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The Injustice of the Cutting System.

Under this first we wish to cite a case. A man last term was forced to go home and see his father twice. His father was dangerously sick, and of course the son wanted to be with him at such a critical time. The first time he went home, he used up all his cuts. As a penalty for the second time the faculty in their justice took away his cuts for winter term. Winter term, this man was confined to the house for three days with a severe sore throat. Now, the faculty in their inscrutable wisdom gave him three extra hours for spring term, and took away his cuts. Now, we would ask the faculty, where was this man's sin? Should he have stayed in college and not gone to his father's bedside at a time when he thought his father might die? Should he have sacrificed his paternal love on the altar of the Hamilton College faculty? Or should he have gone to his recitations when he had sore throat, during the nasty sloppy weather, and so have been laid up with pneumonia, and forced to stay out a term? We can not imagine a rational person advocating any of these policies, but these are the only possible ones besides that which the student followed. Then it seems as if we are all caught at the horns of a dilemma as inevitable as the famous one of Jeffreys of the Bloody Assizes. No matter what a man does, he is doomed. If he infringes on that absolute rule, he is punished regardless of his causes. He must throw to the winds all consideration for health, for family, for society, rather than to transgress that God-given (?) rule and order by which excuses are meted out, or rather withheld from the unfortunates in Hamilton College. What a lesson in absolutism and despotism young men, who

come here to acquire an education, can get from the annals of the discipline committee. Surely, men who wish to become a magnate of a trust, a ruler in Wall Street, or the President of a South American Republic, ought to learn the rudiments of power here. They could acquire the idea of what the enforcement of a single will would result in. We have covered this ground before, but we could cover it again and again without exhausting our stock of indignation. We hope that the faculty will take some note of this expression of the students' will.

Now, there are some further comments to be made upon the actions of this omnipotent discipline committee. It is their inconsistency. Now we know of several men who got punished in the same way as the man whose case we have cited. But all of these have not had reasons as valid as the one mentioned, and some of them have even cut maliciously and wilfully. These men should have been punished—that is true. But men who had conscientious reasons ought not to be punished to the same extent. Again, several men who have handed in excuses not as good as those of the case in discussion, have been excused, and were not penalized. We ask, where is the consistency, the equity or the justice in a course like this. We ask of you, men of the faculty, what returns you expect the students to give you for a course like this? Do you know that this way of dealing will engender in the student mind that "the ways justify the end," that a member of the faculty is a lawful prey to a student, that it is fair for a student to get even in any way that he can. This state of affairs will make a continual friction here, a constant ill-feeling, a bitterness which ought not to exist, but it is the only way in which the undergraduate can show his resentment against the injustices showered upon him.

1900's Outlook.

We are seniors now. We have been four years in our alma mater. In June we leave it forever as undergraduates, to return only as alumni, out of the whirl and excitement of student life. We are now going to take a new start in life. The second epoch of our career is closing, and a new epoch with all its unfathomed possibilities is unfolding to our view. Blindfolded, but with strong minds and bodies, we are going out of this place to begin our lives in the world: we are starting our success—or failure. This seems stupendous. To think that now is beginning the test of existence. But, do not be discouraged, for it is as simple a thing as any of the problems which have already confronted us. We can but live one day at a time; we can seize only the present opportunity. We are living in the present which a moment ago was in the realms of the unknown as the failure and which in a moment starts on the road to oblivion as the "past." The present is sufficient for us. Let us improve this, and the future and the past will of themselves form with the line of our development. Surely a moment's right doing and right living are not beyond the grasp of any true man or woman, and yet he who makes a practice of this has solved the problem of how to exist in the best manner. "But as we start down the tracks of time, seniors, let us do it with our 'steam engines' in good condition; let us be ever on the lookout for open switches which may ditch us; let us live up to our time table, sacrificing everything else but safety; let us run and care for our engine that to the tick of the clock we may draw up at the station, where is our goal, with our train in good order, and with the record of a trip performed in the best way possible to us, with our finite capacity."

Athletic Department.

R. S. C. DRUMMOND, - - - - - Editor
E. J. WARD, - - - - - Reporter

Base Ball.

