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Hamilton's Founder.

It has been the policy of LIFE to publish yearly some little historical sketch of the college. It has done so for two reasons; first, to keep before the mind of the "hillside group" the sacred past, and secondly, to furnish a means of information to those who have recently entered the college and are desirous of securing more knowledge of the past of their chosen college; for this volume we have selected Samuel Kirkland and his biography as most fitting. The facts have been taken from previous accounts and this is intended for a summary of them all.

Kirkland was born Dec. 1, 1741, at Norwich, Conn. His ancestry dates back to Miles Standish. His preparation for the sophomore class in Princeton College was made at the academy of Rev. Dr. Wheelock, in Lebanon, Conn. Among his schoolmates here were several Mohawk Indians with whom Kirkland made a study of the Mohawk language. It was thus that he formed a purpose to spend his days among the Indian tribes of New York.

The name of Samuel Kirkland is enrolled among the Princeton graduates of 1765, but so intense was his passion for Missionary service that he left college before the close of senior year on a tour of exploration among the Seneca Indians in Western New York. After spending a year and a half, a period full of hardship and danger, among the Senecas, he returned to Lebanon, where he was ordained to the work of a minister by the Connecticut Board of the Scottish Missionary Society. After his ordination he was commissioned to labor among the Oneidas, whose name signifies "The Upright Stone." For many ages the Oneidas had annually celebrated a grand festival at this sacred altar of their tribe in Stockbridge. In 1849 the Oneida Stone was removed

from Stockbridge to the Forest Hill Cemetery, in Utica.

In July, 1766, Mr. Kirkland built himself a log house near what is now known as Oneida Castle, and began his work as a missionary. In 1769 his three years of cheerful toil among the Oneidas were followed by three months of vacation in his native state. It was an eventful outing to Mr. Kirkland and to a niece of Rev. Dr. Wheelock, Jerusha Bingham, who had been one of his school companions at Lebanon. After their marriage they started for Oneida Castle. They made the passage up the Mohawk river in a boat, and completed the journey on horseback, with the bride in a pillion behind her husband.

In 1771 Mrs. Kirkland was the happy mother of twin sons, one of whom John Thornton Kirkland, was afterwards the president of Harvard College, of whom it was written that "there was something in the elevation of his character and purposes, in the wisdom of his designs, the benevolence of his heart, the modesty of his manners, and the contagion of his example, which commanded the resources of others as if they had been his own."

During the war of the Revolution there was an interruption of Mr. Kirkland's labors as a missionary, a teacher and a leader in rural industries. He was often absent from Oneida Castle, at one time serving as chaplain in the Continental army.

At another time he was engaged in efforts to hold the six nations in a state of neutrality. It was due to his influence that the Oneidas and Tuscaroras were loyal to the cause of independence. At the close of the war the state of New York and the Oneida Indians conjointly donated 4,760 acres of land to Samuel Kirkland. This tract, since known as Kirkland's Patent, lay on the southwest side of what is now styled "The Line of Property." This line just grazes the northeast corner of the college campus. It crosses the road near the foot of Col-

lege Hill, where stands the inscribed monument, erected by the class of 1887.

What was Samuel Kirkland, the missionary, to do with his two miles square of valuable land? Would he organize a company and boom the land for a colony from New England? It bespeaks his large heartedness that he at once entered upon the work of building an academy, in which English and Indian youths were to be educated together, and prepared for the duties of Christian civilization. He visited Alexander Hamilton, who made many valuable suggestions, and after him the school was named the "Hamilton Oneida Academy." Kirkland's name stands first on the list of subscribers for the academy followed, by 10 pounds, 15 days' work and 300 acres of land. But the name of the modern Christian philanthropist was carefully excluded from the list of trustees in the charter of Hamilton Oneida Academy granted by the Regents of the University, in 1793. The academy building stood for thirty-six years between the chapel and Hungerford Hall. And there it would be standing to-day, an eloquent monument of Kirkland's far-seeing and sagacious generosity, had it not been recklessly given up to be plundered and destroyed.

The portrait of Samuel Kirkland used in producing the plate glass window in the chapel, represents him as he appeared in the pulpit in his clerical robe and bands, when about forty years of age. He was then erect, vigorous, with a commanding presence, as if ready for perilous adventure or hardships.

