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## A Communication.

## To the Editors of Life:

As briefly as possible I would like to mention a few of the ways in which a press association or news bureau would be of benefit to the college. Your editorial of last week seemed to take for granted that such a bureau would be valuable as a censor of news. To me it seems that its greatest value would be, not as a check on the sending out of news and news matter, but as a stimulus to just such efforts. If I am right in assuming that any honorable means of advertising would be acceptable to the college, then a news bureau could be made very valuable. At present there are a number of the fellows sending out college news and gossip. The Utica papers, the Associated Press, the New York Sun, the New York Evening Post, and probably some others, have representatives here. In every case, except that of the Post, which takes only educational matters, many opportunities are lost which might be turned to good account in keeping Hamilton before the people. If we were to form a news association next week, it could begin right away to advertise the coming interscholastic field meet. Besides the regular matters of news that take from one to ten inches space in the papers, there is a class of gossip that is always read. By this I mean personal mention. Immediately upon hearing the announcement of prize winners, commencement speakers, etc., there should be someone to sit down and write the news to the papers at homes of the successful men. In this class of news matter should be included appointments and the names of the winners in "K. P.," prize and interclass debates; men elected to class of fices, and whist club offices; appointmente on dance committees; winners of scholarships, medals, prize speaking, prize essays; elections to fraternities, men chosen for the Pentagon, men making the various athletic teams and other
items of a personal nature. If Hamilton is beaten at basket-ball, and but one of her players makes a brilliant play, the play should be told about in the player's home paper. The people there won't know or care who won, but they are interested in their fellow-townsman. The same is true of all games, prize winnings, etc. But you say that sort of thing is of no importance. There's where you are wrong. The best advertising is not done by periodical column "ads," but by smaller "ads" kept running all the time. People out in a Montana village might see a column article once a year about Hamilton College and never read it. But when these same people run across the name of their minister's or doctor's or grave digger's son every month in the personal columns, and see it coupled with the name of Hamilton College, they begin to wonder and soon to investigate. That's all we want. Let them make inquiries and they are coming our way. We have the goods here and we can deliver them, and once a man is interested it won't take long to persuade him.

Another way in which a news bureau could do good would be in encouraging the students to write about interesting or unusual events at college. If there is anyone at Hamilton, and there must be some, who can write a good, original, half-column description of the next chapel or flag row, of the coasting, or of some other local feature, he can sell it any day to the New York papers and get five dollars for it. This is not munificent pay, but it represents what you will get for a week's work after you have taken your degree. If, however, you don't care for the money, send your story to a Utica or Syracuse or Albany paper. If it isn't published you may conclude that it is pretty bad, and the experience will be good for you. Don't be afraid of tramping on anyone's toes. If some other fellow is recognized as correspondent for a certain paper, that's no reason why you should not write for
it. Send in your "stuff" every week; twice, three times a week. The extra supply of Hamilton College news will. create an extra demand. The extra demand will please the editor and he will raise the pay of his regular correspondent. Any pay that might be earned by writing for papers should not be turned into the common fund. Such a plan would fail inside of six months, because a few would be doing the work and all would be getting the glory-if it reallv were glory. The money to run such a bureau as I suggest would have to be raised by subscription. It would: take at least thirty dollars a year for: paper, envelopes and stamps.

Now as to a news bureau acting as a censor. The idea is not practical. News to be of value must be sent as soon as it is gathered. No time can be spared to hunt up a censor who would pass or reject it. Besides this general reason there is a stronger one why the censorship is out of the question. In conversation a few days ago with the correspondents of two Utica papers, the New York Sun, the Associated Press and the Scripps-McCrea Press Association I was told by them that it would be neither practical nor convenient for them to submit their news matter, such as it might be, to censorship. To sum it up, let me say that a news bureau at Hamilton, to be successful, must have for its aim the encouragement of news writing; it must not interfere with the individual members; it must be run at a loss; its efforts must be sustained and continuous, and not spasmodic.
-At the Yale bi-centennial there were representatives of one hundred and thirty American colleges and universities, and thirty foreign institutions.
-The schedule of the Triangular League football games next fall is as follows: Nov. 8, Amherst vs. Williams at Amherst; Nov. I5, Williams vs. Wesleyan at Williamstown; Nov. 22, Wesleyan vs. Amherst at Middletown.

