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OPENING OF COLLEGE YEAR

Never before in the history of the college have men been back a full week before college opened for foot-ball practice. This surely was a very auspicious sign of what was to follow. As the time drew on apace toward the day of the opening, men dropped in on all the trains day or night. By the Monday of September 18 nearly all the older men were back, and many of the freshmen. Never has any one on the hill seen so many freshmen roaming around the dear old Campus so many days before college opened. All this was the forerunner of what was to follow. When Wednesday, September 20, rolled around, it found many, various and new men gathered on the chapel steps in a huddled, startled mass. Men of different shades were there. Some having had the dire misfortune of falling into a green paint pot, and coming out somewhat besmirched. 'Twas truly an odd sight, and one seldom seen. On entering the chapel one found a goodly number congregated for the first time. Freshmen galore, they were everywhere. The other classes were well represented, but went shy a good many men who were destined to wend their way college-wards at a latter date. The row was the all absorbing thing of interest. Compared with that the recitations of the first day were not in it.

If one had cast his eagle eye around the gallery one would have seen a large bunch of people—evi-

dently on pleasure bent. Were they there to enjoy the opening morning chapel and the various announcements? Oh no, little did they care about that. 'Twas the row they were after. They saw a good one—from their standpoint, but a rather fatiguing one from the participants point of view. They must have enjoyed seeing men go end over end, and then repeat the same again.

The not knowing of the men I am sure made things more interesting because their sympathetic nature would not be aroused if any one broke their leg, or neck, That's all in the game.

Taken all in all, the opening row was a credit to both classes, and a great source of enjoyment to the on-lookers. From the way men have turned out for foot-ball, there is no one who will predict anything but success, great success. Although some of our old standbys were not back on time, we managed to exist a few days without, and are so glad to see once more among us the genial face of Friar Bacon, the weary expression of Glory Hallelu Eggleston, and the towering form of Dunny.

College opened this year with great additions in the faculty. Andrews and Stone, '99, were added to their ranks. Elkins takes Bill Squires' place, and does it in good shape, more than fills. Some even say he is a great improvement, but be that as it may, all will know who have him by the end of the term.

The long felt need of a gym instructor has been realized. Prexie has answered to the occasion, hence Hadlock.

If a graduate of ten years standing were to come back, he would be astonished at the changes for the better. He would stare about him with gaping mouth at the aspect of things. Especially of the way things are going this year. The college has seldom seen such enthusiasm and push as has been exhibited this year so far. Let there be more of it. Hamilton is a good thing, push it along. Also, the "Life" is a bully good thing, push a subscription along. For rates see fourth page.

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Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

In Silliman Hall, on the evening of September 28, occurred the usual annual reception of the College Y. M. C. A. There were present members of the faculty and their wives, seniors from Houghton Seminary, and students from the several classes, there being an especially large number from the class of 1903. Dr. Root delivered the address of the evening in a very interesting and practical manner. The other events of the evening's programme were solos by D. T. Hawley '02, singing by the audience in general, and the serving of refreshments by caterer Howard. The time was spent in an enjoyable manner, and the object of the reception was accomplished in giving a hearty welcome to the members of 1903 by the college and by the Association.

THE CONDITION OF THE TEAM.

The early practice and Sweetland's magnificent coaching have put the team in fine physical condition. At Ithaca they showed their superiority over Cornell in staying powers and in wind; and in the two Utica games the score is enough evidence of the exhausted condition of the Academy boys.

Prior to the Cornell game, the sole object of the coach and captain had been to get the team in good shape physically, so as to resist Cornell's attacks; and tactics were subordinated in a large degree to this object. Consequently, the team went to Ithaca in superb condition, and with but few plays, but these well learned and understood. The result of the game vindicated Mr. Sweetland's course. But now, with the question of endurance firmly established, there is no doubt that the team will be instructed in plays more varied and intricate. Hamilton must meet the other teams in the league with a style of play that will at once rush them off their feet, and keep them guessing, and the team can do it. Mr. Sweetland has done wonders with the men, not only along the general lines of foot-ball, but in the many little things which perfect a man's form and a team's playing; and the improvement of the team from now on should be rapid.

