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HERBERT ELIJAH WADSWORTH, B.A.  
OF THE CLASS OF 1892

Mr. Wadsworth is a Maine business man, a member of the Maine State Senate, and has served on the Board of Trustees of the College for many years. He was elected in June, last, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Colby, succeeding the late Chief Justice Leslie Colby Cornish, of the class of 1875

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## EDITORIAL NOTES



### *The Week-End Plan.*

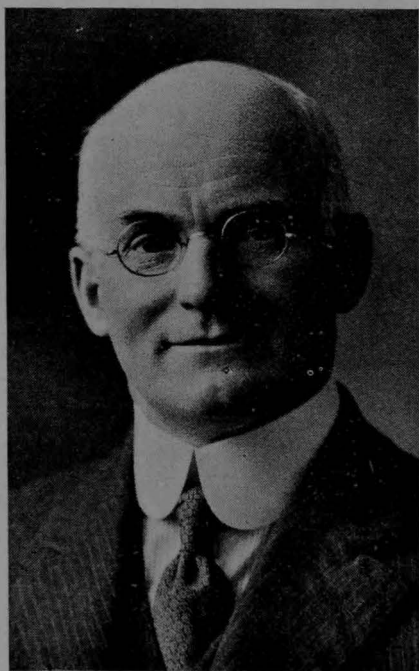
By a unanimous vote of the General Alumni Association of the College and by a subsequent approval given by the Board of Trustees, the so-called Week-End Plan for Commencements has been adopted at Colby. This means that next year, Monday will be the Commencement Day, and that doubtless Commencement will officially open on a Friday. The exact scheduling of events will be something that the Commencement Committee will need to work out. Now that the plan has been adopted it is sincerely hoped that it will mean a larger attendance

of graduates upon the events of Commencement Week. That is the sole high purpose in the minds of those who have worked for the adoption of this plan. It is thought by them that a greater number of graduates can slip away for over the week-end than can now get away for the first three days of Commencement Week. As pointed out in the last ALUMNUS, just how this will affect the great company of ministers counted in the graduate body it is difficult to say. The old plan allowed them to attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The new plan will require them to leave their pulpits to supplies. The ALUMNUS doubts if the new plan will greatly increase the attendance of teachers. With them, it is not so much a matter of exact days as it is the season at which the College Commencement is held. Graduates may rest assured that the ALUMNUS

will do everything in its power to encourage graduates to return for the annual home-gathering. It regards the presence of graduates at Commencement as a most important means to a most important end. The College needs now more than ever before the loyal devotion of every one of the nearly 4000 graduates, and that devotion can best be cultivated when the family gathering at the College hearth once each year.

### *The New Chairman of the Board.*

To select a successor to the late Chief Justice Leslie Colby Cornish who served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for so long a period was a matter of no small moment. Much depended upon the type of man who should stand at the head of such a group of men. If he had



PERCY F. WILLIAMS, B.A., '97  
Chief Advocate for Week-end Commencement



vision and tact and sound common sense and a burning desire to see the College go forward upon its high career, then the College was safe indeed. He would not lack for followers. While the selection of a successor to Judge Cornish was a matter of much speculation, no one doubted that the Board as at present constituted could produce a half dozen men of rare worth, each and all of them capable of holding the position of leadership. The lot fell to Herbert Elijah Wadsworth, for many years a member of the Board, for many of these same years a member of the important committee on Buildings and Grounds, and always a man abidingly interested in the progress of the institution. No one ever heard Mr. Wadsworth question the worth of the College or doubt its value to youth or share any false notions about its future. He has all along seen steadily and worked zealously, and his fellow-trustees now honor him with the position of leadership. Mr. Wadsworth is a Maine boy, Maine educated, and Maine trained. He began his business career in Maine and has pursued it with marked degree of prosperity ever since he entered upon it. He has established a name for himself in the business world. He has not kept aloof from active participation in the political life of his State, and has served with credit in the Maine State Senate. His name has frequently been mentioned for the high office of governor. That may come later. His new position will mean but one thing, namely, increased devotion to the College, and along with that will come for the College a greater host of interested friends. The ALUMNUS believes the trustees have chosen wisely. It predicts for the administration a larger service than ever before because the foundation for that enlarged service has been well laid.

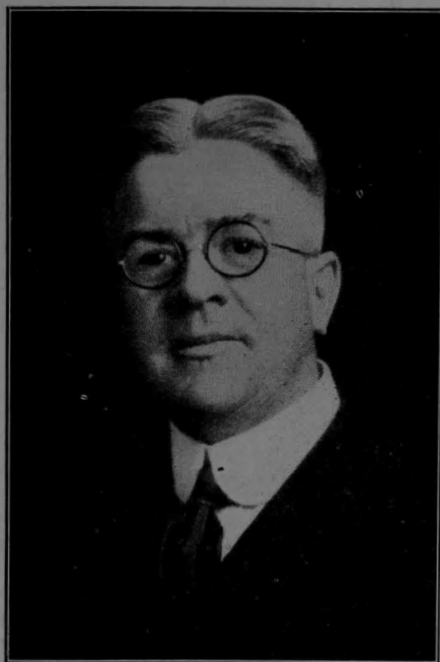
*Christmas Club  
Givers.*

It is not a bit too early to begin laying aside a gift for the Colby Christmas Club. The membership of the Club has been growing steadily year by year, but it should include every student who was ever enrolled on the College books. This Club originated in the fertile brain of President Roberts, and it has been the means of keeping the College from showing a deficit year after year. The Club brings in three or four thousand dollars, most of it representing small gifts, some of it representing large gifts. Nothing has given the President greater encouragement in his endeavors to build up the College than these

evidences of the loyalty of hosts of the Colby graduates shown at the Christmas season. And along with the gifts have come expressions of love for Alma Mater that have meant vastly more than the money they accompanied. It is all very much worth while. The ALUMNUS ventures the hope that calling attention this early to the matter may help the President in his work, and may mean several hundred more givers than in any previous year. What an inspiration it would be if two to three thousand letters might arrive about Christmas time each with its gift for a greater because a more useful Colby! Why not?

*The Gift by  
Dana Warren Hall*

Freely he received, and freely he has given. That sums up the manner of giving by the late Dana Warren Hall, of the class of 1890. By his munificent legacy, eventually to come to the College, Dana Hall is now counted among the five or six graduates who have been most generous to the College of their adoption. And it was entirely like him. He always struck straight at his mark. He did in conversation and he did in business and he did in his friendship. There was never any question where he stood. He had a love for the College that was never questioned. He was ever on the look-out for ways to serve her. The Editor remembers back in 1920, at the centennial celebration of the College, that on the afternoon of the last day when the crowds had pretty nearly dispersed, and the College Office was no longer crowded, that Dana Hall drew him into one of the alcoves of the old library to talk confidentially about the needs of the College. He had just been named a member of the Board of Trustees, and he wanted to serve in devoted fashion. His heart was aflame with love of the College. "If you can think of any way that I can be of help in the great work being done, drop me a line; don't wait until I get here to the annual Commencements. I want to put my shoulder to the wheel." That was his spirit all the way along. Whenever he got back to the annual Commencements, he was astir morning, noon, and night, talking with this one and with that, getting points of view, always with the sole purpose of bringing the big Colby family closer together. This spirit dominated his life to the very last. Only a few days before his death he was making plans to attend a dinner of Colby graduates in Washington. And his last act was to remember the College in his will in



CHARLES EDWIN GURNEY, B.A., '98  
Elected Trustee to fill vacancy in term of  
Dana Warren Hall, Deceased

a manner that left no doubt of his loyalty. May there yet be a thousand like him among the host of Colby's sons. We need more men like him—high visioned, earnest, steadfast, loyal, practical, lovable.

*The New Trustees.*

The return to the Board of Franklin Winslow Johnson, of the class of 1891, is welcome news to the graduate body. Professor Johnson is a growing man. Every year has seen him moving forward in his profession and he is already widely recognized as an authority in the field of secondary school problems. His books have received high commendation because they are sanely written, something that certainly cannot be said of a vast number of books dealing with problems educational. Professor Johnson has always maintained a keen interest in the College, returning almost every year for the annual Commencements, and serving on the Board for a considerable period of time. The College has never turned to him in vain. Fortunate indeed is the College in having him among those who help administer its affairs. The other trustee elected by the Alumni Association is John Edward Nelson, of the class of 1898, a lawyer by train-

ing and practice, and a Congressman from the State of Maine by demand of his friends. When he was nominated there was no question about the certainty of his election. His career in College and out justified the prophecy. He worked his way through Colby, doing all kinds of labor—driving a public carriage, sweeping out school houses, and teaching evening school. No boy ever worked harder, and certainly no boy ever made more use of his College training. And when he was out of College, still there was no let-up. He kept everlastingly at it. He was fortunate in getting the support of loyal friends, and when he put out his shingle as a full-fledged lawyer, his success was assured. He has raised up a family of ten boys and girls, two of the boys already upperclassmen of Colby—as fine a family as any one could ever hope to have. A few years ago he announced himself a candidate for the United States Congress, this at the urgent request of his friends; and he was elected to represent the Third District by a handsome majority. He is likely to remain a Congressman for numberless years to come. His election to the Board brings to the College counsel-table a man who has been a devoted son, a worth-while

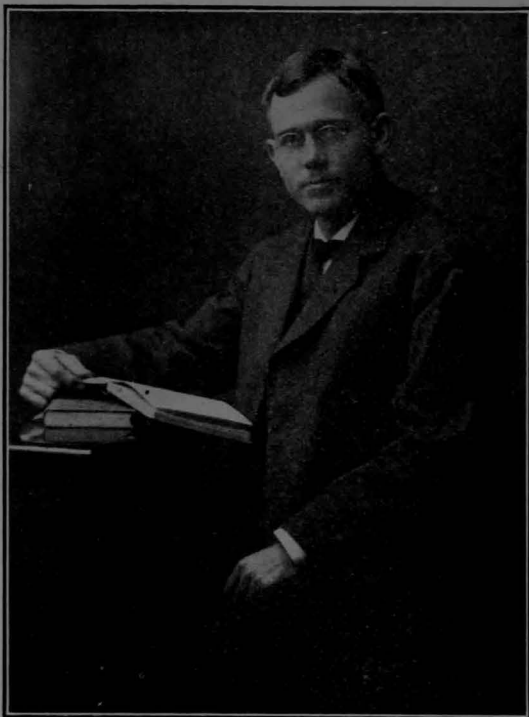


JOHN EDWARD NELSON, B.A., '98  
Congressman from Maine. Elected Trustee of the College

citizen, and a successful man. The prestige of the Board is greatly increased by his election to it.

*Colby Man  
Heads Newton.*

The election of Everett Carlton Herrick, D.D., of the class of 1898, as President of Newton Theological Institution, will come as good news to all members of our graduate body. Few knew that he was being considered for the place, but now that he has been elected all feel that no better choice could be made. His career since graduating from Colby has been noteworthy, especially since he came to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Fall River. There he seemed to find a field white for the harvest, and it was not long before he had laborers in plenty harvesting the crop. How well he has conducted the affairs of his growing congregation is best attested to by the fact that no offers of larger churches have been able to dislodge him from the Fall River congregation. Notable in his achievements is the great Bible Class which he has built up, a thousand strong. Few such classes exist anywhere in the country. It is said that when his large morning congregation file out, a company of men numbering 500 to a thousand file in. His Sunday School numbers over 2,000 members. His has been a large work well done. Along with a peculiar power of leadership goes a magnetic personality and a fine speaking voice and a sweet Christian spirit, and profound knowledge of the Truth. Under his direction, Newton Institution, always an institution



REV. EVERETT CARLTON HERRICK, D.D., '98  
Elected President of Newton Theological Institution  
Gives Boardman Address at Commencement

of large dimensions, is bound to grow larger and more influential. President Herrick will measure high, and Colby and Newton will be drawn more closely together in the long years to come. The ALUMNUS congratulates President Herrick on his elevation to the teaching profession, and Newton on its good fortune.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BY EDWIN CAREY WHITTEMORE, D.D., '79

The stated annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Colby College met in Chemical Hall at 9:30 A.M., June 15.

There were present members Bailey, Barnes, Bassett, Bradbury, Miss Coburn, Drummond, Edmunds, Guttill, Gurney, Mower, Murray, Owen, Padelford, Page, Perkins, Philbrook, Roberts, Smith, Trafton, Wadsworth, and Whittemore.

Justice Barnes was elected Chairman pro tem and prayer was offered by Dr. C. E. Owen.

President Roberts in his report feelingly referred to the death of Judge Cornish and to another very valuable member of the

Board of Trustees, Mr. Dana W. Hall of Chicago.

He presented the resignation of Dean Runnals, which was regretfully accepted and a Resolution printed on page 251 was spread upon the record.

The action of the Special Committee on Degrees was approved and made the action of the Board, conferring the following Honorary Degrees:

LL.D., Charles Putnam Barnes, Class of 1892; Norman Leslie Bassett, Class of 1891.

Litt.D., Robert Lincoln O'Brian, Boston, Mass.

M.A., Charles Loring Andrews, Augusta,

Maine; Walter Llewellyn Gray, Class of 1895.

The Degrees conferred at the April Meeting were:

M.A., Eleanora Bailey Woodman, Winthrop Center.

D.D., Rev. George Merriam, Class of 1879.

L.H.D., Drew Thompson Harthorn, Class of 1894.

The report of Treasurer Hubbard was accepted and placed on file. Special attention was called to the fact that the semester bills had been collected in full.

The report of the Finance Committee was accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

The report of the Investment Committee was presented by President Roberts and was accepted.

Secretary Whittemore reported concerning the College History and the cost of its publication. The report was accepted and the Historian and Committee consisting of President Roberts and Dr. Taylor were authorized to make all arrangements for its publication.

To fill the vacancies on the Nominating Committee, Chairman Barnes appointed Mr. Trafton and Mr. Guptill, so that the Committee consists of George Otis Smith, H. W. Trafton, and L. C. Guptill.

The report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was presented by Mr. Bassett, was enthusiastically received, and ordered spread upon the records.

It was voted that the recommendations of the report be committed to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, the President and the Treasurer, with power to act, after consultation with the competent authorities in the matter of changes proposed.

Took recess to 1:00 P. M.

1:00 P. M. Met as per adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bailey it was voted that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be requested to place identifying cards on the portraits in the several rooms of the College.

Joint report was made by the Committees on Improvements on the Athletic field and on Securing Additional Athletic Grounds.

Temporary improvements on the land back of the College have been made. The securing of additional athletic grounds will involve large expense and many questions. Suggestion was made that it be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, which was voted.

It was voted that the Committee on

Buildings and Grounds and the Finance Committee have authority to purchase or lease such parcels of land in the vicinity of the College as in their judgment it may seem desirable to secure for the benefit of the College.

Letters were read from the Boston Colby Alumni Association, and report was presented from the general Alumni Association, then in session, requesting that the Board put into effect a plan for week-end Commencements.

It was voted that the Trustees, officers, and Commencement committees be instructed to take the steps that may be necessary to put into effect the week-end Commencements.

A letter was received from the Alumnae Association stating that it had voted to ask Mr. H. T. Muzzy "to act as architect for the proposed Woman's Gymnasium, subject to the approval of the Trustees of Colby."

The Trustees voted such approval.

The President presented a list of candidates for the A. B. Degree, the B. S. Degree, and one for the M. A. Degree. The list included 105 names and upon these persons, having completed the appropriate courses, it was voted to confer the degrees.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:

For the Board of Trustees, term ending in 1929: William C. Crawford, Charles E. Owen, H. W. Page, H. W. Trafton, H. E. Wadsworth, Edwin C. Whittemore.

For the term expiring in 1927, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dana W. Hall, Charles E. Gurney.

It was suggested that the vacancy left by the death of our honored Chairman, Leslie C. Cornish, be not filled at this meeting, but that the Committee be allowed to report at a later meeting in the year.

The report was accepted, and by ballot the persons named above were elected as Trustees for the terms indicated.

Elected as members of the Prudential Committee, President Roberts, C. N. Perkins, A. F. Drummond.

The Nominating Committee further reported the nomination for Vice President of the Corporation and ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Herbert Elijah Wadsworth, of Winthrop Center, Maine, B.A. of the Class of 1892.

The report was accepted and Herbert Elijah Wadsworth was by unanimous ballot elected to the above Chairmanship.

On assuming the Chair, Mr. Wadsworth spoke with deep feeling of his sense of the



honor and responsibility of the position and of his purpose to do his utmost for the College.

The report of the Joint Committee on Academies was presented by E. C. Whittemore and was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Instruction was received and accepted. Mr. Perkins of the Department of Geology was raised to the rank of full professor. Reference was made to the death of Associate Professor B. E. Carter and Secretary Whittemore was authorized to send a letter to Mrs. Carter expressing appreciation of the service rendered by Professor Carter and of his bravery and patience under physical disability and suffering.

President Roberts reported that the Committee had arranged for group insurance for the Professors, and under motion of Mr. Perkins, this action of the Finance Committee and the Special Committee, was ratified and approved.

The petition sent by the students of the Men's Division to the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, asking that steps should be taken immediately to secure the erection

of an adequate and suitable gymnasium for the Men's Department, was presented.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Edmunds, it was voted that a committee of Means and Ways be appointed for the purpose of erecting a suitable gymnasium for the Men's Division of the College; that the committee consist of five members of whom the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be Chairman and the President of the College a member, the Committee to report at the next meeting.

It was voted that the members of the Committee be named by the Chairman at his leisure.

Dr. Padelford spoke of the desirability of an issue of the General Catalog.

