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Concerning Syracuse.

It would seem that the time has come for a thoughtful consideration of our athletic relations with Syracuse. The matter has been discussed more or less, both in the Advisory Board and about college, though as yet there is no settled sentiment about it. There are arguments to be advanced on both sides of the question and we do not profess to be advocating any particular settlement.

We have renewed athletic relations with Union after a lapse of some years which was caused by a dispute almost as bitter as that with Syracuse. Few men in college know anything about our affair with that University, but there is no doubt that at the time the college believed its rights flagrantly violated, and justly so, as there is evidence to prove. At the same time it is a somewhat serious matter to have entered upon our books a cast-iron rule that no team can compete with Syracuse, especially when the bitterness is but inherited from college generations long past.

We believe that Syracuse stands for clean athletics as much as any other college we play, and that she is constantly improving in this respect. The University men certainly desire that we erase their name from our black list and are evidently prepared to do anything in their power to make things pleasant. Syracuse puts out strong teams in all departments of athletics and would be able to give as big paying games near home, and undoubtedly could be brought onto the campus, too. The fact that we must go to New York or Ithaca to meet a big team is one great hindrance to the managers, which a renewal of relations with Syracuse would remove, and then we might take a fall out of the Saline City boys sooner than from Columbia or Cornell.

There are obvious advantages and many disadvantages, not to mention precedent, which is always strong on the Hill. But might we not at least recall our avowed hostility to Syracuse, and then we can play them or not, as seems best but let us not commit ourselves to absolutely no relations with Syracuse.

Hamilton Men Honored.

The degree of L. L. D. seems to be a favorite one with Hamilton men. Commencement week at the various colleges has showered two on Hon. Elihu Root, '64 and one each on Judge Alfred C. Coxe, '68, and Hon. S. N. Dexter North, '69. Dr. Root received his from Columbia and New York University. The noteworthy feature of the Columbia ceremony was the fact that the degree was conferred upon him by Prof. Francis M. Burdick, '69. Judge Coxe also received his degree from Columbia, while Dr. North was honored by the University of Illinois.

The Advisory Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the Advisory Board was held last Friday night to vote on the question of taking the Literary Magazine under the supervision of the Advisory Board. The committee which had been appointed to look up the matter made its report in favor of receiving the Lit., provided there should be a change in its policy next year so that the price should be raised to a dollar and a half, and the number of copies printed should be five hundred instead of a thousand as has been the case this year. Under this arrangement it would be possible for the magazine to support itself. After the report of the committee a vote was taken and it was decided that the magazine should not be taken under the supervision of the board. There was also considerable discussion over the question as to whether the tennis management had gone too far in arranging a tournament with Syracuse, with whom we do not have any athletic relations at present. No action was taken as to this particular incident, but it was voted that hereafter all managers shall present their prospective schedules to the Advisory Board before they are finally closed. Under this new rule every schedule will need the sanction of the Board and the Faculty, and in this way considerable responsibility will be taken from the shoulders of the managers.

Senior Week.

The executive committee of 1904 have been making careful preparations to have their Commencement as successful and enjoyable as any heretofore. A departure has been made this year in obtaining Mr. Rath's band and orchestra in place of Mr. Gartland's. Judging from the work done by the former at K. P. and elsewhere upon the Hill the committee have in no way made a mistake.

Sunday morning Dr. Stryker will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class in the Stone Church. As is customary, there will be a Y. M. C. A. meeting in chapel during the afternoon.

Monday is Campus Day, at which the following officers will preside: President, Louis J. Ehret; Ivy Orator, Paul Knox; Campus Poet, Charles H. Toll; Responses, from 1905, C. W. Loftis; 1906, H. W. Benedict; 1907, John G. Clark. In the evening occurs the McKinney Prize Declamation contest. The competitors are A. H. Child, A Speech of Governor Morris on the French Revolution; E. R. Evans, The Glory of the Puritan; G. C. Kingsley, The Prisoner's Defense; J. J. Weber, Principle of Freedom, from 1905. 1906 is represented by M. A. Driscoll Jr., Selection from Les Miserables; W. T. Purdy, (excused); G. H. Sicard, The Pompeian Prisoner and His Child; A. Thompson Jr., The Song in National Life. Earl Clark, A Man Without a Country; N. W. Getman, Truth and Victory; D. H. Miller, Message of Vasile Verestchagen; O. W. Kuolt, Stabat Mater, are the contestants from 1907.

Following the contest the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity will give an informal reception at its home.