At the beginning of the season the positions open to candidates were the two ends, full-back, left half-back, and left tackle. After Millham's accident a quarter-back had to be found. The most promising candidates for these positions were tried in the Cornell game, and they played so well that it will be difficult for future competitors to oust them from their places. Redmond and N. L. Drummond are playing certainly a remarkable game at the ends, and they are steady and reliable. Sheppard at guard did exceptional work at Ithaca, and he has the making of a good player. McLoughlin might use his head more in generalling the team from his position at quarter,

but he is doing very well. Keough came opportunely to fill Robertson's place at full back, and his punting and line-bucking leave nothing to be desired. Dunn is back to play his old position at left-half, and expects to be in condition soon.

The positions on the team are filled by competent men, and the substitutes for all the positions, as selected, can be depended on in case they have to play. The presence of thirty-six men on the field the other night, gives promise of more material and of greater improvement in the Varsity; and with all these encouraging indications, our prospect of ultimate success seems very bright.

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The Cornell game has been talked over and discussed so much that it is unnecessary here to go into details. Yet a few words of comment might be of interest. Briefly, the Hamilton team, after having advanced the ball as far as Cornell's five yard line within the first three minutes of play, guarded McLoughlin for a brilliant run to Cornell's ten-yard line, stopped with a smash all of Cornell's end runs, gained their distance repeatedly against Cornell's heavy line, and put up a heroic defence against their adversaries' brute strength, retired from the field at the expiration of thirty minutes' play, practically victors, and as fresh as when they entered the lists.

The first half was marked by desperate efforts on the part of Cornell to break down Hamilton's magnificent defence. The Cornell line outweighed their opponents, except in two or three cases, by many pounds; and their backs were all heavier than ours by thirty or forty pounds to the man. But, notwithstanding their superiority in this respect, they were able to force the ball over our goal line but once during this half. This touch down was gained only by persistent line-bucking, which Hamilton was physically unable to stop, although several times Cornell lost the ball on downs. Captain Starbuck tried the ends several times, but each attempt was stopped for a

loss. The hard play winded the Cornell men long before the first half was ended, and Starbuck and Alexander were forced to retire because of injuries.

In the second half, Cornell seemed much weakened, although they were rendered furious by their lack of success. The second touch-down of the game was secured only in the last minute of play, and was gained by the same tactics as before.

Cornell's officials were grossly unfair, and robbed Hamilton outrageously on several occasions. Their players showed a mucker spirit that was detestable, their attempts to disable the Hamilton runners being especially noticeable. After Stowell and Drummond had been injured, Cornell directed her plays against them repeatedly. Sweetland was treated shamefully by the Cornell team, and was not allowed on the field by the officials.

The Hamilton team played a great game, skillful on offence, and plucky and determined on defence. N. Drummond and Naylor on the left end put up a magnificent game on the defense, as did Mason and Redmond on the other side of the line. Captain Stowell worked harder than any man on the team, and was one of the best ground gainers. But the credit belongs to the whole team, not merely to individuals; and whatever minor mistakes were made, they are cancelled by the glorious result.

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September 20 and September 27 we played Utica Academy two games of foot-ball. The score of the first was 35-0, and the score of the latter game 87-0. The comparison of the scores shows the improvement of the team under Sweetland's coaching. The latter game was snappy, and came near putting an end to the Utica team.

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FLAG ROW.

