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The English-Boer War.—Continued.

The following paper is in answer to an oration delivered on chapel stage January 27 by Higgins, 1900.

Mr. Higgins says the Boers are fighting for a national existence. True! but what right have they to a national existence which can only be at the expense of the world. No family has a right to an independent existence in a state when such a family is non-progressive, and retards the development of the state. And the nation bears the relation to the world that a family does to a nation. No nation has a right to independent existence after the time when it begins to retard the world's progress. That the Boers are an uncivilized, unprogressive, uneducated, uncultured class of 'boors.' Mr. Higgins farther argues that the present war is a "hypocritical conquest:" an "utter disregard of the inherent rights and vital interests of other peoples and nations: a "denial of the right of separate life and existence." We affirm that this so-called hypocritical conquest may be assailed on the ground that England is hypocritical—too critical of the standard which a nation must attain in order to be independent. That it is an utter disregard of the inherent rights of nations, we must emphatically deny, for no nation has any rights to an independence, or even existence, after it becomes a stumbling block. The tools nearest to hand must remove this stumbling block. England is that tool.

"All must yield to the English," and "England is feared and hated by Europe." England is a mighty nation, and has stood for the rights of Anglo-Saxons and for freedom when freedom was possible. This in itself makes the more absolute monarchies of Europe hate her, and France, smarting from various defeats, acts like a snapping puppy at the feet of its master. England is hated

because she has made herself a self-appointed reformer for the world. She has enforced her position, and is consequently hated.

Then there follows in the oration a statement that every state has the right to deal with its own problems without outside interference, and that the Boers have the right to conduct their affairs as they please, and to remedy their errors when they see fit.

Here, in a nutshell, is contained the basis of the war. That no one believes such a declaration, we are confident. The structure of society allows every man to act as he pleases as long as he does not interfere with others. So with nation. The Boers could act as they pleased until they offended, interfered with and obstructed another nation. They did all these. England was near at hand. England is one of the two most progressive nations in the world, and is, therefore, quite interested in progression. Cosmopolitans, citizens of the world must realize that the Boers, the Chinese, the Filipinos, the Indians and such nations have had their day. Their sun is set. They must now exist as dependents and subsidiaries. England will win the Boer war despite of temporary checks, and will demonstrate that there must be no hinderances in the march of this world upward, and onward towards a higher civilization and culture.

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Junior Whist Club.

The first meeting of the Junior Whist Club was held at the D. K. E. House last Friday night. Only nineteen men were present, and Nels Drummond was called upon to fill out a hand. Attractions at Houghton, it is rumored, made Speh a little dilatory in showing up, but at eight o'clock everybody was on hand, and the club started in at progressive whist. Sippell, while the other members were quaffing red lemonade

during the intermissions, rendered the popular airs on the piano; and the pipes, stogies and cigars of the smokers painted the atmosphere that comfortable bluish tint which delights the heart of the social man.

Bill Quinn had many an apology or explanation for any poor plays he made. Jim Catlin's luck discouraged Esty; and Henry Hull's piteous lament over the fact that in two consecutive hands he had lost twenty-three points would have melted a heart of stone. The best players all came out in the hole, while the lucky men were those who professed only an amateur rating. Skinner was the most fortunate man: he came out thirty-seven to the good. After the number of hands agreed upon had all been played, a light luncheon was served, which Esty and Dick especially, enjoyed to the full.

Church prepared to take a flash light of the group, and meanwhile the crowd went through their repertoire of songs. Rick was in fine voice, and sang several solos or partial solos. The gang lined up twice for their pictures, which were taken through a cloud of tobacco smoke. Before breaking up, some one volunteered the suggestion of electing officers. This struck the club as a pretty good idea; so Dick was made chairman of the meeting, and after a stormy session, the following officers were chosen: President, F. W. Dunn; Vice President, J. E. Johnson; Secretary, W. J. Quinn; Treasurer, E. S. Augsbury. The power of appointing an executive committee was vested in the chair, who announced his selections the next day in time to get a set up from them along with the other officers. The members were all ill the next day from eating chocolates and smoking stogies.