The Alumni Association reported the election of Franklin W. Johnson and John E. Nelson as Alumni Trustees for the term ending 1931.

Voted, that when we adjourn, it be to Saturday, November 6, 1926, at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Maine, at 9:30 A.M.

Voted to adjourn.

## THE COMMENCEMENT

BY EIGHTY-ODD

Strange that the ALUMNUS editor will not let up on me for an annual report of my impressions of the College Commencement. If the readers of the magazine can stand these reports, I can.

It was a first-class Commencement—rainy, in spots. Whoever went through a Commencement without a drop or two of rain? Not so bad as two years ago when the rain came pelting down on those gorgeous gowns of the honorary degree folks just as they were lining up for the spectacular parade! There was a rustling of silks that day.

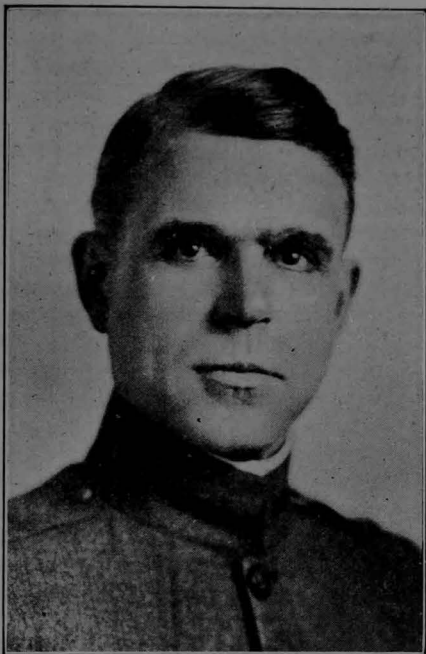
It was a first-class Commencement because it moved right along without any hitches, because the speaking was to the point, because the attendance was satisfactory, and because there was a hopeful atmosphere about the campus that warmed the heart. Colby is speeding right along, socially and morally and intellectually and physically. Everything looks better about the place. Those granolithic walks have made the spot far more attractive. Wouldn't Old Sam (bless his memory!) chuckle to see the newer campus. How he labored

long hours to keep the grass out of the walks, and the campus tidy!

The exercises opened with the annual Junior Exhibition, probably the last one to be held, for next year, as I understand it, we are to try out the week-end commencements. It was a good exhibition, some excellent speaking, with attendance about as usual. It was a good opening course.

We missed Prexy on Sunday morning, and everybody felt sorry that he was not to give us his annual address. Nobody ever wants to miss one of his baccalaureates. They are clean-cut, full of sage counsel, with here and there a touch of humor, and as well suited to the taste of a fundamentalist as to that of the modernist. No one can find any fault with the sermons that President Roberts preaches. He had a strong substitute in Woodman Bradbury. Bradbury is almost a fixture at the Colby Commencements. Imaginative, poetic, deeply reverent, his discourses are heard with distinct pleasure. He measured up on Sunday morning.

And the memorial services for the late Judge Cornish on Sunday afternoon will



PROF. FRANKLIN WINSLOW JOHNSON,  
L.H.D., '91

Elected a Trustee. Speaker at Alumni Lunch

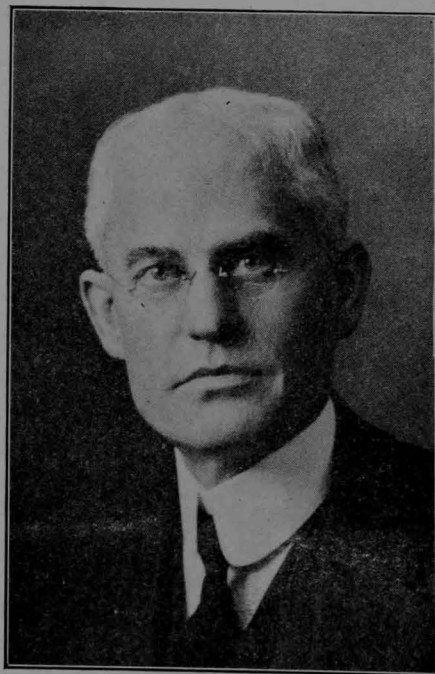
not soon go from memory. What a man he was for the College, and what a legacy of character and inspiration he has left. It was highly appropriate that a picture of Judge Cornish should be unveiled on this beautiful occasion. The services were in keeping with his life, simple, rich in sentiment, and somehow prophetic of the greater Colby that he worked so hard to create. The acceptance address by President Roberts spoke the hearts of the graduate body. It ought to be published for all to read. It was more than an acceptance address. It was more like a tribute of a younger brother to an elder, for President Roberts always turned to Judge Cornish for counsel and encouragement.

Sunday evening the address was given by Dr. Carl Herrick, one of the best known of Colby's minister-graduates. It is a rare privilege to hear Dr. Herrick. He strikes positively and vigorously and outspokenly. His is a message of the soul on fire. He scans the distant heights. He points the way. He clears away the doubts. His is a message of the newer day. "Freedom" was his theme. How appropriate the subject in view of the fact that this Commencement was the hundredth anniversary of the graduation of Colby's great son,

Elijah Parish Lovejoy, '26, who fought and died that men might speak and write and publish whatever men chose "being amenable to the laws of God for the same". Lovejoy—Herrick, both sounded the call for heroic achievement.

The two addresses given at the Chapel services on Monday and Tuesday, one by Robert A. Bakeman, '01, preacher, teacher of social truths, and at present mayor of a Massachusetts city, and the other by William A. Smith, '91, father of a senior boy, and himself son of Samuel K. Smith, long on the teaching staff of the college, were outstanding sermonettes. Both served the useful purpose of opening the two days of Commencement Week with inspirational talks—talks that stirred emotions and gave evidence anew that Colby graduates still hold fast to the faith of the Fathers.

The campus exercises by the two classes were of a high order. These exercises are more or less overshadowed now by other larger functions of the College, and by speakers who are imported for the edification of the assembled hosts. But, all the same, these outdoor exercises are not of the least importance. Anyone listening to the addresses is bound to catch the spirit of the younger graduate and to profit from their earnest suggestions. They breathe a



JUSTICE CHARLES P. BARNES, LL.D., '92  
Given Degree of Doctor of Laws



loyalty that is well enough to heed. They call their fellow students to the firing-line of duty to their college and to their day. I did not miss one of these addresses. There is one great fault to the addresses by the Guests of Honor, and that is that they cannot always be heard distinctly. It is a fine thing to have these "honor" fellows present. I always enjoy them. They look vastly different to me from the way some of them looked on the day of graduation. I happen to remember a good many of them. They are not quite so positive in their denunciations and their declarations and their prophecies as they were on graduation day. Well, why should they be? Time as softened and chastened and schooled. It was a pleasure to hear Meleney again. He has made a name for himself in New York educational circles. He is a big man. And Metcalf gave a message of meaning and of power. He, too, has made good in his chosen work. Great to have such men back to add dignity to these occasions.

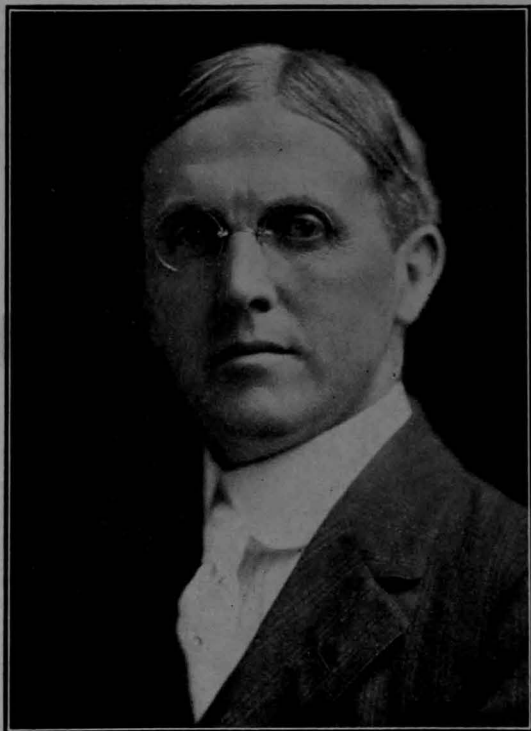
They wouldn't let me attend the Alumnae lunch. Men are not allowed. "Why", said Johnny to father, "do people always speak of our language as the 'Mother tongue'?" "The reason, son, is that father never gets a chance to use it". But they tell me these

alumnae lunches are delightful affairs, and that tongues run no more wild at these lunches than they do at the gatherings of the men in the gymnasium. I speak from a knowledge of the latter. I made inquiry about the gathering of the ladies. Fine speeches, excellent spirit, great enthusiasm—a great future ahead for the women. The occasion was marked with one note of regret and that is the leaving of Dean Runnals. Miss Runnals has made an ideal dean for the women's division, and everybody keenly regrets her going. Family duties make it imperative. It isn't going to be the easiest thing to fill her place. If some year the ladies will invite me to dine with them, perhaps I will be given an opportunity to write up their gathering in greater detail and with less guesswork.

The President's reception? None better. It seemed to me that it was more largely attended than in other years. Anyway, it seems to be less and less formal. I was really comfortable with my business suit on this year. No small task to get that dress suit 200 miles over country, in hot weather, and to get it in proper condition for one dress-rehearsal. It is an occasion when dress suits ought to be worn, but I find it not at all convenient to transport a suit. I rather attend this function minus formal dress, than miss it. Anyway, I was there. And I did not miss the punch or the other good things. I shook hands with the dignitaries in the line, chatted with a score of old college mates, and made my exit in peace, and I'll wager no one this minute knows whether I wore a dress suit or an alpaca apron. So little does dress count in these informal days!

The Alumni Lunch was much as usual—a well served menu, plenty of good cheer, and some mighty good speeches. Frank Johnson gave a most sensible address. And mentioning his talk is no disparagement of the talks of the others. The President was in his old form. The week-end Commencement plans went through hilariously. Will it improve things? We shall see. If it brings back more graduates it will justify the trial. Graduates seem to feel that it will. These alumni lunches are fine occasions, really better than the Commencement Dinner. This latter is getting to be a too hurried affair. Trains arrive too soon. Glad to see the members of the senior class attending these lunches. It starts them off in the right spirit.

The College Play was in every sense of the word good. None of the meaningless

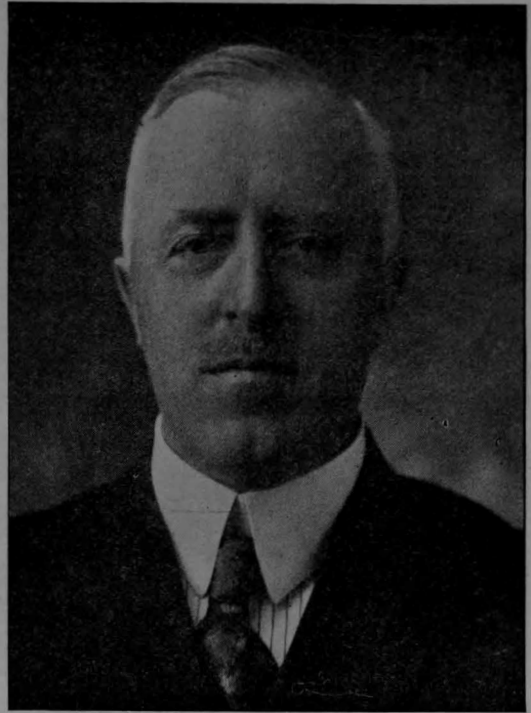


PRIN. DREW T. HARTHORN. M.A., L.H.D.  
Given Honorary Degree at Commencement

things that are too frequently produced. Real merit in this play. Well staged, well coached, and deserving of the two large audiences that turned out to witness the performance. Miss Flood, the coach, is an adept in her line. None too simple a matter to handle a play at this particular time of the year. It's a rush time; and, as I recall it now (my wife is a Colby girl) the boys are more likely to be thinking of other matters! They did themselves credit this year. Keep it up! These plays tend to give variety to the program.

Phi Beta Kappa came in this year for an anniversary, and for the speaker, the committee secured Mr. O'Brien, editor of the *Boston Herald*. The committee did wisely. For some reason one associates a Phi Beta Kappa address with dead subjects and Greek and Latin quotations, understood only by the speaker, and probably that rarely. I have listened in the years gone by to this sort of thing in the old Baptist Church. Weren't they patience-testers? How wise everybody seemed to look. But O'Brien was different. He rattled along in choice English and in rare expression that must have alarmed even the officers of the Phi Beta Kappa society. He didn't read his address, and this must have been an alarming symptom for the committee who was risking so much on one speaker who had a tincture of Irish blood. Mighty good speech, the kind I like to hear, by a scholar, and yet by a very practical man of affairs. I shall not review it. It will doubtless be reproduced. Come again, Mr. O'Brien, but don't wait for any other anniversary.

In recent years the Commencement Address has been delivered by some notable men. This time a Colby boy gave it, Arthur Cleaves, of the class of 1898. And it was an admirable address in every sense of the term. It kept the folks thinking. Cleaves is a man of ability, and is bound to be heard from in the years ahead. The Commencement Day program moved off the stage easily and gracefully. A company of some size was hooded, and they each and all ducked gracefully when the President said: "And this hood with which you are now invested", or something to that effect. All bowed with dignity, received the little diploma in proper solemnity, and were probably tickled to death when they were divested of these accoutrements an hour later upon getting to the college campus. The speaking by the undergraduates deserves a high word of praise. It was ex-



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cellent. It's good to hear the young voices. We expect to hear the old ones. These young ones strike a newer note, less conservative, but more hopeful, certainly more buoyant. And Commencement Day topped off with the Commencement Dinner, previously mentioned. It was like all others. I think the speaking was a bit more interesting. Great and dangerous tendency to recount all the virtues of the classes, even when they did not have many virtues. Commencement speeches should be limited, just as they do in some of the service clubs. They tell me they use alarm clocks in some of the service club meetings. Not a bad idea, especially when some of the older fellows get to "harking back." But these Commencement Dinners are delightful affairs, even if one is obliged to keep one arm crooked beneath the table for lack of room, and one leg twisted around a wooden "horse". It is all a part of Commencement. If you weren't a bit crowded, it wouldn't be Commencement. And I like the occasion.

It was a first-rate Commencement. And we came away with the feeling that all is well at the old College, and that we're all to be back next year.

Yours,

EIGHTY-ODD.



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## ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BY ERNEST CUMMINGS MARRINER, B.A., '13

The terrible downpour of Tuesday, June 15, was responsible for a comparatively small attendance at the alumni dinner, but it did not dampen the spirits of the enthusiastic graduates, one hundred and eighty of whom sat down to a delicious lunch.

The toastmaster was Fred F. Lawrence, 1900, president of the association. After the usual cheers and songs, he introduced the following speakers: C. E. Meleney, 1876; President Arthur J. Roberts, 1890; Carroll N. Perkins, 1904; Richard A. Metcalf, 1886; Franklin W. Johnson, 1891; and Robert A. Bakeman, 1901.

The secretary reported that the spring election had resulted in the choice of Franklin W. Johnson, 1891 and John E. Nelson, 1898, as alumni trustees for a term of five years; and of William L. Bonney, 1892, Frederick T. Hill, 1910, and George K. Bassett, 1897, as members of the alumni council for a term of three years. Herbert M. Wortman was elected a member of the alumni council from the class of 1926.

The principal business of the meeting was the discussion of proposed week-end commencements. Percy F. Williams, 1897, chairman of the committee to investigate the proposal, reported that his committee was unanimously in favor of the plan. A brief discussion followed his report, each speaker expressing approval of the plan.

Adverse criticism was urged, but not one of the 180 graduates present offered any objection. The following resolution was therefore presented and adopted:

Be it resolved by the Alumni Association of Colby College, in annual meeting assembled, that we express hearty approval of the plan for week-end commencements, and that we request the trustees of the college to take such measures as may be necessary to effect the plan in 1927.

At their afternoon session the trustees received this resolution and voted to adopt the proposal; so it is now settled that the plan of week-end commencement will be given a trial in 1927.

The following officers were elected for the year 1926-27: President, Herbert E. Wadsworth, 1892; vice-president, John A. Partridge, 1904; secretary, Ernest C. Marriner, 1913; treasurer, Charles E. Vigue, 1898; necrologist, Malcolm B. Mower, 1905. Executive committee, Charles E. Gurney, 1898; John B. Roberts, 1904; Harry S. Brown, 1899; Raymond I. Haskell, 1914; John A. Brush, 1920. Committee to nominate alumni trustees, Elwood T. Wyman, 1890; William B. Jack, 1900; Glenn W. Starkey, 1905; Robert H. Bowen, 1914; Cyril M. Joly, 1916. Representatives on the athletic council, Albert F. Drummond, 1888; George F. Terry, Jr., 1922.

## ADDRESS, GUEST OF HONOR SENIOR CLASS

BY CLARENCE EDMUND MELENEY, LL.D., '76

*Ladies and Gentlemen of the Class of 1926, Colby College:*

I appreciate most happily the honor you have conferred upon me by inviting me to be the guest of honor of your class at this commencement.

Fifty years ago I stood where you now stand at the door looking out, lingering on the threshold, before leaving college home—Our "College Master" pointed to the broad landscape, hesitating to say "Good bye my boys, you are about to begin life's adventure." But I had to go then as you have to go now. The College home had done its best—all it could.

You may ask me—"Suppose you were in our place now what would you do? Your

fifty years of life in the world should give the answer."

I almost wish I was in your place. I might profit by my experience. There has been wonderful progress since 1876. That was the centennial year. The great exposition in Philadelphia marked wonderful advance in peace and prosperity. So later in 1893 the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and the La Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1903 brought from all nations the evidence of the world's advance in Education, Industry, Art.

