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The Botany Class.

Behold the famous Botany class
They trample down the campus grass,
And tilt their heads in a suppliant mood,
Like a nest of birds awaiting food,
And what seems stranger still to say,
They take notes even as they stray.

I often wonder what they see
That makes them gaze so vertically;
Hope they to see a big balloon,
Or find somewhere another moon?

Are they victims to a taste for love,
Thus watching for their turtle-dove?
Or think they in some aerial spot
To find a new forget-me-not?

'Tis true, their object must be high,
For their constant gaze is toward the
sky;
But what if a hail storm should arise?
Would they catch its pebbles in their
eyes?

—D. J. C.

The Gridiron.

The College buildings and campus are now in such a condition of repair and neatness, that adverse criticism would be entirely uncalled for and out of place. Yet there is just one thing more which needs the attention of the improvement committee, and that is the football gridiron. In its present condition it is nearly useless. For the past two seasons when the fall rains came on, sticky mud and water covered most of its area. Not only was it unfit for games, but even worthless for practice. After a hard shower the squad, because of the pools of water on the field proper, have been compelled to go to their practice on the baseball diamond. Perhaps this "knock" seems untimely, but if any thing is to be done to better this state of affairs, it must be done this spring, that the ground may be well settled before fall. Next season's schedule is a good one, with many hard games. If the College wishes to see fast play and also to impress favorably our visitors with our up-to-dateness, here is a chance to ensure its desires.

The Spring Field Meet.

The annual spring meet held last Wednesday was an unqualified success in every way. The day itself was well-nigh perfect, even the usual west wind failed to make itself felt as had been feared. The straightaway was in good condition and fast. The quarter-mile track, however, was soft and slow owing to the lack of rain, although everything had been done to get it into the best condition possible.

The average of the performances was high and several were exceptional, as one record broken and one equalled at-test. The veterans improved if anything on previous performances, while the number and ability of the new men is very encouraging for our hopes of a strong team. The work of Captain Jones, Roosa, Sherman, Wicks, Pratt and Hosmer was particularly good.

In the first event of the day—the 100-yards dash—Jones equalled the record of 10 1-5 seconds. Hosmer ran a surprisingly good race for second, DeVotie, third.

The half-mile was probably the most exciting race of the meet. Melrose took the lead, setting a terrific pace for the quarter, and maintained his lead till fifty yards from the tape, where Pratt sprinted to the front. Carter third. Time 2:13.

White won the shot with a put of 35 feet 4 inches. The hammer went to Blakely at 115 feet 1 inch. Speh was the dark horse in these events, taking two second places.

Sicard won the high hurdle in 18 seconds. Very good time, considering it was his first race! Edgerton and Remington finished second and third respectively.

Roosa won his first event, the broad jump with a leap, of 21 feet 1-2 inch, which is very close to the record. Wicks also jumped beyond his practice marks, 20 feet 1 1-2 inches. Edgerton, third.

Wood made a runaway of the mile, finishing easily in 5 minutes 2-5 seconds. Kelly and Evans took the other places and are both men of promise.

The quarter-mile was one of the best performances of the day. Roosa jumped to the front at the crack of the pistol and was never headed. Bramley, who ran without training, held second almost to the tape and was beaten out by Pratt. Time 53 2-5 seconds.

Jones won the 220-yard dash in 23 2-5 seconds. Hosmer weakened at the tape and was beaten by DeVotie, who ran better in this event than in the shorter sprint.

Miner, Merrick and Dowling took the three places in the discus, the winning throw measuring 105 feet 1-2 inch.

The record in the two mile run was lowered by one second from Naylor's record of 10 minutes 52 seconds. Sherman almost distanced Morris and Davis in this event and is running in fine form this year.

The high jump went to Remington with a jump of 5 feet 1 inch, Edgerton '04 second at 5 feet. Wicks won the pole vault at 9 feet 6 inches with Carter and Driscoll tied at 8 feet 6 inches for second place.