## Junior Prom. Week.

On Sunday or a day, prior the mailmaulers were alarmed at the unwonted bulk of each outgoing carriage of letters. As this is an effect and a result which had a cause, we must attribute the amassed correspondence to the fact that the last cumulative summons had been forwarded to all our invited guests. Indeed, we postulate this as the only rational for the fact, as in view of the subsequent events it has no other basis for our consideration. The communications must have been cogently couched with all finesse of indited emotion, since each dispatcher seems to have survived his expectancy to his and the general glee.
Sunday was as the dusk which precurses the eve of an approaching dawn. Chapel was a chaos of irresponsive paces. All seemed to bend their gaze across a vacancy upon a green. The weather was highly out of touch with everybody's touched condition. Storm and stress in the atmosphere portended the delay and tarriance of trains, and this meant "hopes which was then mock" to the solicitous.

Monday dawned more doomedly than ever Sunday did. No hopes to come to fruition, apparently. Expletives freight the air. Exclamations more or less strenuous load every tongue. The weather is the objective of each imprecation and orthodox anathema. But with the dawn of Tuesday appearances were bettered as far as the rampancy of the storm concerned itself. But the snow! Wowser! It seemed as though upheavals from below and avalanches from above had been our portion. Snowflakes lay in serried ranks so firm as to prostrate the pedestrian. Drifts were insurmountable and impregnable to all save the reliable "Bill" Dawes, who saved the day. So we were prepared for the co-operation of Wednesday and Thursday with their suns in making the coasting fair and reputable.

## DELTA UPSILON.

On Tuesday night the gentlemen of Delta Upsilon gave their reception. The immense crowd was well provided for and entertained in the manner Hamil tonian. The music was such as "soothes the savage;" the floors were fine and the entire function favored all. As guests at the D. U. house were Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. M. W. Stryker, Mrs. Benton, Mrs. White and Mrs. Jackson as chaperons and patronesses. Others in attendance were

Miss Landis of Philadelphia, Miss Seely of Waterville, Miss Ruane of Waterville, Miss Schmidt of Ilion, Miss McCarthy of Carthage, Miss Timian of Hamilton, Miss Levermann and Miss Martin of Utica, Miss Haight of Waterville, Miss Mix of Clinton, Miss Childs of Utica, and Miss Young, also of Utica.

## CONCERT.

On the afternoon of Wednesday the musical clubs showed their willingness to entertain the guests of the week. They sang, played and recited in the same way as of yore. Its complete success means that henceforth this will form one of the most enjoyable functions of dance week. The special numbers were enthusiastically received. Dewey never sang better, "Web" did himself proud and Downey was in his element. The program follows:
I. "With Word and Will," Glee Club 2. Coon Town Melody,

Mandolin Club
3. Reading,
4. Mazurka,
5. Solo-Dreams,

Downey, '05 Banjo Club

Hawley
6. Interlude,

Webster
7. "Honey, I Want Yer Now,"
8. Championship March, Glee Club
9. Reading,
ro. Life's Lessons,
Mandolin Club Downey, '05 Glee Club PSI UPSILON.
On Wednesday night a threefold festivity was on. The gentlemen of Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Chi Psi received in characteristic manner, eclipsing even precedent. At the home of the Psi U's the dance was its own perfection. What music, what assisting floors, and the crowd-well, it was a "corker" of a dance. Mrs. I. S. Signor of Albion, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. McCarthy of Auburn and Mrs. Nichols of Clinton were patron esses. The other guests were Miss Signor of Albion, Misses Prescott and Porter of Rome, the Misses White of Taberg, Miss Hough of Chicago, Miss De Land of Fairport, Miss Zimmerlin of Lyons, Misses Schott and Garrison of Waterloo, Miss Bosworth of Rochester, Miss Inman of Ithaca, Miss Miller of Utica and Miss McCarthy of Auburn, Messrs. Bacon, Yawger, Smith of Hamilton, Igoo and ' 99 respectively, Mrs. Foster of Rochester University, and Mr. Garrison of Waterloo.

