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The Kirkland House.

To a stranger visiting our campus, garbed as it now is, in all the beauty of the spring-time, the little yellow frame house which stands, seemingly for no purpose, near the entrance to the college cemetery, might seem to mar the otherwise perfect harmony of the scene. But to one acquainted with the history and traditions connected with that simple structure, it assumes a far different aspect and becomes one of the most precious relics of Hamilton's past, and one of the most suggestive prophecies—and perhaps warnings—for her future.

This building, commonly known as the "Kirkland House", has been well termed "The Cradle of Hamilton College," for it was doubtless in this little cottage in the then almost trackless wilderness, that the heroic missionary to the Indians, to whom this college owes its origin, laid his plans for the founding of the Hamilton Oneida Academy, of which Hamilton College is but the riper product.

In 1788, George Clinton, being then governor of the state of New York, in connection with the Oneida Indians made a present to Samuel Kirkland, in recognition of his faithful services, of a tract of land about 4760 acres in extent. The eastern boundary of this grant is now marked by a granite shaft on "Freshman Hill."

Kirkland determined to build himself a permanent home, after his years of almost homeless wanderings, and in the following year cleared away a small part of his land and built himself a log house. A short time later, probably in about 1791, he built this small frame house, which was the first sample of clapboard architecture in this section. Here the Indians flocked to hear his words, here he received visits from Gov. Clinton, Baron Steuben, and other famous men of this time, and there is a tradition, though probably without foundation, that here he once received a visit from that most honored of the nation's chiefs, George Washington, himself.

After dwelling in this house, however, but a few years, he built himself a larger dwelling into which he removed, and his former home was for years neglected. It was used for a long time as a workshop. About twenty-five years ago the old house was bought up and put in repair by some public spirited people of Clinton, and moved into its present position on the hill.

It is most fitting that relics so intimately connected with the early history of the college should be preserved, and it is to be regretted that so many of them, such as the old Clinton Grammar School, the history of which was almost contemporaneous with that of Hamilton, and which numbered among its students so many men afterward prominent alumni of Hamilton, should have been destroyed.

These relics of the past help us to better things in the future, and it might be well were some tablet or inscription placed upon the old and historic home of Hamilton's founder, so that those not acquainted with its history might recognize the fitness of such a structure occupying a place on our campus.

School Oratory.

It is a matter of much satisfaction that the Schoolmaster's Association of New York is giving serious attention to the subject of declamation in schools. The conventional instruction in so-called oratory, in which in artificial voice and with mechanical gesture the unhappy pupil is made to recite "pieces," of which the address of "Spartacus to the Gladiators," is typical, may be held up to deserved ridicule. The best thing about such instruction is that the student with any sense, revolts against the artificiality of the whole thing. It would seem as if the stilted elocution of the class-room had no place in modern scientific pedagogy, and that it is within the province of progressive educators to substitute for it a system which encourages consecutive thinking and natural utterance.

Rev. Dr. Upson.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Anson Judd Upson was held in the Dutch Reformed Church, Utica, on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Stryker officiated. The honorary bearers were Hon. Milton H. Merwin, '52, Hon. Alfred C. Coxe, '68, W. H. Sheffield, George M. Weaver, '60, Charles B. Rogers, '87, and Dr. Van-Derveer. The active bearers consisted of Peet, '03, Judd, '04, Bloyer, Paton, Robinson and Stowell, '05. Extracts from the sermon:

We are here as representatives of a far larger group of those who loved the man whose body we are to bury. It is with the utmost gratitude and with a humble sense of its honor that I find myself called to say these few words. It is because it is given me to speak for the college that was always dear to his heart that you listen now. My friend who is with me here comes to us representing another great and honored school with which the love of his life was closely linked. There are those before me who knew him in other relations, large relations, important, public, wide of report. The young men who bore this body into this house of God this afternoon are just of a piece with those classes that on that hillside a little way from here he taught and loved. They did not know him, or knew him almost not at all. Some of us who are here were his pupils. I speak to, as I speak for many who knew him long ago, and with this variety of chaplains and with this unanimity of admiring love we gather, not in his behalf, but in our own, to strow the perishing blossoms of human tribute upon his life.