The club is composed of the following juniors: Dunn, Johnson, Quinn, Augsbury, Stowell, Davenport, Hatch, Catlin, Marvin, Speh, Hicok, Skinner, McLaughlin, Sippell, Macandell, Redmond, McKee, Hull, Drummond. The next meeting was announced for the Chi Psi Lodge Friday night.

Athletic Department.

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Waterville vs. Hamilton.

The basket ball team started for Waterville last Thursday in a pouring rain. Owing to the stringency of the money market, everybody ate at home. The mob that assembled at the Deke House to occupy the tiny carryall consisted of the following persons: The two Macs, Dunn, Busch, Mangan, Hunter, Manager Davenport, Dr. Andrews—by virtue of his office—the public-spirited Mott, and Nels Drummond. Young Mac, as usual, was late; and while waiting for him, the team were saluted by an encouraging Hamilton yell from a hack that was just rounding the corner, which contained the Waterville attraction seekers, Sheppard, Hatch, et al. The load was driven down to Jesse Milham's house, and he crowded in; and amid sheets of downpouring rain, the bus pulled into the Deansville road. Nels and Davenport being the end men had hard work keeping their seats when the journey lay up hill. Their frantic struggles afforded much amusement to the sardined multitude inside, but they bore their discomfort with fortitude. The tedium of the trip was beguiled with song and mirth. None of the team kept training very well, and the atmosphere of the closed bus was perfumed with tobacco smoke as well as the odor of wet mackintoshes and rubber side-curtains. Finally, the lights of Waterville appeared, and the team disembarked before the pretentious and stately Waterville Y. M. C. A. to prepare for the battle with the Christian giants.

THE TRIP HOME.

Most of the victorious warriors succumbed to the charms of Waterville's fair maidens, even to the extent of accompanying them home—and some of the distances to be traversed, were of the proverbial length. Finally, about eleven-thirty, the team assembled, or were rounded up, and the dismal trip home began. Cheered by their victory, however, the gang bade defiance to the elements, and trusted the driver to find the

path, ford young rivers, and avoid mud puddles. Considerable excitement and recreation was afforded the reckless crowd by a brace of aged rustics, who, returning home rather the worse for Waterville fire-water, attempted at frequent intervals to pass the players' rig. Failed in these endeavors by their own uncertainty and the obstacles interposed by the audacious youths, they vented their maudlin rage in impotent threats and curses loud and long. The older of the twain gave a display of pyrotechnics with a lantern that he carried—purpose unknown—that was made the object of much ridicule and sarcasm by Hamilton's graceless athletes. But the monotony and discomfort of a trip to Waterville has to be relieved somehow. The team reached the old hillside, tired, worn, and happy, at the very seasonable hour of half-past one.

Basket Ball.

The manager of basket ball earnestly requests that all subscriptions be paid up as soon as possible. Besides De Regt's bill of sixty-seven dollars, the new suits have yet to be paid for. The manager had to pay out of his own pocket the nine dollars necessary to redeem them. These things ought not to be so. Enough money has been subscribed, but it ought to be paid in. We shall not have any games here until there is sufficient cash in the treasury to warrant guarantees to visiting teams. The basket ball team has shown itself fully competent to meet all comers, and it is a shame that all its efforts and capabilities should be retarded and brought to nought from sheer lack of inclination on the part of the college to fulfill its promises within a reasonable time. The comparatively small sums subscribed by individuals it will not hurt these to cough up. It must be remembered that there was no "surplus" in the treasury to start the basket ball team. It is an entirely new venture, and while not requiring an enormous outlay, yet it needs, and needs at once, this money that has been subscribed in order to pay for the equipments already secured, and for the repairs and alterations made necessary in the gymnasium. The college has by this time appreciated the fact that the introduction

of this game is destined not only to bring us new laurels in athletics, but also to afford us relief from the monotony of the evenings of winter term; and it ought to shake off this niggardly sloth, and respond to the just and proper needs of this deserving branch of our athletics. Let these subscriptions be paid up at once.