## CHI PSI.

Those who attended the Chi Psi dance were certainly the most satisfied company that could be imagined. There
was no drawback to abandoned enjoyment. The floor was great and the music better; the function had no flaw and 'twas a bird of paradise, in short. Mrs. Dr. Frost of Rome and Mrs. Fred Smyth of Clinton superintended as patronesses. At the house party as guests are Miss Florence Fowler of Syracuse, Miss Gertrude Leggett of Albany, Miss Claudia Edwards of Rome, Miss Murry of Utica, Miss Knox of Penn Yan, Miss Russell of Elmira, Miss Erskine of Mt. Vernon, Miss Bessie Porter of Rome, Miss Pipe of Brooklyn, Miss Florence Benedict of Clinton, Miss Searles of Rome, Mr. Frank Ostrander, Union, 1902, and Rick and Charlie Hatch, igor, Hamilton.

ALPHA DELTA PHI.
On account of the other two dances taking place on the same night, the guests of the Alpha Delta Phi were coming and going throughout the evening, thus avoiding the inconvenience of an overcrowded floor. Dancing continued until three o'clock, interrupted by a half hour for light refreshments at twelve.
The patronesses for the evening were Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. Benton and Mrs. Shepard. Among the guests were Miss Ostrom, Miss Evarts, Miss Smith of Binghamton, Miss Hutchins and Miss Reid of Lowville, Miss Day, Miss Retter and Miss Pomeroy of Utica, Miss Metcalf and Miss Wicks of Clinton. It was an especial pleasure to see so many of the members of the faculty present.

## the prom.

The class of 1903 made up for their loss of Sophomore Hop by giving an excellent Prom. The numbers present equalled if not eclipsed those of any so far held. It was a grand dance and the dream of it will not fade from memory when those present shall have scattered to their homes.
The committee consisted of Elihu Root, Jr., M. B. Landers, F. D. Croft, P. T. Harper, J. S. Carmer, R. H. Jones, L. A. Harkness, R. E. Morris.

The patroness were: Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. C. H. Smyth, Jr.
The boxes were decorated very prettily and showed well the wisdom of having no booths. About 90 tickets were sold. Gartland furnished the music.

## sigma phi.

On Friday night the gentlemen of Sigma Phi received at their hall. This was one of the good dances of the week. Although it was given after junior prom.,
the previous night's revelry did not seem to detract in the least from the enjoyment of all. Every one had a right royal good time. The patronesses were Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. C. H. Smyth.

The guests of the fraternity at their house party were Miss Adams, Miss Barton of Rome, Miss Patten of Utica, Miss Page of Hornellsville. They were under the chaperonage of Miss Hammond of Rome and Mrs. J. S. Sherman of Utica.

## theta delt house party.

The Theta Delts entertained their girls at their fraternity house during the week. The house was given up to the fair ones and the fellows retired to the tall pines for the week. The chaperons for the occasion were Mrs. Nichols of Clinton and Mrs. Stone of Rome. Among the guests of the party were Miss German and Miss Shotthafer of Utica, Miss Campbell, Miss Bucklee and Miss Blunck of Johnstown, Miss Bauer and Miss Laing of Buffalo and Miss Mabee of Elmira.
D. K. e. house party.