The base ball team has been practicing faithfully during the past week, and, barring the poor condition of the diamond on several afternoons, the work has been satisfactory. Dunn, Lee and Durkee constitute the pitching staff, and they seem able to do the business. Peet is probably settled behind the bat, although his extraordinary abilities in the field are much needed there. No other, however, seems likely to fill Sterie's shoes as Peet does. Weston, McLaughlin junior, and Keogh have constituted the field for the most of the practice games, and they show up well. First is not filled yet. McLaughlin, Cookinham or MacNaughton will doubtless be selected as Cunningham's successor. The other positions will be held without change by the old men. On the whole, it seems as if we would be able to turn out a good team this spring, one that will achieve as great success as the champions of '99.

The first base ball game of this season was somewhat a surprise to both contestants as well as to the supporters of the Hamilton team. Vermont had defeated Union on Tuesday by a score of 18:12 and it being our first game there was much uncertainty and more hope than assurance of coming off better than second. The day was fair, with only a light wind to bother men in catching flies. The crowd, tho small was enthusiastic and appreciative of good work on either side. In the first innings Hamilton showed that it wasn't going to be a one sided game or, at least, if onesided, that she wouldn't be the other side. Lee was in fine shape and his rising falls and bending slides (to speak a la B. G.) kept the men from "1903" mountain State guessing. Baker at second played a fine game all through. Weston at left field played his usual good game except in last inning when he played a little too far out. Captain Millham did good work in base running. W. MacLaughlin, considering that it was

his first game played well. Dunn was not quite up to his old form, but Fritzie has had a lot of hard luck and isn't in perfect physical condition. Keogh stole five bases and made two good hits. He needs practice in catching. Reed is a better short stop than batsman which is saying a good deal. Peet fills Stevens's '99 place well, but needs practice in throwing. T. MacLaughlin hardly had a fair shake. On the whole the game showed lack of practice but the stuff is there and Mr. Ellis has shown that he is the man to bring it out.

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	AB.	R.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Murray, cf.....	6	1	1	1	0	0	
Wasson, c.....	6	1	1	6	1	1	
Hutchinson, lf.....	6	1	1	0	0	1	
Howe, 2b.....	6	2	5	4	1	0	
Putnam, ss.....	3	2	2	0	5	0	
Reed, 3b.....	5	1	1	2	6	0	
Oatley, rf.....	4	2	1	1	1	0	
Taylor, p.....	2	0	1	0	1	1	
Barns, p.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Abbot, 1b.....	3	3	3	13	0	0	
Totals	43	13	16	27	15	3	

HAMILTON.

	AB.	R.	B.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Lee, p.....	4	1	2	1	1	0	
Weston, lf.....	3	3	1	2	0	1	
Baker, 2b.....	6	1	2	2	2	1	
Reed, ss.....	5	0	2	0	1	1	
W. MacLaughlin, 1b...	6	1	1	10	1	0	
Millham, 3b.....	2	1	0	2	3	1	
Peet, c.....	6	1	1	9	2	1	
T. MacLaughlin, cf....	6	2	1	0	0	0	
Keogh, rf.....	4	3	3	0	0	0	
Dunn, p.....	1	0	1	0	1	0	
Totals	43	13	14	26	11	6	
Hamilton	3	1	0	3	3	1	0 1 2-13
Vermont	..0	2	0	3	0	1	2 3 3-13

*One man declared out by umpire.

2 base hits: Howe, Baker 2, Reed 2, Peet, Keogh. Stolen bases: Putnam, Weston 3, W. MacLaughlin 1, Millham 4, T. MacLaughlin 2, Keogh 5, Lee 2. Double plays: Millham, W. MacLaughlin, Peet. Struck out by Lee, 2. By Dunn 2. By Taylor 3. By Barns 3. Bases on balls, Dunn 1, Lee 1, Taylor 6, Barns 2. Hit by pitcher, Putnam 2, Reed, Abbot, Taylor, Oatley, Millham, Keogh. Time 2:30. Umpire, Torrey. Scorer, Hatch. Attendance 110.

Track Athletics.

The work of the track team for the past week has been progressing favorably. Trainer Crossley and Captain Mason have been hard at work perfecting the old material, and developing the new, with results that augur nought but good for the outcome of the meet with New York University. Uncle John has shown even more than last year his complete mastery of all the fine points in every event that we have in this part of the country, and his anxious care and solicitude concerning the physical condition of the men, and his attention to every detail of track and dressing room must win the admiration of all observers. He compares favorably with Sweetland as a psychologist; he knows how to make a man work; he can guage a man's ability and willingness about as well as any man of whom we know.