But the next 50 years will see greater achievements in Art, in peace, in industry, in civilization. It will be wonderful to live during the next 50 years. You do not



stand where I did. You are much better equipped and trained than those of my class. Your preparation has been more practical. Education has opened wider fields of knowledge of things, processes, social life, service, political and civic interests. You have greater opportunities for service—the openings and the call for men and for women is louder now than then.

I heard a man say the other day that if he were called upon to address a graduating class he would talk to them about "How to get a job." You are looking out upon your life work. I hope you have set your hearts upon the field of service to the world which you expect to enter. You have taken stock of your knowledge, your skill, your power. It is said that Capt. Byrd started on a trip around the world when he was 12 years of age. That when he was in his teens he declared his intention of going to the North Pole when he was a man. An intimate friend of mine when a boy informed his parents that he was going to the heart of Africa when he grew up. Last year at about seventy years of age, he returned from the Congo Country where he had been a missionary for more than 40 years.

If you feel sure that a professional field

of service is inviting you, find the best college of Medicine, Law, Theology, or Engineering available. Concentrate your faculties and energies upon the mastery of every subject of the course. Make up your mind to stand at or near the head of your class. Thoroughness of scholarship and high standing is the recommendation for opportunity. I have seen that done and realize its advantage. If you wish to enter the teaching service of the country, take Courses in Education in our universities, summer schools, here and abroad. This is the age of study and research. Progress in any profession or business requires constant study. For a good many years I have had the pleasant duty of selecting teachers for positions in elementary and high schools. I have received applications and had interviews with many types of candidates. I have a clear idea of the qualities in a candidate that should be chosen. Scholarship, education, courses, colleges, degrees, general Post graduate work, specialties, experience, where, when, personality, appearance, style, health, strength, life, conversation, speech.

In applying for a position, (a) by letter, use the typewriter—or write in legible, neat hand. Brief statement of facts, purpose, training experience, careful construction of language, correct spelling, (example). (b) In person, approach by introduction (importance of association) or directly. The personality and first impression is most important. See to it—speech, self confidence, frankness.

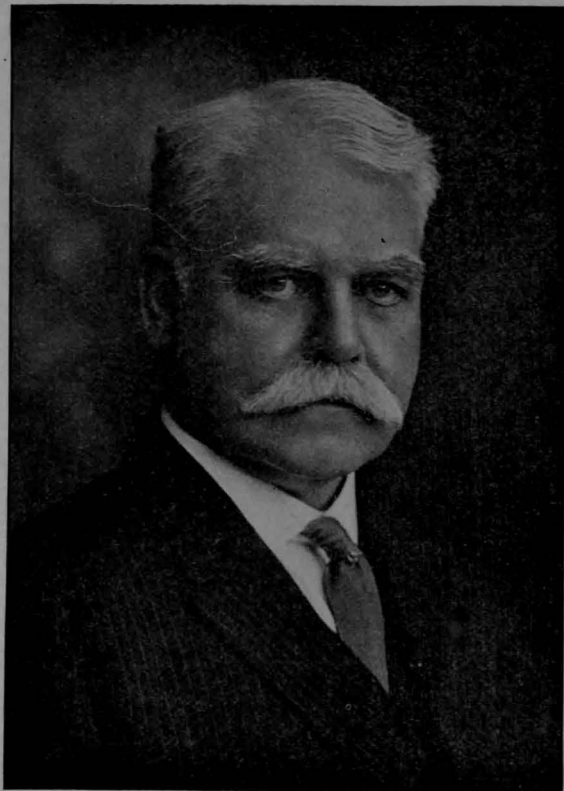
"I cannot hear what you say,  
for what you are speaks so loud."

—Emerson.

If you are better prepared by experience, and training, and inclination for business life, decide if you can between industrial, commercial, financial interests.

Big business concerns are now seeking college graduates to learn the technical and practical features of their work with a view to training those who are capable of becoming leaders. Every year agents are sent out as scouts to engage promising candidates from our colleges. University courses are given in Retail Selling. College men rise from "floor walkers" to managers. Women of education and character are in demand to manage personnel departments, in commercial and financial houses, to look after the welfare as well as the success of the employees.

I know young men who have taken up courses of training for business, even in



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manufacturing concerns from academic colleges, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Amherst, Williams, stand well with men from Troy, Stevens, and State universities offering technical courses. They begin at the bottom and learn all the details of all branches of work and are prepared to go into the field to push business.

A business concern of modern character is an educational institution. One learns more from business than from books—but books are essential to supplement business. The policy of these firms is to educate the employed and ensure his success.

It is not left to the man of vision or ambition to push himself. The firm provides instruction of classes and individuals. At a meeting of employers I heard a leader say that a business which did not educate its employers was a failure.

Probably there is no field of endeavor that offers more opportunities for rapid advancement to positions of responsibility than big business concerns. However, success depends upon intelligence, integrity, imagination, initiation, perseverance, persistent study and application and above all moral qualities and high ideals.

I believe that some rules of practice should be observed:

1. One should complete his own job, without consideration of time. After he has done all and more than required, he should see what others are doing in his line, how it is done and whether he can improve by the experience of the other person. Discussion of methods and reasons is worth while.

2. I know a young man who made it a practice after he had completed thoroughly a task of his own found another workman or associate with more than he could do—and took hold to help. By so doing he not only acquired knowledge and skill in a new process but became known as "everybody's helper" with overtime work.

3. Employers always find out the people who have mastered their own job and are qualified for a harder or larger one.

4. I have talked with college men engaged in industrial and commercial work and have been quite surprised to note how well and intelligently some are able to discuss and explain intricate machines and processes understood only by technically trained people. It is highly important that men should train themselves to do this. I always advise those who are in such work to accept invitations to demonstrate and illustrate the subjects and materials with which they are engaged. I have in mind a

medical student who made it a practice to demonstrate and illustrate by drawings, diagrams and figures, subjects that he was trying to master—some derived from text books, by lectures, or investigation. His training had led him to realize that if he could not clearly explain to others what he knew, it was evidence of lack of knowledge. Expression is an essential mental process in classifying knowledge. Do what you know is to be done—produce as well as talk.

I read this on a tablet at the entrance to the Bowdoin College Library:

"Who reads and reads  
and does not what  
he knows  
is one that ploughs  
and ploughs and  
Never sows."

5. I have made it a practice in life of attempting any hard proposition that has come to me. I have often been criticised for spending time on activities or duties thrust upon me, which perhaps were only remotely related to my official duties. I may have done much that was not production, but I have usually found that the effort has proved valuable as experience at some later time. It is worth while to give thought to matters that come to one's attention as they are likely to become important in one's own experience.

6. I have laid stress upon some of the experiences in professional and business life in relation to vocational pursuits. May I say a few words in regard to what I have found worth while aside from business. There is much in life to be enjoyed when the stress of duties lets up.

We are so rushed in this active life that there is danger of missing the culture and enjoyment and growth in the finer qualities of the spirit. This comes from contemplation of nature, of art, architecture, landscape, and the appreciation of music, drama, literature, and of the conditions and problems of our neighbors and society in general. I believe that we should cultivate the love of these interests from the beginning of our career, and not wait till the evening of our declining years. Friendships for persons are formed early in life, so should friendship for all the finer things of society in general.

There is no progress of intellectual life unless we cultivate the imagination and our ethical and spiritual emotions. It is said that Goethe when he contemplated the Alps went aside to pray. He has said "a man



## SENIOR CLASS DAY SPEAKERS



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GABRIEL RAPHAEL GUEDJ, B.A.



STEPHEN BURBANK BERRY, B.S.

learns nothing unless he has learned to wonder".

7. It may be premature for me to mention my next point but in the sphere of human life for men and women there is nothing which should give us more concern than the relations of the family. I know of nothing in which I have been engaged for forty years more important than the rearing and education of my family. This involved the home, the health, the work and play, the school, college, professional school, and the starting of professional and business careers. If there is one greatest danger to American civilization it is the danger of the breaking down of the home and wise, firm, christian parental authority and guidance. The fathers and mothers who are to come from our colleges these next 50 years are to be largely responsible for the preservation of society and our domestic and civic institutions. I must pass over a discussion of the menace that threatens the nation by the lawlessness and contempt for law and justice. To whom are we to look for the support of the constitution and legal authority? It will take grit; it will require firmness and strength. In this relation let me give Dr. Maltbie D. Babcock's admonition:

"BE STRONG!"

Be strong!

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,  
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,  
Shun not the struggle, face it!

'Tis God's gift

Be strong!

"Say not the days are evil, who's to blame?  
And fold the hands and acquiesce, O shame!  
Stand up, speak up, and bravely in  
God's name.

Be strong!

"It matters not how deep intrenched the  
wrong,

How hard the battle goes, the day how long,  
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow

Comes the song."

8. I am always interested when I see young men and young women from our colleges ready to respond to the call of the community to serve in welfare work—such as Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Y. M. C. A., and other local enterprises and duties of social and civic character. The state and local political organizations need the intelligent and conscientious activity and support of our young citizens. No one young or old, man or woman, should neglect political duties.

Party government rules in this democracy. Join a party, uphold its principles, measures and organization. Let every one know where you stand, support all progress, accept any honorable office or duty. The country must look to the men and women who are to graduate from our schools and colleges in the next few years to remain steadfast in the faith, loyal to principle, firm for righteousness, defenders of law, order, justice and the constitution.

#### THE BUILDER

Archibald Marshall in "The Clintons and other stories" which I advise all to read, tells the story of a "Builder"—one of the modern town boomers who had an eye single only to his material success without any conception of community welfare, rural simplicity or natural development of the finer feelings of life. Here is the story: He wanted a fine house for himself; but could only buy the lot on condition of employing the best architect in the land. He engaged Paradine from London. Paradine came down and was met at the station by Builder and was driven to the village. On the way Builder talked of his plans, and showed what he had done to make the old place a modern town. Paradine was horrified with what he saw along the Main street, the remodelled Methodist church and the "development" of new lots. Builder had prepared sketches and plans of what he wanted as suggestions for Paradine to work out (with apologies).

In a rage the architect declared "I'll not look at your pestilent drawings." "What do you mean, sir, by asking me to come down here and talking to me of your filthy scribblings?" After some discussion and explanations and humiliation Paradine said "Now that I am here, I will build you a house. You may tell me the number of rooms you want and the amount of money you want to put into it, but you won't have a word to say as to the style of architecture or anything else, and you will carry out my plan and use the best material. Then you are to take it or leave it, and if you ever speak to me again about the vile exhibitions of vulgarity and ignorance with which you have brought ruin on this beautiful old town I'll—What is the good of me and men like me learning and thinking and working all our lives and trying to make headway against the gross wicked blindness of the time, where people like you can destroy in a month more than we can do in a life time?"

In time the house was built, a most beau-

tiful work of art with the finest quality of material and most expert workmanship, by the cooperation of an architect with a vision and an artisan who was under absolute tation as a result of new era of development in becoming style was brought about.

What can we as intelligent men and women of vision with a touch of culture and a sense of fitness and prosperity do to curb the onrush of vandalism, to direct chergy into channels of usefulness and appropriateness? Let the younger generation have more regard for the former one. Let us cherish the ideals and sobriety and homelike customs of the past. The fifty years to come should see the preservation of comfort and simplicity.

These ideals of fitness have equal application in the realm of morals and all human development. I am glad to have lived in these fifty years because I have been associated with the type of people whose quality of honesty, temperance moderation, brotherliness and humanity have been my support and inspiration. In an attempt to keep pace with modern progress, should we not hold fast to the ideals that have made the past illustrious?

In closing may I read a poem which was prepared for and delivered on an occasion similar to this to a graduating class in a college for men, which was never published except in a class book.

It represents the college mother of men standing at the doorway of life as her sons depart on life's adventure, and saying, "My sons, ye are leaving my threshold!

Ye are facing the highways of life;  
There is eagerness writ in your faces,  
Your hearts with high purpose are rife.

Ye are bred of the hills and the mountains;  
In their shade ye have fashioned your dreams.

Ye have drunk of their sparkling fountains,  
Ye have bathed in their flowing streams.

Ye have walked my paths in gladness;

Ye have played on mine acres fair;

Strangers are ye to sadness,

Strangers are ye to care.

Ye have fared on the best I could offer,

Ye have known a generous board;

Ye have prized the wealth I proffer

Out of mine ancient hoard.

Friends are ye of the ages,

Friends of the present too,

Ye have scanned well History's pages,

Ye have read her lesson through.

Ye have traced the law Eternal

That through Creation runs;

Ye have seen the joy supernal

That flames from myriad suns.

Ye have watched the process unfolding

According to infinite plan.

In wonder and joy beholding,—

Until it climbs to Man.

Ye have seen him building his dwelling;

Ye have seen him cleave the sea;

Ye have felt his proud heart swelling

In visions of victory,—

Of triumph over Earth's forces,

Of harnessing all her might,

Of voyaging through the air-courses,

Of making all darkness light!

And now, the world is calling.

Can you hear it calling your name?

The cry on your ears is falling,—

It may be the call to fame,

It may be the call for a leader,

It may be the call to save,

It may be the call to humble place,

It may be the call to be brave.

Be the call one, or another,

I say, as a Mother who knows,

'Tis a call to be a Brother,

A Brother, wherever one goes,

And this is the end of my teaching,

And this is the heart of my prayer,—

That my sons through their lives out-reaching,

My love and my spirit may bear.

May ye be strong and tender,

Brothers, in whose blood runs

The love and the might that proclaims ye,

Everywhere, always, My Sons!"

*By Ben Marshall.*

Written for a class oration, 1913, Dartmouth College.

## ADDRESS, GUEST OF HONOR JUNIOR CLASS

BY RICHARD ALSTON METCALF, M.A., '86

*Mr. President, Members of the Class of 1927, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

I am deeply sensible of the honor which the class of 1927 has bestowed upon me in

inviting me to be their Speaker Guest on this occasion.

What my own class of 1886 did on a similar occasion forty-one years ago, I have

entirely forgotten. I do not recall that we had any Speaker Guest. If any record of the proceeding was made, some one else will know better than I. These succeeding relationships remind me of an epitaph on a tombstone in an ancient cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, which reads:

"Stop, my friends, as you pass by;  
As you are now, so once was I;  
As I am now, you soon must be;  
Prepare yourselves to follow me."

A wayfarer, heeding the injunction to stop, stopped and read it, and, feeling somewhat perplexed as to the course which he should take, made this addition:

"To follow you I am not content,  
Unless I know which way you went."

What we do here and what we say here today will soon be forgotten; yet this very program is, for the day, an important factor in the various processes of our development. "We learn to do, by doing", says one. "Opportunity knocks at the door but once," says another. The normal, wholesome being develops, however unconsciously, a philosophy of life in the routine habits of his daily existence which he follows as naturally and as easily as a locomotive follows the steel rails. The urge to expand one's mental faculties; to explore the fields which others have explored; to see things which neither he nor they may have seen before; to learn what others have learned, plus something more; to hear what others have heard, meets with instant response on the part of all who wish to learn.

It was this urge which made John Muir, the intrepid, resourceful investigator of nature's secrets, forsake the comforts of the fireside for the unexplored glaciers of Alaska. "Going to the mountains," said he, "is going home." And well did he say this, for, coming to America from the highlands of Scotland, as a vigorous youth he did his share in subduing the forest and, at the same time, improved, Lincoln-like, his intellectual faculties by reading every book within reach, studying mathematics, keeping his books by him in the field or woods while working out problems on the ground, or on chips from the trees which he felled. His mind was active and open; he had a pronounced taste for Mechanics. He would arise shortly after midnight and busy himself in making wooden clocks, mill wheels, and other mechanical contrivances. When he was prepared, he entered the University of Wisconsin, and paid his way through that institution with money which he earned

by harvesting and by school-teaching. And then he went out into the woods and the mountains to hold communion with the visible forms of nature. He studied the finished beauties of the Yosemite Valley, learned the causes of those wonders, and then he sought the glaciers of Alaska where the same great causes are still in operation, producing future Yosemite Valleys. While there the mountain-glaciers were his home. "One bird, a thrush," said he, "embroidered the silence with cheery notes, making the solitude familiar and sweet, while the solemn monotone of the streams sifting through the woods seemed like the very voice of God, humanized, crystalized, and entering one's heart, as to a home prepared for it. . . . And here, too, one learns that the world though made is yet being made; that this is still the morning of creation; that mountains are born, channels traced for coming rivers; basins hollowed for lakes; that moraine soil is being ground and outspread for coming plants;—coarse boulders and gravel for forests, finer soil for grasses and flowers,—while the finest part of the grist, seen hastening out to sea in the draining streams, is being stored away in darkness and builded particle by particle, cementing and crystallizing, to make the mountains and valleys and plains of other predestined landscapes, to be followed by still others in endless rhythm and beauty." Seeing this process of earth formation, he "rejoiced in the possession of so blessed a day," and felt that in very fundamental truth "he had been in one of God's own temples and had seen Him, and heard Him working and preaching like a man." "We turned," he wrote in his diary, "and sailed away, joining the outgoing ice bergs, while Gloria in excelsis still seemed to be sounding over all the white landscape, and our burning hearts were ready for any fate, feeling that whatever the future might have in store, the treasures we had gained this glorious day would enrich our lives forever."

What is life? A prominent educator has said that it consists of just three things, first, where you are; second, where you are going; third, how you are going to get there. Said another: Life is a pilgrimage for all of us; in college, in business, and especially at the beginning of the new year. Bunyon said: "The path of a pilgrimage is a radiant way and it leads upward and to the celestial city. As we follow the path, we take with us courage, faith, hope, and adventure."



