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The Interclass Debate.

For the first time in the history of our interclass debates the seniors have been victorious. Never before has the same class won this debate two years in succession, so to the team of 1904 belongs the honor of breaking the record. Last year the intercollegiate debaters of 1903 fell before the juniors, and the four sturdy men of 1905 must also bow before this same championship team. The interclass debates should henceforth be more interesting since it has been shown clearly that the seniors can win. The question debated was "Resolved, That the interests of civilization demand that Russia shall be restrained by force, if necessary, from extending her boundaries," with the seniors on the defensive and the juniors advancing the affirmative.

The chapel was called to order at 7:30 sharp by Dr. Stryker. He stated that the men would be allowed seven minutes on their first appearance and five on the second round. Day opened for the juniors with an extensive and careful definition of the question. The campaign of the debate which he outlined was followed by his colleagues, Beach, Speh and Sullivan. The juniors throughout apparently had an abundance of enthusiasm and conviction. Their debaters, without exception, were lively and interesting. To say that one excelled would be unfair but the ready wit of Beach carried the audience with him.

Collins was the first speaker on the negative and although quiet, he used to great advantage the insinuating and convincing manner of which he is master. Carr, Sisson and Toll also spoke without fire. Their facts laid down in a quiet way offered a sharp contrast to the sometime brilliant oratory of their opponents.

Both teams, especially the seniors, cut loose on their second appearance. Collins by his direct appeal to Dr. Stryker

and Beach, by his neat paraphrase of Dowie, enlivened both the audience and themselves. The seniors changed places on this round, Carr debating last instead of second. The judges were Prof. A. P. Saunders, Prof. S. J. Saunders, and Prof. Fitch, and with very little discussion they awarded the debate to the seniors. The decision was greeted with loud yells of approval which were followed by the class yell of 1904 for their victorious team. Throughout the debate, at appropriate intervals, LeMunyan and Benedict, who are candidates for "D. T." were much in evidence.

This Russian question will be debated at the Columbia-Hamilton debate, Feb. 22, in New York. Columbia, as yet, has not chosen her side, but it is expected as soon as the result of Tuesday night's debate is known, Columbia will state her preference.

The Honor System Rejected.

Cornell has finally decided to give up the attempt of founding an honor system. The students were asked to sign two conditions, one of which was a promise to neither give nor receive help, and the other to report any other student who should be found guilty of breaking the first promise. Almost all the students signed the first agreement, but very few the second. Students found guilty were to be reported first to a student committee and this committee was to report to the faculty. The fact that the students refused to sign both agreements is probably the reason for abandoning the scheme. Hereafter there is to be a space left between every two persons trying an examination, and an instructor is to be present in the room. This experiment has been watched rather closely by different colleges throughout the country and by many its rejection will be received with regret.

—Basket-ball playing has been forbidden at Lafayette College.

Clark Prize Competitors.

The following men are entitled to write Clark Prize orations. The list includes "all who have had appointments as prize speakers, together with that additional one-fifth of the class who have the next best standing in elocution, as based upon the record of rhetorical work, subsequent to the beginning of junior year": Abbott, Carter, Collins, D. Dowling, W. Dowling, Edgerton, Ehret, Evans, Knox, Lown, Miner, Pratt, Sisson, Smith, Soper, Strickland, M. White, R. White, Wicks.

Cold Rooms.

Nearly half the men in College are sick with severe colds and the cause is very evident. It is a strange thing how thoughtless some people can be. With the thermometer in a recitation room at 25 degrees some of the professors seem to delight in keeping the classes, not only up to the hour, but fifteen minutes overtime, while the students shiver, think unpleasant things and learn nothing. This is the reason for so many of the colds about the Hill. Perhaps it is unreasonable, but it does seem as though we might have a little consideration in a matter where our health is concerned.

The Sophomore Hop.

Those who missed the Hop last Wednesday night should certainly be considered unfortunate. The dance was a big success socially and while no money was cleared, still the deficit was not enough to cause any consternation. The twenty-four dances and six extras were played by Bergner's orchestra of five pieces, to the entire satisfaction of all the fifty dancers. Mrs. Root, Mrs. Ebeling, and Mrs. Shepard were the patronesses. The dance proves conclusively that a Hop is practical and should such a dance be held at a more favorable and convenient time, it would be attended by the entire college body.

Utica Wins First Game.

