic game. At times they fielded very fast, but their great weakness was their throwing. The battery work was extremely satisfactory and steady, both pitchers being cool-headed and effective. Bramley as catcher held the team well together and showed good judgment in sizing up batters.

Considering the individual players, we must remember that by the graduation of 1903 we will lose three of the best baseball men we have ever had on our teams. Captain Durkee has shown all the qualities essential in an efficient captain; perseverance, patience and spirit. He has been fair and encouraging to every candidate. He has developed into the best pitcher we have ever had, possessing great speed, control and judgment. Whenever the game looked dubious, "Durk" came to the rescue and saved the day. Throughout the season he has been one of the surest hitters on the team.

Hunter is one of the few men who can occupy almost any position and fill it well. He played first base his freshman year, caught a star game his next two years, and held down third in a most efficient manner this last year. Always cheering the team up, one of the surest men with the stick, a heady base runner and an all-around man, his loss will be greatly felt.

Davy Peet is fast enough to make any college nine in the country. During all the four years that Dave has played college ball there has never been a better all-around player on the team. At the bat his home runs came at opportune times. The best athlete we have seen for years, his place will be hard to fill.

Judd, on first, has always been a valuable man, but at times is not sure of ground balls from the bat. He covers first in very fast style and his reach cuts off many a base hit. He is never a sure batter because of the "water pail foot."

Soper showed good spirit in sacrificing a sure place in the outfield to help us out as alternate pitcher. He lacks experience in this position, but showed up remarkably well. He has good control and keeps the batters guessing.

White is sometimes a brilliant player but is nervous. If he could overcome this tendency he would be one of our strongest fielders. His batting is not very sure. However, he played a good game this year on third.

Stiles, in the outfield, can't be beaten. Whenever a fly comes his way "Ike" is always there. His batting is sure and his base running has improved much this year. He is as fast an outfielder as there is on any college team in the country.

Farrell did not play his usual game this year. Last year he was one of the surest hitters on the team and a speedy base runner. He fielded well, but failed at bat.

Bramley played a very steady and encouraging game behind the bat. He is a valuable addition to the team and good for three years more.

Ferris is one of the best men we have pulled from any freshman class. He is a sure outfielder and one of the surest men with the bat we have. He is always there at critical times with the necessary hit.

Easton showed up in the early part of the season as one of our fastest and neatest infielders, but he became very

erratic as the season progressed. He lacks confidence.

The scrub has shown true college spirit in the faithful support they have given the captain and deserve commendation. All and all, it has been a very creditable season. We played in hard luck right straight through. Lack of coaching, injuries to players and a small pitching staff all combined to make a hard schedule harder.

Track Season of 1903.

The old familiar crack of the pistol, the excitement of the spectators and contestants, the contented smile of the victor, the satisfied look of the conquered, feeling that he had fought a good fight, are things that have already flown upon the wings of time. And now that the heat of the battle is over let us look into the past and see what Hamilton's loyal sons have done for their dear old Alma Mater.

Spring term opened with a large number of candidates working hard for the coveted prizes. Everything looked bright when suddenly fate dealt us a blow which left a gap in our ranks never to be closed. George Miller, who had developed into a runner always sure of first in the half, was obliged to leave our ranks on account of a rupture. Yet he was with us throughout.

Captain Jones. Too much praise and appreciation cannot be showered on our departing track captain. Always a faithful, hard worker, this season saw him surpass all previous efforts. Although handicapped by a strained leg the latter part of the season, even with such a great disadvantage, he gritted his teeth and ran faster than ever before. Without doubt the best and most conscientious man we have had in the sprints for years, his departure will make a vacancy impossible to fill.

DeVotie. He is worthy of the highest tribute. Too much cannot be said of his faithfulness and splendid loyalty. Working while others loafed, he has given to us an example which, if followed by Hamilton's sons, will place her athletics upon the highest plane.

Blakely. Handicapped with K. P. and prize exams, he was unable at first to give us his best ability; yet when the final struggle came he clearly proved his prowess with the hammer by breaking the intercollegiate record held by himself. To him the College owes a great debt for his wonderful perseverance

and the masterly way in which he has conquered every obstacle placed in his path.

Morris. Fighting against almost certain defeat, nevertheless he has toiled on, and his presence will be missed when the call for the 2-mile is given in 1904.

Wood. What a team we would have had if all had been made of the same metal as "Woody." Frail but full of spirit and nerve, he has striven against heavy odds and has been victorious. From such a man the College can expect nothing but good results next year.