A study of the life-history of all men who have benefitted mankind, whether their service has been chiefly for the generation in which they lived, or for the benefit of all future generations, we shall be sure to find these qualities predominating and actuating their aspirations. Cave man, tribal chieftain, ancient king, valiant knight, crusader, explorer, immigrant, early settler, founder of state, builder of temples, spiritual leader, organizer of society, captain of industry, master of music, business executive, discoverer of scientific laws, perfecter of art, writer of literature, founder of a new religion, pulpit orator, and every other leader, of whatever type, was and is possessed of these fundamental virtues.

"Life is an arrow;—therefore you must know

What mark to aim at, how to use the bow,  
Then draw it to the head, and let it go."

When the naturalist, Audubon, showed, as a small boy, an interest in the birds and fields about his father's estate, and made a collection of living birds, he began his world-wide service of untold value to our present civilization.

There are on exhibit today in the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History in New York City his priceless productions, which are universally recognized as the most authentic drawings of birds ever made. His first attempts to draw and paint were inspired by his wish to keep in memory the beautiful plumage of some of the birds that had died while in his possession. Birds he loved and birds he drew in the size of life and measured every part with the greatest nicety of exactness. Had Audubon followed a business career, as his family wanted him to do, the world would hardly know his name today. But he traveled East, he traveled West, he traveled North, he traveled South, everywhere hunting birds and making drawings of the new varieties which he discovered. "It was not desire of glory which led him into that kind of exile, but that he might enjoy nature." This he did, in spite of the reproaches of his friends, who considered him mad to give himself up so entirely to such "profitless" work. As he acquired knowledge he carried about with him his designs and took subscriptions for his books to be delivered upon their completion.

It is interesting to read of the zeal which possessed him for the completion of his task "before the almond tree should flourish, the grasshopper become a burden and desire should fail."

He was spending a season on the shores of Labrador, in order to extend his knowledge of the bird life of that section of the world. He worked with feverish haste to complete his task. In his diary he made this entry, "I drew from four o'clock this morning until three this afternoon, when I went on an expedition for a few miles to another part of the country which I traversed until I was weary." While he was drawing his fingers were so cold that he could no longer hold his pencil to draw. "The fact is," he said, "I am growing old too fast. Alas! I feel it, and yet, work I will, and may God grant me life to see the last plate of my mammoth work finished."

Symbolism in art may be as potent a teacher of the imperishable truth as is reality itself. I shall never forget how when I was quite young I used to sit in our family pew in the Damariscotta Baptist Church during the Sunday evening service in a somewhat restive state of mind. This pew happened to be located in the center of the building, directly beneath a large circular ceiling ornament, from which was suspended a chandelier of two or three dozen oil lamps.

This symbolic ornament of plaster consisted of lions and lambs, distributed in geometrical segments of two concentric circles,—a lion and a lamb in each segment. These groups of what seemed to me to be little more than a miniature managerie, made a strong appeal to my budding imagination, particularly when the minister's plunges into theological depths were beyond my understandings. I lost interest not only in the thread of his discourse, but in its entire design and fabric. Then, as Morpheus whispered her alluring suggestions into my ears, I looked up through the increasing heat waves created by the oil lamps to the animal groups above my head. All of a sudden these animals began to start around in a circle, galloping in merry fashion,—after every lamb a lion, a lion after every lamb. In their undisturbed positions they appeared as miniature reproductions of the ancient prophet's picture of the peaceable time which was to come, in which the wolf should dwell with the lamb and the lion should lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child should lead them. But the whole plan seemed to be thrown into confusion when the animals became excited.

In the great struggle of life the moral qualities, says one, are vastly more powerful than the physical forces. Longfellow's

philosophy on the sublimity life holds as true today as it did before man's ingenuity enabled him to subdue the Earth and to conquer the air. The eternal verities stir the consciences of the mighty as well as they stir the consciences of the lowly. Good citizenship calls for the individual's active exercise of the right of suffrage. The patriotism of Paul Revere was creative because it was deeply rooted in his very being. The martyrdom of Lovejoy was the logical outcome of unrestrained and unrestrainable conflicting forces. His patriotism clashed with mob anarchy.

In its elemental analysis, there is little, if any, difference between the opposing forces which we behold in daily conflict throughout our land today and those of Lovejoy's time. The wrong-doers are in constant conflict with the right-doers. This has always been so and, until the millennium comes, it will doubtless continue to be so. Surely, we wrestle not only against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Thus civilization creeps forward by slow degrees. Man's selfishness retards his progress. The destructive forces of life,—inebriety, fraud, theft, vulgarity, hatefulness, malice, anarchy, never rest. Wherever virtue rises—love, joy, peace, long-suffering,

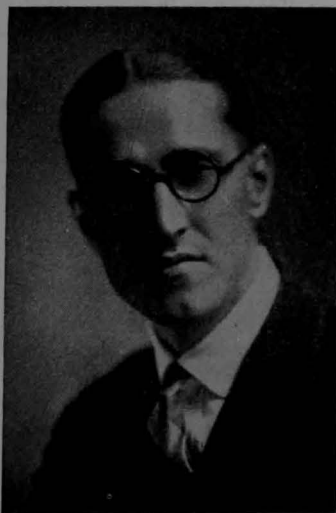
gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—there also rises an opposing destructive force. Make no mistake of that. The blood of righteous Abel has been shed millions of times by envious Cain. We are inherently no better today, singly or in mass, than were our fathers. We cannot truthfully say that if we had been living in the days of our fathers we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. We continue "to make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter but within they are full of extortion and excess."

The story is told of a certain envious man to whom the devil appeared and offered to grant any wish that he might make, provided, that a neighbor of his should receive double the amount of whatever he himself obtained. The envious man immediately asked to have one of his own eyes gouged out—so that his neighbor should lose both of his.

Intelligence is, of itself, no safeguard to virtue. It is alike the handmaiden of evil and of good. We read much these days of the master minds of bandit gangs. The forces of protection in our land do not feel that they have done all that they should do until they have put behind the bars the directing intelligence of the criminal gang.

Illiteracy is not the crime of the individual for it is not an act punishable by law,

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though it is injurious to public welfare and it is regarded as a real menace to society. We do not have to go to the ends of the earth to find mature men and women who have never read a newspaper, a periodical, or a book: to whom the written or the printed word is unknown: who could not intelligently mark a ballot: who could not read a deed to property which they might own, nor sign their names to the same if they sold it; and who are totally ignorant of the laws of science, men and women, of pure Anglo-Saxon stock, but whose code of honor is as sacred as life itself, and who outwardly appear to be as happy as those among us who possess great knowledge and great technical skill, who have also an incipient taste for art, who enjoy pleasure, who have vigorous health, who are one hundred per cent industrious, and some of whom, because of their unusual industry, acquire much property, who have profound devotion to their family, who love their neighbors, who thrill with patriotism for their State, and who observe a religious tolerance towards all mankind. Their methods of life, however, are the methods of the primitive peoples of the earth, anywhere, everywhere, to whom education has not come. Yet by dint of great perseverance, of the most rigorous frugality, and of profound patience, a person of that class has been known to amass a fortune, and his son has not long since endowed a University. Go with me to the hill peoples of the Alleghenies in Virginia, in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and you will see them anchored, as it were, immovably to their mountain patches, knowing not what education means. But to the pure illiterate, aspiration is largely for a satisfying of the bodily needs; these satisfied, happiness reigns.

July 4, 1926, is the sesquicentennial of the most momentous political event since the beginning of the Christian era. Imagine the thrill of patriotic emotion which ran through the populace gathered outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia when the liberty bell was rung, announcing that the Declaration of Independence of the Colonies had been signed. The verse of scripture which had been engraved on that bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof," was the triumphant interpretation of that signal event, broadcasted from that sacred spot, and still reverberating over the entire land; and which will continue to reverberate, let us hope, through countless generations.

Also, on July 4th, in the State of Virginia, homage will be paid to the memory of the author of that immortal document, that day being the 100th anniversary of his death. But July 4th is patriot's day throughout the entire nation. A great cloud of witnesses, such as no man can number, will on that day testify their acceptance of this blood-bought instrument, which rests incased in Parian marble in the most beautiful public building in the World—the Library of Congress, at Washington, bearing, as it were, in bold relief, the signatures of all the signers, and, close beside it, the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America. Stand there, if you will, with uncovered head and reflect on the aspirations of those patriots who signed it—Hancock, the Adamses, Franklin, Harrison, Jefferson,—indeed, all, and say whether or not their aspirations have triumphed in this land.

And as we celebrate we may behold in that cloud of witnesses the immortal spirits also of Paul Revere, John Paul Jones, George Washington, John Marshall, Elijah Parrish Lovejoy, Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln and hosts upon hosts of others whose names time fails us to call.

A New York preacher said of Lincoln, in his sermon a Sunday or two following the President's tragic death, "The life by which he has been best known to the people, and will be known in history, covers less than five years from the day of his nomination at Chicago to the day of his assassination at Washington. No inspiration of genius had enrolled him among the few great names of literature, no feats of arms, no strategy upon the fields had given him a place among military heroes, no contribution to the science of government, no opportunity of framing a new civil polity for mankind had raised him to the rank of publicists, philosophers, or of founders of States. Not greatness,—but grandeur is the fitting epitaph for his life and character; not grandness of endowment, or of achievement, but grandeur of soul, grand in his simplicity and kindness, grand in his trust in principle and in his integrity of purpose, grand in his devotion to truth, to duty, to right. Grand in his consecration to his Country and to God, he rises above the great in genius and in renown into the foremost rank of mortal heroes.

His unconscious preparation consisted of seven years of poverty and obscurity in Kentucky, in which he never saw a church, nor a school house, thirteen years of labor

and solitude in the primeval forest of Southern Indiana when the axe, the plow, and the rifle trained him to manly toil and independence, when the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress and Aesop's Fables, his only library, read by the light of the evening fire, disciplined his intellectual and moral faculties; that season of adventure in the rough and perilous navigation of the Mississippi, the season spent in Illinois in farming, fencing, rafting, shopkeeping while feeling his way towards a vocation; his patient self-culture by studious habits over limited opportunities; his campaign in the Black Hawk War; his studies in war and politics—in this was his preparation for leading the nation in the most dark, critical and perilous period of its history.

This was fifty years of preparation for five years of service.

In a little book, entitled "Letters from a Father to his Son Entering College," President Charles F. Thwing, who sent my own son a personally inscribed author's copy, said:

"The student is to remember that before he was a student he was a man, that after he has ceased to be a student he is to be a man, and while he is a student he is also to be a man, and also before, after, and always he is to be a gentleman."

In another place he said:

"The student is inclined to believe that there may be weaknesses which are not structural. He may think that there may be some weakness in one part of his whole being which shall not affect his whole being. He may believe that he can skimp his intellectual labor without making his moral nature thin, or that he can break the laws of his moral nature without breaking his intellectual integrity. He may think that he can play fast and loose with his will without weakening his conscience or without impairing the truthfulness of his intellectual processes. He may imagine that he is composed of several distinct potencies and that he can lessen the force of any one of them without depreciating the value of the others. Lamentable mistake, and one often irretrievable. For man is a unit. Weakness in one part becomes weakness in every part. In the case of the body, the illness of one organ damages all organs. If the intellect be dull, or narrow in its vision, or false in its logic, the heart refuses to be quickened and the conscience is disturbed. If the heart be frigid, the intellect, in turn, declines to do its task with alertness or vigor. If conscience be out-

raged, the intellect loses force and the heart becomes clothed with shame. Man is one. Strength in one part is strength in, and for, every part, and weakness in one part results in weakness in, and for, every part."

What does it all mean when we graduates come back for these commencement days? Why do we want to come, especially those of us who have been away fifteen, twenty-five, forty years or longer and when we know hardly a person among those who are in college here today? Why do the living give of their substance to perpetuate such an institution as this? to help deserving young men and young women to obtain a cultural education? Why do they contribute to the support of this extra-curricula activity and of that? Why do those who are about to die specify in their wills that the college is to be the principal beneficiary of their life's earnings? It is because, as an able educator has said: Education is the eternal debt which maturity owes to youth. It is because Colby College was founded by men of faith and has proved to be an institution that is worthy of the confidence and the trust of all her friends—an institution that is rendering a very high order of service to all who enter her gates.

What did the College do for me nearly half a century ago? Did it teach me how to teach school? No. Yet I taught school immediately after graduation and kept on doing it for many years,—as though I had been prepared here for my life work. Did it teach me to be a business man? No. But, that is what I am today and what I have been for the past thirty years. Does it teach one to be a banker, a lawyer, a preacher, a doctor, an author, a lecturer, an explorer, an aviator? No, technically, not one of these. But, no college of the eight hundred or more in the land,—and I have visited a large number of these—puts more of human kindness, more of truth, more of love, and more of faith, into a student than Colby does. Physical health? Yes. Moral? Yes. Spiritual? Yes. Habits of Industry? Yes. The power to enjoy pleasure of a wholesome kind? Yes. Cultivate in him a taste for art? Yes. Develop his sense of obligation to his family? Yes. Arouse in him a generous spirit towards society? Yes. Encourage in him loyalty to the State? Yes. And sincerity in his religious aspirations? Yes. Does she teach him to be honest? No,—If he is not honest when he enters, he will probably not stay here long enough to learn how to be. The first great requisite

for admission to life after college days are over is precisely the same as the first great requisite for admission to college, when preparatory school days are over—and that is faith:—faith in yourself, faith in your fellows, faith in your teachers, faith in your God. For without faith you can do nothing.

I once knew a man who started his business career on a very small capital and a very large stock of faith. For weeks and months he found himself unable to meet his overhead expenses except by issuing I. O. U's. But he had so much faith in himself—honest-to-goodness faith—that he actually inspired the confidence which his employees had in him and they kept on accepting his debt slips in lieu of cash until he was able to cash them himself. When he died at a ripe old age he was reputed to be worth several millions.

Nearly two thousand years ago a great letter writer, who was also the foremost spiritual statesman of his age, wrote a letter to his friends in Galatia in which he said, Faith is the title-deed of things hoped for, and then he enumerated the valient works which men of faith had performed, the time failing him to relate them all. Now, we, too, have a heritage of faith and we are also compassed about by a great cloud of witnesses. Look over the names in the last general catalogue of students and teachers and trustees and friends of this college, and you will find as many men of faith as the apostle had in mind when he wrote his inspiring letter to the Hebrews.

Last, and by no means least, is the aspiration of the parents—the mothers, in particular, for the welfare, and for the success of their sons and their daughters, and when that aspiration is realized, their hearts rejoice with an inexpressable joy. A great publicist, Henry W. Grady, after he had attained distinction in the newspaper and platform world, paid his dear old widowed mother a visit of affection,—perhaps his last visit before she passed on to her reward. And as he gathered her in his strong arms, he said, "Mother, do you recall how when I was a boy you took me in your lap and cuddled me up and taught me my evening prayer? Mother, do you remember those times?"—Of course, she remembered them. "Well, mother," said this big, healthy, prosperous business man, "I want you to take me in your lap again tonight, cuddle me up, and hear me say my evening prayer, as you did when I was a little boy." And so she did.

I have at my home a little photograph of my own dear mother, which was taken of her on the very day that I first came to Colby as an entering Freshman. She came with me to secure for me the right boarding-place and to arrange my room up there on the fourth floor of old North College. Well, I asked my mother to have her picture taken to leave with me when she was to return home a day or two later. So she did. But that photograph had a look of pensive sadness in it which no others of hers had. It was a different look, a reflection of triumph from her throbbing heart because she had realized her ambition for her son to go to college. That expression of victory was mingled with one of resignation over parting, of satisfaction, of trust, and of the birth of a still newer and higher aspiration. I knew not at the time what its true meaning was. The picture to my boyhood eyes looked sad, not joyful; disappointing, rather than cheering. But I saw it then only in the candlelight of life, the only standard of comparison which I a lad of 18 years knew—the standard of the country home, of the farm, of the small town, of the village associations. But after the years began to roll by I began to realize that I was no longer one of seven children, all sharing the same rights in the farm home, but an individual of certain inherent and some acquired privileges and responsibilities, a man standing among men of the world—one of millions.—Then that picture of my mother of my Freshman days took on a spiritual significance such as one can only feel but cannot describe,—more precious than other worthy treasures, a revelation of supreme satisfaction, an answered prayer.

Presumably, some of this class when you graduate a year hence will look for work in various lines of activity according as your inclinations may have run during your college career.

Permit me to suggest that, unless it be a case in which necessity knows no choice, you select your employer with as much discrimination as you have chosen your truest friends. This may seem at once quite as impossible to do as it is to choose one's parents, though I believe that it is not wholly impracticable nor impossible. What I mean is for you to pick the man as your boss, should you have any choice whatsoever, who is known to the world as a kindly man, one whom other men like, one whose record of kindness is known, one who is a consistent believer in and supporter of educa-

tion, of public benevolences, of semi-public organizations for the welfare of youth, the Red Cross and of the Church. In other words, if you want to enter business with a going concern, avoid working for a man however rich he may be who is selfish, crafty, arrogant, unkind, inconsiderate, insincere, soul-less.

It is now none too early to be thinking of where you are going when you go into the world as Seniors and how you are going to reach your destination. Any choice that you may make now need not be considered as a final choice. Washington, born a poor boy, had an early aspiration to become a soldier and a soldier he became. Being a soldier he was fitted for the call of his countrymen to become their first great military leader, and later their President.