The D. K. E., Theta Delta Chi, Chi Psi and Sigma Phi are the fortunate ones to be holding house parties this winter. Fun is furious and festivity runs in even tenor. At the D. K. E. house party, Mrs. G. A. Watrous of Utica and Mrs. W. T. Couper of Boonville are chaperoning. The other guests of the house are Miss Wills of Auburn, Miss Torrey and Miss Thompson of Honesdale, Pa., Miss Buckley of Boonville, Miss Lewis and Miss Hard of Syracuse University, Miss Miner of Rome, Miss Williams of Clinton, Miss Reeder of Binghamton, Miss O'Leary of Brooklyn, and R. C. S. Drummond, Igor, of Hamilton, now of Albany Law School.

EMERSON LITERARY SOCIETY.
The guests of the Emerson Literary Society are: Miss Remmel of Geyserville, Cal., Miss Young of Walton, Miss Love and Miss Kingsbury of Albany, Miss Niles of Oneida, Miss Thomas of Utica, Miss Greene of Clayville and Mrs. H. M. Love of Utica.
-New York University will have a crew this spring. A permanent orgazization has been effected and officers elected. Arrangements have been made to secure shells and suitable quarters for the accommodation of the candidates, and active work will soon begin. 'Varsity and freshman crews will be put upon the water this spring.

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tion to the Business Manager.

Literally we have had a dance "debate week." Last week was the one of expectancy, this the week of realizations of our hopes. The long-cherished fair ones have been in our midst; they have feasted at our tables and watched our feeble efforts to entertain with unconcealed pleasure; we have coasted the hill, feeling proud of the responsibility and glad of the chance to show how well we could steer; we have heard the gentle flattery of our dancing ability and worked our hardest to receive that token of approbation.
And we have talked; Lord, how we have talked! The vast storehouses of knowledge, the comic papers, the college publications, have all been used and worn threadbare. The discipline committee has formed a goodly portion of the conversation among certain members or the college; they have been sent to all sorts of hideous places for their "arbitrary conduct." A gentle hearer would draw the conclusion that the committee didn't behave well last term, and they wouldn't come far amiss.
We will not attempt to say how much romance has been connected with the week; we will not pry into nor gossip about friendships tried and true which this week may have brought. We leave all such to the little man with the bow and the arrows. We venture that he has done much shooting.
And oh, the anguish of the week to come! That which has been is no more, and we must trust Uncle Sam and the rural free delivery to do what we haven't had time nor opportunity to do this week. Well, its over, and we are sorry that it is, but in the records which shall shortly appear in those little notes of thanks we shall find solace for our loneliness and balm for our grief.

Now that Junior Prom. is over the college must turn its attention to athletics. Every man who has ever seen a basketball must get out and try for the team. The track men must begin work indoors; dates have been arranged for dual meets, and as these are to come early, we must be prepared to do our old trick of winning. The baseball men ought to begin active work Monday. It is practically assured that more money will be given for a coach, and as no man has a cinched position on the team all who can play at all are expected and ougbt to try and make it. Hamilton must have good athletics from now on. Our opportunities are good and we possess abundant material. Why not win every scheduled game in baseball? Why not win every track meet? It can be done if every man will do his best. Let every one show his college spirit, wake up from his dreams and fight old Hamilton's battles to the finish.

Life bails with pleasure the increased interest shown by the members of the faculty in attending the fraternity receptions. It is to us an evidence of that increased fellow feeling which we believe now exists between faculty and student. We do not mean to say that we are anywhere near the ideal in that respect, but we do say that such a feeling is growing rapidly here in Hamilton. Let the good work go on. Dr. Stryker, Dr. Root, Dr. Shepard, Profs. Robinson and White have set the pace by attending and showing their interest. Where are the rest?

The letter which appears in this issue urging a press association shows clearly what could be done by organized effort. The representatives of every newspaper in college ought to hold a meeting and discuss the matter of an association. There is no time like right away to do things. Within the next week we expect to see such an organization formed, and to it we will give all assistance in our power.

## In Junior Week,

Why this sad and tired expression?
Why this demoniac frown?
Harsh the answer grates upon you:
"Darn the luck! She turned me down!"
-The universities of France have no papers, no glee clubs, no fraternities, no athletics and no commencement exercises.