Several new men have entered themselves as candidates for various events. Campbell is trying for the high jump, and shows up well for a beginner. Jones, Lomber, Mangan and Maxwell are doing noble stunts in the sprints and the middle distance runs. Courtenay in the bicycle event, and Blakely in the hammer are making Stowell and Drummond hump their respective backs. We cannot commend too highly the spirit shown by the freshmen this spring. It is surprising and gratifying to both management and college. On them depends our hope for future athletic victories, and nothing will aid them more toward a proficiency in the various branches of track athletics than close attention to, and careful profiting by, the excellent training and instruction afforded by the engagement of Mr. Crossley.

The college meet will probably take place on Tuesday afternoon, May 8. This is not definitely decided as yet, but in all probability the date mentioned will be granted at the next faculty meeting. Manager Quinn has secured prizes for all places in all events on that occasion, thereby adding a material stimulus to all efforts. It is not too much to expect that we shall see some records broken this spring.

Let us add one more appeal to the college for funds. In view of the extra expense authorized by the action of

the college last Saturday, the manager is going to have increased difficulties in the way of meeting the season's expenses; and it behooves us all to back him up. There are some, we understand, who have stood the manager off, under various pretexts, and who should in all fairness and honesty subscribe immediately. It is a duty, hard, we confess, but one we owe to the college, nevertheless.

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Intercollegiate.

Harvard has 337 instructors, the largest faculty of any college in America.—Ex.

A new library is building at N. Y. U., to cost \$750,000.

The 'honor system' in examinations has been adopted by the University of Virginia, the University of Vermont, Vanderbilt University and Princeton University.

The University of California is to have a \$2,000,000 gymnasium, to be built of white marble. The climate is such in California that the roof of the gymnasium can be opened like doors, and exercise can be taken practically in the open air.—Ex.

Princeton's track team representatives for the Paris contests will sail for Europe about June 20.

Thirty per cent. of our congressmen, fifty per cent. of our Presidents, and seventy per cent. of the judges of our Supreme Courts are college-bred men.—Ex.

President Eliot of Harvard, recently advised the students to proportion their day thus: "Study ten hours, sleep eight, exercise two, social duties one, meals three."—Ex.

The Williams Weekly advocates the abolishing of "set" speeches on the part of seniors at the commencement exercises, and the substitution of an address by some prominent speaker.—Ex.

Syracuse and Dickinson will debate on May 4, the subject, "Resolved, that the A. B. degree should be given upon the completion of all four year courses in liberal art colleges.

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The caps and gowns of the seniors give quite a learned aspect to the campus on Sundays, and the mortar boards, if they were worn more, would be a great improvement for every day.

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Practice the yells, fellows. We need them now to help even the base ball games. Do it systematically, and not in a half hazard manner. Arrange a series of our old yells and "ring them in" scientifically.

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Nigger baby, duckie on the rock, and like games are conducive to the growth of college spirit. They draw together quite a "bunch" of fellows, and the feeling generated is organizing and imitating.

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The freshmen have paid thus far for enough street lamps to last throughout their college course; and yet during the greater part of last winter and all this spring there have been practically no lamps lighted on College St. or on the campus. It is a shame that

we can have no lights, especially when we pay for them. For a person unfamiliar with the college walks it is almost impossible to travel through the Erebean shades that compass him round about. The number of lamps is absurdly inadequate, anyway; but it does seem that we ought to be afforded the benefit and assistance of those we have in place already.

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This is spring term with all its charms. The grass is turning green, and the trees are beginning to bud out, and the mysterious spring fever is in the air. 'Tis hard for us to work with the inviting campus beckoning to us: 'tis hard to sit in our rooms and keep our minds on sober studies when we would so gladly be enjoying the beauties of nature—or duckie on a rock. But life is not made up of play. Every cloud has a silver lining, but for every silver lining there must be a linalable cloud. We must be philosophical in this: we must submit to the unpleasantness of a close recitation room, as so many have done before us. Fellows, you are here for business. This college is no play hall. It is a training school. You are here to be developed. Do not show yourself a sluggard, a skulker in life's battle by allowing the seductions of a beautiful landscape or an attractive bit of scenery to draw you away from the battle of life, vanquished. Do not run after the trivial things. Keep your eye steadily fixed on the landmark of your ideal, and steer your craft steadily, straightly, unswervingly forward, until you can come into the port of success. This is the time to begin. Do not desert your studies for frivolity. Do not imitate the dog in the fable, who dropped his meat to secure the bigger piece reflected in the water.