During my senior year our class statistician called for all data of the members of the class. Some of the members knew exactly what they wanted to do for a living: others of us thought we knew what we should like to do but we did not see any

way of attaining the desired goals. Those who aspired to become physicians, for the most part, attained their triumph, others law, while several found it necessary to teach school and thus followed, perhaps, the line of least resistance.

Whatever your choice, the more important phase of your ambition just now is to determine upon a balanced life, a life of proportion and of beauty, placing the major emphasis on the direction of all of your faculties, visualizing as your objective that occupation by which you will make secure the great values of life which are found in the service of your fellowbeings. Walter Hines Page says in his delightful *Life and Letters*: "The big thing is to go constantly at work on a task, the results of which nobody can possibly foresee—a task so vague and improbable of definite results that small men hesitate. It is in this spirit that very many of the biggest things in history have been done." "A man has nothing but his own best judgment to guide him: and, if he follow that and fail—that's all he can do."

## BACK AT THE COLLEGE HEARTHSTONE

BY THE EDITOR

Below is given a list of Colby men and women who registered at the College Office during the week of Commencement. As always happens, many graduates failed to register, and in consequence the list is not at all complete. The opinion seemed to be general that fully as many were back on the campus as in other years. There is a long array of classes represented.

### THE LIST

1865—Frederick C. Thayer.  
 1867—Dudley P. Bailey.  
 1872—Howard R. Mitchell, Wilder W. Perry.  
 1874—Charles E. Young.  
 1875—Eben G. Russell.  
 1876—Clarence E. Meleney, Ansley E. Woodsum.  
 1879—George Merriam, Geo. E. Murray, Edwin C. Whittemore, C. E. Owen.  
 1880—Hartstein W. Page.  
 1881—Mrs. E. R. Mace.  
 1882—J. Fred Hill, Warren C. Philbrook.  
 1884—F. B. Hubbard.  
 1885—F. H. Edmunds.

1886—Judson B. Bryant, Edward W. Frentz, Richard A. Metcalf, Harry L. Putnam, T. J. Ramsdell, A. M. Richardson, Elisha Sanderson, Herbert W. Trafton.  
 1887—Woodman Bradbury, Harvey Doane Eaton, J. F. Larrabee.  
 1888—John F. Tilton.  
 1889—Harriet M. Parmenter, E. L. Sampson.  
 1891—Norman L. Bassett, Geo. R. Campbell, A. H. Chipman, L. L. Dunham, Geo. A. Gorham, F. W. Johnson, Charles S. Pease, Herbert R. Purinton, A. K. Rogers, Leland P. Sturtevant, Edwin C. Teague.  
 1892—Charles P. Barnes, Rose Adelle Gilpatrick, Frank B. Nichols, H. E. Wadsworth, John F. Wood.  
 1893—Katherine Berry Tilton.  
 1894—Annie M. Barnes, Arthur H. Berry, Drew T. Harthorn, P. S. Merrill, M.D., Frank W. Padelford.  
 1895—Walter L. Gray.  
 1896—Herbert E. Foster, Ethel Farr Kimball, Albert W. Lorimer, Gertrude Ilsley



- Padelford, Fred W. Peakes, Mrs. F. W. Peakes, Lutie French Tufts.
- 1897—Geo. K. Bassett, Harriet F. Holmes, Hester B. Philbrick, Percy F. Williams.
- 1898—Arthur W. Cleaves, Charles E. Gurney, Everett C. Herrick, A. L. Holmes, Blanch W. Wellman, Justin O. Wellman.
- 1899—Josephine Ward Dolliver, Harry S. Vose.
- 1900—Fred F. Lawrence, Nella M. Merrick, Ethel M. Russell, Mrs. E. E. Ventres.
- 1901—Robert A. Bakeman, F. M. Joseph, E. B. Putnam, Sherman Perry, Ernest E. Ventres, Mary Bragg Weston.
- 1902—W. H. Rockwood.
- 1903—Elmer W. Allen, Charles W. Atchley, C. A. Lewis.
- 1905—Ethel H. Beck, Arthur A. Thompson, Blanche V. Wilber.
- 1906—E. P. Craig, E. C. Lincoln.
- 1907—Walter E. Craig, Ellen J. Peterson, Elihu Tilton.
- 1908—Geo. A. Gould, Agnes Walker Taylor, Ethel Hayward Weston.
- 1909—Leon C. Guptill.
- 1910—Harold B. Arey.
- 1911—Elsie L. Fentiman, Ellen M. Pillsbury.
- 1912—Eva Reynolds Dunbar, Ralph E. Hamilton.
- 1913—Meroe F. Morse.
- 1914—F. S. Carpenter, John P. Flanagan.
- 1915—Jennie Farnum Collins, P. A. Drummond, Helen N. Hanson, Mildred Holmes, C. B. Lord, Chester R. Mills, Grace Wells Thompson, Mary A. Washburn.
- 1916—Alice A. Clarkin, Cyril M. Joly, Antoinette Ware Putnam, Donald E. Putnam, Chester Wyllie.
- 1917—A. B. Crossman, Catherine Clarkin
- Dundas, Thomas F. Joyce, A. Raymond Rogers.
- 1918—Alberta Shepherd Marsh, C. Esther Murray, Dr. H. L. Paikowsky, John K. Pottle, Zadie I. Reynolds.
- 1919—Helen Baldwin Gates, Hildegard Drummond Leonard, Galen F. Sweet, Margaret Totman, Mrs. Chester Wyllie.
- 1920—Daniel M. Crook, Alice Bishop Drew, Anne F. Murray, Jonas Gleason Perry, Hugh A. Smith, T. F. Tilton.
- 1921—W. E. Burgess, Rev. Wm. C. Dudley, Bernard E. Esters, Neil Leonard, Nathan Levine, H. C. Marden, Florence M. Preble, Mary M. Rice, Raymond Spinney.
- 1922—Vina Parent Adams, Raymond R. Manson, Clyde E. Russell, Laura M. Stanley, Mrs. Annie Choate Sweet, Henry D. Teague, George F. Terry, Jr., Mildred Smiley Wing, Phillip H. Woodworth.
- 1923—Basil B. Ames, Doris M. Dickey, A. G. Eustis, Helen M. Freeman, Ralph L. Glazier, L. A. Guite, Mary E. Warren, Ernest R. Werme.
- 1924—Mark L. Ames, John A. Barnes, Percy G. Beatty, T. C. Bramhall, George M. Davis, Anna Erickson, Robert L. Jacobs, Ralph Libby, Roland W. Payne, Lawrence A. Putnam, Ervena Goodale Smith, Joseph Coburn Smith, Helen W. Springfield, Ralph Talberth, G. E. Vale.
- 1925—Dorothy L. Austin, Elsie Bishop, Phyllis E. Bowman, Robert C. Brown, Alfred K. Chapman, C. Barnard Chapman, H. Forrest Colby, Marjorie A. Everingham, Ruth Fifield, Marshall B. Gurney, Carroll W. Keene, Ralph M. Larrabee, Nellie E. Pottle, Arthur Rosenthal, Leota Schoff, Ellen A. Smith, G. E. Tash, Keith B. Weymouth, Carlton F. Wiley.
- 1927-(ex.)—Doris Garland Russell.

## SOME REGRETS BRIEFLY STATED

BY THE COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

More than 3,500 letters were sent out to the graduates of the College urging attendance upon the annual Commencement exercises. With these letters went a return postal card. The great majority of these postal cards were returned, some notifying the Committee that they might expect those who signed the cards to be back and others simply notifying the Committee that the signers would not be back. As happens each year, a great many graduates add a line or two of special regret at being unable to return, and

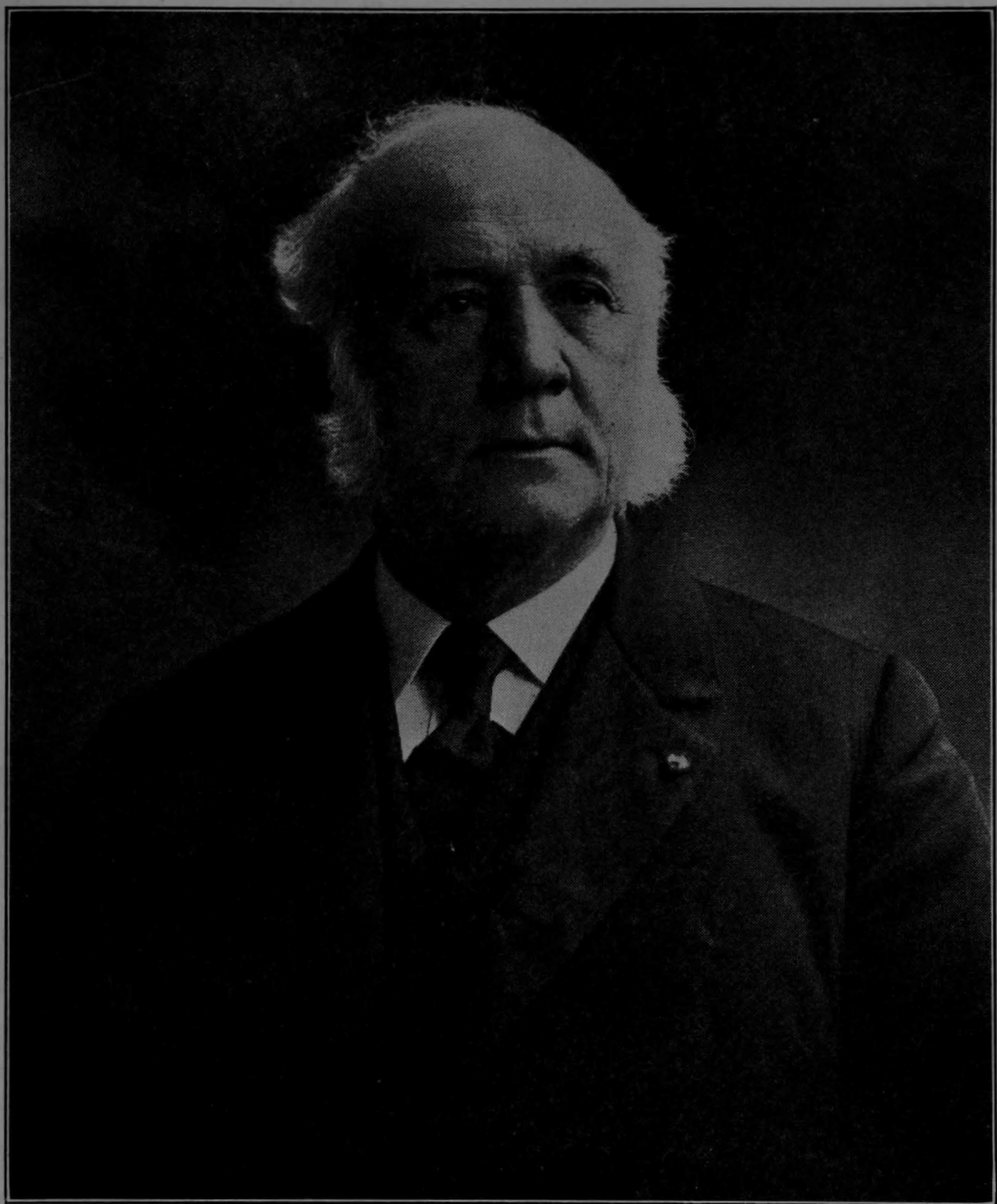
the Committee is handing on these regrets, briefly expressed, to the readers of the ALUMNUS. Here they are:

Very sorry.—F. L. Searway, '08.

Regret very much not being able to come but could not get away from work.—Everett H. Gross, '21.

Very sorry I cannot come.—R. J. Condon, '86.

School here does not close until June 25. Sailing for Europe this summer.—E. Kathleen Goodhue, '21.



THE LATE WILLIAM H. SPENCER, D.D.  
One-Time Pastor of the First Baptist Church

Can't return from Washington State in season.—Chas. F. Meserve, '77.

Sorry.—Roger A. Nye, '16.

I wish I were able to! "Sometime" perhaps. Greetings.—Alfred L. Fraas, '20.

Wish I could; my daughter will be there with Frank and Gertrude. Perhaps some young alumnus will want a partner for the dance.—Frederick M. Padelford, '96.

Deeply regret that business prevents my

attending. Am planning for 1927. Success to you.—John F. Everett, '17.

Sorry!—Mildred Greene Wilbur, '17.

Very sorry. I am for week-end comment.—Nelson I. Mixer, '09.

Can't come.—Anthia Knowlton Miller, '90.

Sorry unable to attend, but will try to be with you next year.—Fred S. Martin, '14.

I appreciate the receiving of "The Annual Call."—Clausin D. Hadley, '28.



Distance makes my coming prohibitive. Would enjoy the re-union.—H. W. George, '77.

I wish very much that I could come.—Helene B. Buker, '18.

Can't come. Too old—92 January, 1927.—W. D. Ewer, '62.

Sorry: Am and will be in Utah doing geological work.—C. E. Dobbin, '16.

Hate to miss it, but schools do not close until June 25th. I shall be with you in spirit if not in flesh.—Mary Donald Deans, '10.

Sorry to miss it.—H. W. Tappan, '89.

Sorry.—Alfred I. Thayer, '84.

Not now but in some coming year, I trust.—Rosa M. Ames, '97.

Wish I might.—Mary L. Wilbur, '99.

Hope you will have a fine commencement.—Edwin F. Lyford, '77.

I am teaching and shall enter Chicago University for summer term.—Mabel Freese Dennett, '04.

Exams at school make it impossible.—H. P. Fuller, '14.

Congratulations Mayor Libby!—Lillian Tuttle Morse, '17.

School does not close in time for me to make it.—Helen M. Dresser, '23.

Mighty sorry, but cannot leave my job.—Ralph H. Drew, '19.

Verry sorry!—Esther French Spaulding, '16.

Regrets!—Chas. W. Meader, '06.

Very sorry.—Elmer A. Ricker, '87.

With regrets.—Grace Gatchell, '97.

Am obliged to go East *in the fall*. But I am hopeful of 1929!—Rev. Edwin W. Merrill, '09.

I do not start for the North till July 1st.—Martin S. Howes, '88.

Sorry I have to say no. Best wishes.—Harold C. Arey, '03.

Sorry I cannot attend Commencement this year. I am a long ways from home.—R. I. Haskell, '14.

Sorry.—Merle Crowell, '10.

Can't leave home now. Hope to be able to go to Waterville next year.—Cornelius A. Gower, '67.

Sorry. Cannot be there.—Henry R. Dalrymple, '98.

Hate to miss it! Shall be in Denver, Colo., that week.—Cecil W. Clark, '05.

Unable to attend this year, due to my work here.—Thos. R. Cook, '22.

God bless you.—Helen Beede Breneman, '93.

Bon voyage!—Arthur B. Patten, '90.

I'm sorry, Doctor. I'd sure like to be there.—Kenneth Wentworth, '25.

Sorry not able to attend. With wishes for the best Commencement!—T. B. Madson, '17.

School does not close until June 25th.—Dorothy Rounds, '21.

Sorry that other engagements seem to give no chance.—W. N. Donovan, '92.

School prevents my attending. Sorry.—Arthur W. Coulman, '24.

Am sorry that I cannot come. I know of nothing that would please me more. Best of wishes for a great Commencement.—David W. Knowlton, '83.

Best wishes for a glorious day. Greatly regret inability to attend.—John H. Bowman, '14.

Can't come. Sorry.—L. L. Workman, '02.

Cannot return.—Howard B. Tuggey, '25.

Very sorry.—Ivan C. Hight, '93.

My school is not closed then. I am so sorry, for I want to see you all and Colby. Good news about you. Congratulations.—Vera L. Moore, '19.

Impossible this year, but will surely attend next year.—W. F. Watson, '87.

Unfortunately for me school will be open until June 18th.—Edith C. Robinson, '16.

Am most sorry.—E. May Tolman, '03.

I regret *very much* that I shall not be present. Here's to the best Commencement ever!—Alice H. Clark, '21.

Many regrets.—F. D. Mitchell, '84.

Too early for me to leave. Sorry.—L. W. Robbins, '94.

Very sorry, but I am teaching and our school does not close until the 18th.—Rose M. Pillsbury, '11.

Sorry.—P. E. Hathaway, '02.

Am sorry.—W. E. Lombard, '93.

Sorry—but I'm having the same exercises (in part) at the same time.—Myron C. Hamer, '20.

Sorry—but I can't make it.—Lois Meserve Flye, '02.

Shall try to "make it" next year.—Norman D. Lattin, '18.

I should like to be there, but school closes too late.—Gladys Twitchell, '18.

Sorry!—Mrs. E. O. LaCasce, '15.

Going into hospital tomorrow morning for a slight operation.—Walter L. Hubbard, '96.

Cannot attend—school closes here June 25, 1926.—Wayne W. McNally, '21.

Sorry but being married June 15th.—Franklin M. Dyer, '16.

Sincere regrets.—Stella Jones Hill, '00.

Duties at our commencement prevent.—H. L. Stetson, '73.

Cannot leave until July.—Leonard W. Mayo, '22.

Sorry I can't come, but "business is business" in N. Y.—Ray C. Young, '15.

I regret very much having to be in Brooklyn then.—Guy W. Chipman, '02.

My school doesn't close this year till June 18.—George W. Currier, '22.

Schools in Portland do not close until June '18.—Ralph B. Young, '07.

Am sorry. My son graduates from Haverford at this time.—Olive Robbins Haviland, '96.

Best love to all and wishes. Would love to be there.—Florence M. Diver Green, '00.

Cannot come. Sorry.—Elizabeth Whipple Butler, '21.

Our busiest days at Pratt.—Edward F. Stevens, '89.