## The Indoor Exhibition.

The arrangements for our much heralded indoor exhibition are unfolding in the most luxurious, extended and appealing manner.
All the individual events are prospered and approved perfection. This state of affairs, of course, insures the collective and general merit of the whole. Everything is on the move. Progress toward excellence in every feat and feature is the persevering report. Indeed, the training has so far materialized that we this week can announce somewhat specifically as to the program. More than 50 men will participate, in drills, exercises, pantomime gymnastics, athletics and acrobatics. There will be several unprecedented events in store, such as the terrible scene which "Rat" White and Schermerhorn will create in their pugilistic prance. In addition to this principal (?) there will be several incidental boxing matches.

Bristol and Edgerton are in the pink of fine condition and are continuously improving. The punching bag will be banged and boomeranged up until it's punched to pulverized pelt. These and other events novel to the schemes of former years are in store aside from the regular but not less interesting attractive features.
It is surprising to count the men who, irrespective of size, longitudinal or avorrdupois, can hoist the roo-pound dumbbell to arm's length. Verily, we have a squad of Sandows.

The committee has decided to award in the more strictly athletic events first and second prizes in the nature of ribbons, similar to those awarded at the collegiate field meets, to be preserved more from extrinsic than intrinsic value, however. More as souvenirs, don't you know?

There'll be no kick coming. Just wait, and hustle while you wait. Thus comes luck and a look.
-There is nothing of more importance to a university than the character and conduct of its students. But among two thousand or more young men the chances are that some will be unworthy or wortbless. Not only the good name of a university, but its tone and morale, imperatively demand that these shall be eliminated. No university can tolerate with impunity a single vicious, or drunken or lecherous student.-From Annual Report of President Schurman, Cornell.

The Ancient Seminary Maid.
MARY'S LITTLE LAMB.
(Boston version.)
Tradition testifies, and history verifies the testimony, that one Mary was at one time possessed of a youthful member of the genus sheep,
Whose excellence of blood and neatness of manner rendered his, or her, exterior fringe as beautifully translucent as the driven beautiful snow;
And it is stated in the most authentic manner (pp. 2 and 3, vol. I, "Nursery Rhymes," q.v.) that nowhere did the charming little lady (probably a Boston girl) perambulate,
But the aforementioned quadrupedal vertebrate did with alacrity approximate thither.

## On the Snow.

I came across the campus One night not long ago, And while the drifts around me piled I said, "Confound the snow!"

## The Difference.

He clasped her little hand in his; He said, "My heart is thine." She answered in her sweet amaze: "How strange! Why, my heart's mine."

## Exchanges.

THE USUAL WAY.
Tell me not in mournful numbers That the days are growing cold,
When at morning each man slumbers Till the chapel bell is tolled;
That our chapel cuts are scanty And our bluffs are growing stale;
That exams are drawing nearer Each so ghastly and so pale.
Tell me rather of the football. Let's forget the coming grief;
Let's enjoy our days together; Our four years are all too brief.
There's no time to waste on lessons; Flunks will answer for today.
Let us then forget tomorrow And have pleasure while we may.

## OUR CHAPEL PEW.

A man in bed, the chapel bell, A rush, the ice, and down he fell; A cry, a groan, à funeral, too, And an empty seat in our chapel pew.

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F. S. Child, Jr., Editor.

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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 $1: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. 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.

Life is entered at the Clinton Post Office as sec ond-class matter.

## College Notes.

-Cuts are strictly the order of the day.
-Wednesday noon chapel afforded a variety of entertainment to the many guests.
-Bullard made a bold move in speaking of "Bill Nye" in chapel Saturday. He should show more respect.
-Weaver, '9r, Cookinham, 'g6, Cookinham, 'oo, and Marvin, 'ol, were at the Sigma Phi reception Friday night.
—Warren "Mac" has been doing good work with the basket-ball team. We thank him for his spirit and his help.
-McLaughlin, 'or, of Columbia Law School, was on the hill for the week, both to coach the basket-ball team for the coming games and to attend the prom.