A tall flag-staff, topped by a little shred of green bunting, a torrent of taunts on one side, a white heat of anger on the other, together with the jibes and promptings of wicked

upperclassmen, precipitated the second row of the year. The valiant sophs had formed an impregnable circumvallation about the pole which the opposing forces attempted time and again in vain to pierce or break. 'Tis true there was lacking in the Freshman ranks the strategy of a Moltke, or the tenacity of a Grant, or the dash of a Napoleon, but still they fought heroically, though often weakly and timidly to shatter the opposing forces. A haberdasher would have smiled devilishly to see the sweeping annihilation of collars, ties and shirts, and Darwin would have been somewhat at a loss to place the species of animals which emerged from the battle. A meeting of the upper classmen was called during the progress of the contest, and after a long deliberation of half a second, the award was made to the Sophs. For the benefit of mankind, the latter immediately after sat for their faces.

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THE KIDNAPPERS OF NEW YORK.

A crowd of college men filling the first two rows of chairs in the Scholard Opera House only a few Saturdays ago, greeted the presentation of the classic drama "The Kidnappers of New York," with a shower of groans and peanut-shucks. It was a fine entertainment and no mistake. The star made his little speech and requested the audience to be quiet, before the play could go on. The officers of the Clinton peace showed their authority in making the same request. The play continued, and came to a tragic end, but still amid the cries of "O Shucks!" The fellows had a good time, and went home feeling that "The Kidnappers" too would go away, breathing out threats against Hamilton.

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"Life" thanks the "Lit." for the cordial welcome which that paper extended us in their June issue. "Life," also, is glad that the "Lit" does not consider us a possible rival but rather as a help-mate in the difficult field of college journalism. There can be no contention between these papers, for "when no right or wrong is entailed, but merely prejudice or pleasure, in a question between the alumni or the faculty on the one side, and the undergraduates on the other," "Life" will go with the latter, because the undergraduates are our main stay, and they have no pull with the faculty who make and enforce the laws. So, again we repeat, "Life" will endeavor to abstain from "treading on the toes" of any other college publica-

tion, and has no intentions of becoming a rival to any of these.

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There is a great deal of truth in the answer of the millionaire who replied to a questioner, "Advertise, advertise, and you will become rich in a night." Now, advertising is a good thing. There are many ways of advertising. You can advertise to a good purpose in the columns of the "Hamilton Life." Apply to the Business Manager for rates. But we will talk of advertising this college, Hamilton College. Our athletics, our glee club, our mandolin club, our dramatic club should advertise it, our president and the faculty will advertise it, but most of all we students should advertise it. This year we have a large class of freshmen. Next year let us have a larger one. Suppose that each undergraduate should make a resolution, and carry it out to this effect that he will persuade one man to come to Hamilton in the class of 1904. We would then have 150 freshmen next year. This would be a number large enough even to satisfy Dr. Stryker, and yet it is perfectly possible if all the undergraduates will make up their minds to it. Let this be a word to the wise. Advertise, and advertise Hamilton College.

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We are glad to welcome a new innovation in college, which the Board of Trustees saw fit to make this year. This is the employment of a capable man to look after the gymnasium, and give regular instruction in calisthenics and gymnastics. The man selected to fill this position was Mr. Hadlock, a recent graduate of Bowdoin College. The need of such an instructor has long been felt, for the gymnasium was

being misused, and the freshmen were having too much time to themselves. We hope that the success of this department will be great enough this year to induce the Trustees to continue and make permanent the employment of such an instructor in the future.

There should come from some source, a recommendation to the junior Prom. committee of this Fall, whoever they may be. The recommendation is for the benefit of the players on the foot-ball team, and "Life" ventures to take up their cause. This year, the training will prevent the players from attending the Junior unless it is postponed until after foot-ball season. Another point the committee might look at, is their own financial loss in the absence of all the foot-ball players from their dance. As an encouragement to athletics, and as a wise financial move, members of the committee, wait until after November 26 to have your dance.

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DEATH OF DR. HOPKINS.

No news could more have shocked and saddened the students of Hamilton College, the faculty, the alumni, the innumerable friends who admired and adored him than the announcement of the death of our beloved Professor of Latin, Dr. Grosvenor A. Hopkins.