The participators in the Class Day exercises which take place Tuesday afternoon are: President, John L. Strickland; Orator, Dana M. Miner; Class Poet, Dewey J. Carter; Historian, William F. Dowling; Prophet, Frederic F.

Brandt; Presentation Committee, E. S. Carr, John O. Collins, Clermont G. Tennant; Committee on class motto, Claude W. Monson; Permanent Secretary, William A. Ferguson.

At the 36th McKinney Prize Debate, held in the Stone Church Tuesday evening, the question will be debated: Resolved, that the United States' action in regard to the Republic of Panama is to be approved. Toll, Collins and M. White will uphold the affirmative, while the negative will be maintained by Carr, Sisson and Smith.

The Psi Upsilon and Theta Delta Chi fraternities will entertain formally following the contest.

Wednesday, as has been done in former years, is given up to the alumni. There will be several class reunions and a meeting of all alumni to elect college trustees and transact other business at 10 o'clock.

On Thursday a procession of alumni, faculty and students will form in front of Truax and proceed around the quadrangle to the Chapel, where the Commencement speakers will entertain, degrees be conferred and prizes bestowed. Following is a list of speakers for the day: Salutatory, Paul R. Abbott, Making of the Hebrew Commonwealth; Frederick S. Bastian, Santo Domingo, a Failure in Popular Government; Theodore D. Beckwith, Correlation of the Sciences; Edward S. Carr, International Police Powers; Louis J. Ehret, Albert L. Evans, Factors of National Decay; William A. Ferguson, Reason and Revelation; James M. Lown Jr., Political Parties, the Opportunity of Educating Men; Charles H. Toll, Places and Men; Montague White, The Mission of the Slav; Robert R. Wicks, Scotch and French Traits in Alexander Hamilton; Valedictory, Carl S. Schermerhorn, The Religious Element in Greek Poetry. Frederick F. Brandt, Claude W. Monson, Floyd M. Wills and George E. Wisewell were appointed but have been excused.

The week will end with the Senior Ball Thursday evening. This promises to be the most successful and enjoyable affair of its kind ever held in the Gymnasium.

The classes that expect to hold reunions are '54, '64, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, and 1901. The secretaries of these classes are: Rev. Dwight Scovel, '54, Mr. Frank W. Plant, '64, Rev. Edward M. Knox, '74, Mr. Lotus N. Southworth, '79, Prof. Joseph A. Adair, '84, Mr. Clarence U. Carruth, '89, Mr. David H. McMaster, '94, Mr. Henry Murray Andrews, '99, and Mr. Abram B. Macardell, '01.

Decline in Classical Study.

A week or more ago the Juniors debated the relative value of the classical and scientific courses in Hamilton. It was emphasized in the debate that Hamilton is primarily a classical college, and that while other eastern colleges and universities are breaking away from the old classical standards, Hamilton tenaciously clings to them. Since Hamilton is preeminently classical in its traditions, why is it that the present generation of college men lack enthusiasm and zest for classical studies? Why is it that the appreciation of the "flavor and the rare style of the old classics" is largely a thing of the past? Again, we of this student generation hear tales of how our fathers grappled with the Greek verb and mastered constructions of syntax by the sweat of the brow and "bohned" their Latin and Greek until they could read it backwards as well as forwards, and when they graduated from college how they could pick up Plato and Horace and read them at sight and with relish.

When we compare the past with the present we blush at the superficial, perfunctory and listless manner in which many a college lad wriggles through his required terms of Latin and Greek. What does he know about mythical, the rare beauty and rich flavor of the Greek original? His Latin and Greek is so much drudgery, so many lines to be "bohned" out day by day. Oh, when will this rot end, says he? His trusty little trot is by his side and is constantly consulted.

Who is to blame for this state of affairs, professor or student, or both? We think both. In the first place too many Freshmen come to college with the contemptible prep. school idea about Latin and Greek, that it is so much dry rot which must be taken four terms and then the victims are released. The professor's province is to eradicate that false idea concerning these studies, and to inspire his students the first day with his own keen interest and enthusiasm for classical study. Let the professor give the young Freshman a glimpse of the rich pleasure that lies beyond the drudgery of syntax and conjugation. A live professor can work wonders with the most unresponsive class if he can once kindle it with a spark of his enthusiastic spirit.

The student also is at fault. Today he is distracted by outside interests more

than his father was thirty years ago. Athletics and social events encroach upon his time and attention. The spirit of this age is one of rush, restlessness and commercialism, and the student finds it difficult to concentrate his energy on Latin and Greek.