Roosa put a triple win to his credit by winning the low hurdles in fast time. Hosmer, who was evidently badly out of form, took second, Sicard, third, after a fall. Time 27 2-5 seconds.

The summary was:

100-yards Dash—Jones, Hosmer, DeVotie. Time 10 1-5.

220-yards Dash—Jones, DeVotie, Hosmer. Time 23 3-5 seconds.

440-yards Dash—Roosa, Pratt, Bramley. Time 53 2-5 seconds.

Half Mile Run—Pratt, Melrose, Carter. Time 2 minutes 13 seconds.

Mile Run—Wood, Kelly, Evans. Time 5 minutes 2-5 second.

Two Mile Run—Sherman, Morris, Davis. Time 10 minutes 51 seconds.

120-yards Hurdle—Sicard, Edgerton, Remington. Time 18 seconds.

220-yards Hurdle—Roosa, Hosmer, Sicard. Time 27 2-5 seconds.

Running Broad Jump—Roosa, 21 feet 1-2 inch, Wicks, 20 feet 1 1-2 inches, Edgerton '04, 18 feet 10 1-2 inches.

High Jump—Remington, 5 feet 1 inch, Edgerton '04, 5 feet, Wicks.

Pole Vault—Wicks, 9 feet 6 inch, Carter tied with Driscoll, 8 feet 6 inches.

Shot Put—White, 35 feet 4 inches, Speh, 33 feet 6 inches, Miner, 33 feet 5 inches.

Hammer Throw—Blakely, 115 feet 1 inch, Speh, 105 feet 2 inches, DeVotie, 101 feet 1 inch.

Discus Throw—Miner, 105 feet 1-2 inch, Merrick, 94 feet, Dowling, 87 feet 9 inches.

The juniors won the meet easily with 48 1-2 points. The most interest centered between the seniors and freshmen, the latter finally winning 32 1-2 points to 21. The sophomores brought up the rear with 10 points.

R. P. I. 7. Hamilton 14.

The first regular baseball game played last Saturday with R. P. I., resulted in a victory for Hamilton, 14-7. For five innings it was anyone's game, then Hamilton drew away, clinching the game in the sixth. Hamilton was the first to score, three passes, an error, and a stolen base, sending one run across the plate in the second inning. R. P. I. scored one in the fourth on a single by Wirth, a scratch infield hit, a sacrifice hit and a fielder's choice, and in the fifth Soper was pounded for a single, a double, a triple, and a home run, and this with poor throws by Hunter and Bramley and a base on balls, netted them 6 runs. This ended R. P. I.'s run-getting. Durkee went into the box in the sixth, and in the four innings remaining only two hits were made off him. Hamilton secured five in the fourth on two passes, two passed balls, an error by Bentley, and singles by Ferris, Peet, Stiles, Hunter and Bramley. Errors by Bentley and Greenfield, two passes, a fielder's choice, a passed ball and singles by Hunter, Peet and Stiles, added seven more in the sixth. In the seventh Bramley bunted safely, went to second on a passed ball, stole third and came in on Ferris's sacrifice.

The game was slow and at times the fielding was ragged. Batting honors were easy. Hamilton's team work was much the better. R. P. I. was badly mixed at several stages of the game,

especially in the eighth when Wachter and Smith collided, and on the next play Bond and Murphy did likewise. The features were long throws to third by Stiles and Ferris, and the batting of Peet and Wirth. McGee was wild, giving no less than 10 bases on balls, but at times was very effective. The line-up: R. P. I. (7). Hamilton (14).

Braunhard.	c. f.	Farrell.
Murphy.	l. f.	Stiles.
Wirth.	c.	Bramley.
Greenfield.	3b.	Hunter.
Wachter.	2b.	Easton.
Smith.	r. f.	Ferris.
Bentley.	1b.	Judd.
Bond.	s. s.	Peet.
McGee.	p.	{ Soper, Durkee.

Y. M. C. A.

For the remainder of the term the regular Sunday afternoon meetings will be held at five, instead of four o'clock.