We had left him with every confidence in his ultimate recovery; with heartfelt prayers for the return of his health and strength, fondly cherishing the hope to meet him again. But fate decreed otherwise, and almost in the prime of his years in the waxing vigor of his powers, in the blessedness of a strong body and a healthy mind, he was snatched away.

Dr. Hopkins had long been afflicted with the disease known as creeping paralysis, which recurred often

with more or less violence, and finally after a long and severe attack, culminated in his death. Throughout all his suffering and decline, he bore himself with the resignation of a pious and the fortitude of a martyr's soul. He died as he had lived, a brave, bearing, manly man.

Dr. Hopkins was the Arnold of Hamilton College. He was a fond admirer and devotee of athletic sports, and in his early days had attained renown, and laid the foundations of a splendid and powerful physique by his devotion to this sphere of legitimate college work.

He was a scholar, a lover of learning to the tips of his fingers. He was saturated with culture. No teacher ever inspired in his pupils greater enthusiasm in the love and pursuit of knowledge. His culture far from making him cold and distant, only rendered him the more approachable, the more benign, the more winning. His large and expansive sympathies were the expression of a sweet and loving soul, responsive to every touch of suffering and distress. He was never brusque, icy, ill-tempered or impatient. Age had given him that stability of character and learning, that moderation of judgment, which reminded one strongly of those ancient Romans whose characters he greatly admired, and whose virtues he possessed without any of their sternness. The man so overshadowed the scholar that it is as the former that he will live longest in the affections of student and friend. To know him was to love him, and to love him was better than a course in ethics. His influence was strongest where character is most often weakest, on the moral side. With the strength and virility of a man he combined the simplicity and frankness of a child, and the gentleness, the sweetness, the sympathy of a woman. He was always happy, open, optimistic; always tolerant, indulgent, liberal, large-viewed, with a mind never warped by prejudice, and a heart never seared by bitterness or narrowness. He taught men tolerance by his own

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LOCALS.

September 11. Foot-ball practice begins with Capt. Stowell and coach Sweetland on hand. Mason, Gilbert, N. L. Drummond, Church and Devotee arrive. Two practices every day, and hard ones at that.

September 12. Foot-ball team lame. Dick Drummond, Redmond and the two MacLoughlins appear.

September 13. Shep, '00, gets here. Team grunts, and wishes it would rain.

September 14. Quinn comes. Team is beginning to swear.

September 15. Kid Millham has his leg broken in practice. We are sorry on Kid's account, but even more on our own. Oh, Jove, send us some more "Kids." Ward arrives. Redmond swears.

September 16. Team is glad tomorrow is Sunday. Never mind, "Every day will be Sunday over there."

September 17. Everybody says, "What a blessing optional Sunday chapel would be."

September 18. Freshmen begin to come in, and indications are good for a large class. Shorty Holbrook comes out with those loud golfies.

September 19. Square and Bill Nye met the freshmen for their little talks, same old gag. "First recitation counts as much as last." Henry Hull arrives in town with seven new oaths. Freshmen plan to lick the sophs.

September 20. Seven sophomores catch nine freshmen, who paint each other and the town green under the guidance of their captors. Ward and Drummond chase thirteen freshmen, and capture two. Usual opening of college. About sixty freshmen come up to chapel, and are welcomed by thirty sophomores. College sings about milk and green fields. Freshmen don't understand. There is a good row after chapel. Square keeps sophs from ducking freshmen. Sophomores victorious all round. Dick Cookingham joins 1900. We play and defeat Utica Academy by score 35-0. Protection begins.

September 21. Lomber, 1903, entrapped by sophomores in Schnitzie's room, and is so scared that he cuts everything next day. Smoke up Marvin, you are going out, a new pipe at that. Naylor mistakes Robinson ex-1900, now senior in Yale, for Slimer, and attempts to swipe him.

September 22. Freshmen take off hats to sophomores, and wish they would hurry up and stop bothering them. Hunter, '03, resolves to be brave, and go without protection. Drummond catches him, and nearly scares him to death.