My school keeps till June 23. Very sorry.—Lucy M. Osgood, '23.

Regret that convention of Lions Club on 14th-15th will probably prevent my attendance this year.—L. G. Shesong, '13.

Regrets.—Elmer E. Silver, '85.

Not this year.—Richard J. Pike, '24.

Sorry illness prevents my being present.—H. G. Mank, '85.

Much to my regret, unbreakable engagements prevent. Please give my *kindest* regards to Professor Taylor.—Henry Trowbridge, '83.

Cannot come.—Alban Fowler, '12.

Can't come.—Annie F. Treworgy, '17.

Can't come.—H. W. Manning, '26.

Can't be there.—G. Lincoln Crook, '24.

I regret that I shall not be present.—Mercy A. Brann, '97.

Cannot come.—Charles F. Leadbetter, '91.

I am going to try and be present but cannot tell for sure now.—A. W. Allen, '16.

Sorry not to come.—Charles E. Cook, '87.

## SOME RESOLUTIONS

BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

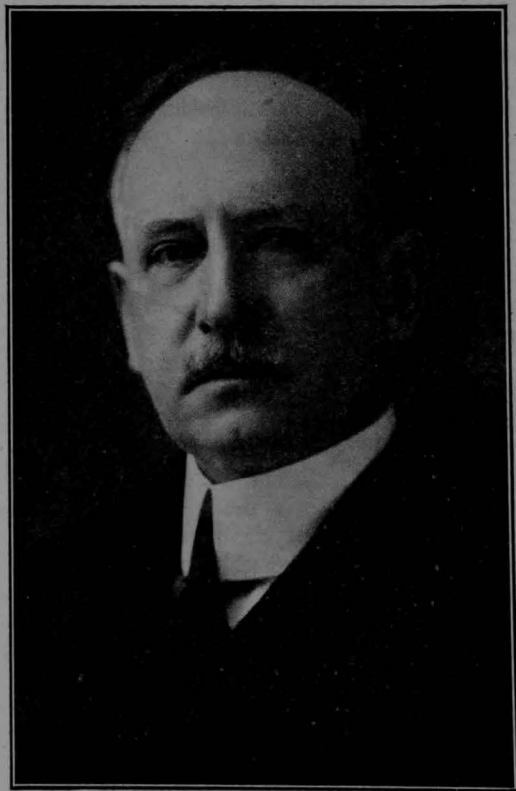
LESLIE COLBY CORNISH, LL.D., '75

The Trustees of Colby College, meeting for the first time after the passing of their revered and loved Chairman, Chief Justice Leslie Colby Cornish, would express, not merely their sense of bereavement and loss, but their appreciation and gratitude for the unique service of their leader for many years.

Leslie C. Cornish was born in the old town of Winslow and found in the very nearness of the College an inspiration to seek the higher culture. Coming to Waterville, he prepared for college in Waterville Classical Institute under Dr. James H. Hanson. He entered Colby in 1871 and proved himself an ideal student through his entire course. Thirteen years after graduation he became a Trustee and served as Secretary of the Board from 1891 to 1907, when he was elected its Chairman.

He was admitted to the Bar in 1880, became Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine in 1907, serving until his election in 1917 to the Chief Justiceship. His high office he held until his resignation because of ill health in 1925.

His utmost ability was ever at the disposal of the College. He never shunned service on the important committees which have



THE LATE LESLIE COLBY CORNISH  
Of the Class of 1875

determined the policy of the College and have been a prime element in its growing influence and prosperity.

To the Committee on Finance he brought the same careful discrimination and study of financial methods that made him the head of a great bank.

To the Board meetings he brought with brilliant wit and genial humor, the brightening of many a cloudy session, but also the sense of the greatness of College interests and the reverence with which they should be undertaken that made the sessions an act of worship.

With matchless dignity and kindly grace, he presided over the great public occasions of the College in such a way as to enhance its fame, multiply new friends and assure the loyalty of the old. He never for a day forgot Colby College and his ideals for it brought to others the vision that came to be wrought into the college objectives and its policy.

His friendliness embraced every student, professor, Trustee, in a way to enrich their lives and bind them into closer fellowship. He made the task of every worker for Colby lighter and more helpful, while to the man who has long been its executive head, President Roberts, he was as counsellor, brother, guide, father. To the College he gave that divinest thing the world knows, love. It is none too common in business affairs, is not always found where men speak in its name, but when it appears there comes the glory of God.

So did Leslie Colby Cornish become himself a great endowment of the College. Colby is rich with such a character developed under its influence, with such a life spent in its service and with such a future as he helped to provide.

The great jurist whose work will enrich the judicial procedure of his State and who was the best loved Chief Justice that Maine ever had, will be memorialized elsewhere.

The banker, always trusted—men and women regarded their funds safe as behind something more than the steel doors of the granite bank, in the character of Judge Cornish.

The citizen, first in his state, and followed for his burial up to the heights overlooking the Capitol city by such a procession as never wended their way thither before, the whole state mourns.

The husband, all women who knew Leslie Colby and Fannie Bassett Cornish, thank God that there was something like that.

Of him in this splendid manhood and its

great achievements we do not make memorial, but as those whose rare delight it was to work with him in the service of Colby, we bring our thanksgiving and our tears.

Colby—a little college, but Leslie Cornish loved her. And she loves him, with a love that will not die.

Prepared by

ARTHUR J. ROBERTS, '90.

GEORGE C. WING, *Trustee*.

E. C. WHITTEMORE, '79.

ALBION WOODBURY SMALL,  
LL.D., '76

The Trustees would express their appreciation of the high honor that came to this college as the Alma Mater of Albion Woodbury Small, LL.D., 1900, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins, 1889, and Western Reserve University.

Born in Buckfield, Maine, May 11, 1854, of Phi Beta Kappa rank during his course at Colby, he studied at Newton Theological Institution, University of Leipzig, and University of Berlin.

In 1881 he became Professor of History and Political Economy at Colby, making his department notable by its vigor and its comprehensiveness. On the resignation of President Pepper in 1889, he was the unanimous choice of the Trustees for the Presidency.

His administration was of great advantage to the College, but its high promise was disappointed when, at the urgent request of Dr. William R. Harper, who was organizing the new Chicago University, Dr. Small was induced to accept the head professorship of Sociology in that institution. He believed that the position would give opportunity with abundant resources to develop a new and very important department of Social Science, and his faith was fully justified.

He founded and edited until his death "The American Journal of Sociology". He wrote many books, among which were "The Beginnings of American Nationality", "General Sociology", "Adam Smith and Modern Sociology", "The Meaning of Social Science", "Between Eras, from Capitalism to Democracy", also many monographs that became authorities in their field.

He was associated with Dr. Burton and Dr. Padelford on the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention. His knowledge of the small college and of Colby in particular, made him a very valuable member of that Board. For years he stood among the great educators of the country

and brought honor to the College of his early training.

Very appropriately, his daughter, Mrs. Lina Small Harris, established in Colby the Albion Woodbury Small prize, available for students pursuing work in the field of Economics and Sociology.

In the life work of Dr. Small, Colby College has rendered one of its highest services to the cause of education and to right human relations. His influence will be a permanent force in the field of Sociology. To his daughter, Mrs. Harris, the Trustees would express a very deep sympathy.

(Prepared by Edwin Carey Whittemore, D.D., '79.)

#### DANA WARREN HALL, M.A., '90

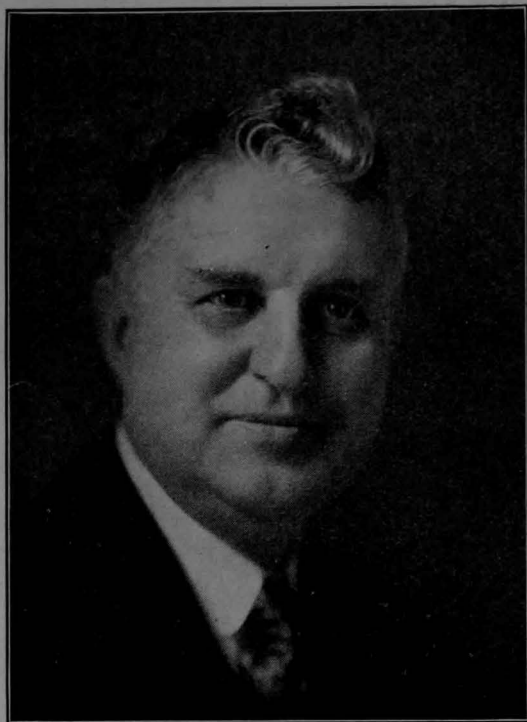
The Board of Trustees of Colby College has learned with the keenest sorrow and the deepest regret of the death of Dana Warren Hall, a graduate of this college in the class of 1890 and a member of this Board since 1917. In the death of Mr. Hall, Colby has lost one of her most distinguished sons, and one of her most loyal and devoted friends.

Mr. Hall was reared on a Maine farm and was compelled to earn his education and his way into life by hard and persistent work. This gave him a deep appreciation of the value of education and of his debt to his college. His industrious habits were the foundation for his successful business career and made him most helpful to the many young men who were associated with him.

For five years after his graduation he was Principal of the high school at Skowhegan, Maine. In 1894 he joined the firm of Ginn and Company in Chicago, with whom he remained until his death. He applied himself to his business with the conviction that in publishing better text books he was making a real contribution to the education and training of the advancing generation. There was a high idealism that pervaded all his business life.

Broadminded, sympathetic and friendly in spirit, he won to himself a host of friends who deeply appreciated the ties that bound them to him. He took a particular interest in the young Colby graduates who went to Chicago to enter business. He eagerly sought opportunity to help them make friendly and valuable contacts.

Next to his family and his business associates, Colby came first in his thoughts. By nature and experience, his interests centered in the problems of education and he



THE LATE DANA WARREN HALL, M.A., '90

gave to his college the results of his matured thought. The college was much upon his mind and heart. He was not only generous in his financial support, but he gave much of his time planning for its interests. One of his last concerns was to make certain that his son should find his education in his father's Alma Mater. In his sudden death Colby College has suffered a great loss which every true son and daughter of the College sincerely mourns.

Resolved that this minute be spread upon our records and that a copy be sent to the family with an expression of our sincere sorrow and sympathy. Their loss is our loss too.

(Prepared by Frank W. Padelford, D.D., '94.)

#### HENRY SWEETSER BURRAGE, D.D., *Trustee*

Rev. Henry Sweetser Burrage, D.D., served as Trustee from 1881 to 1906, a period of twenty-five years. He was a graduate of Brown University but through this long period of years he sustained a vital interest in Colby College.

He was ordained to the Christian ministry in Waterville where he served the First Baptist church for three years. For thirty-two



years he was editor of *Zion's Advocate*. Both of these positions were calculated to bring him into intimate relations with the College. His training and his life work qualified him to render intelligent and valuable service as Trustee.

While a student in Newton Theological Institution Dr. Burrage responded to the call for volunteers and his war record placed him in the front ranks of those who have served their country. He was a good pastor

and an able editor. As historian he was widely known and because of the service he rendered to the state and to his denomination he early in his career came to an outstanding place.

Dr. Burrage was born in Fitchburg, Mass., January 7, 1837. He died at Kennebunkport, March 9, 1926.

(Prepared by Irving B. Mower, D.D., Trustee.)

## REPORT ON COLBY'S ACADEMIES

BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

Since the last meeting of the Board some additional facts concerning the work of the schools have been secured and favorable reports come of the work of each of them during the year.

Calling attention again to the tabulations, it may be noted that the real estate of Hebron, Coburn, Ricker and Higgins is valued at nearly \$700,000.00; the endowments, \$720,000.00; total resources, \$1,420,000; total liabilities, \$189,948.58. The receipts for the year were over \$180,000.00, which balanced the expenditures.

One hundred and ninety-four towns were represented in the schools the past year. Six hundred eighteen students were enrolled in the regular departments, and if we should add those in special departments that would not be maintained without these schools, the number runs well over 1000.

All four schools are graded A in the State standards and all are on the accepted list of the New England Certifying Board. Not one of the students admitted on certificate was reported as failing in his college work the past year, and naturally the percentage of graduates from these schools who go on to college or professional school is very much larger than that furnished by any other schools.

We find that in none of these schools is any sectarian or denominational qualification required of Trustee or Faculty. In one case only a majority of the Trustees must be connected with the Baptist denomination as a condition to holding a certain plot of land.

The Charters of the schools are entirely without denominational requirements.

All of these academies are under their own self-perpetuating Boards of Trustees, although in two cases, Colby holds a part of the real estate and several endowment funds

in trust for the schools. Over 40 teachers are employed.

The students come in great majority from towns which do not maintain class A high schools and are really unable so to do. These towns paid last year for the tuition of their pupils, \$19,639.00, a very small sum in comparison to the cost of maintaining schools in the several towns.

The large sums of money secured for endowments, and the great value of the real estate and equipment has largely been secured by the efforts and benefactions of the Boards of Trustees and by the loyal cooperation of the Alumni bodies. Despite increase in the expense of education, (and the single item of fuel has made a difference of many thousands within the last few years) the salaries of teachers has been raised and every form of service become more expensive, yet the receipts of the school will, in the near future, balance the increased cost.

The liabilities of the schools are accurately represented, and the assets are now in hand, but there are in addition considerable sums of money now under annuity, certain important pledges covering several years, and unpaid subscriptions amounting to many thousands of dollars. The real financial situation is very much better than can be shown by such a table as is given.

Movements are on foot in each one of the schools by the trustees, principals, alumni and friends, to increase the present resources and equipment to meet well-recognized needs.

Recognizing the service of these academies to towns that could not support schools of like grade, the State, under its high school law, has always paid to the Trustees of the academies a reasonable stipend for the in-

struction thus given. It has made special grants in times of special need, and for departmental work. The amount thus received is of large assistance to the schools. It has simply contributed, with the large sums privately provided, to the giving of facilities in education not otherwise available.

If the towns, 194 of them, are deprived of their privilege of purchasing education as provided by the Trustees of these schools, it will immediately compel them either to close their doors or to make their rates of tuition so high as to practically close them to all but the children of the rich. It would also compel the town to provide high schools of their own which could not be of high grade, or to send their children away to villages and cities where they would shift for themselves without dormitory supervision or professional care.

A yet more serious result would be found in the fact that very many young people would not seek the advantages of secondary education at all.

It should be clearly understood by the

people of Maine what the reversal of their educational policy involved in the ratification of certain pending Resolves would mean. Your Committee declare their high appreciation of the work of the Boards of Trustees in building up these academies, their gratitude to the donors of funds held in trust for their support, their approval of the work now going forward under the direction of their well-equipped faculties, and their conviction that the efforts to enlarge their resources are worthy of the utmost cooperation on the part of all who care for the well-being of the State. Anything that should break down these schools would be a breach of trust with those who have established and endowed them, would close the doors of culture to many young men and women, and would be a disaster to the intellectual and moral life of the state. The very notable, even remarkable, achievements of the past, the present resources and the work, make still higher standards, enlarged usefulness, and increased influence readily possible.