Wicks. "Bobby," our faithful and efficient manager, has been a great help to the team both in the pole vault and broad jump. Burdened by the duties that devolved upon his office, he has been unable to do his best. Still he has been a good point gainer, and his prospects for next year are of the highest.

White. Always sure of first in the shot-put, his services to the team cannot be estimated. He has been faithful and reliable. The College looks for good results from him next year.

Remington. He is another of the class of '04 who has done himself proud. His work at the high jump has been very creditable and is worthy of much praise.

Sherman. He started the season with a rush and everybody predicted great things from Sherrill, but we were disappointed. A part of his failure was due to his sickness, yet that did not excuse him from the lack of spirit he showed toward the last.

Edgerton, '04. His work was fair, but could have been crowned with better results had he showed a little more enthusiasm and inclination to work harder.

Miner. A faithful worker, always reliable with the discus, but uncertain with the shot and hammer, his record is good for the season just passed. By hard work he will be a valuable man next year.

Carter. A good faithful man, who toiled hard, and is to be commended for his perseverance throughout.

Pratt. Persevering and faithful, he has fought it out in the half and is deserving of much praise.

Evans. A new and inexperienced runner, but with perseverance, which he possesses, he will make a worthy man for the Buff and Blue.

Speh. A very promising athlete. All he needs is the practice to make him one of Hamilton's best.

Edgerton, '05. Here is a fellow who could be a first-class athlete if he would only train and show a little more life and spirit. There is no reason why he can't get into it and do better in the future.

Roosa. The best man Hamilton has ever put on the track. He is a hard worker, and justly merits the laurels which crown his brow. He has achieved wonders the past season, but the College can justly look for even better results from him in the future.

Hosmer. Discouraged at times, yet always willing to try again, he has clearly shown that there is an abundance of good material within his frame. He will be Hamilton's only sprinter in 1904, and there is no reason why he can't uphold her laurels.

Sicard. A man full of promise, one who will make a hustler if he can master his weak points.

Bramley. The all-around man. Always willing to help. He showed the best kind of spirit when he came out the last of the season and helped the team.

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PRIZE SPEAKING.

There seems to be something radically wrong in the manner of appointing our prize speakers. For the past two years a sophomore has been barred from competing because of low scholarship. This does not appear just. If scholarship is to be made one of the necessary requisites for a prize appointment, why not apply this rule in choosing the speakers, so that if a man is chosen to take part in the contest he will feel certain of competing? When a man is first appointed and then dropped the contest appears one-sided and listless.

MR. SWEETLAND'S VISIT.

The whole college seemed to wear a pleasant and satisfied appearance when Mr. Sweetland arrived on the hill a week ago Tuesday. The interest which the fellows manifested in his work with the football men shows conclusively that the undergraduates' confidence in him has not diminished these four years he has been absent from us. Never before, since the institution of spring football practice, has the football squad responded in such numbers to the call, nor has the college body been so well represented on the side lines. Such enthusiasm shown at a time in the college year when everyone is pushed with work promises the best of prospects for next fall. With such a spirit behind him, and men on the field to do his bidding, Mr. Sweetland will turn out a team equal to our expectations. Although his visit was brief, still he accomplished his object. He wished to see the men, know them, and observe their strong and weak points, that he might outline his policy of coaching on the basis of the material he had to work upon. There is not doubt that this has been and will be a great advan-

tage to him and to us. When the football men report for duty a week early next fall, they will be familiar with Sweetland's style of coaching and be fully prepared for the work before them.

THE PERSONNEL OF 1907.

Now that the seniors are presumably away on their vacation, we may say complimentary things about them without doing them any serious injury. In the first place the class of 1903 has earned the merited esteem of the undergraduate body. Aye, the juniors will frankly admit that 1903 is a worthy class. Since the seniors will toot their own horns on campus and class days, let it be enough to say here that we are downright sorry to see 1903 pass out from among us. It is genuine regret.

We started to speak of the personnel of 1907. The class of 1903 is going out and 1907 is coming in. Will the latter compensate the loss of the former? That remains to be seen, you say. We will merely have to await what turns up. That's your idea, is it? Then you intend to leave it to luck, to Prex's energetic efforts, and to a few enthusiastic alumni, to land a respectable crowd of promising freshmen here next fall?