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Sophomore Competition.

The sophomore contest for the selection of McKinney prize speakers, held April 18, was concededly one of the finest exhibitions of its kind in years. While there was no "star" speaker, the average of excellence was unusually high, and a credit to Hamilton oratory. Every contestant acquitted himself well, and gave evidence of severe training. No feature was so satisfactory as the almost utter absence of nerve "declam-

ation" or "spiel." The artificial exaltation of physical fury, the Websterian pose, the dead level of thundering vehemence, the purple rage, all these are rapidly seeing their day, and giving place to a more natural, restrained, dispassionate yet forcible style which is both more ingratiating and convincing and which appeals more readily to modern tastes. Restraint without lifelessness, force without bombast, and grace without prettiness, were agreeably present in the sophomore contest. It was a most worthy exhibition, meriting fully the praises of our President, and maintaining well the traditions of Hamilton of a high average excellence in her speaking.

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Help Them On!

"Life" has noticed a tendency on the part of certain indiscreet members of the college, especially of the under classes, to "horse" and jeer at some of the candidates for the track and base ball teams. We remember distinctly a certain occasion on which the present captain of the track team called down in severe terms a man who so far forgot himself as to make some disparaging remarks concerning the efforts of an earnest young athlete; and we can, still, recall the feeling of intense satisfaction with which we listened to the rebuke. It would seem that once more a bold and patriotic spirit is needed to administer a little censorious criticism in certain directions. Earnest and college-spirited men who get out to do their best for the cause of athletics should not be subjected to the sneers and jeers of some bystanders in citizen's clothes. They should be encouraged and helped. We attribute the acts mentioned not to a spirit of meanness, but to thoughtlessness and forgetfulness; but the fault is not thereby the less reprehensible.

The college ought to turn out in greater force than at present to watch the practice of both teams. The men want the encouragement of your presence and mine, and they need it. They cannot be expected to do great things if they do not see that the college is interested in their progress and development. Let us turn out once in a while to yell and stir things up a little. We'll feel better if we do.

Local Department.

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LOCALS.

April 17. Freak team get out and do stunts in the mud. Base ball team stay inside. "Bib" lectures to sophomores in English prose. All make "bloods." "Singing, singing, everywhere, and not some melody."

April 18. Everybody goes in to see Clara Lipman and Louis Mann in "The Girl in the Barracks." The front row presented the typical comic paper appearance. Hank Miller laughs his laugh, and sets the whole opera house in a roar. D. M. McNaughton of Morristown, N. J., was at the Utica Opera House this evening for one night only. We understand he is playing one night stands only.

April 19. The dramatic club talk over a new play. Hamiltonian board straightens out a little complication. Theta Nu Epsilon smokes at Alpha Delta Phi House. By the way, Henry Hull come out of his chrysalis to-day, and is budding out for spring oratory.

April 20. College sing at 7:30. Junior whist club theatre party and entertainment by Phi N. Juniors. Score announced: MacLaughlin 73; Dunn 63; Davenport 31. The two high men, the two low men, and a special committee of six to set up the club. Houghton night and Houghton closed. Surely your lot is hard, Dunny!

April 21. Whist club set up of fifty cents. Rick gets his Greek in chapel. Big gang go to Utica to see "My Friend From India." Deke Taylor and Esty Stowell occupy prominent seats in the first row. Shorty Weston was in Utica.

April 22. Prex preached a fine sermon, drawing analogy between man and the steam engine. Pod Bacon announces his intention of applying for a job on the Rome road. The "steam engines" of the class of 1900 seem to have their energy in a potential form. Ask Waddell.

April 23. Elkin gives a fine lecture to juniors in Bible. Sophomores get a cut in Bible; only three men had books.

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April 24. Juniors turn logic room upside down. Track team go through their usual training exercises, and base ball team receives its final coaching before the Hamilton-University of Vermont game. Big gang of fellows on the campus superintending the track and base ball teams. Deke Taylor gets in some fine work in starting the runners. He is a peach with a gun.

April 25. Dr. Terrett gives sophomores a lecture on debating. Base ball game called at three o'clock. University of Vermont 14, Hamilton 13. Good game, and considerable enthusiasm. Prex, Dr. Terrett, Psyche and Dudley attend the game. Torrey acts as umpire. C. T. Hatch, ex-1901, and Miss Wilson of Waterville were at the game. Hank Miller waltzes around in his best approved style. Old Shorty Weston distinguishes himself.