The basket-ball game with the Utica Free Academy, held last Saturday evening, marked the first, and let us hope, only defeat of the season. The College team made a determined attempt to win, but the fast passing and goal shooting of the Academy five was too much for us.

The game began late in the evening and resolved itself at once into a series of mass plays, as we might say. Bad feeling was evidenced between certain members of each team, and disgraceful to say, the college team was the worst and first offender. There seemed to be no excuse for the deliberate foul playing of certain of the players. We have always stood for clean playing and we should not make an exception this year.

But the game, in particular. The first half was a see-saw contest, Hamilton being in the lead at the end by one point. In the second half, however, the school boys started an exceedingly fast passing game and ran away from us. For Hamilton, Bramley and T. Sherman played the fastest game, while the very accurate shooting of Weaver and Gainsway, and the cool-headed generalship of Percy Adams went a long way towards the Academy's final triumph. The score:

Hamilton 26. U. F. A. 38.

Forwards.	
T. Sherman.	Adams.
LeMunyan (Koult.)	Gainsway.
Centres.	
Sicard, (Schwartz).	Thomas.
Guards.	
S. Sherman, (Capt.)	Thompson, (Capt.)
Bramley, (Newton).	Weaver.

Referee—A. S. Davis, '04. Umpire—Shutler. Baskets—Sicard 6, T. Sherman 2, S. Sherman 2, LeMunyan 1, Bramley 1, S. Sherman, fouls, 2; Weaver 7, Gainsway 5, Adams 2, Thompson 2, Thomas 2, Adams, fouls, 2. Time of halves—20 minutes.

—We are glad to see that the faculty has seen fit to change somewhat the course in Bible Geography which is a part of the freshman curriculum winter term. No book is used in this subject now, but Prof. Post has substituted a course of lectures, which will be found far more interesting and instructive. The freshmen have reason to be happy escaping the drudgery which the course used to entail.

More Books of Fiction.

The Fiction Club has added to its list of books the "Call of the Wild," by London; "Rebecca," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, and "Deliverance," by Ellen Glasgow. The "Call of the Wild" is a book that every man in College should read. It has proven to be the best selling book of the year. It is worth joining the Fiction Club to read this book alone. "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," which was bought last term, is another work that all should read. In many respects it is one of the most powerful works that has been written in many years. With its unique originality and surprising simplicity it makes a deep impression upon the reader.

The Junior Whist Club.

The Junior Whist Club set itself in motion last Friday night and for its first appearance had a very gay whirl. The gentlemen of the D. K. E. were the hosts and right well did they fulfil their duty. The early part of the meeting was consumed in perfecting an organization and choosing officers. These unfortunates secured their positions because they were unlucky enough to draw high cards. The one drawing the highest card took the presidency and the others secured offices according to the descending numbers. A list of the men is unnecessary, especially since almost half the active members are of that number. So far the poverty stricken officers have refused to set up the rest of the club and trouble is expected soon. It was decided to hold meetings every Thursday evening instead of Friday, as has been the custom in past years. The Juniors of Delta Upsilon entertain next week.

Mr. S. N. D. North's Letter.

In reply to the general demand made for the publication of Dr. Edward North's lectures and writings, Mr. S. N. D. North wrote the following letter to Chester S. Lord, president of the New York Hamilton College Alumni Association:

"Dear Mr. Lord—I am in receipt of your letter of January 6, and am deeply grateful for it. I greatly regret that I shall not be able to attend the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Hamilton alumni, on the 13th instant. I shall be

glad to have you say to the graduates and friends of the college who are fortunate enough to be present at the dinner, that I recognize with profound gratitude the general demand which has reached me, personally and by letter, since the death of Doctor Edward North, for the publication of a permanent record of his services to Hamilton College, which shall also preserve some part of his contributions to literature, and particularly to the literature of the Greek language, as embodied in his class lectures. I have already made progress, in an effort to reduce to the dimensions of a single volume the great mass of memorabilia which Doctor North left; and I hope to be able to complete this labor of love before the close of the present year. The chief difficulty is to make satisfactory selection from so much material, so much of which seems worthy of preservation. Yet I shall be grateful to any alumnus or friend who has possession of any letter or document written by Doctor North, which seems to him in any way characteristic and worthy of preservation, if he will forward it to me, to be copied and returned.