Intercollegiate.

The faculty of the University of California has reduced the number of merits of required work in that institution.

The Lafayette quotes significant statements made in the Boston "Traveler" with reference to the question of scholarship vs. athletics, substantially as follows: At Harvard for the year 1898-99, 29 men prominent in foot ball took honors in one or more branches, while more than 20 received two or more honors. Ten of the base ball squad similarly distinguished themselves, and over 20 of the track athletes were on the list besides a goodly number of the crew. Prof. E. W. Huffent, of Cornell, states that he has just completed a careful statistical examination of the question of the scholarship of foot ball men, and that there is no indication that their work in the fall term is below their work in the terms when they did not play. Dr. H. N. Van Dyke of Princeton writes in the same vein, that on the whole athletics there are a positive benefit and stimulus to the students.

Princeton, Yale and Pennsylvania have rooms fitted up for the display of the trophies won in their intercollegiate contests, and Cornell is about to establish one.—Ex.

Ex-President Cleveland is to be a lecturer at Princeton this year.—Ex.

The faculty of arts and sciences of Harvard has voted to allow a new English requirement to schools who may wish to offer it. By passing this examination a student will be exempted from one of the minor courses in the college department.

Yale is building an addition to her law school, which will cost \$80,000.

Yale will erect a memorial gateway to Lieutenant Ward Cheney, '96, who was killed in the Philippines recently.

It is said that \$75 is the lowest sum

with which a student can take in a Yale junior prom. without indulging in luxury or extravagance.

Dartmouth has received about \$500,000 in endowments during the past year.

Dartmouth and Brown will hold a relay race in Boston February 3.

A new gymnasium has just been completed at Mt. Holyoke College.

It is understood that as a result of a dispute between Yale and Harvard as to the place for holding the contest with Oxford and Cambridge, the meet will be abandoned.

At the University of Pennsylvania a War Memorial Tower has recently been erected in memory of those who fell in the last war with Spain.—Ex.

The treasury of the Princeton University Athletic Association, which includes the accounts of the foot ball, base ball and track organizations, shows a deficit for the six months to August 1, of about \$3,500.—Ex.

The accession to Princeton's library during the past year numbered, exclusive of periodicals, 18,380 volumes. This increase is the largest in Princeton's history.—Ex.

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A Notice.

The management of foot-ball wishes to state through the columns of the "Life" that the amount subscribed in the college association for the coach was not sufficient, and the following men make up the deficiency of \$150: M. W. Stryker, \$25; Fred Smyth, \$25; D. Wells, \$25; Catlin, \$25; Stowell, \$25; Holbrook, \$15; L. R. Smith, \$10.

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Intercollegiate Smiles.

"I'm in a sea of love and delight, darling, said Adolphus. Just then her father entered with the soothing suggestion, "Then, I'll toss you ashore, young man."—Bowdoin Orient.

A graduate wishing to be pathetic at parting said, "Professor, I am indebted to you for all I know." "Don't mention such a trifle," was the reply.—Ex.

Sunday School teacher, "What is a lie?" Pupil, "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, and an ever present help in time of trouble."—Ex.

An old lady on the West Side, reading about a congressman-at-large, rushed to the kitchen door, shouting, "Mary Ann, don't you leave the clothes out all night, mind, I tell you, for there's a congressman at large."—Ex.

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Music is a sweetener of existence. It has charms that will soothe the aching head of some weary student as no other specific can. Then, why "Life" would ask, do we not have more of it? Why is north college not more frequently filled with melody or attempts at melody. The latter is eminently better than silence. Wake up fellows, play your banjos and mandolins; let your voices out, and sing some good old songs; even whistle, if you can do nothing else. It might stir up the monotony of this winter term.