Mr. Tom Jays will speak at the next Y. M. C. A. meeting. He is an Englishman who for some time was a missionary in West Africa, until his health broke down. At present he is studying medicine, with the purpose of soon returning to Africa. In England and Scotland he has visited all of the leading universities, and has spent this winter in a similar tour of the colleges of Canada and the United States. It may be impossible for him to be here tomorrow; if so, the Sunday afternoon meeting will be postponed until Monday evening, in order to give as many as possible a chance to hear him.

The Y. M. C. A. is fully organized for the coming year and the first Cabinet meeting was held Wednesday evening. The list of Committee Chairmen is as follows: Membership—Wicks '04; Bible Study—Ferguson '04; Religious Meetings—France '05; Missionary—R. Sherman '04; Finance—Evans '04; Music—Abbott '04. We are glad to see the Association so strongly supported.

Book Sale.

The Fiction Club has about a dozen late and popular books to dispose of. Among them are such books as The Virginians, Mississippi Bubble, Blazed Trail, The Shadow of the Zar, Vultures, etc. The volumes are in \$1.50 editions, but are selling for 50 cents apiece. They are in good condition.

—Last Wednesday at the field meet we heard of nothing but "ought" classes.

The New South.

We believe that rumor to be more than a passing one, which hints at the not far remote tearing down of old South. The project of replacing the old building with the new, is especially gratifying to all concerned with Hamilton's prosperity. A new dormitory, modern in all the details of its structure and up-to-date in design and sanitary conditions is a prospect, attractive to the fancy of every Hamilton man. The new South will be welcomed as one more evidence that Hamilton is going forward and easily keeping pace with the years. We are looking forward to its erection because we hail and cherish every indication and sign that points to our Alma Mater's broadened circle of power and resource. It will add a new dignity to the campus. No spot is more worthy a splendid array of buildings. Nature has been generous to us. She has taken some of her fairest robes to garb this hill. We show our appreciation by every effort to rear buildings such as we believe the new structure will be. The reality of a modern dormitory on the old site will satisfy a long felt want, and will be pointed out with a constant source of satisfaction and pride. The College does need a new dormitory, but we believe the sentiment of Hamilton will not watch the passing of old South from our college life without a large measure of regret. For us, the flight of the years has wrapped around it a deep element of interest. We shall be sorry to see disappear a landmark so eloquently connecting past history with the life of the present.

There is a wealth of suggestion in everything touched by the hand of time, and to us old South, with walls now gray and stained with the mark and impress of more than three-score years, is surrounded with an atmosphere made sacred by memory and tradition. The force of tradition has always been strong on this Hill. It is one of the elements that have gone to mould Hamilton spirit and which has been infused into the heart and centre of our college life. The old dormitory must live as the birthplace of our best and noblest traditions.

We shall miss this plain scarred structure. Before many years, alumni returning at Commencement to renew the broken bonds of class friendship and sympathy, will look in vain and

miss the old building intertwined and bound up in their memory with the brightest scenes and fondest recollections of life. Today those walls are vocal with memories, mellowed by time into a rare sweetness, and we are glad for a little while to forget the present, practical and all-imperative, with its unceasing round of duty and responsibility, and to feel the spirit of the past, as it lives and breathes through the dusty corridors of old South.

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TRACK OUTLOOK.

The results of the Spring Field Meet of last Wednesday are signs of promise. The work as a whole was of a higher grade than that of a year ago, and looks like defeat for Wesleyan next Saturday, from a comparison with their inter-class track meet as reported in their Argus of this week. We have confidence in the team and are sure we shall welcome them back as victors after next Saturday's meet in Albany.

THE INEXCUSABLE.