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## REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

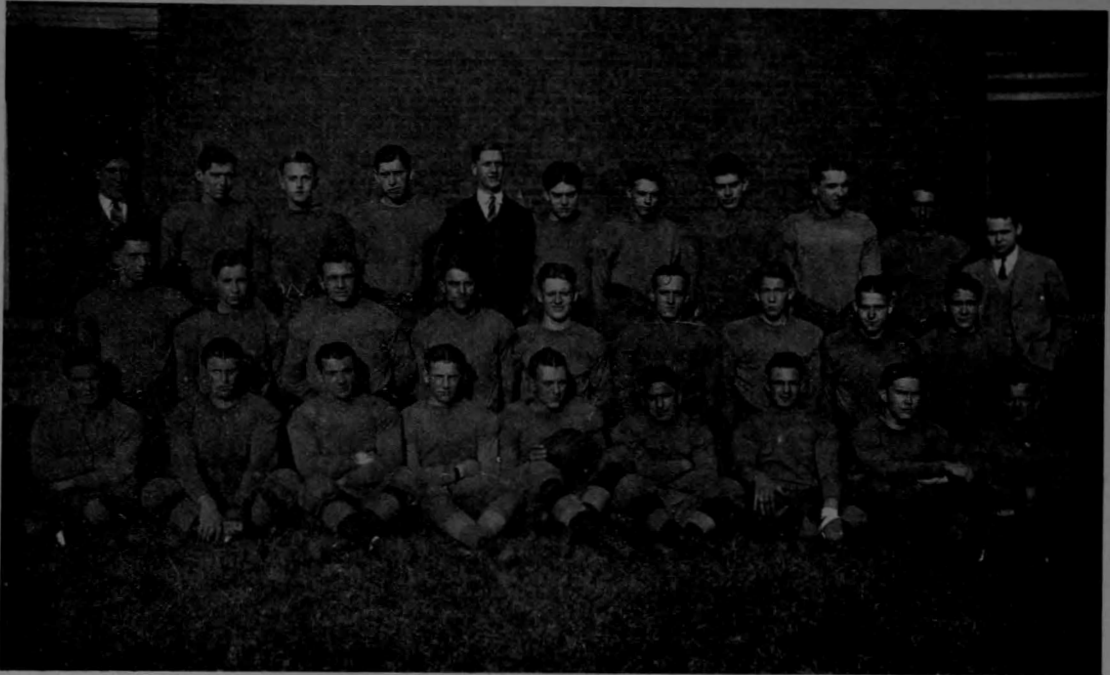
BY ALBERT F. DRUMMOND, B.A., '88, NORMAN L. BASSETT, LL.D., '91, HERBERT E. WADSWORTH, B.A., '92

*To the President and Trustees of Colby College:*

During the fiscal year from May 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926, there were expended on buildings and grounds \$25,384.45. The Finance Committee recommended at the annual meeting last year an appropriation of \$15,000, the same as the year before, and you so voted. Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds recommended the renovation of Coburn Hall and stated that the estimated cost was \$6,000 and that, exclusive of this amount, the appropriation suggested would be required to pay for the usual cost of maintenance and to complete the improvements under way and others recommended in our report. You authorized your committee to make the renovation. Immediately after Commencement your committee took up the matter with President Roberts, Treasurer Hubbard, Professor Chester and Architect Savage. Plans were made, the work commenced and was practically completed by the opening of the fall term. The results were most satisfactory to us all. Three excellent new class rooms on the third floor were

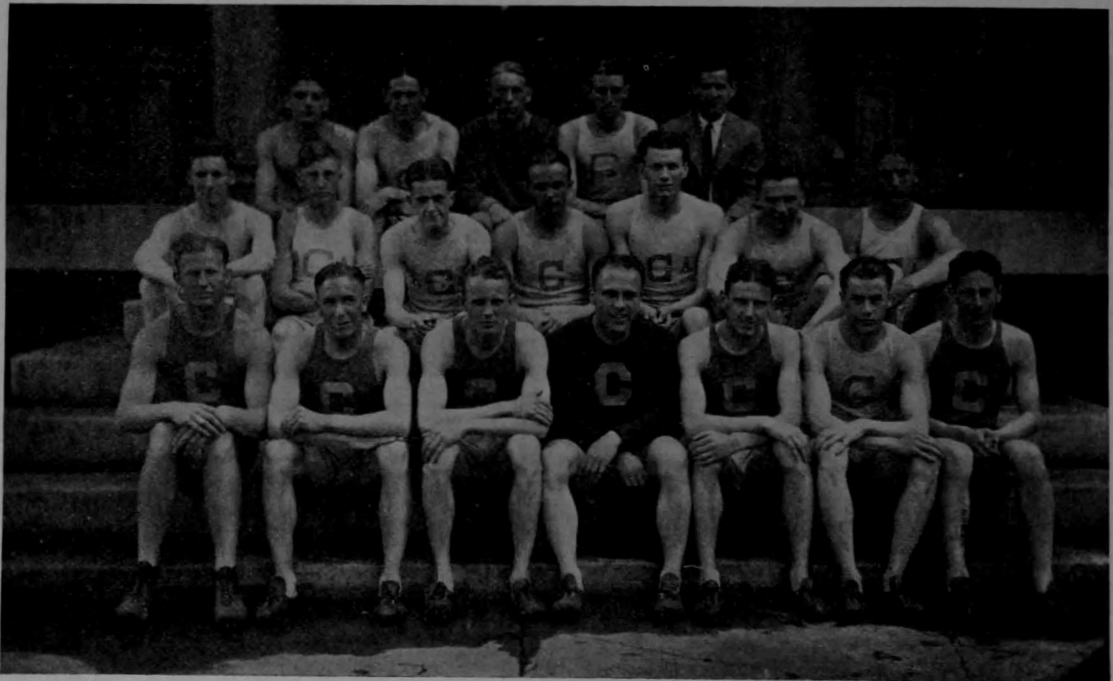
provided, two on the east side and one on the west side. The stairway from the second to the third floor was entirely remodeled; suitable fire escapes placed on the north side of the building; the electric wiring which, exposed, has marred the appearance of the lower and second halls, was concealed; the heating, lighting and ventilation were put into good condition. All the work was done in such a way that the original plan of the building has not been interfered with and may be restored at any time. The entire cost was \$7,659.42 and we believe we got our full money's worth. There should be new hard wood floors put in the first and second stories and further painting. We recommend that this be done.

It had become apparent that Phi Delta Theta house needed repairs and they were undertaken, but as usually is the case in houses built as long as that, when the real condition of the halls and chambers was uncovered, it was worse than appeared on the face of things. Much had to be replaced and there was a thorough renovation of the halls and some of the rooms and much paint-



#### THE FRESHMEN FOOTBALL SQUAD

Freshmen are no longer eligible to the Varsity Squad. They now have a football squad and field of their own



#### THE COLBY TRACK TEAM

Colby employs a track coach who develops each year a Track Team that represents the College at home and abroad

ing and papering. The expense amounted to \$2,249.95.

You can therefore see good cause for the excess of expenditures over the appropriation.

We reported last year the extensive renovation in the Chemical building and that with the exception of Professor Parmenter's room the building was in excellent condition. During this year the work has been completed. His room has been thoroughly renovated and the room adjoining on the north divided so as to provide a room for his library. A little remains to be done which will be taken care of this year.

We recommended last year, and you approved, that the first two floors of Roberts Hall be thoroughly renovated like the upper story which had been during the last year. This work has been done in a thorough manner. The expenditures on that building have been \$2,652.31.

We also recommended, and you approved, that four additional catch basins for the front campus be put in. They were, at a cost of \$579.08. They accomplished their purpose and we are pleased to report that during the year there has been no standing water on the front campus. This benefits the trees which had given us considerable concern.

We also recommended a new concrete floor in the basement of the chapel on the west side. This place is now devoted to the heating plant and coal supply of the building. This is as it should be.

In passing, we would call your attention to a most fortunate escape from a calamity which would have wrung our hearts had it happened. A few minutes before six o'clock on the morning of March 8th, last, a man in the Railroad Y. M. C. A. building noticed smoke and flames rising from the cornice on the west side. The alarm was quickly given, assistance obtained and the fire put out with no fire or water damage. A spark from some unaccounted source had lodged in a small opening in the cornice. It was one of those things which would not have happened in nine hundred and ninety-nine times, but think what might have resulted from this one thousandth time to our beloved Memorial Hall, bringing sincere grief to every Colby man and woman.

We are not going further into the details of the expenditures which make up the total above stated. Treasurer Hubbard possesses experience, good judgment and prudence, and he keeps steadily at work on the maintenance of the buildings. Special matters

he takes up with your committee; many other matters he goes ahead with on his own initiative.

We will now take up some recommendations:

First, Professor Wheeler in his report for the Department of Physics, states the need of a lecture room, capable of seating at least 100 students, with provision for storing lecture apparatus, for a small preparation room, and hall space for coats and hats; of an electrical and engineering laboratory about 20 x 30 feet, and of a small work shop for work bench, lattice, drill presses, etc.

There is a valuable electrical apparatus installed on the first floor. If this could be removed, this floor could easily supply the space for the first two needs which he mentions. Your committee took up the matter with him during the year. We considered the advisability of leaving the apparatus where it is and of building on the east side of Shannon, out of the walls of the heating plant and other walls extended to the north, a large basement, ample for the heating plant and for that storage space which is so sorely needed, as we stated in our last report; and then building upon this basement a one-story addition to Shannon, architecturally in harmony with the building. We had sketches made. But the estimated cost would certainly be \$10,000. Professor Wheeler has now suggested making the first story basement but not so large, utilizing the walls of Shannon and of the heating plant for the west, south and east sides of this basement and building a new wall on the north; place in this basement the electrical apparatus and provide a room for a workshop. A sketch has been made and we have obtained an estimate of the cost. For this basement with concrete floor and the rooms properly built with double doors for protection against dust and dirt, and proper lighting, the estimated cost is \$1900. We recommend this be done. We must leave to the future the supplying of our much needed storage space.

Second: Professor Marriner has found a real problem in the use of reserved books, those which assigned for reading in regular courses, are placed on definite shelves to remain in the library for the equal opportunity of all students. It has been found impossible adequately to protect these books. There are leakages. This is not a problem confined to Colby. It is common to all colleges and our losses are less in proportion to the use than are reported by some



others. A place for reserved books is needed, to be kept away from student hands and where students will have to come to a properly arranged counter, get books from an attendant and be held responsible for their return.

Professor Marriner's present office is the room between the old library and Seaverns Reading Room. He suggested to your committee fitting up this room for the reserved books and utilizing therefor this place; and that the alcove in the upper hall be made into an office for him by building in a partition under the alcove arch. Here there are four large pieces of statuary about which one wonders from their appearance whether they have been ousted from Memorial Hall or are on a waiting list to get in. They can be placed in the Latin and French rooms in the Chemical building. We think this should be done whether or not the alcove be used, as suggested. We went carefully into the architectural details with Mr. Savage and we believe a partition can be put in which will harmonize with the upper hall and accomplish the purpose intended without marring the place. The alcove will provide an attractive and finely lighted office. At the entrance must remain The Dying Gaul and he has been there for some time and we can see no way but to let him keep on passing just where he is. How much we need a suitable place for our works of art! We recommend that Professor Marriner's suggestion be carried out. The expense will not be large.

Third: As you know from past occurrences, Roberts Hall and Hedman Hall have been sources of trouble by the tenantry. The occupation of the first two stories of Roberts Hall by one of the secret societies has been most beneficial. Study hours are maintained and there are oversight and restraining hands. The third story is therefore kept in bounds by the use of the two below. But Hedman Hall is a sore spot. Upper classmen and members of secret societies are in part to blame for this. Some of the occupants of rooms have moved out and taken rooms elsewhere so they could have an opportunity to study. In one case a boy who was on the waiting list to move in decided he didn't want to. Now it is not the jurisdiction of your committee to make suggestions about study and how or when the students in a building shall or shall not work, unless improper use and damage to the building and rooms results. We think that is just the case here. We believe there should be established in this building a

proctor and study hours and that if this were done, what is now a sore spot will be healed. We so recommend.

Fourth: Our library is in need of additional space and this need is becoming more and more pressing each year. There are no toilet arrangements in Memorial Hall as we have called to your attention before. These should be provided. In our report last year we said there was need of "a complete renovation of the basement. A cement floor and toilet should be put in. The west part of the basement should be used for the heating plant and the storage of coal. The east part should be fitted up for a room in which could be safely kept the statuary and groups which are now in the hall of the second floor."

The west part of the basement has been partly prepared for the suggested sole use of the heating plant, but it should be completed in a thorough way. In the center there is ample space well located for toilets. There is much there now that should go to the scrap heap. But if the eastern part can be made suitable for keeping books, fitted up as a good library room with proper lighting, windows and a connecting staircase with the library room above, we will have done a fine stroke for the needs of the library. A practical and important question is dampness. If that cannot be avoided then the place cannot be fitted for the use of books. But we are inclined to believe that with the new inside walls and air space with lengthened basement windows and more light and air and with some special arrangement for occasionally heating by electricity, freedom from dampness can be assured. We believe this would be a very practicable and needed improvement. While it would be a substantial piece of work, we do not believe it would be too expensive. We would like to take this matter up with a competent library architect and if it is feasible, we believe that the time has come to put the basement of Memorial Hall into this proper and needed condition.

Mrs. Eleanor S. Woodman, during the summer vacation, completed her plan of granolithic walks and they were laid from the north entrance of Memorial Hall to Coburn Hall and from the driveway near North College northwesterly to College Avenue. We repeat with emphasis what we said last year, "Nothing has been done which has added more to the attractiveness of the buildings and grounds, the comfort and convenience of all connected with the College, than the granolithic walks. . . .



THE SONS OF COLBY CLUB OF 1926

The Sons of Colby Club is an organization made up of Students whose fathers or mothers at one time attended Colby. It was first organized several years ago



THE DAUGHTERS OF COLBY CLUB OF 1926

The Daughters of Colby Club is an organization made up of students whose fathers or mothers at one time attended Colby. It was organized for the first time this year

We record our appreciation for the generosity and good judgment of this good friend of the college."

Mr. Charles H. Pepper in October, 1922, being informed of the plans for restoring the old library and that the figurines which he had given to the college needed protection and a more pleasing setting than they then had, authorized your committee to have some appropriate cases made for them at his expense. Mr. Savage made sketches for us last summer and we submitted them to Mr. Pepper. He expressed his approval and bade us to go ahead. The cases have been made and can be seen in the library. We record our grateful appreciation of the original gift and of this further gift of Mr. Pepper.

The policy of your committee, which has met with your continued approval, has been and is, to maintain constantly and improve steadily all the buildings, but each year to select some one larger thing which requires

substantial outlay. You will recall the important changes in Recitation Hall, supplying many different needs, in Memorial Hall and the Chapel and in Coburn Hall. In other words, to make the best possible use of our present plant, "with due consideration of the limits of our financial resources and a dread of deficits." And these reports are made to record for you and to inform the alumni and friends of the college of the concrete results of this policy. We will keep steadily working away to improve and make the best possible use of what we have, in the words of the prophet of old, "Line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little." Meanwhile, we patiently await the fulfillment of our larger needs and hopes of new buildings, one of which is, do we hear a shout,—Gymnasium!

ALBERT F. DRUMMOND

NORMAN L. BASSETT.

H. E. WADSWORTH

*Committee on Buildings and Grounds.*

## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR LESLIE COLBY CORNISH

BY THE EDITOR

Memorial services for the late Leslie Colby Cornish of the class of 1875 were held on Sunday afternoon, of Commencement Week in the College Chapel. President Arthur J. Roberts presided over the exercises, sitting in the Chapel Chair which was presented to the College but a few months before by Judge Cornish himself. The services were well attended by those most closely associated in the work of administering the affairs of the College, and by the undergraduates of the College.

Scripture was read and prayer was offered by Edwin Carey Whittemore, D.D., of the class of 1879, long associated with Judge Cornish on the Board of Trustees of the College. The ALUMNUS is privileged to reproduce the prayer that was spoken by Dr. Whittemore, as follows:

"O Lord our Lord how excellent is thy name in all the earth. Who hast set thy glory above the heavens and 'mid the mountain and over the blossoming trees.

"But we rejoice in the higher glory of that infinite love that shone in the face of him who came to be the light of the world. We thank thee that down the ages thou hast sent forth men with shining faces to be the heralds of a brighter day.

"In proud sorrow we gather in this sacred

place today, more than ever a place of memorial and of the presence of the spirit of Colby. Into its walls have been built tablets to those who have builded their lives with lasting honor and service into the college, the nation and the kingdom of God. From its walls look down those who have made the college great by their devotion.

"We thank thee O God for the priceless endowments of this college in the character and service of the men who here have found inspiration to the great things in life that they have attained.

"Here today we bow in reverent memorial, memorial not of our lips but eloquent in the love of our hearts. We think of the little boy who looked across the river with longing to the college towers. Clear eyed, keen minded, pure souled, nobly ambitious he sought here preparation for life that should be life indeed.

"We thank thee that thou didst enable him to fulfill his dream of life—not selfishly constrained but beneficently outpoured—for his service of the state to its highest judicial position; of his college which he loved and for the spirit which made the meetings of the Board as acts of worship.

"But we thank thee most of all for what he was. Great in ability, eminent in attain-

ment, just in judgment, universally trusted but tender hearted, a friend of everyone who ever stepped within these walls. Our great heart has gone onward. We shall keep no true memorial to Justice Cornish unless we make this college greater and nobler than ever, unless we keep it well to the fore in the world's progress.

"And so long as the strong, beautiful spirit-filled face of our leader looks down upon the increasing generations of students and teachers, trustees and alumni may his influence enrich the college and may grace be given to many other to 'follow in his train'."

The Scripture read was from Ecclesiasticus XLIV, Wisdom IV, and follows:

Let us now praise famous men,  
By whom the Lord hath wrought great glory.

Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,  
And were men renowned for their power,  
Giving counsel by their understanding,  
Such as have brought tidings in prophecies;  
Leaders of the people by their counsels,  
And by their understanding men of learning for the people;

Wise were their words in their instruction:  
Men richly furnished with ability,  
Living peaceably in their habitations;  
All these were honoured in their generations,  
And were the glory of their times.

Yea, they were men of mercy,  
Whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten.

Their bodies are buried in peace,  
But their name liveth for evermore.  
For the memorial of virtue is immortal;  
Because it is known with God and with men.  
When it is present, men take example of it;  
And when it is gone, they desire it:

And throughout all time it marcheth crowned in triumph,  
Victorious in the strife for the prizes that are undefiled.

Therefore will the people tell of their wisdom,  
And the congregation will show forth their praise.

J. Colby Bassett, of the class of 1895, a nephew of Judge Cornish, presented a picture of Judge Cornish to the College, in the following language:

*"President Roberts:*

"Leslie Colby Cornish graduated from this college in the Class of 1875. He was made a trustee of the college, thirteen years later, in 1888, and continued as one of its trustees to the day of his death, in 1925.

"Whatever service he was able to do for the college—as trustee or otherwise—added to the happiness in his life; and unless his spirit be eternally sleeping, it must, at times, linger about these walls, for his love for this college and for those connected with it was one of the strongest and deepest affections of his character.

"His next of kin have thought it not inappropriate, therefore, to give his portrait to the college.

(Portrait unveiled)

"This is the picture, painted by Artist Joseph B. Kahlil and, in the name of Leslie Colby Cornish, its custody and title are hereby transferred to you and your successors, to have and to hold, for the use and benefit of the college which he loved, so dearly."

The portrait was accepted on behalf of the College by President Roberts who spoke as follows:

"It is with gratitude that I accept for the trustees of Colby College this portrait of Judge Cornish, the gift of his three nephews. It is altogether fitting that his portrait should have place in this Chapel among the portraits of other benefactors of the College.

"We are met here this afternoon, a company of mourning friends, to express our respect and affection for Judge Cornish, and to find comfort in our common sorrow. I cannot speak of him in terms of formal eulogy, with discriminating and approving estimate of his great qualities, for the memory of the man I loved overshadows the memory of the man I admired, and the abiding sense of intimate personal loss makes it impossible for me to speak of him with fluent ease.