However, if Hamilton is to be a classical college more than in name let her revive the genuine enthusiasm and love for the great old classics.

Among the Colleges.

It is rumored that Secretary Taft and Senator Lodge are to receive the honorary degree of L. L. D. from Harvard this Commencement.

Weslyan has two new buildings which will be dedicated during this Commencement week. They are the Fisk Hall of Science and John Bell Scott Memorial Laboratory.

The report of the Yale Corporation shows that there has been an increase of 135 men at the Commons in the last month. This is largely due to the adoption of the a la carte system.

Princeton has received a valuable collection of copper minerals from Bisdell, Ariz. The collection is given by G. D. Van Arsdale and is the finest known of in any educational institution.

On June tenth the new Medical Laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania was dedicated. The American Medical Association was present, having come from their convention at Atlantic City. The building was formally presented to the college by J. V. Merrick and accepted by Provost C. C. Harrison.

A committee of Yale Alumni has begun raising money for a memorial fund to be named after the late Dean Wayland of the Law School. They propose to raise \$75,000 and already have secured over one-half of that sum. On the committee are Secretary Taft, Ex-President Dwight, Judge Shiras, and many other famous men.

Dr. J. H. Hallader, associate professor of economics at Johns Hopkins University, has recently been granted a subvention from the Carnegie institution for the ensuing year for investigation of trade unions in the United States. For the past two years the department of economics has been very active in this work, and with this final record they hope to secure material to issue a volume on the subject of trade unionism for study in the colleges.

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LIFE would like to add a word to what Dr. Stryker said in chapel Thursday morning in regard to the three lower classes staying through Commencement week. It is of course a natural thing for some men to pack up their trunks and suit cases and take the noon train for home Saturday, after the last examination. There are two groups of students who do this. First, the ones who have summer positions, and secondly, those who have not previously made a practice of staying. Those who come under the first classification are pardonable, those of the second are not. Until a man has once enjoyed the pleasures and inspirations of this week of reunion and jollification he never realizes what he misses by absenting himself. If it is desired to hear stories of the old days, to see classmates meet for the first time in thirty years, to see the real Hamilton spirit, or to partake of the best and happiest week in the college course, stay to Commencement. The only way to find out what Commencement truly means is to remain and see. The student owes it to the College as well as to himself.

Phi Beta Kappa Elections.

The complete list of those who received elections to Phi Beta Kappa is as follows: On the first election Carl S. Schermerhorn, Warsaw; Paul R. Abbott, Camden; William A. Ferguson, Hammond; M. White, Clinton; and Robert R. Wicks, Utica. The second group to receive keys consists of Theodore D. Beckwith, Utica; Frederick G. Bastian, Dansville; Edward S. Carr, Russell; Charles H. Toll, Denver, Colo.; and Claude W. Monson, Deposit.

The Football Schedule.

The football schedule has been practically completed, but has not yet been approved either by the Faculty or the Advisory Board. The first intercollegiate game comes on September 29th, but there will be several practice games previous to that which it will be impossible to arrange for until the fall. The schedule stands:

Sept. 29, St. Lawrence at Clinton.
Oct. 8, Cornell at Ithaca.
Oct. 15, Union at Clinton.
Oct. 22, Williams at Albany.
Oct. 29, Hobart at Geneva.
Nov. 5, Rochester at Clinton.
Nov. 12, Colgate at Clinton.

Still Retain a Hamilton Man.

Two weeks ago Prof. Duncan C. Lee, '91, resigned from the faculty of Cornell University. For several years he was the head of the department of oratory. Although Prof. Lee has resigned, Cornell evidently does not desire to give up the idea of having a Hamilton man as her chief oratorical instructor, for it is announced that James A. Winans, '97, has been chosen as his successor. Prof. Winans recently organized a department of oratory at Leland Stanford University and for the past three years has been studying law at Cornell, besides being an instructor in oratory. While in college he stood high in his classes and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Sub-Freshmen.

Now that we are so well equipped with dormitories and have such good boarding facilities, it seems that some extra effort should be taken to insure large classes henceforth. Other institutions have committees, whose duty it is to send men to the various schools around the country explaining the advantages of their particular college and getting students to attend.

Why would not some such scheme be beneficial to Hamilton? A fund has already been formed which would be placed to the use of such a body of men. It only remains for the student body itself to put the plan in operation.

This is by no means begging an attendance here, but merely meeting our rivals on an equal footing. What would not a few views of the beauties of our campus, accompanied by a "spiel," do for the College?

