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Commencement Program.

The program for the 89th Annual Commencement is as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 23.

11:00 A. M. Baccalaureate sermon to the class of 1901 by President Stryker in the Stone Church.

Annual report of the Y. M. C. A. by the president, J. B. Millham.

4:30 P. M. The annual address in the College Chapel.

MONDAY, JUNE 24.

3:00 P. M. Campus Day exercises on the campus.

Class orator, F. H. Cookinham.

Ivy orator, W. J. Lonsdale.

Response from 1902, N. L. Drummond.

Response from 1903, D. K. Peet.

Response from 1904, J. L. Strickland.

8:00 P. M. McKinney Prize Declamation in the Stone Church.

Prize declaimers:

1902—C. W. Lewis,

F. G. Miller,

J. N. Scoville,

J. W. Van Allen.

1903—T. H. Burgess,

A. H. Courtenay,

S. M. Lambert,

D. K. Peet.

1904—F. C. Beach,

D. J. Carter,

W. P. Soper,

R. R. Wicks.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25.

8:00 A. M. Entrance examinations in the third story of the Chapel. (Autumn examinations September 17 and 18.)

Candidates with certificates will find the registrar, Dr. Root, at his house on this day.

2:00 P. M. Annual meeting of the Board of Trust in the College Chapel.

8:00 P. M. McKinney Prize Debate in the Stone Church.

Prize debaters:

E. S. Augsbury,

R. C. S. Drummond,

D. W. Redmond,

E. E. Stowell,

W. J. Quinn,

Harry Mintz.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26.

9:00 A. M. Session of the Board of Trust in Library Hall.

10:00 A. M. Annual meeting of the General Society of the Alumni in the College Chapel.

Reunion of the anniversary classes '41, '51, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '98, 1900.

4:00 to 6:00 P. M. Reception by President and Mrs. Stryker at their residence on College Hill.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27.

10:00 A. M. The 89th annual Commencement in the College Chapel.

The procession will form in front of Library Hall promptly at 9:45—trustees, faculty, undergraduates, admitted members of 1905 and guests.

A general participation in the procession is very earnestly requested.

2:00 P. M. Alumni dinner in the Soper Gymnasium.

9:30 P. M. Reception by the class of 1901 in the Soper Gymnasium.

Shepard-Stewart Wedding.

A simple but very pretty home wedding took place Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 139 Park avenue, Utica, when Miss Agnes Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Stewart, became the wife of William Pierce Shepard, Ph. D., associate professor of French, Italian and Spanish and of romance philology. The wedding was a very quiet one, only a few friends and immediate relatives being present. The bride was attended by Miss Amelia Sayre. Clinton Scollard of

Clinton acted as best man. At the hour named the bridal party entered the drawing-room, preceded by Miss Agnes Aldridge and Miss Doris Gere, flower girls, carrying pink and white, and the ceremony was then performed by Rev. Thomas J. Brown, D. D., of Westminster Church, Utica. After the ceremony a reception was held, and later the bridal couple left for New York, whence they will sail today for a summer in Europe.

Both young people are well known in Utica and vicinity. Dr. Shepard is a graduate of Hamilton College, in the class of '92. For a time after graduation he was connected with the faculty in the capacity of assistant professor, and later spent some years in German universities in the attainment of his degree of doctor of philosophy. At the conclusion of his foreign studies he returned to Hamilton College, and has since been in the chair of which he is now the incumbent. He is regarded with favor by students and faculty alike. All who know his bride congratulate him most heartily on the choice he has made. The best wishes of the college are extended to Prof. and Mrs. Shepard at the beginning of their married life.

The 1902 Hamiltonian.

So far the *Hamiltonian* has not sold copies enough to insure the payment of all its debts. We hope the college will come down and help them out. If you can't buy any more yourself, tell all your alumni who come back that the book deserves support, if you think so, and help the Board along in selling them. The book must pay for itself in order to insure its permanence and some of the responsibility rests on every man. None will be sold below the regular price, and the Board has not catered to those who do not believe they can support them. They have done their best and need your help. They have lots of advice for the incoming Board, and can help them over many rough places.

Extempore Effusion on Exam. Week.