To live to be more than 78 years old is to make a record that demands recognition, both from heart and from mind, from those who watched him. He was a schoolboy here then, and from here he went in slower days than these to the hillside almost within your sight from this lofty street. It was there that slow-

ly and steadily his mind turned clean and firm in Christian conviction toward Christian consecration. It was with that college church and in it that he confessed his faith. It was while there that he was admitted to be a preacher by the authorities of this local presbytery. It was while there that by that same presbytery he was ordained to the Christian ministry and so it came to 1870, and there are some faces here who remember those last years and the great sadness that fell upon that hill when it was told us in the class of '70 that Dr. Upson had graduated from that college work.

It tinged that whole summer with sadness. Ten brave, busy years followed as a most distinguished preacher of the capital city; seven years at the head of the department of rhetoric, and preacher in Auburn Seminary; since 1874, overlapping, a member of that honored body—the University of the State of New York, today officially and not merely represented in this company. Some ten years later Dr. Upson came to the vice chancellorship of the regents of this state and then—I believe it was in 1890—succeeding that gifted and lamented scholar, George William Curtis, he was promoted to the highest academic dignity that the state of New York can name.

We are not here this afternoon to sob and moan and cry. We lift up our hands and hearts to God with gratitude for life brought to a noble consummation, for a life completed. It ought to be so and it is so. And it is not with any mortuary platitudes that we surround this coffin. In that faith in which his soul was fixed we sing, not with lip service, the psalms of Christian godliness. It was his careful, tactful, forecasting mind that even for this day chose as the expression of his own ripe faith the words we have heard and shall hear, of Christian thanksgiving. The words that were read our friend chose and surely he would ask me to say for him, as I have so often heard him say for himself, that his refuge was in the abundant mercy of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and now that his lips have ceased and the smile we loved has vanished and the good gray head is pillowed away from our sight, once more and in God's house and with the very stanza that was so very cherished by him, let us confess his faith and our own.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now
And in eternity.

May all of us, with all whom we have loved on this ground of so many associated memories, with all whom we have loved in the friendship of service there may we all be gathered.

Posting of Class Grades.

"And what is so rare as a day in June?" Perhaps if Lowell could have lived a week of these June days that we are having, he would have sung a different song. Indeed these are days of hard won victories and well earned defeats, days when our knowledge "does tremble as a guilty thing surprised." Yet, if we could only be philosophical, we should find that there is a certain indefinable pleasure in our apparent misery after all. That deep sense of satisfaction of duty done, the pleasure of diligence rewarded, the feeling that straw by straw the burden is being lifted, and the thoughts of good times near at hand—all these are certain comforts to the troubled mind. But do we receive all the satisfaction of duty done, which is due us? Certainly we do not. There seems to be a peculiar pleasure, known only to the faculty of our dear old college, of keeping a man just as much in the dark as possible in regard to what work he is doing. Only now and then do we actually find out just what our labors have accomplished. There are a goodly number of fellows, who are perfectly confident of passing their "exams." but spend their "nights devoid of ease" working for marks, with perhaps a Latin or Greek scholarship in view. To such a man, what satisfaction is there in seeing his name on a list of men who have "passed". Perhaps it is not ideal, but the ordinary run of men work for a reward, and if they do not receive any recognition of their efforts, their whole pleasure is taken from them. We are all of us alike in this respect; we all need something to strive for, and cannot do our best when we are simply plodding along without any knowledge of the way we are going. Of course we are educating ourselves all this time, but what man is there who thinks of his education when he is "bohning" out a few thousand lines of Greek, for instance in preparation for an "exam". It is no more than fair that we should know where we stand, and that we should know it as we go along in our work, without waiting until the end of the year.

—Freshmen! stay for commencement!

Commencement.

The program for Hamilton's ninetieth commencement is as follows:

Sunday—11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon in the Stone Church by Dr. Stryker. 4:30 p. m., annual Y. M. C. A. meeting. Song service. Annual report by the retiring president, Campbell, '02. Address by Rev. John Zelig, Williams, '87. Monday, "Campus Day."—3 p. m., Campus Day exercises on the campus. 8 p. m., McKinney Prize Declamation in the Stone Church.

Tuesday, "Class Day."—8 a. m., entrance examinations in the respective department rooms. 2 p. m., annual Board of Trust meeting in No. 5, Truax Hall. 3 p. m., "Class Day" exercises in the chapel. 8 p. m., McKinney Prize Debate in the Stone Church.