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The college publications are dependent for their support upon the business men who use their columns for advertising purposes. This is a fact that the college men should always bear in mind when doing any business. The men who advertise in our papers expect, and rightly, that they will be repaid for it. Probably most of the students do consider and patronize them. But it is always a good thing to incidentally remark when making a purchase that you are from college and saw Mr. So and So's ad. The result of that is, the business man is glad to know that he has made a good investment of his money, and when he is asked to renew his advertisement for another year he does so willingly. Just try it the next time you go to Utica.

A Tennis "H."

The tennis department has at last passed the stage of being the laughing stock of the college and the butt of stale jokes. In what it has attempted this year it has been successful. The match with Syracuse demonstrated that there is excellent tennis material in college at present.

The next question is will the Athletic Association recognize this particular department to the extent of granting tennis men some sort of an "H"? Since this department is regularly established and represented in the Athletic Advisory Board, why not stimulate further interest in this department of athletics by granting an "H" of a size and style proportionate to the importance of tennis. Other colleges have set the precedent, and Williams is at present considering the same question.

Objection might be raised against this proposition on the ground of its depreciating the value of the other "H's." But if a clear distinction is made in the style and size of the letter there would be no encroachment on the football, baseball and track "H's."

The college is taking no radical step in thus recognizing the ability of its tennis players. The old plea that the tennis management and the tennis team have done nothing to warrant any such privilege is now unavailable, for both team and management have done commendable work in this initial season and bid fair to continue the good work. Let the Athletic Association show its appreciation by considering some such proposition as has been proposed.

Trouble at the Commons.

The Commons and its steward decided to part company this past week and Mr. O'Rourke departed with several bills against him, taking his family and furniture with him. It is rumored that he had just been paid by the College a considerable sum of money, but whether this is true or not we can not say. There had been some trouble with the waiters and the help in the kitchen of which he had been complaining, and this may have had something to do in deciding Mr. O'Rourke's course of action. With Commencement so near it is a bad time for the steward to run away, for the College had hoped to make a favorable impression upon its guests by attending to the inner man in a pleasing manner, which heretofore has been impossible. The College is under obligation to furnish board to those who signed the contract last fall through June twenty-fifth.

Overstepping Precedent.

In last week's issue of LIFE appeared the results of the baseball election, and in connection also the remark that "this makes the third captaincy that the class of 1906 may boast of." This remark was made despite the fact that a strong and wholesome precedent has been broken, the breaking of which may bear baleful results in the future.

College sentiment is very strongly opposed to the election to a captaincy of a Junior over a Senior's head unless there are decidedly indisputable grounds for such action. In the case of the recent baseball election such was not the case. A member of 1905, the logical candidate for the captaincy, both on the ground of being a Senior next year and because of personal qualifications, was passed over. For he has been a faithful and efficient player during the past three seasons and proved himself worthy of the confidence placed in him by the captain of last season, who placed the team in his hands at the last Colgate game.

It is an affront to the class of 1905 that the candidate from that class should be thrust aside to satisfy the ambition of the class below. X. Y. Z.

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College Notes.

—Mr. G. E. Allen, '47, was a visitor on the Hill Wednesday.

—Schwab, '05, spent Sunday at his home in Binghamton.

—The Commencement invitations are out—plain and in perfect taste.

—Hutton, '04, is spending Senior vacation with Durkee, '03, at the latter's home in Augusta.

—Ferris, '06, in criticising Sicard's debate says that he talks like a peanut vender selling his wares.

—DeWitt, '07, has been elected to the D. T. Club in place of Hosmer, who has decided not to return to College.

—The second group of Phi Beta Kappa men has been chosen. The new wearers of keys are Bastian, Beckwith, Brandt, Carr, Monson and Toll.

—Henry Toll, of the Horace Mann School, New York City, is the guest of his brother, Toll, '04. Mr. Toll expects to remain on the Hill through Commencement.

—Rev. Charles G. Empie, '08, was in town Tuesday looking up old friends and college mates. This is his first visit since his graduation. He is at present preaching in Raymorton.

—Only three Hamilton men have decided to attend the Northfield Student Conference. This is a poor showing for Hamilton. The fact that a large part of the expenses will be advanced to those going, places this opportunity within the reach of every man interested in the work.

—It might be well if the tennis courts could receive a little more grading and smoothing. At present the water accumulates in several spots after each shower and makes it impossible to use them the greater share of the time.

—Dr. Stryker, after shutting seven men out of the Sophomore Bible examination, promises that there are more to follow. The peculiar part of this is, that among the unlucky seven there are several well known Y. M. C. A. men.