## From Carthage.

"The concert given by the Hamilton College Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs at the Methodist Church last evening, was largely attended and was a treat. At the close of the entertainment, a large company, including the members of the clubs, reparred to the parlors of the Y. M. C. A., where an informal reception was held. Following this, a banquet was served by a committee consisting of Mrs. W. B. Kesler, Mrs. Ray Stoddard, Mrs. C. F. McCoy and Mrs. Thomas Williams. After feasting upon the many delicacies, toasts were
in order. P. R. Wrape acted as toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to: "Reminiscences of College Life," by Rev C. M. Dodge; "The Music of Hamilton," by John W. Van Allen; "Wellesley College," by Mrs. W. B. Van Allen; "Smith College vs. Hamilton College," by Miss Ruth Strickland; "Our Village," by A. F. Mills; "Our Y. M. C. A.," by Rev. F. O. Belden; "Hamilton College," by President Stryker, of Hamilton College. The toasts were full of wit and humor, and were heartily applauded. The address of President Stryker ably set forth the life and spirit of Hamilton College, the moral atmosphere, and pleasant location of the institution. Dr. Stryker seemed well impressed with Carthagenian hospitality and expressed a desire to make another visit."

## Rochester, 15; Hamilton, 12.

The game with Rochester Saturday evening was one of the closest of the season. Twenty-minute halves were played. The score at the close of the first half stood 6-6. At the end of the second it was $12-12$. It was agreed to play off the tie and Rochester won.
The line-up:
Hamilton 12.
Rochester 15.

Mangan.
Buscb.
S. Sherman.

Right Guard.

## Left Guard

Center.
Right Forward.
McLaughlin (Capt.)
Left Forward.
Peet.
Jacobstein.
Baskets, Peet 2, Sherman I, McLaughlin scored 3 points on fouls.

## A Dream.

Last night, after burning the midnight oil and being carried back through the medium of Livy's history to the far distant past, after wandering in the mazes of thought through the streets of Rome and Carthage, and seeing in my mind's eye the spectacle of two great civilizations girding themselves for one of the most crucial contests in the history of the human race, I retired to rest with the spirit of the past unconsciously spread about me.

The battle rages hotter and still more hot. Overhead in the fair blue Italian
sky float light flecks of cloud. The sun shines down with dazzling glory. Nature seems striving, but in vain, to calm by her own tranquillity and beauty the surging passions of men.
I stood on an elevation overlooking the field on which Hannibal was contending with Rome for the mastery of the world. And as I looked behind the Romans there seemed to rise up hosts of unparalleled strength and beauty, the armies of future ages on whose side was to be arrayed the unconquerable power of God's providence, all working for one great end and all, unknown to themselves, together striving for the final glory of the human race! And behind the Carthagenians rose the ranks of those who would struggle in times to come against the progress of mankind. Then the Romans and their allies seemed to be gaining a great victory.

But as I gazed, awe-struck and filled with wonder, an unpleasant clanging smote upon my ears. It was the bell summoning me from the land of dreams to duties real and immediate.
R. W. F., 'o5.

## And So It Goes.

ACT 1.
He met her in the springtime
When the world is thrilled atune.
ACT 1 I.
He courted her in summer
'Neath the tawny, yellow moon.
ACT III.
He married her in autumn
When the leayes are turned and sere.
ACT IV.
And he buried her in winter
When the fields are bleak and drear.

## Intercollegiate Notes.

-The University of California is plan ning for a new library building which will contain $1,000,000$ volumes and accommodate 600 students in its reading rooms.
-Students who represent the University of Texas in inter-collegiate debating or oratorical contests are excused from examinations between the time of their selection and such contests.
-The University of California has now the largest body of student cadets in the country. Wisconsin ranks second, according to recently compiled statistics, while Minnesota, Cornell and Illinois follow in line of sequence.-Sex.


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