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We would like to add a word to our former address to the candidates for the base ball and track teams. We might add, to that a suggestion to Captains Millham and Mason that you get some of your men to work. Work is what tells in athletics. This is not a busy term, so there is no reason why the different men who are trying for a

spring team can not start their practice in the gym. We hope that a word to the wise is sufficient, and we further hope to see more work going on in the Soper gymnasium.

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"Life" wishes to give the "Hamiltonian" of 1901 a start on the road towards success. We ask you, fellows, not to be dinning the old question, "When is the 'Hamiltonian' coming out?" in the ears of the editors. We ask you not to be too curious and seek to pry into the secrets of the book before its publication. We ask you to admire the book when it does come out, and to lay down in the hands of the business manager a sum not less than two nor more than five dollars for the purchase of copies of the publication. If the under-graduates will do what we wish, we feel certain that this year's annual will be a certain and assured success.

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"Life" has learned from rumors gathered up by our reporters that Dr. W. B. Elkins has been lined up with others on the faculty before him by the application of a soubriquet. "Life" takes great pleasure in announcing to the college world that in the future Dr. Elkins will be denoted and known as "Psychy." This name is spelled "Psychy" not "Psyche." We understand that the myth of Cupid's sweetheart has nothing whatever to do with the fixing of the name—that it was entirely from the belief which Dr. Elkins holds in regard to whether or no psychology is a science. He says it is—we believe that Spencer, '00, and others say it is not. We hope that the college will profit by our notice.

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Sophomores and freshmen would do well to remember that there is a time-honored custom on this hill side—the snow ball row. As soon as there comes a little thaw and there is enough snow, and it is in the right condition, then go to work. There is another time-honored custom which we might call to the attention of the freshmen. You are expected to speak to upper classmen when you pass them on the campus, in Clinton or in Utica. They will speak to you, but no matter whether they do or not, it is considered but mere courtesy

for you to speak to them. Some of you men (?) of 1903 are not very well versed in college customs. This is not the only one you ignore. Let us give you some advise. Freshmen are to be seen and not heard. If you live up to this seniors, juniors and sophomores will like you, and think that "there is good stuff in that freshman." On the contrary, if you have a good deal of what is called "mouth," you will be known as a fresh freshman, and this will stick to you throughout your college course. Can you not see examples of both of these extremes in your class? Note the effect and imitate the one which is the more successful.

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Interclass Debate.

There will be in an interclass debate between the seniors and juniors on Wednesday, February 14. The subject is, Resolved that the sympathy of the United States be with the Boers in the English-Boer dispute. The seniors are Messrs. Lee, Miller, Moore and R. S. Sheppard; the juniors Messrs. Mintz, Dunn, Redmond and Stowell. This debate is worthy some attention, and all outsiders who care to come are invited to be present in the chapel that morning at 8:45. Each debater is to be allowed 5 minutes for his speech, and 2 minutes for rebuttal.

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A Life of Napoleon.

By Deke Taylor.

In the early part of the reign of King Romulus, Napoleon Bonypart was first born. His parents being old at this time, Nap soon attained the age of twenty years and upwards. It was in an after-dinner tea party that he wrung from King John the Declaration of Independence which has since been the ruling sentiment of the Hebrews since the days of Pontius Alexander. Pro Tem Putnam, the hero of the cloth of Gold, was at that time Prime Minister of Italy, and by virtue of his constitution was also President of the sewing circle of Moscow.

We cannot speak too highly of the character of the little giant, first in war, first in peace, &c., and inventor of the spinning Jenny.

Local Department.

H. MINTZ, - - - - - Editor.
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LOCALS.

January 24. Rick in debate makes the shortest speech on record. A bow, a smirk, a smile, and all was over. Dick shoots off a lot of Latin in debate. He spoke about something of Dav's being in hock somewhere, but he did not tell where. We never supposed Dave was so hard up. Church on chapel stage mentions a house made of tin. After chapel, sophomores in Soper room, and freshmen in gym.