September 23. '02 gets set up on Webster assistant track manager. Puts up flag and goes away to din-

ner. Thirteen sophomores remain to defend flag, finally combined scurrying by the sophs., and urging of upper classmen incite thirty freshmen to try to take it down. Good row. Sophomores win—of course. Church, '02, has his leg broken.

September 24. Freshmen buy chapel pews, and dress up. Don't know whether to trust the sophomores or not on Sunday.

September 25. Keogh comes to college as a special. Drummond, '01, is taken for a freshman by a member of the class of 1903.

September 26. Freshmen begin to wear sweaters. Rick Hatch smokes some "Virgin" in his meerchaum.

September 27. "Bart" debated! ye Gods! noon chapel. "God all mighty" Allbright, '03, slops over, as Square would say. College meeting after chapel. Webster, '02, elected assistant track manager. Harkness exhibits his pipe stems. The foot-ball team piles up score of 87-0 against U. F. A. in thirty-five minutes' play.

September 28. Fritzie Dunn gets back. We are glad to see him. R. Cookingham, G. T., Goss Stryker and Jackson start for Dewey celebration.

September 29. The foot-ball team with four subs, an official, and coach Sweetland, start for Ithaca. Cooky, Deke, Pick, Jimmy Catlin, Davie MacNaughton accompany team. The invincible quartette sings "How can I bear to leave thee?" The team misses the train at Canastota, and puts up at the Two Good House. The Invincibles camp at the Doolittle House, and the rest bunk at the "Loose" House. Baker scares an old woman nearly to death by entering her room, and Mac thinks they have a tame switch engine under the bed.

September 30. The team goes for a walk before breakfast. Eats two-good shoe leather. Boards train for Ithaca. Train embraces a milk station and gets its peepers knocked out. Team eats dinner at New Ithaca Hotel. Plays Cornell, 0-12,

is cheated out of two touch-downs, has ten minutes to catch train in, dresses on train, and is happy. On the return Deke is happy. Scoop says that Deke sprung each of his seven jokes one hundred and thirteen times.

October 1. Bill Nye preaches, which means that the college hears a good sermon.

October 2. Fish Bacon, Eggleston and Butler get back. Yell for team after chapel. Thirty-three men out in foot-ball suits. Good work, Scrub.

October 3. Dr. Elkins makes a visit to the physics class. Dick Cookingham says Bill Nye lectures too fast. Pretty breaks his record, and lets his class out five minutes early. Schnitzie doesn't. Jim Catlin starts to walk to Utica. 34 scrub out.

October 4. Deke sprang a joke, and Henry Hull swore. Prexy held a fine senior debate, so Clark said. Elkins held teacher's examinations. Good work. Psychology class got a cut. Noon chapel and freshmen attempt at meeting. Ward goes to Utica, and cuts foot-ball. Sweetland gets back.

October 5. Morning chapel! Something new! Churchill resembles George Washington. Why Deke? (address Box 792). Beware of the green flag, freshmen. It is waiting for you. Mel Prexy says that tardiness at morning chapel is as bad as absence.

October 6. Everybody preparing to go down to Hamilton to see Colgate vs. Hamilton. Light practice for foot-ball team.

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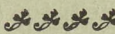
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A TALE OF ADVENTURE.

Two young fresh men in the early morning hours of the twentieth of September, 1899, set forth to hunt the dangerous sophomores. But they had no idea that they would meet any game, but yet, that was the result of their adventure. And the two they met were the awful Drummond and Ward, who did besmear the youthful hunters with much good green paint. Oh freshmen! see the awful fate of ye boys who hunt too big game. Waddell and Smelcher beware! Go not forth again against your elders, but stand back with bared heads for them to pass.

WANTS.

Wanted—a light in the toilet room of north college.

Wanted—by freshmen, peace.

Wanted—by sophomores, more fresh meat.

Wanted—money enough to pay for foot-ball supplies. At present the men are giving their time and efforts besides buying their own shoes. Fellows, it is a shame.