Wednesday, "Alumni Day."—9 a. m., Trustee meeting in the library. 10 a. m., annual meeting of the General Society of the Alumni in the chapel. 4-6 p. m., at the residence of the president a reception by President and Mrs. Stryker.

Thursday, Commencement Day.—10 a. m. Commencement exercises. 9:30 p. m. Senior ball in Soper Gymnasium.

The anniversary classes are '52, '62, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '99, '01.

The book for the purpose of registration will be at Silliman Hall and all alumni are requested to register promptly.

A Jurist's Opinion.

Justice Hatch, of New York, has made an attack upon the university system of educating young men for the bar. He says that after the student has been put through all the grades of preparatory study, and has taken a university course, he is prepared to take up his law studies at a time when he should be examining men in supplementary proceedings. These lawyers are admitted at the age of thirty, and are so imbued with theory that it takes many hard rubs before they are able to begin the practical work of their profession. "The best successes at the bar today," the justice claims, "is reaped by those who have had the benefits of practical experience and have never seen the inside of a university." Justice Hatch says that he is well-qualified to speak upon the question of education, for the reason that he has never had any education himself.

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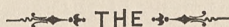
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FAREWELL!

Regrets, of course, and deep enough; but few and weak compared with the pride and hope with which we say adieu to the men of '02. For a year the term, "grave old seniors," has not been an empty one when applied to them, for we have honored their advice and often have profited by their experience. Some of them have been our heroes on the athletic field and some have been models in class work; but all have been sons of our Alma Mater and they have made us feel that, in so much, at least, they are our brothers. Now they are our champions. Long after we have been graduated we will watch their movements with more than friendly interest. They are our champions and it is our confident hope that in the lists of life, they will always strive on the better side.

Farewell, seniors, yes; and do well. And it is because we trust in you to do well that every one of us prays fervently today—"Farewell."

WHERE HONOR IS DUE.

This is the last number of LIFE that will enjoy the helpful advice and material assistance of the seniors who have directed its course since a year ago. We hope that it will not intrude our private business too much to say here, that LIFE is greatly indebted to Van Allen, Drummond and Naylor for their untiring work. When we received the paper from their hands some four weeks ago, it was better than it had ever been before. It was so because they had put their time and talent into it. For this work we thank them; for their helpful suggestions since we assumed control,

we thank them; and again we thank them for their good example. We shall follow this examples as best we can.

PROF. ROBINSON lately addressed the freshman class on the subject of undergraduate rowdiness. He expressed his displeasure at the practice of painting the property of non-combatants and cited the laws which govern all neutral parties. The advice he gave was good.

ANSON J. UPSON, '43, died last Sunday at his home in Glens Falls. He was one of Hamilton's most prominent alumni, being at the time of his death Chancellor of the University of Regents. He had been intimately connected with educational interests and had spent the greater part of his life as an educator. For twenty-one years he occupied the chair of Rhetoric and Oratory in Hamilton, and to him perhaps, more than to any other man, the college owes its enviable reputation in these branches.

ONE of the real pleasures of commencement week is the sight of many old and young alumni, who come back to visit their old college on the hill. We all love our old mother; but it is the alumnus living far away who knows best how deep is this affection. He comes back to renew the old joys. He likes to look upon her prosperity, to see the youths who have chosen to be her latest sons. He likes to visit the old crowd and grasp the friendly hand. A hearty welcome to him!

Stained Glass Window to "Old Greek."

During the last week a new stained glass window was set in place in the northwest corner of the Chapel, just above his seat in the faculty row. It is a speaking likeness of the man it honors. Besides being a handsome adornment it is a rich suggestion of the love borne to our beloved professor. Every alumnus knows "Old Greek" and inquires after him first when he returns to the Hill. This last tribute is in splendid harmony with the honor of last year, when more than six hundred alumni sent him Christmas greetings.

—A gentleman is known by the way he answers the telephone.

—This is the season of the *billet-doux* from the down-town creditor.

Lockers for Gymnasium.