"The autobiographical material left by Dr. North practically covers the history of Hamilton College during the fifty-seven years of his active connection with our alma mater, and it will reveal much of its inner and intimate history which only he could write. Under these circumstances the volume will doubtless be one which many who love the college and who loved the Greek professor, will desire to possess. I will therefore add that I will be grateful if those of the alumni who wish to possess this volume, will indicate the fact to me at an early date, and pending arrangements for publication. They may look for a volume of about six hundred pages. It will be impossible to give gratuitous circulation to such a volume, nor yet is it intended to place it in the market, as a commercial venture, and it is therefore desirable to know in advance how many copies should be printed.

S. N. D. NORTH."

Among the Colleges.

The total receipts of the Minnesota-Michigan football game were \$30,993.50. After paying the expenses of the game the net proceeds will be equally divided between the two institutions.

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THE SENIOR CLUB.

Every member of the senior class is urged to be at the organization meeting of the 1904 Senior Club. The meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening, at the Psi Upsilon house. Some of the fellows talked it over Thursday night and all were in favor of having eight good, class-rallies before the warm weather comes. It was the general idea to hold a meeting each week, excepting Junior week, until the eight houses on the Hill have been visited. Then it might end up with a class banquet. That sounds good, anyhow.

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

That something is very much amiss with our water supply, no one who has visited the Gym. during the past week can doubt. The water needs no close inspection to show conclusively the less used the better. Its odor suggests decayed organic matter, and if such is the cause, extreme care should be exercised in using the baths. An epidemic of typhoid fever here on the Hill would surely have disastrous effects. To prevent such a calamity, every student should carefully refrain from using this water till an official test shall be made and the cause unearthed. It is just through carelessness at such time that fevers get their foothold.

SCHEDULE OF DANCES.

There has been a general feeling among the fellows this year that junior week should be cut down to three days if possible. As many as have experienced the trials and joys of the accustomed four days of dissipation confess to themselves, if not to others, that it is possible

to have too much of such good things as girls and dances. And the faculty, recognizing the same hard facts, went so far as to offer a day off if the festivities should be confined to three days. But this offer was accompanied by the demand that there should only be three fraternity dances during junior week of this year and four next year, the different fraternities to take turns holding their receptions. Of course such a plan was impossible and was consequently rejected.

Last Wednesday another attempt was made to arrange the dances so that they could all be held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, except the Junior, which would come on Thursday. Sigma Phi, Chi Psi, Alpha Delt, Psi U., Delta U., each intend to give a reception, and it was hoped that the Sigma Phi and Delta U. would take Tuesday night, while the other three would have Wednesday. But this was not entirely satisfactory to the crowds concerned, and if some new scheme cannot be thought of soon the time-honored custom of four nights will be continued.

PROM. WEEK ENTERTAINMENT

Last year the concert given in the chapel during Prom. week was a great success, and proved to be an ideal way to entertain our many fair guests for an afternoon. The clubs always play better on such an occasion because of the informality and general good feeling that prevails. This year we should not only repeat the performance, but should endeavor to add something to it. The mandolin and glee clubs will have just returned from their trip and should be in the best of practice; while Ehret and Strickland could fill in with whatever new "stunts" they may have invented. And more than this, we should have some selections from John Clark, our new organist. His playing at the North memorial service plainly showed his exceptional ability. He has expressed his willingness to play and contribute his share to the pleasure of the afternoon. Then we would be very glad to hear another violin solo from Prof. Ebeling. Such musical talent in the faculty should not be allowed to go unappreciated. A program of this kind would surpass anything we have given in years. It will give our guests something to talk about when they return home.

The Wesleyan-Syracuse debate will be held in Syracuse on March 30.

Sweetland Cannot Come.

The football manager regrets exceedingly that he must inform the College of Mr. Sweetland's inability to coach our football team next season. Hamilton has never had a more respected or successful coach, and we will miss him greatly. He was a man whom we felt took an active interest in our success and to whom salary was not the primary object. This he showed many times by unselfishly aiding the management in matters where its funds seemed inadequate, but this he wished no one to know. In his conduct on the football field, both in action and speech, he was a perfect gentleman, and for this he was heartily admired by faculty and students.

Mr. Sweetland has for some time been undecided as to what he should do next season. His offers from other institutions have been better than anything we could afford, and it was to be expected that he would go where the best opportunity presented itself. It was reported in the papers that he would coach the Ohio State University team; whether this is authentic we do not know. But wherever Mr. Sweetland goes, he has the best wishes of every Hamilton student, and may success attend him always.