We often wonder why those little "extras" come staring us in the face three times a year, as regular as the term bill, and considerably more regular than the mail schedule. Now there is reason in all things according to some old sage and it happens that there is an explanation for this source of wonder. Not long ago the librarian complained that a volume of the Popular Science Quarterly had been mutilated by clipping so that a new volume had to be purchased. Presumably some man had need of a few statistics for a debate; but it cost the college five dollars. Books for use of the English literature department are drawn from the Library and kept in the Hebrew room of the Hall of Languages for a more ready access. At the close of last term there were eighteen volumes missing, without any clue for recovery. These books had to be replaced at the expense of the college at large. This is a suggestion of the manner in which we incur those "extras." It is far from our thoughts to suggest any malice in such actions; but there is gross carelessness and thoughtlessness and it is inexcusable.

A man may have dollars and no sense.

GO, IF POSSIBLE!

On next Saturday, May 16, the track team will make its first trip of the season, to Albany, where it will meet on neutral grounds the team from Wesleyan University. This is the first time in some years that the track team has taken such a trip at its own risk. There being no guarantees, the expenses will be met by the gate receipts. Very evidently all possible support is necessary and it is hoped that a good sized delegation from College will accompany the team. Rates on the railroad have been secured, reducing the price of the round trip to \$2.50. Football always has a good following from the College for the annual Albany game, and there is no reason why, with the excellent track team that we have this year and with a fair chance for victory, we should not have 50 men to yell for Hamilton at Ridgefield Park on May 16. We all believe that the interest in track athletics has been constantly on the increase for the last few years, and now is a time to show that interest in a practical way. Every effort is being made to draw a good crowd from Albany; let the College stand by and do its share. Let us make this experiment a success—everybody do his share.

In the *Record* for May is an account of the plans for Hamilton of the future and of the buildings to be added, among which are two new dormitories, a new library, and a Kirkland Inn. The article states that one of the new dormitories will be built near the present site of old South and that the stone of the old building will be used for the new. Recollections are precious, but a new dormitory is a necessity, and economy can not wait on remembrances.

Stag Dinner.

The ever popular "Bob" Kelsey closed his career as a bachelor on the evening of April 25th, by giving a stag box party at the "Prince of Pilsen," followed by a bachelor dinner at the Criterion. Those who shared "Bob's" hospitality were Harry G. Kimball '98, Warren I. Lee '98, L. L. Stevens '99, and Estey Stowell '01. Mr. Kelsey was married April 28th to Miss Emma Lewis, of Defiance, Ohio. They will reside in New York City, where the genial groom is prosperously located in business.

What Hamilton Stands For.

Dr. Stryker has said that in a large college you go through more college, but in a small college more college goes through you. Hamilton is not a large college, nor does it wish to be, for its ideals and aims limit its size. It has been said that 400 would be the outside limit desired in numbers, and rightly, for only as a college with an exclusive standard, could it offer the advantages it does. Hamilton stands for men and not for numbers. One of its proudest aims is to develop strong manhood. Here every man is on his merits; he is given every chance to make the best possible man of himself; few restrictions are placed upon his conduct, but the tone of the College exerts a powerful influence in bringing into prominence those qualities in his character, which make good citizens and creditable men. Here no man can go through college and say that he knows only half of his class; he is thrown into intimate contact with every man in College; learns to know all phases of human nature, and when he graduates from Hamilton, he is twice the practical man of the world that he would be if he associated only with a few men in his course. This College is not so overgrown but that every man has a lively personal interest in every phase of college life. He can scarcely have gone through Hamilton without having had the chance to test his abilities in management in some department of college life or other. Every man has some responsibility put upon his shoulders to test his fibre and accustom him to self-reliance.

Here you do not pass your undergraduate years under instructors and tutors; but you meet the heads of departments at once, and have the strengthening influence of their personalities and abilities. Hamilton does not exist for athletics, but athletics for Hamilton. Scholarship and athletics go hand in hand here; ability in either is valued. We make our athletic teams successful, because every man who can support athletics by his abilities is stretching every nerve to make this department of our life on the Hill a credit to the College. In scholarship we have an elevated standard; a man cannot stay in Hamilton without doing honest, consistent work. As the catalogue puts it: "The courses are well balanced; are intended for studious men, and while they lie within the strength of the dili-

gent, they are meant to be difficult for laggards and impossible for shirks."