The current week has presented to us without exception a series of consecutive *dies irae*, each of which has written "in the flame of its west its irrevocable verdict;" for some the adjudication has been favorably featured, for others quite adversely. Fortune's favors are at times distributed with an accurate eye for merit at desert, at other times promiscuously and indiscriminately, lavishly unjust and inequitable. The crucible, regulated by a dial whose every movement typifies a crisis, has been filled to ebullition.

Some have emerged unscathed, with only their absorption powers rendered more consistent; others have been seared and slidden; some have been cauterized at first and then congealed; others have suffered coagulation of the mental blood and it has curdled. The former are buoyant with *joyaunce* and the latter are the victims of dejection and delinquent depression. For some even audience has been prohibited. These have been found wanting prior to the trial. Their lot is sore. "But some must weep for futile work tho the Wirthhouse bar be groaning." Why should we attempt to shun that which we can't avoid. Some are progenies of fortune; all are children of destiny.

All thruout the week's duration every one has devoted himself to mental application. Continued concentration or a dire alternation has faced the best and confronted the worst. While seniors sortie to seaside and summer scenes we sedulously sit and sigh. Excursions, expeditions and invasions are contemplated daily by those favorites of fortune, while we content ourselves with one field of conquest and that a dubious one, with victory quite unassured. In view of these conditions men have with alacrity, yet great reluctance, volunteered to play recluse and relegate their recreations to realms of gloom.

Examinations are abominations at their best; at night 'tis sit and sulk over formulas or "hot spots." In the morn, with tresses touseled, we repair to chapel with that rancid taste of maw. Then to flunk or fly. Some have been winged in flight; others never rose from out the water of despondency; a few have soared on daring pinions to the hight of ten spots. Such a height would prove quite dizzy to the unaccustomed

crowd, and so they perch on the rounds of six or seven. "Who does the best his circumstance allows does well, acts nobly, angels could no more." Some of us, we deplore the fact, had poor circumstances and poorer capability. But there are extenuating circumstances in isolated instances. When such pressure on the brain succeeds the dormative influence of vernality, which is so non-conducive to exertion, the reaction is for some too great. The onus is too burdensome. Examinations constitute but fuel to the fire of fagots. No wonder that we become fatigued and fagged and consequently fume.

But never mind. Get a good dinner and glut your gourmand greed. "Irks can the crop full bird?" Naw! "Frets doubt the maw-crammed beast?" We doubt it. Let our repining not be that "settled ceaseless gloom which cannot look beyond the tomb" of our interred hopes and buried aspirations.

The Trees.

When Sam Kirkland, nearly 100 years ago, came to this hillside, where only trees and red men were then to be seen, and began to hew his home out from the depths of the forest he left here and there a monument to those giants which he had sacrificed for the realization of his hopes and plans. Some of those mighty flowers of the forest have withstood the terrible ravages of the axe and elements and today crown the beautiful brow of the Oriskany, as sentinels over the lonely graves of those who gave their lives that Hamilton might "grow and flourish; that its advantages might be permanent and extensive; and that under the smiles of the God of Wisdom it might prove an eminent means of diffusing useful knowledge, enlarging the bounds of human happiness, and aiding the reign of virtue and the Kingdom of God."

As the years have slipped by and men have come, graduated, and gone, other members of this great family have swiftly been born and developed into full planthood until Kirkland's clearing has become a beautiful garden. From the North and from the West, from the East and from the South, they have come to shed their peace and protection around us. Doubtless if many of them could speak they would tell us of wonderful secrets of distant lands; they would unfold to our wondering ears tales of college long since forgotten; they would

whisper stories of the Holy Land, of England and of Italy; they would speak in English, Spanish, Chinese and German.

Unfortunately, they are not gifted with speech. They stand beautiful in their silence, eager to witness; unable to utter, a botanical garden, representing a collection as complete as possible of native and foreign plants.