Intercollegiate Debating Teams.

Against Columbia Philolexian—Carr, '04; Beach, '05; Collins, '04; Sullivan, '05; alternate.

Against Cornell University—Toll, '04; Sisson, '04; Speh, '05.

Above are the teams chosen by the Kirkland Debating Society to represent Hamilton in the intercollegiate debates. The morning after the interclass debate, the society met and chose Carr and Beach for the Columbia debate; but failed to choose a third man, neither Collins nor Sullivan having a majority. Thursday morning Collins was elected third man on the team and Sullivan, having next highest number of votes, was made alternate. Carr was designated captain of the team. It is interesting to note that Carr was chosen for the team by 70 out of 71 votes. Beach also polled a dozen over a majority of the votes cast. The question for the Philolexian debate is the same as that argued in the interclass debate, the date is Monday, February 22, the place New York City.

At the meeting Thursday morning the team to debate Cornell was also chosen with the right to select its own alternate. As yet nothing definite is known about the Cornell debate. Captain Toll has written to the Senior Debate Council suggesting that some phase of the Panama question be the subject debated. He will probably hear from Ithaca early next week. It was the understanding that Cornell was to choose the same side of the Russian question as Philolexian chose. But Philolexian has not yet chosen and so the new question is submitted in the hope of expediting matters and so that the college may not be compelled to listen to a second debate on the Russian question.

The Cornell debate is to be held in Clinton sometime during March. It is suggested that it be held in the village instead of in the chapel so that the audience may be made up of the Clinton and Utica friends of the two colleges, as well as the Hamilton students. This Cornell debate, being with a university team, is beyond question the most important debate function of years. No effort should be spared to make it an important public event.

The Oldest Living Graduate.

An interesting fact is noted in looking over the World's Almanac for 1903. In a list of the earliest living graduates of all American college and universities, Hamilton has the lead. Hon. Austin Smith, of Westfield, N. Y., now has the unique record of being the oldest living college graduate. He was in the class of 1826, and was secretary of his class. Mr. Smith is now in his hundred and first year and although he is naturally obliged to remain in the house most of the time, he is still in good health. In this list Columbia comes second with a graduate from the class of 1827, and Harvard third with one from 1829.

Andrew Carndgie has given Princeton money to construct an artificial lake to be used for crew practice.

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Local Notes.

—McIntyre, '05, who has been ill for several days, has returned.

—No one can say that we have not had good winter weather this year.

—The mandolin club has some novel surprises in its repertoire this season.

—During Prom. week there will be a basket-ball game with Keuka College.

—Loftis, '05, has been obliged to leave college for a short time on account of illness.

—The Sophomores appreciate the courtesy of Prof. Ebeling in attending their Hop.

—W. G. Miller, '06, has been compelled to give up basket-ball for a time owing to a strained muscle.

—If anyone desires to learn about the honor of being chairman of a Hop committee he should ask Brokaw.

—It would be a good plan to remove our hats at the basket-ball games when there are ladies in the gallery.

—Crumb, '05, has written a lecture on "Good Manners". He intends to have it published in pamphlet form.

—Dean, '05, who has been confined to his home since the opening of College by a severe illness, has returned.

—A great many of the fellows witnessed Viola Allen's production of Shakespeare's comedy "Twelfth Night."

—The fellows who were fortunate to see Ethel Barrymore in "Cousin Kate" last Monday evening, pronounce the play one of the finest that has appeared at The Majestic this season.

—It was quality not quantity which made the Sophomore Hop Wednesday evening such an enjoyable affair.

—Jenks, '05, has decided to keep no cheap paper in the book store this year. He says that the profits are too small.

—Nothing but a stern realization of duty would compel a man to run to chapel clad as Hayes was Wednesday morning.

—The musical clubs are rapidly getting into shape for a trip to Carthage, Lowville and Boonville, the 4th, 5th and 6th of next month.

—The cold Tuesday was so intense that several classes were frozen out. Dr. Root and Prof. Ward were among those forced to cut.

—To Prof. D. Smyth's question as to what had caused Dean's absence from college, the latter replied, "I was ill." The Prof.—"So was I."

—Prof. Beecher, of the class of '58, and at present a member of the faculty of Auburn Theological Seminary, will preach in chapel tomorrow.