January 25. Warm slushy weather. Everything goes along in the same old rut. There seems to be nothing new—and yet, we have visions of Vanamee with something new on. To-day is the great day for the basket ball team, their first game—the first basket ball game ever played by a team from Hamilton College against an outside team. Hatch, Sheppard, Nelse Drummond, Mott and E. K. Van Allen go to Waterville to see the game. Score 25-15 in favor of Hamilton. The Waterville rooters display their lack of knowledge of sporting ethics in the expected way. Pretty—"If you buy a million dollar's worth of New York Central bonds, to whom does the money go?" Hicok—"To the U. S. Treasury."

January 26. Some benefactor opens the window in Pretty's room and lets in a flood of cold air. After making dire insinuations against certain members of the class he gives them a cut. Bishop flunked math. Say, "Bish," you will have to take a brace. Prexy gives some very interesting information on duties to Deke. Church did not wake up until 8:45. He was late to "Lit." There are several bad looking eyes and some bummy looking specimens around college as the result of the Waterville trip of the night before. "And the winds beat upon that house." The majority of Elkin's T. of K. class go to recitation room and find no doctor. They think he has given them a cut and leave. Psychy holds recitation in another room. Friess

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is dismayed when he finds a cut charged against him.

January 27. Dick delivers himself of an oration, compounded ten parts eloquence, one of gesture, and rest of silence. Shorty Holbrook dresses up and appears on chapel stage. Everybody bets that while he has his good clothes on he cannot keep himself from going to Utica. But Shorty says no, he was going down street to get the 34th volume of the Arena, for which he would glean some facts for his debate. Later, he was seen walking down the streets of Utica, with this same 34th volume. Meeting of dramatic club. Senior prom. committee and sophomore class after noon chapel. Gilbert goes to Norwich to spend Sunday. Freshmen show good spirit in the singing of college songs before and after their noon chapel. Dick Drummond goes down with fear and trembling to see Hamiltonian printer. Sykes gives him a lot of work to do, and tells him what a "cold world this is." Seiter resolves to study philosophy. Busch takes a shave, but spares his mustache. Spencer takes a trip somewhere, and judging from the hour of his return, got snowed in. Shep wonders if he had not better go to Utica when he sees Baker and Holbrook go. Freshmen foot ball team have pictures taken. Tommy MacLaughlin loses the train and drives in to Utica with Harper. Prof. Ward cuts freshmen. Senior class decide to give a senior prom. the week of sophomore hop. Cookinham, Miller and Weston appointed committee.

January 28. Bill Nye preached, and everyone enjoyed the sermon. Nels Drummond cuts chapel. E. K. VanAllen gets a good flat tumble after chapel. Houghton attends chapel, and neither they nor the college are very devout during the prayer. Dr. Andrews, Holbrook and Dunn cannot resist temptation to sit in the gallery. Miss St——t smiles at Holbrook (?). Bill Nye omits his sociology lecture, much to the regret of Henry Hull, who dearly loves to go to Y. M. C. A. Shep and Rick work a game on Drummond, in which stogies are involved.

January 29. Cookinham grunts and starts another week. Rick Hatch tries his hand at Sophoclean metro. So does

Lonsdale. Deke Taylor springs his customary cold weather joke, and gets complimented by Pretty, who dubs him as a serious, sober, striving student. Ye Gods! what a judgment! Deke says that Pretty was heaping coals of fire on his head. Waddell, '00, puts in his 21 hours sleep as usual. He is storing up energy which will some day break forth and set fire to the Thames. The wind renews its blowing, and causes Pete Kelley to say something. Ethical room again cold, and recitation held in Exam. Hall. Psyche manages to make Bible really interesting and enjoyable, which is something unusual in Bible study. Dan Redmond goes down to see Doc Hamlin. Doc welcomes him with a satanic grin. Dan talks all the rest of the day about "ordeals of fire." Dick Drummond and Abe Macardell go into Utica. Same old story—Hamiltonian. They freeze coming out on the train. Dramatic club rehearsal. Shep hears for once the truth about himself. Fine basket ball practice in the evening.