If any Hamilton man is going home with the intention of leaving our prospects of a strong class next fall to mere chance, he needs to come to his senses. Prex, from the platform, has urged us to do missionary work for Hamilton. LIFE, as one among you, makes the same plea. The sooner we get the thought chewed and digested that the making of the personnel of the freshman class, and later that of the college, lies largely in the hands of the student body, the greater will be the concerted effort of college men to canvass for strong sub-freshmen.

If we are going to spend four years here with 200 men, why shouldn't we have special interest in those who come to live with us. We all have friends in our home towns. If their friendship is worth cultivating, if they are men who can do things, sweat a little to get them here. Next year we want some more brainy athletes for track and football, we want some more men bubbling over with enthusiasm, and men with college spirit in embryo.

Now fellows, if you see any such men ready for college, snap them up for Hamilton. Make 1907 the best class that will have ever registered with "Square." Prex is preparing for that

class. It is up to us to help him land it here. Other colleges are fishing for men. Get into the game and make some clever moves for Hamilton.

Remember Prex's proverb, "It is not what you get out of college that counts, but what you put into it." Then put seventy-five picked men into her next fall and reap your reward in seeing Colgate trimmed and Prex happy.

The Press Club.

Last year a Press Club was formed. Is this club still in working order? If so, who is chief scribe and who are his assistants? Is it a secret society? Is not the College supposed to be interested in it? Why don't they allow their names to be known so that we may give them due credit and items for publication?

If the club has died a natural death—why not revive it? Why not make the membership to this club a coveted post of honor?

What is a college without a Press Club? It might be compared to a man without a tongue.

What do other colleges think about it? They consider that football and a hustling Press Club are college mainstays.

What do some people think about it? Well, they see news items continually in all the great papers concerning other Colleges, but rarely concerning Hamilton, and then they wonder if the little College on the Hill has no news worth printing.

Of course there is more or less news sent to some of the papers by certain men interested in the College, but it is the organized and concentrated work of an energetic and capable company of men that will count in the long run.

One man, who may, perhaps, be a member of the faculty, can not and should not take all of this kind of work upon his shoulders.

If this club was pushed to the utmost there would be an incalculable amount of benefit reaped for the College.

—It is said that Colgate will send three or four of her best athletes to the Northfield convention to take part in the informal track meet held there by the delegates. The convention will begin about the twenty sixth of June and last for ten days. It is hoped that Hamilton will be well represented.

Paint Night.

Perhaps it will not be a mistake to bring a few things before the attention of those men who are about to become sophomores. The last issue of spring term is the only adequate time in which to speak about paint night, because LIFE does not appear until the second week of the fall term.

The class of 1906 has been successful indeed so far in its course. It would be a misfortune if anything should happen now to mar the record which it has made, and to prevent this we mention a few words of warning and advice. Last year paint night was comparatively free from those excesses which characterized former events of the kind. Yet some things could have been omitted last year. The painting of property belonging to neutral parties, who are entirely disinterested in the affairs of College Hill, is not only uncivilized but inexcusable. The result of such an act has always been undesirable. It has been detrimental to the College by provoking the resentment of the residents in Clinton. It is bad because the inevitable must come and the damage must be mitigated. Furthermore, there can be no real good as a result.

We believe in college custom. We would not disparage any loyalty to old custom. It is what makes this hillside dear and enduring. But paint night never was intended as a means of forcing disinterested persons into our rivalries. The decorating of worthless objects and men of antagonistic classes can do no harm. In fact the effect is harmonious.

So we desire to remind 1906 of these things, trusting that when we return in the fall that their example will be conducive to the perfection of this good custom, not of its downfall, which would follow inevitably should certain undesirable features be carried out. We leave the matter in their hands and we feel confident that the result cannot be detrimental.

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College Notes.

—"Prex's" grain will soon be ready to cut.

—Nothing doing but bohning these days!

—"Pills" held his last review in physics Saturday.

—Dr. Hudson is fast recovering from his recent illness.

—Now is the time to have an eye open for sub-freshmen.

—Three freshmen won their baseball "H's" this spring.

—Toll, '04, spent several days in Auburn this week.

—No more boarding in South next year, so it is reported.

—"Kidlet" Childs will spiel on the "Parathon" when requested.

—The Old English quartette took a portion of their exam. with "Bib" Thursday.

—The senior class banner has been placed in the Chapel during the past week.

—Sullivan, '05, received high compliments from "Prex." for his strong debating.

—Ehret, '04, will sail for Europe on Thursday morning, where he will spend the summer.