It is here impossible to give a comprehensive list of the various species of trees on the campus. To the average botanical student about 25 are known. Scores of others are utterly incomprehensible. It has been said that the number of species exceeds a hundred. Within their shade is concealed volumes of all parts of the world. Of the more common species there are the white elm, sugar maple, red maple, basswood, poplar, ash, ironwood, birch, hickory, white pine, hemlock, Florida pine, shadbush, flowering dogwood, catalpa, tamarisk. The advantage of such a great variety of trees and shrubs is fully appreciated by the botanical department. They afford not only important cultural and recreative value as a park for college and town, but also a field for original research and investigation. Thro the care and respect which the students show and the aid of interested alumni each year this collection becomes more valuable in its usefulness and possibilities. Here is an opportunity for succeeding graduating classes to show their loyalty to the college with annual gifts of rare and valuable plants our campus would soon be made a true arboretum.

What is a universal good should be given to all. Every one should share in its benefits. For some years past there has been a general inquiry as to the propriety of placing lettered metallic plates upon the trees which shall enable not only strangers, but students of the college to distinguish the various species of trees upon the campus. That this would meet with the hearty approbation of students and alumni is unquestionable. The expense would be small and the benefit far-reaching in its effects. We have in our midst a hidden, unappreciative treasure. The stone should be rolled away and light turned upon these jewels of Nature's God.

Small Colleges Preferable.

"It is commonly recognized that a considerable section of a liberal education is that which students acquire, not from

their tutors, but from one another," says Herbert W. Horwill in the June *Atlantic*. "This, too, is for the most part obtained within the walls of the college of which they are members. The smallest college includes men who have come from different schools, who live in different counties, who hold different grades in society, and who anticipate very different careers in later life. It is in the mingling of these diverse elements that the social intercourse of a college operates most healthily. * * * No outside associations will contribute to a man's education more of what is fresh and unfamiliar than will meet him daily on his own staircase. A small college puts upon him the compulsion of this broadening social intercourse. A large college, on the other hand, from its very size provides less variety; it is impossible for all the men to know one another, and they assort themselves accordingly into cliques, along the lines of some sectional interest. * * * As a social organism, the small college is distinctly to be preferred to its larger rival. The personality of the teachers has a much greater opportunity for wholesome influence. Every member of the staff may become directly acquainted with each student in the college. The size of the institution not only allows friendly intercourse between tutors and undergraduates, but directly invites it. Further, it is possible for the undergraduates themselves to enjoy all the social advantages of academic life without splitting up into cliques or creating artificial associations. The college itself is the true fraternity."


St. Peter—And what were you?
Applicant—I was in Hamilton College.

St. Peter—Did you take a college paper?

Applicant—Yes, indeed; THE HAMILTON LIFE.

St. Peter—Subscription paid when you left?

Applicant—No. Two years back.

St. Peter—

Announcement.

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WITH this issue we close the year of editorial work. After the week of gaities comes the welcome summer vacation, and we will be glad of the rest. It has been a year full of activity in more ways than one. We are becoming more and more a "right little, tight little college," and find our chief entertainments right here on our own hillside. We are a community by ourselves and the life is what we make it. That intense rivalry which formerly existed has given place to a good spirit of truer fellowship. Worth must win, and each stands on his own responsibility. It remains for us who return in the fall to develop and enlarge the system in such a manner that mistakes cannot occur.

It is said that there have been some objections to posting the names of those having unpaid subscriptions; that a man subscribes voluntarily and ought to pay when he feels like it; that some subscriptions might be withheld should this course be rigidly carried out.

As a matter of fact, however, every man ought to offer his mite without this ceaseless chasing by managers. It is rapidly reaching a stage where the manager must be a physical giant, as well as a good man to persuade. This is all wrong, and it does no harm to brace a man up a little who leaves his subscription unpaid beyond a reasonable time. Due notice was given to all a month in advance that such posting would be done, and it is his fault if he has brought the trouble on himself. The managers no doubt have been exasperated beyond measure by the slow payments, and they are but carrying out the wishes of the Advisory Board. It is asking too much of him when he has to put up his

own money in order to play our games. If we are going to do business, let us be business-like.