Mr. Kirkland died in 1808, four years before the Hamilton Oneida Academy received the college charter under which it has lived and fulfilled its mission as a centre of uplifting influence for ninety years.

A worthy tribute to the Chieftain Skenandoa, who sleeps beside his revered teacher in the college cemetery, is borrowed from the idyls of Clinton Scollard, '81:

"With leafy arch and with tall pilaster
Look Kirkland hills to the morning
skies;
Here, side by side with his earthly mas-
ter,
Skenandoa, the chieftain, lies.

"Thus would he rest by the one who
taught him,
In trust that his presence would save
and shield,
And so his obedient brethren brought
him
To the Hill that smiles on the fair
White Field.

"Around him a snow of the violet petals
The young spring sows with a fra-
grance free,
And through the valley the River of
Nettles
Sings on its winding way to the sea.
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"No more are the fertile meadows fal-
low,
But yield to the reaper the willing
wheat,
And Learning, bearing the bays that
hallow,
Has made the slope of the hills her
seat.

"But the Sachem's name on the lip shall
linger,
And to his grave, as the swift years
wend,
Fame still shall point with a faithful fin-
ger,
And a 'Lo! here lieth the white man's
friend!'"

The Exhibition.

"Uncle" John is certainly a wonder. He entered Hamilton College with the class of 1902, as a coach in track athletics, and after putting forth the best team Hamilton ever had for two years, he was installed as the regular instructor in gymnastics, and the wisdom of the move has been so apparent and unmistakable that "Uncle" has made for himself a permanent place in this college. Not only is he brim full of ideas, but he is one of the most loyal men on this hillside. He never misses an opportunity to say a good word or do a good deed for the college. Last year he superintended an exhibition in the gymnasium. This year, assisted by a strong committee consisting of Drummond, Grant and Wicks, he has done more. He has given two such exhibitions, and both of them were models. Of this last one, we wish to speak particularly.

The class exercises were beautiful to watch. Accompanied by the piano the class showed the training which now has become a part of the curriculum. The running high jump was exciting. Remington, '04, held the record at 5 ft. 2 in.

"Tommy" went in for it, reached it, and the judges raised the bar one inch. Both Remington and "Tommy" cleared it; one inch more and each went over. They could do no more, and the record stands between them at 5 ft. 4 in.

Some dissatisfaction was caused over the decision of the judges in the bag punching contest at the last exhibition, but the superior work of Bosworth, '05, Saturday night, proved conclusively that the former decision was not amiss.

Landers, '03, was exceedingly clever on the flying rings. Several held their breath while he performed some hair-raising feats of swinging and tumbling.

In the shot-put it was disclosed that the old members of the track team have a hard proposition to beat in Speh, '05. He is strong and of the right built to throw the ball 40 feet, if properly trained, and "Uncle" John will see to that.

Those two Cherubims, Bristol, '04, and Edgerton, '05, with their "Uncle," flew all over the room. This was easily one of the star performances.

The high dive was pretty. Wicks, '04, won at 5 ft. 9 in. Hoffman, '03, is an expert with the Indian clubs.

Next the 100-lb. dumbbell. Ehret, '04, "grunted" it up 8 times; Rockwell, '05, made 13, and Speh, '05, 17 times. Ward, '02, handled it like a top. He holds the record at 21 times.

The Roman ladders appeared for the first time. They were great, and furnished one of the most interesting numbers on the program.

Carter, '04, won the pole vault at 8 ft. 6 in. Bosworth secured second place.

The 10-yard race on hands was a "corker." Strickland, '04, won, with Ward, '02, a close second. The spring-board stunts are always good. The pyramids occupied the next place. Every variation was well executed. We wish to extend the thanks of the college to those noted boxers, Corbett and Fitzsimmons, alias "Rat" and "Schemmy." There wasn't a hitch in the program. The whole program went like a charm and the college praises.

Corrupt English.