The track and baseball seasons have emphasized only more clearly the urgent need of lockers in the Gym. It is no little inconvenience for a fellow to be obliged to carry his track, baseball, or whatever clothing it may be to the Gym, every day and carry it away with him after practice. If it be left there, next time he is likely to find that it has been borrowed, or has in some way disappeared. Forty or fifty fellows experience this inconvenience daily and others less often. Now there seems to be no reason, either moral or financial, why we should be deprived of lockers. It is said that we had them and abused the privilege. We did have them before the interior of the Gym was rebuilt, but then only a limited number. We had about eighteen or twenty lockers for from 150 to 180 fellows. Little wonder that great difficulty was encountered in securing new locks. With only one locker for every nine fellows, it is not surprising that at times it became necessary to find room in someone's else locker, the combination of which was unknown. Under stress of circumstances the privilege may have been abused at times. But since then conditions have been altered. The Gym interior has been rearranged. We are no longer crowded and we no longer lack the space necessary. We have sufficient room; and an ample supply will relieve the stress and strain before experienced. Now we do not believe that this privilege would be abused under any ordinary circumstances. We do not believe that this college body is so reckless and lawless as wilfully to destroy property entrusted to its care. The majority are not so, and if there are individuals who are so inclined, they may be dealt with in the proper way. The college body here is as trustworthy and considerate as elsewhere. Other gymnasiums are provided with lockers and they are not destroyed. We want lockers and claim common sense enough to take care of them and preserve them when we get them. And now from a financial standpoint. The fact is recognized that money would be necessary for this worthy enterprise, but it would not require any fabulous sum, it would not require a sum greater than could be made good and with interest in a short time, by levying a small tax such as is levied for the support of the reading room, etc. They might be rented for a small sum such as would not tell very

heavily on the individual members of the student body, but which would aggregate an amount sufficient for the expense incurred by the placing of lockers in the Gym. to be defrayed in a comparatively short time. There seems to be no reason, either ethical or financial, why we should not have them. The need is urgent and should be heeded. The college wants them and they will be well taken care of, and not wilfully and wantonly destroyed.

Farewell, O Senior.

Farewell, O son, a sad farewell !
With thee our prayers shall go,
That Alma Mater, youth's bright star,
For thee will ever glow.

By manly worth, let victory
Crown all thy future years ;
Be soon thy name recorded on
The pages with the seers.

Here thou hast shown thy loyalty,
And praise be sung to thee ;
Alas ! too short thy course—we part
For all eternity.

Shine on, O son illustrious,
Sad is this parting day ;
May others in thy footprints tread—
Farewell fore'er and aye.

—Dswito.

Long Live the Lit.

Congratulations to you, new men of the *Lit.* board; may your courage and your copy hold out. From the alumna, which was always good, down to the short poems, which can so easily be bad; you have issued the best *Lit.* that next year's seniors have ever seen. Congratulations to you, retiring *Lit.* editors; you have crowned your good work by selecting successors, who, in the beginning, have shown themselves worthy. But the pace that has been set is a hard one, and all the college should "bohn in" to help keep it up. It is just as much an honor to have your verses or story published in the *Lit.*, as it is to do well on the athletic field or in the classroom. Freshmen! sophomores! juniors! it is an honor worth winning and you have all next year in which to win it.

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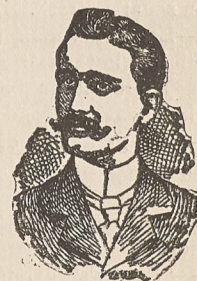
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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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College Notes.

—Very few freshmen flunked any exams.

—Surprising how quickly "Robby" can scent a "trot".

—Let every man bring back another with him in the fall.

—There will be but three sophomore prize speakers Monday night.

—Six graduates of the Clinton High School will enter college next fall.

—"Square's" garden has been a favorite resort for "bohners" during the past week.

—"Robby's" exam. was not so trying as it was cracked up to be. The troop of visitors, promised to the freshmen, failed to appear.

—Kingsley, '05, has a great supe in synonyms. He and "Hank" mutually agree when any puzzling question of synonyms arises.

—Notice to all filching Mercury's.—Keep shy of Weber's room, for they say "Iky" Stiles guards the premises in "Pop's" absence.

—The death of William B. Fenn, '86, occurred at Skaneateles last Friday. He was a son-in-law of Dr. Hudson and a successful physician.

—Hoffman, '03, will not return to college next fall, having accepted a lucrative position as instructor of science in the Rome High School.