Hamilton is noted wherever it is known for spirit; it is the mainspring of our college life; it is the spirit of manhood, and that is the index to the character of Hamilton.

Rev. E. P. Powell '53.

Today is the seventieth birthday of one of Hamilton's illustrious sons, Rev E. P. Powell. The occasion is to be especially celebrated by his friends. Mr. Powell is one of the foundation members of the Rural Art Society and of the Farmers Club. Both these societies will meet at his home and give him a royal send-off as he embarks on his seventy-first year.

Apropos of this occasion it would not be amiss to mention a few facts concerning the man, and of interest to nearly every student. Mr. Powell was graduated from Hamilton in the class of 1853. Since then he has won an enviable name as author, preacher, essayist, horticulturist. For a while he held a pastorate in Chicago. Later he settled down to cultivating his farm here in Clinton, and with that and writing for the Independent, of which he was at one time an editor, his time is fully occupied. Mr. Powell has written many books of a religious nature and also has published valuable matter dealing with horticulture in its various phases. In the latter he stands as authority on many questions. Incidentally he has one of the finest if not the finest box hedge in the country.

Previous to occupying his present home he resided in a house almost on the site of that of President Stryker's. It was there that the Hamilton Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity was formed. Mr. Powell now owns one of the pleasantest homes in Clinton. May he live and enjoy it for many years.

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College Notes.

—*Hamiltonian* is out!
 —The tennis courts need attention!
 —Heavy colds seem to be epidemic on the Hill.
 —Lee '00 who is now at Cornell, was on the Hill this week.
 —Hayes' debate brief was "like a pretty girl with a dirty face."
 —Class of '06 have elected Easton captain of their baseball team.
 —"Bib." was unable to meet classes on Tuesday, because of illness.
 —France '05 was called away to attend the marriage of his sister.
 —Prof. Wood lead prayers in morning chapel Thursday morning.
 —The baseball team left for Geneva and Rochester early Friday morning.
 —Within a fortnight the trolley schedule will be restored to the half-hour service.
 —A reward has been offered to anyone who will find Stuart at the bookstore.
 —"Uncle John" is tickled over the good showing made in the spring track meet.
 —Wicks '04 will be one of the assistant drillers in freshman declamation next year.
 —In debate Prex. tells Harwood to put sand on the track because his wheels are slipping.
 —Prex. in debate characterizes Harwood as a "raving panther trying to escape from his cage."
 —It is reported that a Colgate man was up here Wednesday with his stopwatch. He's welcome!
 —Prize "stab" for sophomore speaking took place Wednesday noon; results have not yet been announced.
 —The Pentagon elections from '04 were Richard Sherman, Soper, Toll, Wicks and Wills. The choice is a good one from the College standpoint.
 —Prex. has offered the Commons for the reception to the interscholastic track men and prize speakers this evening.
 —Prof. White says that at least three such interscholastic speaking contests as the one of today could and ought to be held here every year.
 —The president of the Y. M. C. A. held his first cabinet meeting Wednesday night. The meeting was marked by good spirit and activity.

—Springstead '05 looking over the track records in the hand-book, remarked that, "That man May must have been a 'whale' of an athlete."

—The most exciting event of the week was a row in which the combatants were one "Brick" Landers and the other "Chauncey." The latter won the honors of the "meet."

—The tennis tournament is well under way, but thus far no very exciting matches have taken place. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in Chapel and the results of matches are placed there as soon as they are played.

—The track is still in rather poor condition and handicapped the contestants considerably in the meet last Wednesday. The cinders do not seem to mix well with the foundation dirt and lack of rain keeps them too dry to yield to the roller.

—Spring practice is drawing near and suits are needed. So if you have one, turn it in to the manager or assistant manager so that it can be put into shape. Many football subscriptions are also overdue and all are urged to pay up as soon as possible.

—We are all glad to see that buildings, posts, etc., are receiving a little paint, for they certainly need it. Buff and blue seem to be the prevailing colors. A recent visitor on the Hill said that the Litchfield Observatory looked like a barn, without any paint on it.