"The subject of the rapid corruption of English is one full of melancholy interest." So Mr. Edward Lyttelton writes in a contemporary serial. I am firmly convinced that if anybody tries to show another person how a thing should be done—from skating upward—the instructor will succeed in failing to do the

thing right. Is Mr. Lyttelton's sentence right? What does he want with "one"? "The subject is one full of melancholy interest." Perhaps we are intended to remember that the subject is only one in a crowd, all full of melancholy interest. Mr. Lyttelton casts the eye of the mind over "the sad pageant of men's miseries," and selects for mournful contemplation the "rapid corruption of English." If this is not the exact sense—a fine large sense, I think—then it would have been easier to write, "the rapid corruption of English is full of melancholy interest." Indeed, I conceive that this is the more excellent way; the reader's consciousness is not tempted to cherish unavailing regrets for all the evils in Pandora's box, of which the rapid corruption of English is only one, and not perhaps the most deplorable.

Indeed, much of the corruption of our English is due to mental indolence. We do not pick our phrases, we do not select a clean cut expression fresh from the mint. We throw down the old smooth, obliterated phrase, such as "is eminently calculated to," or "curious to say," or, if we are novelists, "here a strange thing occurred." They all use that cliché; one would be grateful to a novelist, who, if he can invent nothing fresher, would leave the old "strange thing" alone. Another bore is "a glance at the map will show." Nothing short of torture shall force me to write that a glance at the map will show anything. But what else are you to say? "The student who consults the chart will discover," "the map, when consulted, will reveal," "if you have a map, and can find the place on it, you will observe." None of these is satisfactory—we must not write "none of these are satisfactory"—but I cannot endure a "a glance at the map." Perhaps we are not so much worse than our ancestors. Thackeray and Scott both abound in the abuse of "and which," and I think that I once found five "whiches" in one sentence of Sir Walter's. Moreover, we not speak of a member of the sex as a "female" any longer; "an elegant female," for example. Nobody even then would have written "Henry V. was a male of military genius," but Scott does write of Jeanne d'Arc as "unfortunate female." The words "elegant" and "genteel" were overworked in the early nineteenth century as "ingenious" was in the eighteenth. "The ingenious Mr. Milton," critics used to say, but we never write about "the ingenious Mr. Swinburne."

The adverb "vastly" was also overdone, people enjoyed themselves vastly, or quizzed somebody vastly. Perhaps "eminently calculated to" will follow "elegant" and "genteel," and the vastly ingenious female, into the limbo of the obsolete. At present I think "virile" and "passionate" and "powerful" show signs of distress, they are so constantly trotted out by admiring reviewers of indecent novels. You cannot call them "manly," so they are called virile. Lately, in a literary journal, I read that something "arrided" somebody. The context showed that the writer (a lady, no doubt) thought that to "arride" meant to irritate, exasperate, or (as the fair reviewer would probably put it) to "aggravate." And this was in a journal devoted to belles lettres!

But the worst of these is "happenings." Can we not say "events," "occurrences," "experiences" or anything except "happenings"? On the back of a new novel is blazoned "The Happenings of Elizabeth," or of some other heroine; about her name I am uncertain. "Happenings" is as bad as "belong with," "belong there," "belong on the upper shelf," all the wrong "belongs." It is wonderful to see how a really odious needless vulgarity attracts many writers. There is a perfectly good English phrase for what they intend to say, but they prefer the new bad phrases beheld by them in "Snappy Snippings." The eternal use of the word "big" in place of "great" is very annoying. Were Mr. Gladstone still alive he would probably be called "The Big Old Man." Dr. Johnson, I think, opposed "big" from the first, but the Big Doctor failed. Of course, some words get a kind of brevet rank. Mr. Lyttelton writes about a "first rate scholar." "First rate" was thought as much a piece of slang as "stunning," "a stunning scholar," not so very long ago. But now it is a first rate expression. To "rush" things has come in: a novel by a very much esteemed female—to relapse into an older manner—is full of rushing this or that about, rushing bills through, and so on. I do not mind this. The earliest use of "rush" in this sense known to me is of 1600: "We rushed a ladder at a door," and the speaker was a duke.