College Enthusiasm.

The enthusiasm of the college as manifested by the spectators at the daily practices of the athletic teams is not at the highest possible pitch. There is a very scanty number of men out at night to note the progress of the base ball candidates and the tracts athletes. Last fall, "Life" had some words to say on the necessity of conscientious rooting and the moral help to a team given by a band of enthusiasts on the "side lines." This is true on base ball and tracts. Now, fellows of the college, we think that it is not a good state of affairs when it becomes necessary to jog you, to remind you that your plain duty is being neglected, that you are not supporting your own institution. Let us look at this matter from the standpoint of expediency, so to speak. There is no Judas in this college so base that he would like to see N. Y. O. beat us in the tract meet or Colgate beat us in base ball. This is our duty by others. Then the question narrows down to a fine point, "How much are you willing to give up to prevent such a calamity as one of those mentioned above." Are you willing to sacrifice an hour or two

every afternoon? If so, come out and cheer up the team and when we beat New York and Colgate, you may justly have way down in your heart the pride of feeling that "I helped to win that victory." These remarks are addressed to such of you who are not competing in athletics and who are not habitual spectators of the afternoon exhibitions.

Plays.

Some of the stage productions of the last few years are represented here in college, and for the enlightenment of the enlightened multitude we publish a partial list:

- The Little Minister. Joseph B. Sheppard
- The Christian Henry Hades Hull
- Shore Acres Childs
- A Lady of Quality.....Pick Reed
- The DegeneratesLee and Higgins
- The Singing GirlMarvin
- The Girl in the Barracks.....MacHarg
- The Liars ..Dunn and W. McLaughlin
- The Man from Mexico.....W. S. Stone
- The Telephone Girl.....
-Tommy McLaughlin
- Little Lord Faunterloyle.....
- George Thompson
- Beau Brummel.....Churchill
- A Stranger in New York.H. M. Andrews
- Way Down East.....Slimer Barnes
- The Fast Mail (Male).....Freak Hull
- The Circus Girl.....Deke Taylor
- El Capitan Stowell
- The Social Highwayman.....Baker
- Under the Red Robe.....Landers
- The Serenade
-When Prex and His Choir Sing
- The Tree of Knowledge..Slinus Scovel
- The New Boy.....Harper
- Cyrano de Bergerac.....Ben Moore
- My Friend From India....Jimmy Catlin
- Three Little Lambs
- Slimer, Schemerhom, Stuart & Yonker
- Papa's Wife Henderson
- Sowing the Wind.....Steiner
- Wheels Within Wheels.....Zeigler
- Jack in the Bean Stalk....Hank Miller
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- The cobbler in his trade awakes
- A contradiction vast,
- Because, in every shoe he makes
- The first thing is the last.
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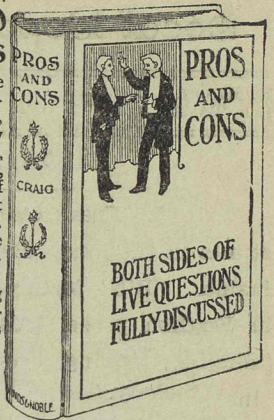
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of 22,261 students, only 817 are women.—Ex.

The University of Pennsylvania will not send a crew to the Henly regatta next June.

The following colleges issue a daily paper: Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Cornell, Brown, Michigan, Wisconsin, California and Leland Stanford.—Ex.

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Oxford and Cambridge will send a team of college athletes to America to compete with a team from Harvard and Yale in April.

A new library is building at the University of New York to cost \$750,000.

The library of Cornell University now contains 225,022 volumes.—Ex.

A base ball team made up of the leading substitutes of the varsity will hereafter be recognized as a part of the official base ball organization at Yale. This team will be supported by the university, and will have games scheduled with the minor colleges of New England.—Ex.

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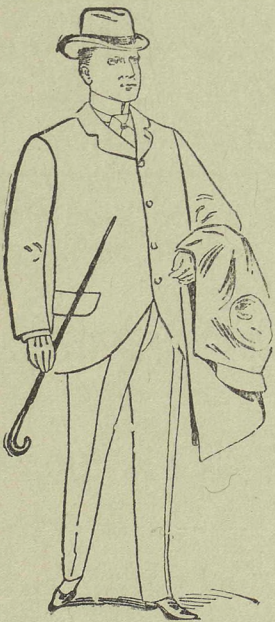
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