—It looks as though the coasting might be very poor during Prom. week. It does not need a very good memory to recall one's last coast with the Hill in its present condition.

—Ehret and Bristol, '04, and Nellis and Kinney, '06, attended the annual banquet of the Central New York charges of Theta Delta Chi, which was held at Rochester last Saturday evening.

—The Varsity plays Colgate on her own floor to-night. With the aid which coach Mac Laughlin has given and the consequent improvement of the team, they should give our friends down the valley a tough proposition.

—The interclass debate of Tuesday evening was somewhat amusing by the performance of LeMunyan and Benedict, '06. Arrayed in shirt waists and skirts they led the singing, this being a portion of their initiation into the D. T. C.

—The papers and magazines are in the reading room for the use of the entire college body. It is certainly a cheap way of getting news to take clippings from the various periodicals. It would seem that certain fellows have no regard whatever for the rights and property of others.

—It will be a great disappointment to the College not to have Sweetland back as football coach next fall. He has stated his regrets that he will not be able to accept the position, and the Utica Press is authority for the statement that he is to coach the team representing Ohio University.

—Last Monday there was a meeting in Silliman Hall to make arrangements for the Prohibition Oratorical Contest. A number of fellows have signified their intention of trying for this, and although Hamilton has been well represented in past years there is material in college to send a winning man to the contest. All fellows who are at all capable in that line should write orations.

—The criticism in noon chapel, which has been restrained for some time, was used too good purpose last Wednesday. This criticism of a man's work may be of much benefit if it is not carried too far, so as to become mere scurrying. It is this exaggerated expression which is objected to by the instructor in charge of the exercise, but if it is continued as it was Wednesday, there is no ground for objection.

—It is rumored that the faculty will allow the basket-ball team to play no games with other than college teams. If this is the case the team would be compelled to go without the practice games upon which they rely to trim off the rough edges and perfect their play. Although a practice game may be lost at times, this can easily be explained by the fact that many fellows play in such a game who do not make the regular team. We sincerely trust that the rumor is false.

The Librarian's Report.

Everyone realizes that our College library plays an important part in our work and life here on the Hill, but few men know how extensively our collection of books is used. To give the College some idea of the value of these volumes to the students we print a portion of Mr. Post's report for the College year ending last June. To show the class of reference books most desired the total number of books drawn from each department is given below: Number of volumes drawn from the department of general works and periodicals 866, philosophy 303, religious 192, social science and law 580, education 79, philology 101, science 190, biology 28, useful arts 67, fine arts 26, rhetoric and literary history 218, poetry 191, drama 96, fiction 190, essays 182, oratory 46, modern languages 207, ancient languages 193, history 935, biography 389. Of these totals the faculty drew 736, the class of 1903 1376, class of 1904 1718, class of 1905 716, class of 1906 394, outsiders 139. The faculty has to its credit in each depart-

ment an average of 43 books, the class of 1902 33 books, the class of 1904 37 books, the class of 1905 16 books, the class of 1906 6 books. The total number of books drawn from all departments was 5079, while during the College year of 1901-02 5284 books were drawn. It can be seen from this report that the majority of books drawn are credited to the two upper classes. This shows conclusively the great value men derive from report work and various kinds of individual research. The main good of such outside work is the knowledge men get of the representative books and authors.

This list does not of course include the thousands of volumes which are used in the library during spare hours. When these books are also considered, a person can begin to see what a power our library exerts. During the past year the library has been materially increased. There were July 1, 1902, 42,527 volumes on the shelves, besides 29,587 pamphlets. To this number 135 volumes and 519 pamphlets were added by purchase, 205 volumes by binding, 790 pamphlets from the reading room, and 473 volumes donated. These additions have been from 305 sources. The total contents of the library July 1, 1903, were 43,340 volumes and 53,405 pamphlets. The additions by classes are as follows: General works and periodicals 114 volumes, 2532 pamphlets; philosophy, including ethics, 17 volumes, 12 pamphlets; religious, 32 volumes, 1469 pamphlets; social (economics, law education, etc.), 142 volumes, 642 pamphlets; philology, 78 volumes, 173 pamphlets; science, 93 volumes, 534 pamphlets; useful arts, 13 volumes, 351 pamphlets; arts, 4 volumes, 26 pamphlets; literary, 176 volumes, 295 pamphlets.

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