Our English is corrupt, of course, not only by the indolent use of stale phrases, but by the almost ferocious effort to avoid them, by saying everything as no mortal would naturally say it. This laborious exercise, if perseveringly practised, constitutes what is now called style. We have many authors with a great deal of "style," and all of it bad.—*Adrew Lang.*

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WE wish to register in these columns our outspoken views concerning the library methods in regard to reference books. Several professors require essays and reports on different subjects during the term; this is said to count as a part of our term standing. As matters now are these reference books are taken from the library, kept as long as the one so drawing desires them, and then returned. We are told that the rules of the library require that these books should be returned the next morning. A very good rule indeed. We have no objection to it as such, except that it won't work. We are informed that these reports must be done, and upon non-compliance it is said that men have been kept out of exams. We can not quite see the justice involved in such a course. We do not object to the writing of these briefs, but we do seriously object to any member of the faculty requiring what another member by carelessness has made utterly impossible. What sort of a system can it be which makes all rules and regulations and then leaves them untouched and unthought of afterward. We claim that it is no system at all. Rules must govern the acts of the librarian, and he is in duty bound to see that they are enforced. Until such is done we can not see the justice or the judgment which permits of the punishment of those who have not been to blame and who have no control over the acts of the librarian. The injustice of the past we pass over; all that is done; but for the future, a continued violation of a necessary enforcement will bring its remedial reaction, and the experience is not likely to be pleasant to either the students or the faculty.

FOR some time past the bath spouts have been in a continued condition of deterioration. Even the even-minded Peter Kelly has lost his patience and complains. No doubt the lime of the water, hardened by the heat, has crusted the metal ends until the pressure of the water has burst the rubber. The nozzles no longer direct the stream to regulate its flow. Cannot these defects be remedied?

Another cause for fault-finding is the sediment on the tiles, both in the baths and pool. Cannot this be corrected? Now that the track and baseball seasons have had their "open sesame" sounded, it is for the interest of the college that the baths be in good substantial shape and that the pool be better. The rubber conductors should be repaired, or substituted, and the nozzles cleaned. The pool should be replenished and the appliance in general overhauled. We trust that our provident director and his assistants will attend to these, our needs, during the vacation, in order that on our return we may have no failure for which the fault shall be other than our own.

Now comes Easter with its short vacation. Exams will soon be over and some of us shall wend our way homeward for a few days. Let us suggest here that those who have an opportunity, or can make one, loan their time and effort to rushing men for Hamilton College. Everyone knows what it means to us to have a good freshman class next year, and how many will each man bring on?

The "prep." schools are about to graduate their classes, and now is the time to steer them our way. Make this short vacation a business trip and work for your college. We need men. We must work for them. And so let's present a solid front, show our loyalty and our spirit by talking for our old "mother."

THE discussion which has been called forth by the action of the New York State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union in extending an invitation to Hamilton to reenter the league, draws our attention more closely to the work which is being accomplished by the track men. The early spring has made it possible for most of the runners to get out on the cinder track, which has rapidly dried out and is now rounding into condition for use.

During review week and exams. it is not possible, nor is it expected, that all the men will be able to get out every day. However, each man knows about how much work he must cover before May, in order to fit himself for competition.

The unusually good opportunity for making the team and for making an "H", though this latter ought not to figure in such a case, should bring out a host of candidates. The college needs every man who can possibly work, out on the track. The nature of our athletic meets this year demands thorough preparation, where no chances are to be taken and every man should do earnest, hard work. Talking won't make the team or win the meets. We must turn in and help by our presence and support. To those who will not be here during the vacation, we would say, take care of yourselves; get in some work while away, and come back ready to enter into the hardest kind of training.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the interpretation which should be put upon certain clauses in the constitution of the association which pertain to the earning of "H's". Article VII reads that the Hamilton "H" shall be worn by men who have won two or more points in any inter-collegiate track meet. Does this mean that a man must earn two points in a single meet, or can one point earned one year be counted to others secured the next? In other words, must a man who has secured third place in an inter-collegiate one year throw this one point away and begin again? If this article is to be construed to mean that wearers of the track "H" must earn two points in a single meet, then it seems unjust. In such a case a man might run third in a half-mile-run four years, and still not be entitled to an "H". We should like to have some man explain this article satisfactorily. If it is to be construed as mentioned, we believe measures should be taken to amend it.

Chess.

The chess tournament held by the college chess club during the term has come to a close and the victor reigns supreme. There were exactly sixteen men entered. Each man in the four groups played every other man of his group. The winners in the trials played the finals, each man playing three games. The men who were fortunate

enough to survive the first battle were Messrs. Owens, Landers, Harwood, and Dr. Stryker. When these four men finally crossed hands over the board, the air was thick with deep laid schemes to entangle and to trick. Many a sleepless night was spent scheming and planning. When a bare-headed, pale-faced, hollow-eyed man was seen wandering about the campus with bowed head and unsteady walk, one at once concluded he too had fallen a victim.