—A few more of "Bill" Squires' exams. and we should all be enjoying an extended vacation. Apparently spinning tops isn't all it's cracked up to be.

—The fellows who cut Y. M. C. A. last Sunday missed a mighty helpful heart-to-heart talk from "Prex", to say nothing of the singing in the cemetery.

—Arthur, '03 and Davis, '04, fought a duel in the upper hall of North on Saturday night. The weapons were both swords and pistols. Davis was unable to take his exam. in physics.

—The college tennis courts are in rather poor condition, but it is hoped that they may be put in shape again before commencement, inasmuch as some of the returning "grads" may wish to play a few games.

—Hutton, '04: "Prof. Morrill, can I find some flowers in your garden which will give me some practical knowledge for the exam.?" Prof. Morrill: "I think not, Mr. Hutton, but you will find some beauties down at Harding's farm."

—An accident occurred Tuesday in the new Commons. A son of Mr. Mahady was walking along a beam when he lost his balance and fell through to the cellar striking his head on a pile of stones. Although badly cut he was not seriously injured.

—A few changes have been made in the Ontario and Western time table which may interest students. The morning train from Utica arrives at 8:55 instead of 8:25; the evening train leaves at 6:05 instead of 6:25. The train from Rome arrives at 8:45 a. m.; the evening train leaves Clinton for Rome at 6:08.

—The startling information reached the hill recently that one of our number had become inveigled into a matrimonial alliance. However, our fears were somewhat assuaged by a lengthy article in a Connecticut paper containing a flat denial by our corpulent brother, and a reciprocate announcement by the young lady. We rejoice that our friend from the "Nutmeg" state will continue his relations with the college and the tennis management.

The sophomores have put in a useful term in the Bible class. Several of the problems are difficult, and the class had some trouble in understanding them. But with assistance they have grasped some of the main questions about as follows: Must we admit that Moses was mistaken when he said he wrote his writing? Did he really write that account of his funeral? Have we any right to assume that Moses ever said what he says he said? Did Moses write nothing at all; and was it written by another man of the same name?

"Banjo Ben."

Commencement is close by and again we hear our old friend "Banjo Ben." It is the same old banjo and the same old voice. Ben is not a concert singer, but the boys all gather round when he tunes up. Ten or twelve years of regular spring visits have made him a necessary part of the season. Who is he? Whence, whither, and why, are questions of interest. The other day, seated in the Arbor, he told his story, and this is the substance of it. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he went out to California. Here he was a song and dance man in a minstrel troupe. Then he came east and was hired by Dan Brandt for the San Francisco minstrels performing in New York city. Again he went to California, but the good old minstrel days of '65 had lost their charm for him, so he decided to return to New York state. For many years he has been traveling around through villages of Pennsylvania, Virginia and this state. Cornell, Colgate, Alleghany, Hamilton and other colleges receive annual visits from him. Ben Harte, the minstrel of '65, is now "Banjo Ben," and he brings pleasant associations to the alumni from '90 up to '04.

Living Graduates, 1902.

The following is a list of living graduates by states including foreign countries:

New York,	861	Florida,	5
Illinois,	80	Vermont,	5
Pennsylvania,	49	Texas,	4
Michigan,	42	Alabama,	4
Minnesota,	40	North Dakota,	4
California,	38	South Dakota,	4
Ohio,	35	New Hampshire,	3
New Jersey,	32	North Carolina,	3
Missouri,	30	Virginia,	3
Massachusetts,	29	West Virginia,	3
Dist. Columbia,	20	Kentucky,	2
Wisconsin,	19	Montana,	2
Iowa,	17	New Mexico,	2
Connecticut,	16	Rhode Island,	2
Kansas,	16	Georgia,	1
Colorado,	15	Maine,	1
Indiana,	13	Mississippi,	1
Tennessee,	10	Oklahoma,	1
Washington,	10	Oregon,	1
Louisiana,	8	Utah,	1
Maryland,	8	Arkansas,	1
Nebraska,	7		

FOREIGN LIVING GRADUATES.

Bulgaria,	4	Japan,	1
Turkey,	4	Nicaragua,	1
China,	3	Nova Scotia,	1
Germany,	3	Porto Rico,	1
Phil. Islands,	2	Siam,	1
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