THE strongest support of a college is her alumni; they love their Alma Mater and show their love in deeds as well as words. We undergraduates are, so to say, to be alumni pro tem for the summer. Let us fill our office. We want a freshman class next year of seventy, and we, as well as the faculty, must work for this end. Talk up Hamilton during your vacation wanderings. If you see a fellow that is going to college, turn him this way; tell him some of Hamilton's merits and give him some pointers on entering. Look up the graduates in your home preparatory school; there must be some good men there whom you could win over if you tried. "Rush" for your college as well as your fraternity. In a word, remember that wherever you are you belong to the college on the Hill, and that she expects you to be a loyal son, ever mindful of her interests.

WITH the end of this year so near at hand, and the approach of the summer vacation, one cannot help but think ahead and begin to calculate and speculate on the prospects of the coming year, which tho many weeks ahead, will nevertheless soon be upon us.

As we look forward to the opening of the fall term, perhaps the first thought that comes into our minds is football. What kind of a team will we have next year; can we hope to keep up our splendid reputation which we so firmly established last year?

This is probably the question which each and every man has asked himself, and this question can be answered by none other than himself.

We have before us next fall a difficult and serious problem. With the graduation of the class of 1901 we lose six of our strongest men—men who have given themselves heart and soul to their work, and have brought the name of Hamilton on the gridiron out of the obscure into light, and have set her standard bright and shining amongst the foremost in the land. As these men go forth, they leave a big gap, a hole which will be hard to fill. To be sure there are substitutes, and good men, too, but these cannot do it all. We have a good captain, and a coach whose merits we have tried and known. The coming year rests, with us alone—we who are undergraduates.

Let us then, as we depart for our various homes, carry with us this one thought for the coming year let us ponder over it and come back early next fall to "quit us like men," to rally around the standard and make the season next fall even more glorious than that of last year.

THE Houghton *Record*, a quarterly magazine, is to be issued the coming year. Mrs. A. T. Durston, of Syracuse, is editor-in-chief, with Miss Pardee as associate. We herald the advent of the paper and wish for it the best of success. Journalism is not the easiest task imaginable, but in such capable hands we feel confident that it will be prosperous. So here's to Houghton, and here's to its paper.

Dr. Elkin.

It is with regret that the college learns of the departure of Dr. Elkin. He has been untiring in his efforts to do his best, and altho not always exactly understood by some, he has nevertheless had the best motives and the best interest of the college at heart. He has been a firm supporter of athletics, and we shall miss him at the games. As an advocate of a closer bond of union between faculty and student he is perhaps the best known of any of the professors. His rooms were always open to students and he took supreme delight in welcoming them to his study.

Before coming here Dr. Elkin was acting professor in Columbia University, and previous to that was an instructor in Colgate University. He is about to publish a treatise and inquiry on Hume's System, from the point of view of the history of philosophy. He has not yet decided where he will locate next year. Our best wishes go with him.

The Baseball Pennant.

This spring, when the interclass baseball games were being discussed and arranged, the management promised a pennant to the class who should win the championship. The pennant is here and is certainly a worthy prize. It bears the inscription: "Hamilton, Class of 1901, Champions 1901," in buff letters upon a blue field. The banner is to be placed in the gymnasium among the other tokens of victory and will serve as a constant reminder of '01 prowess on the athletic field.

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Tufts Weekly, The Academe of Colgate
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Westerly, R. I., The Oberlin Review and
the Black and Red* have all been wel-
come on our table. We wish them all a
pleasant and profitable vacation.

Ode to South College.

We love thee for thy dusty stairs,
Dreary and long as Prexy's prayers,
Thy bedrooms, which no person airs—
We love thee, Old South College.

We love thee for the faint perfume
Exhaling from each noisome room,
Yet unprofaned by touch of broom—
We love thee, Old South College.

We love thee for thy long-haired
sharks

Who worry over last year's marks
And then establish mission parks;
True sons of thine, South College.

We love thee for thy grimy halls;
The bed-bugs clamber up thy walls;
But Prexy knows where each one
falls—

We love thee, Old South College.
—Adapted from Williams F. F. F.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

Clinton Post Office.

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Mails Close—For Utica, 7:30 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 6:00 p. m. For Rome, 11:00 a. m., 6:00 p. m. For South, 8:15 a. m., 12:25 p. m.

Sunday mail open from 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. Sunday mail closes at 5:20 p. m.

Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the Carrier, and comes up after the Carrier gets down.

F. E. PAYNE, P. M.

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College Notes.

—Waddell, '00, is on the Hill.

—Caius Lee, '99, is on the Hill for Commencement.

—Ducking seems to be the order of the day just now.

—Square still keeps up a high record in flunking freshmen.

—R. C. White in mathematics exam.: "Haven't I a classmate in this room?"

—The election of a captain for the baseball and track teams takes place today.

—Wednesday afternoon the alumni will play the undergraduates at baseball on Steuben Field. All out.

—The glowing glare commences to creep over the freshmen class, as most of them have succeeded in passing off 10 hours.

—Blakeley, '03, thru his persistency, has finally succeed in throwing the hammer 121 feet 6 inches. Keep up the good work, Blake.

—Bill Nye has deprived the freshmen of their proverbial sport after Bible exam. by giving an oral instead of a written review.

—Cookinham, Dunn and McLaughlin are spending a part of their vacation at Prospect, endeavoring to deprive the lake of its fish.

—Scoville, '02, Allbright and Youker, '03, will represent Hamilton at Northfield this summer. Others may go who have not made up their minds yet.

Commencement.

In issues prior to the present have appeared forecasts and presages of Commencement possibilities. These augur to be many; and the probabilities promise to be of equal number. From evidences of enterprise manifested by executive and other committees we may venture the prediction that the exercises of the imminent Commencement and graduation will eclipse all precedent and sample. The offices of representative and eminently competent members of the class have been engaged to execute the varied scheme. They need enlist no foreign or mercenary aid. We are acquainted with their capabilities and are delighted to take this premonitory cognizance thereof. If any one imagines that he leaves today for a scene of pleasure he harbors a delusion. The delectation which will be accorded to spectators is absolutely incommensurable with that which any summer scene or scent may offer. The program in prospect will afford the choicest sort of pleasure and a romp of recreation. From Baccalaurate to Senior Ball the ceaseless course of time will be occupied most advantageously. No one need regret his tarrance.

LIFE would urge especially that the members of the freshman class defer their departure until the close of consummations. The opportunity of meeting alumni of repute and eminence should not be flouted. For those trammelled with no discharge of duty the ensuing week will be a bath of bliss. We speak from empirical knowledge. For freshmen especially is the opportunity a great one. None should fail in its improvement. Remain and have food for thought and conversation in the future days of vacation and recreation.

The New Hamiltonian Board.

It is expected that the elections to the different offices on the 1903 *Hamiltonian* Board will take place today. The outcome is still uncertain. It is no easy matter to select men to perform the various duties, but it is earnestly hoped that those selected will be eminently qualified for the place. The book ought to be started early and every man needs to work hard for it from now until it is issued in the spring. Don't roll up big bills until you are perfectly sure where the money is coming from. Encourage in every possible way the advertisers

who appeared in the last issue and show them that you appreciate their good offices. Many instances have come to light in the old board where firms who have been good advertisers are receiving little trade, while many who are doing nothing for us receive much. This is not right; stick to your friends and they will stay by you. Show advertisers that you are in sympathy with them and they will reciprocate. Get a good business manager and a good man for the advertising. This is the important part, and both are offices of trust. Don't forget that the old Board is behind you and is willing to help you out.

Interscholastic Pennant.

The committee in charge of the interscholastic field meet has ordered a pennant for the winning team. It will be of blue, with buff letters, and is a model of its kind. The U. F. A. track team requested that it be in Hamilton's colors, and will no doubt prize it highly.

Commencement Dances.

Monday night—The Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi.

Tuesday evening—Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon.

Wednesday evening—The Tau Chapter of D. K. E.

Thursday evening—Senior ball.

Intercollegiate.

—One hundred thousand dollars has been given to Smith by a prominent business man, whose name is to be kept secret.

—Six Yale seniors will not get their degrees this year.

—Twenty-five students of the University of Pennsylvania who wish to see the Henley regatta in July will work their way over on cattleships. Most of them have little money and are not accustomed to hard manual labor. They went into training before they left in order to endure the work. All of them expect to follow the crew, do some traveling and return in the same way.