Landers met and defeated Owens in a long, closely contested game. He then met Dr. Stryker and this time went down before his adversary's attack. He, however, succeeded in pulling a game from his third opponent, Mr. Harwood. Owens then met Harwood, and much to the surprise of the chess world proved his superiority over that man in about one hour. Harwood then resigned and left the field to Owens, who had yet one game to play, namely, with the president. This game, the final and decisive one, proved to be one of the most interesting, as well as closely contested. However, at the end of two hours Owens resigned, thus giving the championship to his opponent.

The tournament has proved so interesting and beneficial to all concerned that the club has decided to hold a second contest early in the spring term. It will offer a gold medal to the winner. Those who have followed the tournament this term will watch with intense interest the coming battle.

Dr. Stryker has presented the Y. M. C. A. with a beautiful set of chessmen and board, which are now in great demand at the mens' room in Silliman Hall.

—Alarm clocks make merry music in North every morning. There is continual clamor from 3 o'clock to 8 a. m.

—The mustache club has disappeared. "Pop" is the only one now with the proverbial whiskers.

Lives of poor men oft remind us
Honest men don't stand no chance,
The more we work there grows behind us
Bigger patches on our pants;
On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue,
All because subscribers linger
And don't pay us what is due,
Let us then be up and doing,
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College Notes.

—K. P.'s are in an embryonic state so far.

—The shower baths need immediate attention.

—"Schnitze" will be with us again in spring term.

—Ducking is the order of the day in the dormitories.

—Minor, '02, objects to the statement that he is in love.

—Lambert still continues in painful attempts to "supe".

—The report that Root, '05, was to leave college is denied.

—"Chauncey" is confined to his room with a hard case of "bohn".

—We are pleased to report that Carmer, '03, has "hocked" that hat.

—Moody still has so much to do that he doesn't know where to begin.

—"Schnitze" reports Sweet, '01, as having a fine German mustache.

—Dewey has been lost for two days. Reward is offered for his capture.

—Drummond, '01, visited the hill on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

—Weidman, '02, was seen wearing a derby during morning chapel Wednesday.

—Frear, '02, was compelled through illness to cut his exams. and return home.

—The last note of the 1902 *Hamiltonian* Board was paid March 21. Congratulations.

—Huff, '03, was observed studying the freshman exam. poster. So far reminiscent "Jim".

—Discussion over the inter-collegiate union is the principal topic of the week—barring exams.

—Carr, '04, and Humphries, '03, were treated to a shower bath from the windows of North, Thursday.

—Putnam, '03, returned to his work on Saturday last. He was called home because of the sudden death of his father.

—The track is rapidly hardening and has already been used. The first meet is with Rutgers, May 10, at Binghamton.

—On the plea of "going to use them all day", reference books are taken daily from the library. Will there ever be any system about this matter?

—Caps and gowns came for the seniors on Friday, and a class picture was taken in the afternoon. The new gowns will be donned on Easter.

—Drummond, '01, returned to college for the expressed purpose of making a special plea to "Pretty" in behalf of the seniors, so that he would not flunk anyone in municipal law.

—The college was much pleased with another visit from D. Brewer Eddy, traveling secretary for the Student Volunteer Missionary Movement of colleges. On Sunday morning he delivered a sermon in chapel, and in the afternoon spoke in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Mr. Eddy is a forcible and interesting talker and the college is always pleased with his visits.

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He who cares nothing for the good opinion of others will always have a high opinion of himself.

If, as commencement orators tell us, the roads of life are rocky, why do my fellow creatures here on earth possess so few rocks?

The greatest misfortune in life is not to be taken seriously. Ye wanton wits, ye foolish fun-makers, ye short-sighted practical jokers—beware.

Why will men not understand that when we are engaged in talking about ourselves it is not a sign that we are anxious to hear them talk about themselves.

—The University of California is to have a cabinet of Greek, Roman and African antiquities. About forty marbles, carved in the days of the Roman Empire have already been purchased.

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