January 30. Dan feels a little better to-day. Hull talks about some girl's "soul-less, metallic laugh." He scoffs again at all things philosophical, and says that Elkin is an "elusive cuss." Harkness and Mills walk in from Clark's Mills. Hank Miller writes another K. P. "Chippy" Hamilton visits the hill, and sees five men flunk ethics. Schultz sprints for his recitation. Dreaming of cigarettes Freak Hull says that the English "perfect" is derived from the Latin "perfecto." Sophomore foot ball team have their pictures taken on gym steps. Nels Drummond takes a spill at the Psi V curve. Ben Moore and Higgins go somewhere. Higgins cuts himself while shaving (his face) and exclaims: "A bloody shame." Church and Foreman go down town to help chase a crazy woman. Prof. Ward is confined to his home through illness (?). Busch and Mangan goes calling.

The Senior Prom.

The class of 1900 has decided that they will give a dance during the week of February 22nd. The juniors decided that they did not want to give a prom, for what reason we are unable to ascertain. We believe that there was some

talk of non-bossism, and their not being allowed the initiative, but this was too paltry for notice. Now the seniors have done a very praiseworthy thing for the college. It will do Hamilton good to have a week of social festivity such as this week of Washington's birthday undoubtedly will be. It will increase our fame. It will make our reputation for "tone" better. A college which is generally believed to have a good "tone" is very apt to be well patronized and to be sought out by lots of students. And this mysterious "tone" is judged more from social functions and the social ability of the undergraduates than from any other branch of our whole college life. The seniors have recognized this—they have recognized how beneficial an innovation like this would be. When the juniors flunked out, they stepped into their place, and are going to give a senior prom—the first one in the history of Hamilton. Now, then, it becomes the duty of all undergraduates to support these dances. Pledge yourselves to buy a ticket for \$5.00, which will admit you to both the dances. If you do not feel that you can afford to do this, club in with some friend of yours and buy a ticket with him. By this means, you can go to either dance for \$2.50, and thus you save \$1.00, because if there was but one dance the price of a ticket would be \$3.50. The way to make these dances a success is to have the undergraduates patronize them to a large extent. There is no reason why one half of those in college can not attend each dance. This would make eighty men, and would surpass any dance in the past. It is in your hands to do this, if you wish, fellows.

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A Specimen Discussion of the 20th Century Problem.

A. I tell you, we're in the 19th century. Why, it's as clear as mud, I mean as crystal. If a man is born on the first day of his birth, then he isn't a year old until he has lived twelve months. If a man is only a year old, he has then lived a year. This proves conclusively that we are in the 19th century. Any fool can see that.

B. Yes, it takes a fool to see that. That's the craziest reasoning I ever heard. In the first place, a person a year old is never a man. Therefore, since your premises are false, your deductions and conclusions must be

Again, if we were really in the 19th century, it follows that a man who has lived a year is only 365 days old, whereas he is, in truth, 12 months old. Now suppose a man is 12 months old, 12 months after he is born. I don't admit that this is true, but suppose it is. And suppose that a man who is born 12 months before he is a year old, is 365 days old after he has lived, 52 weeks; it follows irresistibly that at the end of a century he would be a hundred years old. Therefore we are in the 20th century.

A. Why, see here. You will admit that a man has not lived until he has lived, and that if he continues to live he will still be alive. First admit this.

B. I don't fully agree with you. I will agree that when a man is born, he has lived. But life is a strange, uncertain thing according to Kant and Schopenhauer.

A. I don't care a picayune about your philosophers. You're trying to evade the question. You know you're beaten.

B. You're a liar.

A. You're a fool.

B. You haven't sense enough to understand your own senseless arguments.

A. You haven't brains enough to know that you haven't any brains.

B. For a cent I'd smash you.

A. For nothing I'd kill you.

B. You'd a low, snivelling, brainless puppy.

A. You're an asinine, miserable, pig-headed idiot.

And then the hair flew.

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