—The Freshmen are looking forward to that "good old time" immediately after the Synonym and Definition examination, when the barrel staves play such a prominent part in the history of the class. Already they are betting on the probable last man out.

—Another challenge has been received from the Syracuse University tennis team for a match to be played on the Sedgewick Farm courts the latter part of Commencement week. Syracuse is evidently trying hard to regain her lost laurels.

—Spedick, '06, received a very unpleasant injury while playing tennis. A swift return striking his left eye, paralyzed the nerves and rendered him temporarily blind. He returned to his home Wednesday. It is hoped that no serious results will follow.

It will no longer be possible for three men to room in a suite intended for two. It has been no uncommon thing in the past for this to occur, but the trustees have decided to put a stop to it. Each man who leases a room hereafter agrees that only the allotted number of men will occupy it.

—There can be but little doubt that the R. G. Club is rapidly becoming a prominent feature in college life. Nearly every member of the two underclasses is today enrolled in this organization, and even the faculty take an interest in its welfare. Nellis, Schwartz, and Sprague are the latest additions. It is said that further action will be postponed until next year.

—The room rent in North College has been raised several dollars for each suite. To the casual observer it would seem as though the day for increasing the rates in North were long past. But when one reflects how low they have been and compares them to the other colleges, it is as once seen that we are not being imposed upon. There is also the fact to be considered that they were lowered several years ago and the present increase does not come up to the original rent.

—It is very noticeable that great care is taken in the selection of hymns for the morning chapel exercises as examination week draws near. What could be more appropriate than that hymn sung Tuesday which begins, "When my last hour is close at hand?" It appeared to some that there was a little more truth than poetry in that line.

—The steps to the ground floor of Carnegie Hall are to be within the building. This will be a great improvement over North and South, inasmuch as the treacherous ice, which collects on the stones, will be avoided. The stairs are almost completed and the hall floors are being tiled. Nearly all the windows are in place. When Commencement comes we can point with much pride to a first-class dormitory.

—Many anxious faces were seen around the campus Wednesday. In fact every man who eats at the Commons wore the same troubled and unfilled look. The cause of this anxiety puzzled strangers, but on inquiry it developed that O'Rourke, the steward, had suddenly left town. By dinner time Mr. Mahady had been engaged for the remainder of the term and gradually the glum faces gave way to smiles. The stomach is nearer the heart than physiology teaches, as is proved by the fact that Mr. Mahady is today the most popular man on College Hill.

—The D. T. initiation was held on Saturday evening, after the Neophytes had been fully tested by the customary "stunts" carried on during the day. Saturday eleven Freshmen in dress suits with slates under their arms attended recitations. At seven in the evening the active members and others waiting for the car at Clinton were entertained with songs and speeches by the Freshmen. During the ride to Utica the places of interest along the way were pointed out to the passengers, and several vocal selections rendered. By means of the singing much unknown talent was brought to light. When the Butterfield was reached a drill and cake walk vastly amused an appreciative audience. During the banquet the Freshmen were encouraged by remarks to the effect that the worst was yet to come. Later it came. All that remains to be said is that several new D. T.'s cut chapel the next day.

Prof. John G. Hibbers, professor of logic at Princeton, is author of a new philosophical series which is to be published in Scribner's.

Department Honors 1904.

The department honors for 1904 were posted Friday as follows:

- Greek—Monson, Schermerhorn.
- Latin—Schermerhorn, Wicks, Wisewell.
- Mathematics—Abbott, Schermerhorn, Tibbits, M. White.
- German—Abbott, Bastian, Brandt, Ferguson.
- French—Monson, Wisewell.
- Italian and Spanish—Wisewell.
- Psychology, Logic, and Pedagogics—Dowling.
- Ethics and Bible—Abbott, Brandt, Schermerhorn, Toll, M. White, Wicks.
- Chemistry—Beckwith, M. White.
- Biology—Beckwith.
- Geology and Mineralogy—McGaffin, M. White.
- American History—Abbott, Evans, Ferguson, Lown, Wicks.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Dr. Stryker will preach the Baccalaureate sermon in the Stone Church a week from tomorrow, June 26.

The address before the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon on Baccalaureate Sunday will be delivered in the College Chapel by Rev. John H. Morron, '59, of Peoria, Ill.

The committee are still looking for men to go to Northfield. Word has recently come from headquarters in New York stating that additional speakers on the platform of the Student Conference have been secured, such as Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, President F. L. Patton of Princeton Seminary, Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, Commissioner of

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