—Dartmouth's first official event in the Commencement exercises is a "Sing-Out and Wet-Down." The freshmen and sophomores use lemonade in the place of water.

—Sears of Cornell equalled the record in the 100 yards at the recent games at

the Pan-American. He ran the distance in 9 4-5.

—Five thousand six hundred and ninety-seven men have graduated from Dartmouth College during a period lasting from 1771 to 1896.

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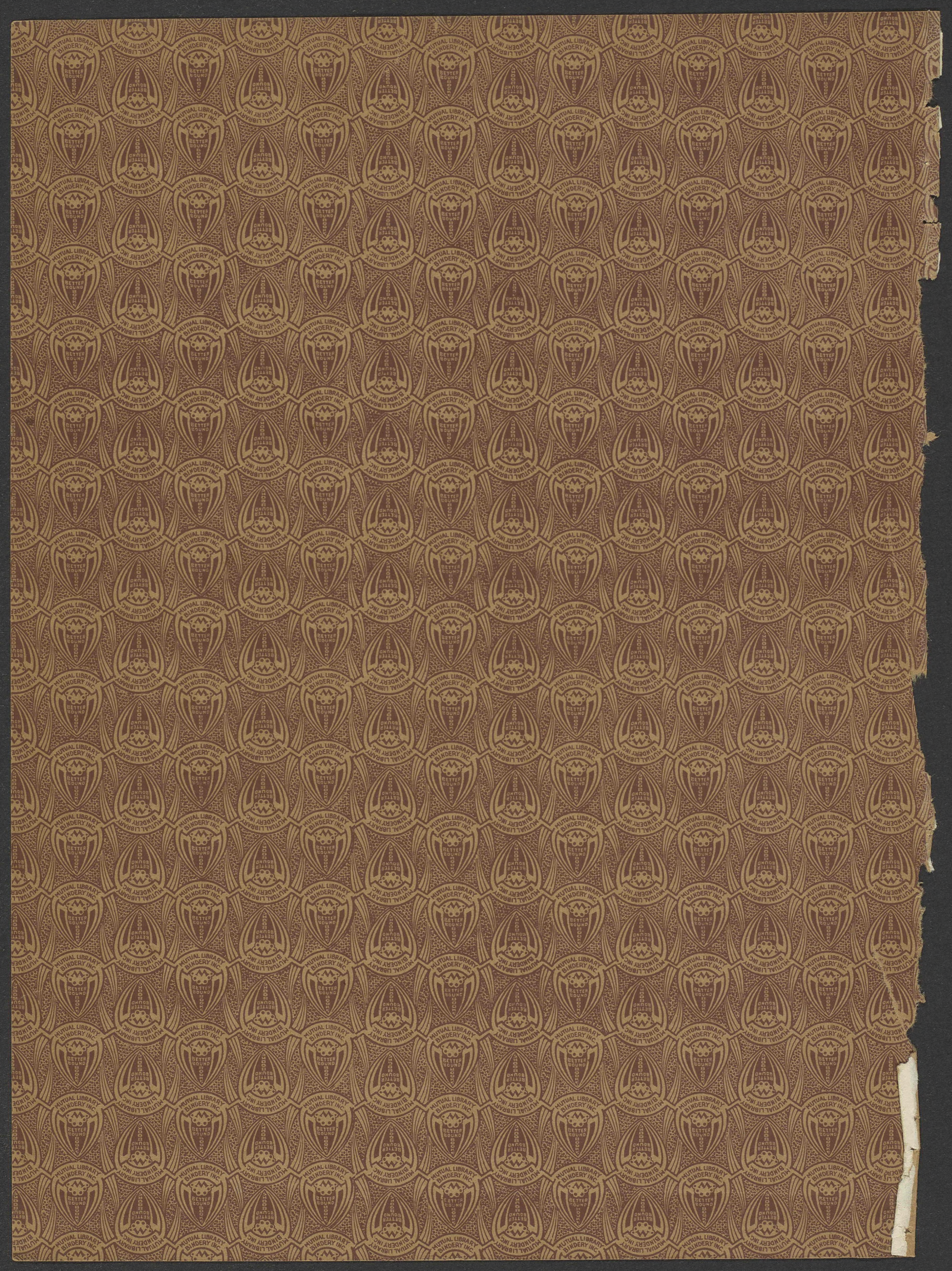
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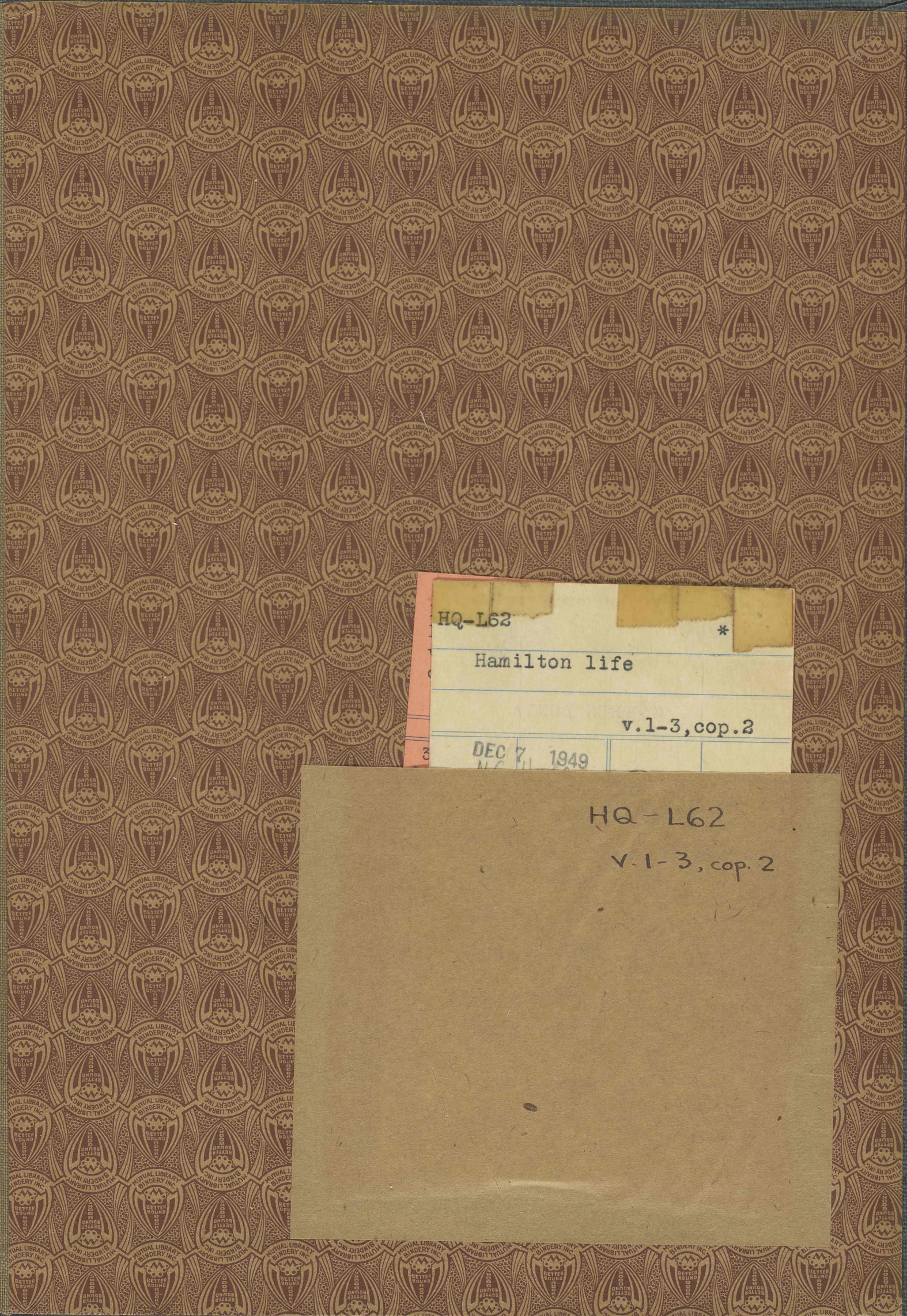
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