—The Profs. that didn't review their subjects might have cut classes at once during review week.

—This is the time when we realize most keenly that Hamilton is in session a week or two later than the rest of the colleges.

—We would like to see something done soon to put the gym. floor in condition for Senior Ball.

—Election for track team captain will probably be held on the Monday following examination week.

—All those who have not yet paid their LIFE subscriptions for this year should hasten to settle up.

—The sophomore paradox: Two men who are studying for the ministry shut out of the Bible exam.

—Hard luck that Edgerton, '05, is barred from prize speaking because he was shut out of Bible exam.

—At last the rain has come, and what a blessing it has been. Already the campus looks fifty per cent. better.

—The men who came here from Cornell to stay for a term or two have decided to finish their course at Hamilton.

—"Rab" White gave a private entertainment in junior debate Wednesday. His declamatory effort was emphatically applauded.

—A lock has been put on the front door of the Commons in order to shut out the students who are too anxious to begin eating there.

—Tuesday afternoon "Prex." talked to the men who wished for further information regarding the Commons, but no definite plans were made.

—The choir has undergone a change since the departure of the seniors. Several men are needed in next year's class to fill the vacancies in the Glee Club.

—The criticism in the *Lit.* of baseball was a good one. We must have more seriousness and earnestness if we are to hold up our end in this branch of athletics.

—The examination schedule is posted in the library. The usual number of people are heard complaining, but the majority seems to realize that it is impossible to please everybody.

—The annual drawing for rooms occurred Wednesday afternoon. Rooms 4 and 22 in North College were drawn by Wisewell, '04, and by Tibbits, '04, respectively. Only juniors drew.

—Blakely, '03, has accepted a position as instructor in the Blair Presbyterian School at Blairstown, N. J. In addition to his duties as teacher he will act as coach of the football team.

—The leaders for next year's musical clubs will be chosen in a few days. It is a good plan to get these officials elected early, that they may have plenty of time in which to select their music for next year.

—It is a matter of conjecture what Prex intends to do with the Hall of Commons next year. Just now it seems to be an elephant on his hands. He has promised not to compel anyone to board there who does not desire to do so.

—"Prex." closed up the term's work with the sophomores in debate by saying the class was the best he ever had in debate and the poorest in Bible. "So, gentlemen, you can smooth yourselves down on one side and scratch on the other."

—Drummond, '06, while riding to Utica Friday night, had occasion to say something to a young lady beside him. His conversation was carried on by means of a slate. Everything went smoothly and happily until the conductor came along and Alexander had to pay for two.

—Barring bad weather, the tennis match for the championship of the College will be played this afternoon by Richardson, '05, and Sicard, '06. The prize for the winner will be a Pim racket. A large number have taken part in the tournament, notwithstanding the poor condition of the courts.

—The *Lit.* Board have decided to make several important changes in the magazine next year. It is intended to change the size of the book and also the cover. But the principal change will be in price. From now on you can buy the *Lit.* for one dollar. By reducing the price the board expects to secure a much larger subscription list among the alumni and students. The idea is a good one and the magazine ought to be even more successful next year than this.

—At present all the papers in the Y. M. C. A., after they have served their immediate usefulness, are burned. Would it not be possible to save these papers and keep them in order in some convenient place that they might be used for reference? This would be an additional task for the man taking care of the rooms, but it would not take much of his time if the work was done once a week. It would be especially valuable to have the weeklies placed on file, since they often contain excellent articles and are even rivaling the monthly magazines in scope of their views. A convenient place could be found on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A., which at present is almost entirely unused except during the fall reception. There is no doubt but that the College would profit by such an arrangement.

—“Square” Root preached the baccalaureate sermon at Houghton Sunday. It has been a universal regret that we have not had more opportunity to hear him in the College Chapel this year.

—Physics for first term junior year will embrace heat and mechanics instead of magnetism, as scheduled in the catalog. Light will be taken second term, and magnetism and electricity during senior year.

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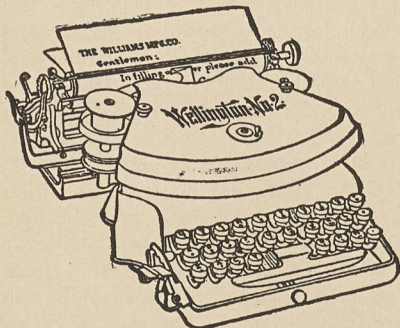
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