—The Spring Field Meet was advertised well both in Utica and Clinton, but the attendance was rather discouraging to the manager, who had anticipated a much better result from his endeavors. It was not so well supported by the student body as it ought to have been.

—Will the fellows oblige the track manager by handing him, or his assistant, their subscriptions this week, as money is needed to cover expenses of the Albany trip. The Wesleyan meet is an important one. With a \$2.50 rates to Albany, let's have a good delegation of rooters to show Wesleyan what Hamilton enthusiasm is.

—Although work is being rushed upon the new Chemical Lab. the building will not be ready for occupancy at the opening of College next autumn.

—One of the interesting features of the R. P. I. game was the impromptu battle between Robert McDuff and Wheeler's big dog. Rumor has it that "Bobby" was saved from annihilation only by the timely arrival of reinforcements.

—Enough of the wall of the new Chemical Laboratory has been built to show what kind of building it will be. It differs from the other buildings on the campus in that its walls are built of ordinary "cobble" stones, but the result is excellent and quite original. Money is saved in the price of the stone, since it can be bought for little or nothing, but the expense of labor and extra cement makes up for what is saved in stone.

Tennis.

Everything is certainly booming on this old Hill. If you don't believe the statement, watch the tennis courts some afternoon. The interest which tennis has excited this season seems hardly credible. At no time of the day are the courts empty, and when a man gets a court he plays tennis. All this excitement has been caused by starting a college tournament. Men have now some goal towards which to strive. All thanks are due the management for its push and enterprise. During the past two years this department of our athletics has been neglected. But things now look bright with an intercollegiate tournament on the horizon.

The "K. P."

The Clark Prize has lived forty-eight useful years. It was founded about the fifth year of Professor Upson's service to the College, when Dr. Simeon North was president, by an ex-mayor of New York City. This ex-mayor, by-the-way, was not an alumnus of Hamilton; he was graduated from Union College in 1808. Notwithstanding, we rightly claim Mr. Clark as our own, for in 1838 he received an honorary A. M. from the College, and in 1803, a century ago! was a student of the old Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

From the very first the exhibition was a success. The Clark Prize always has attracted a houseful. The earlier numbers of the *Lit.* tell us that the old Stone Church buzzed and fluttered and sweltered every year just as it does in these days.

In going back over the history of the contest many interesting facts are brought to light. Dr. Upson characterizes it as one of "many educational methods invented in Hamilton College." It has had many imitators, but it is peculiarly our own. In going over the lists of speakers and subjects, you will

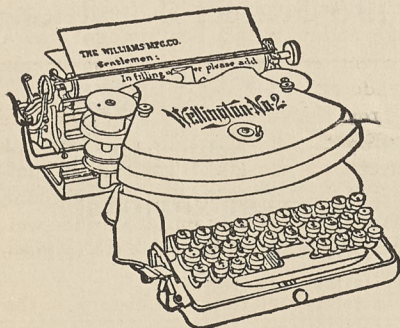
doubtless notice first, how uniformly good the subjects have been. Then you may notice that among the two hundred eighty-two contestants, some good men, men who have since won distinction as public speakers, have been beaten in this contest. Fifteen valedictorians and nineteen salutatorians and scores of honor men have competed. Only three of the valedictorians were successful; of the salutatorians, eight won prizes. At present there are seven of these old Clark Prize orators on the Board of Trust; and seven, again, on the Faculty. Two of these trustees were successful—you can count up for faculty, yourself. Then perhaps you will notice also that the class of 1884 did not have a contest. They "bolted," they said.

It was the purpose of the founders of this honorable prize "to have a public exercise which should exhibit the best work in the art of expression which our under-graduates could do." That it has stimulated the College in every department and displays the work of the whole College, there can be no doubt. Here is focused the whole culture of Hamilton College. Even among the greatly increased number of prizes now offered during the course, the Clark Prize holds its honorable place.

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