"So much the vital spirits sink  
To see the vacant chair, and think

How good! How kind! and he is gone."

"Judge Cornish was dear to every member of our Colby family, because every member from oldest to youngest knew Judge Cornish was his interested and helpful friend. To be in any way connected with Colby College was to have valid claim upon the interest and assistance of Judge Cornish. The affection we all felt for him was but the heart's response to kindness and sympathy and helpfulness so generously accorded by him. 'Give and it shall be given unto you' is the golden law of friendship and no man ever obeyed it more faithfully and rewardingly than Judge Cornish.

"There was nothing he liked so much as



to make people happy. He was never so busy that he could not find time to write a friend a word of appreciation or sympathy or encouragement as the case might call for. What a noble book these collected letters would make! So full of all that is best in the mind and heart of man!

"At Judge Cornish's funeral Governor Cobb said to me that he knew of no other man whose funeral would bring together so many sincere mourners from all over the State and of all sorts and conditions of people. It is hardly too much to say that of that great company every person on some occasion or on many occasions had experienced at Judge Cornish's hands the generous help of kindness, spoken or written or done. If when our turn comes to die we would have men and women and children profoundly sorry to have us go—and I think it a laudable desire to cherish—we must maintain the sort of human relations that characterized the life of Judge Cornish.

"Judge Cornish was a man of sound common sense. To him the big things loomed large and the little things seemed small. He knew a trifle when he saw it, and treated it accordingly. His unerring sense of perspective and proportion displayed itself in his management of the affairs of the College and made his counsel and advice of greatest worth, both in matters of business and of educational policy.

"The influence of Judge Cornish will not soon lose its power in the affairs of Colby College. Through the coming years his remembered conduct will guide us all who knew him. The unanimity he did so much to promote in all our counsels will continue. As Chairman he was an ideal presiding officer—always courteous, always mindful of the rights of members to express their opinions. He knew how to effect compromise without loss of principle and could make us see that difference of opinion opposed no hindrance to heartiest cooperation in all essentials. His influence will be felt by his successor, who will, I am sure, again and again ask himself what Judge Cornish would do in the circumstances.

"Judge Cornish was a man of beautiful loyalties, to whom old memories were always dear, to whom anniversaries were always full of meaning, by whom the association of boyhood and young manhood were never forgotten. This loyalty to his native town and to old friends and neighbors was matched by their pride in him and the satisfaction they felt in the multiplied successes of his great career.

"Judge Cornish was a tie that bound us all together. Our common affection for him increased our regard for one another. The loyalty of the graduates of Colby to one another and to the College—a loyalty, I believe, not exceeded by that of any other body of the college graduates—is due in no small measure to the influence of him whom we all recognized as chief among us.

"Judge Cornish was a man of four square honesty. Sterling character was the foundation upon which he built the structure of success. He had the absolute confidence and trust of all who knew him. His career was an example to all young men of the fact that the first essential of substantial success is character.

"As a student here in College Judge Cornish's scholarship was above that of the other boys in his class. He achieved such eminence, partly through natural ability and partly through ambition and industry. I remember his telling me that he had but small aptitude for mathematics, yet even in the mathematics courses the records show that he had higher marks than anybody else. Difficulties spurred him on to greater efforts. He formed and practiced here at Colby the best of all college habits,—that of steady industry, and this habit he always practiced and through it achieved the very notable success of his after life. The estimation in which our College is held by the public at large has been greatly enhanced by Judge Cornish's connection with it. People have said that Colby must be a pretty good college to enjoy the loyal support and genuine affection of a man like Judge Cornish.

"Judge Cornish was a fine gentleman, in looks and dress and manner and speech. He was the central figure of any company, as befitted our first citizen. Not only did he present the outward aspect of the fine gentleman but better still he had the inner qualities that make the gentleman. What is it to be a gentleman, asks the great Thackeray. It is to have lofty aims, to lead a pure life, to keep your honor virgin; to have the esteem of your fellow citizens and the love of your fireside; to bear good fortunes meekly; to suffer evil with constancy; and through evil or good to maintain truth always. This is a portrait for which Judge Cornish might well have sat.

"Today memory brings back our friend and makes him near and once more we hear his voice and feel the clasp of his friendly hand, but all the while a sullen undercurrent of sorrow reminds us that wherever he may be we shall see him never again in the

walks and ways of men. And the world old question forces itself upon us, If a man die shall he live again? The life of Judge Cornish strengthens our faith in immortality. It is altogether unthinkable that so much that is good and Godlike should ever die.

"Dear Mrs. Cornish most warmly approved of Judge Cornish's interest in the College. Indeed her own came near to matching his. She used to say that her husband's Alma Mater had been a kind mother-in-law to her.

"At Sorrento two years ago, at Judge Cornish's request, Mrs. Roberts and I visited the hotel where Judge Cornish lay ill for some weeks when in Italy. With the kind landlord Mr. Tramontano Judge Cornish had through many years kept up a sort of acquaintance. We found him still there.

He well remembered the Cornishes and had most vivid recollection of Mrs. Cornish's anxiety for her husband during those weeks of his illness.

"To Mrs. Cornish her husband was a prince among men and no woman was ever happier in a good man's love. The home life of Judge and Mrs. Cornish was as beautiful as any I have ever known. From the tragedy of her illness and death her husband never recovered and within a year died of a broken heart. Happy through many years together; by death they were not long divided.

"Again I wish to thank the donors of this portrait of their distinguished Uncle for their gift. It is at once the expression of their affection for him and their loyalty to the College he loved so well."

## GEORGE W. HALL LECTURE COLLECTION

BY THE LIBRARIAN

Mrs. George W. Hall of Washington, D. C., has recently presented to the college all the material used by her late husband, George W. Hall of the Class of 1875, in his famous stereopticon lectures. Dr. Hall was by profession an attorney, but from 1883 until the time of his death in 1925 he served as examiner for the United States Civil Service Commission in Washington.

The collection consists not only of stereopticon slides, about 1200 in number, illustrating five of Dr. Hall's best known lectures; but it includes as well all of the original material used by the lecturer in obtaining the slides. There are three cameras of the best manufacture, with all the most modern devices for doing exquisitely refined photographic work in the field. The original negatives from which the slides were made are also in the collection. To make the material available under any cir-

cumstances there is a stereopticon electric projector of the latest type. The estimated value of the entire collection, including the cases especially designed for its preservation, is \$2500.00. It will be permanently preserved in the college library.

This material will prove of value to supplement the work which the college offers in history, literature, and religion. The titles given to the several lectures by Dr. Hall, each of which is accompanied by its excellent group of slides, are "When the Moonlight Shone on Karnak", "The Holy Land," "The Civil War", "Our Capital", "The Alhambra and Southern Spain."

Should any member of the Colby faculty now desire to obtain photographs from which excellent further slides may be made, the material for such work is for the first time available at the college through this splendid gift by Mrs. Hall.

## FORTIETH REUNION CLASS OF 1886

BY ONE OF ITS NUMBER

Eight graduates and one non-graduate were present to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary. The dinner was held at The Overlook and was participated in by the following:

Honorable Byron Boyd, Augusta; Rev. Judson Billings Bryant, Portland; Richard Alston Metcalf, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Harry Lyman Putman, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Rev. Thomas Jefferson Ramsdell, Charleston;

Herbert Marshall Richardson, Portland; Rev. Elisha Sanderson, Sutton, Vt.; Honorable Herbert Walter Trafton, Augusta; Edward W. Frentz, Melrose, Mass.

Letters from the following were received and read at the dinner:

Dr. Randall Judson Condon, Cincinnati; Horatio Russ Dunham, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Edgar Googins, Bar Harbor; Dr. Seldom Burden Overlock, Pomfret, Conn.; Dr. George Perley Phenix, Hampton, Va.;

Dr. Charles Porter Small, Chicago; Irving LaForest Townsend, San Rafael, Calif.; Dr. John Rider Wellington, Washington, D. C.; Bessie Randall White, Somerville, Mass.; Julia Ella Winslow, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles Albert Flagg, Beach Bluff, Mass.; Rev. Charles Albert Parker, Redwood City, Calif.; Fredd Ruggles Trask,

Sterling, Mass.

Seven of the class were present at the Alumni Luncheon on Tuesday, at which the response for the class in the post-prandial speeches was made by Richard Alston Metcalf. (The mailing address for Irving LaForest Townsend is 787 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, Calif.)



THE AROOSTOOK CLUB

A social organization of undergraduate girls made up entirely of students who live in Aroostook County, Maine



THE STUDENT LEAGUE

The purpose of the League is to enact and enforce laws for the Women's Division under a Grant of Powers voted by the Faculty of the College

## IN MEMORIAM

BY THE EDITOR

PROF. BENJAMIN EDWARD CARTER, M.A.

The ALUMNUS deeply regrets to record the death of Benjamin Edward Carter, M.A., a member of the Colby faculty since 1910. Professor Carter had been in poor health for the past few years, and had been obliged to undergo serious surgical treatment. His illness has been borne with a fortitude that has been an inspiration to his countless friends. For a part of the time he had insisted upon attending to his teaching duties at the College even when this meant additional suffering. Little by little the ailment that afflicted him weakened his physical constitution, and a few weeks before his death on Thursday, June 10, he was forced to his bed. Still this did not daunt him in his fight to live and day by day he talked of his duties and of his plans for the future. Everything that science could do to give him health and strength was done, but to no avail.

It is not over-praise to say of him that no man on the faculty of the College was held in higher esteem. His disposition was of the friendly sort. He spoke unkindly of no one. His associates on the teaching staff were to him friends, and his students were the most personal beings. He was always able to find a good word to say about each one of them. To him teaching was a serious matter and in performing his duties he never counted the hours or the cost. It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that he counted his friends as legion and that his death should be so universally mourned.

His greatest interest outside his classroom work was in the Church. When he first came to Waterville he immediately identified himself with the Temple Street Congregational Church, and not long thereafter was made a deacon. He was always faithful in his obligations, generous with his money and with his services.

Professor Carter was born in Warren, Conn., on March 7, 1866, the son of Benjamin Edward Carter and Amelia Theresa Hopkins. He was educated at the Gunnery school, Washington, Conn., Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and Harvard college. He graduated from Harvard in the class of 1890. During the next year, he was instructor of mathematics at Colorado college

and then he returned to Harvard where he received his Master of Arts degree in 1892.

From 1893 to 1910 he was instructor of mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then he came to Colby where he has taught since.

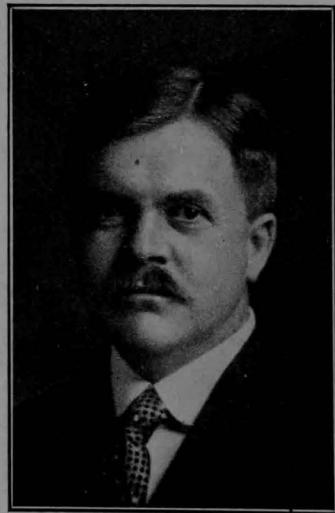
There is left to mourn his death a widow, Mary Helen Caswell, of Waterville, a graduate of Colby in the class of 1904, to whom he was married in 1914; and two boys, William Caswell and Clark Hopkins.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 12, at the home on Center Place, Rev. William A. Smith, pastor of the Congregational Church, officiating. Four members of the faculty of the College served as bearers, Professors Clarence H. White, George F. Parmenter, Webster Chester, and Thomas B. Ashcraft. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

CHARLES EMERY WILLIAMS, M.A., '74

On July 13, 1926, Dr. Charles Emery Williams, of the class of 1874, died at his residence in Houlton, Maine.

A native of Waterville, a graduate of the Institute, he entered college at the age of 13, the youngest student to matriculate up to that time. Winning Phi Beta Kappa



BENJAMIN EDWARD CARTER  
Of the College Faculty



rank, he was graduated in '74 and became a teacher in Ricker Classical Institute, where he carried out the methods of scholarly teaching employed by Dr. Hanson and by Professor Taylor.

After successful experience at Ricker, he was graduated at the Columbia Medical School, New York, and began the practice of medicine in Houlton where he soon became popular for his faithfulness and eminent for his professional knowledge.

For many years he was "a Doctor of the old School" in his relations with the people over a wide area, being at the same time a Doctor of the new School, abreast of the latest discoveries and methods in Medical science.

Worn out by his arduous toils, he was obliged to give up active practice some twelve years ago, but was much in demand for consultations and advice. During much

of this period he has been a sufferer from intense pain.

A lover of the best in literature, he surrounded himself with a fine library and was a student unto the end of his days.

He was a Trustee and Treasurer of Ricker Classical Institute. No man has done more for the advantage of that institution, no man has had it more deeply on his heart. Honored by his fellow citizens, and admired for the ability that was always at the disposal of all good causes, he held large palce in Aroostook County and is one of the great contributions of Colby to the life of the State.

His son, Robert Hussey Williams, a graduate of Colby in the class of 1915, latterly a graduate of Harvard Law School, is now a prominent lawyer in Houlton. His daughter, Marion Williams Christopher, was two years at Colby, graduated at Wheaton, and died in the spring of 1926.

## "COLBY COLLEGE"

BY EDITOR PORTLAND TELEGRAM

Under the caption of "Colby College", the Editor of the *Portland Sunday Telegram* and *Press-Herald*, in the *Telegram's* issue of June 13, 1926, has the following to say of the College:

"A generous portion of this edition of the *Sunday Telegram* is devoted to telling about Colby College, the second oldest of Maine's higher institutions of learning. The story is one that will be of absorbing interest to the graduates of the college everywhere, but it is also one which every citizen will want to peruse, for Colby has played and is playing a vitally important part in the affairs of this State, culturally, socially, economically and governmentally.

"Sons and daughters of Colby are found in all of the larger communities of the State and in many of the smaller ones, and wherever they are located they are doing their part in one capacity or another in promoting the progress of Maine materially, culturally and in all other desirable directions. Some are serving in larger capacity than others, but almost without exception these Colby graduates are giving the communities of which they are a part the best that is in them, and in the aggregate their influence is widespread and profound.

"Colby, like the majority of the colleges and universities of the East, was founded

as a religious institution, primarily for the fitting of young men for the ministry. The fathers of the republic perceived the need of an educated clergy, and at great personal sacrifice, they planted here and there the little colleges, weak and insecure at first, which have since grown into the larger institutions of learning, the equals of any anywhere in the world.

"Colby was one of these; like most of the others it had a hard struggle for existence at first, but due to the devoted efforts of the men and women who perceived how it might serve the state and the cause to which it was dedicated, the spark of life was kept alive within it until such a time as there might be more widespread recognition of what it was accomplishing and might accomplish for the community.

"As the young men and women of Maine began to seek the advantages of a college education in greater numbers, Colby kept abreast of the times and equipped itself to meet these increasing demands. This was done not without strenuous endeavor, but the friends of the college on the Kennebec were willing and ready to make the effort, and the result has been the splendid institution which is now their pride and the object of their deep regard.

"There is a disposition to estimate the service of a college by the number of its graduates who become distinguished for their leadership in the various walks of life. Measured by these standards, Colby stands second to none among institutions of its size in Maine and elsewhere. Its graduates have included men of distinction in public life, in the so-called learned professions, in science and education. Colby men have been members of Congress, justices of the courts, presidents and professors of the bar and the medical profession, and writers of nation-wide distinction. Its graduates have occupied the pulpits of some of the largest and most important churches in the country, and as missionaries have helped to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. In the business world and in the field of science it has had alumni who have distinguished themselves much above their fellows.

"The successes of Colby's distinguished graduates are a source of pride to all of its sons and daughters. But it is not the

primary purpose of a college to produce great men. If it were, the most of them would have to acknowledge failure. Colby has done as well as most others in this respect, but its chief value to the State and the Nation lies in the men and women of high character and careful training, but of perhaps lesser distinction who are helping to make Maine a better state and America a better nation than either would be, but for their efforts. Colby has served well in this respect, and will continue so to do.

"The Waterville institution is today a modern college in every respect. It has in Dr. Roberts a president conscientious and able, who ranks as one of the first citizens of Maine. It has a splendid corps of instructors, and buildings and an equipment second to no college of its size. It has a loyal body of alumni who are devoted to its interests and who are ever ready to assist in its progress. Thus provided for, its future is certain to be even more glorious than has been its past."

## AN APPRECIATION OF DEAN RUNNALS

BY THE TRUSTEES

"The Board of Trustees of Colby College, in accepting the resignation of Dean Runnals, places on record its appreciation of the

six years of her devoted service to her Alma Mater.

In all that has been accomplished in these years of upbuilding of the Woman's Division, in the addition of courses and increase in attendance, Dean Runnals has done her share and should receive due and grateful credit. Her scholarly attainments have fitted her to take and maintain leadership in matters of the mind, but to the task of character building the Dean has added the invaluable service of her heart to the women students at Colby.

By her dignified and gracious bearing and by her uniform kindness and the richness of her disposition she has given expression to all those womanly qualities of mind and spirit which have greatly enriched the lives of the young women within the sphere of her influence.

We part with Dean Runnals reluctantly, and we wish for her freedom from the anxiety that has necessitated her resignation, as well as further usefulness under favorable and happy conditions."

GEORGE OTIS SMITH.  
NORMAN L. BASSETT.  
IRVING B. MOWER.



DEAN NETTIE MAE RUNNALS, M.A., '08  
Resigned

## AMONG THE GRADUATES

BY THE EDITOR

E. C. HERRICK, '98, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF  
NEWTON

The newspapers of Sunday, July 25, carried the announcements of the election of Ernest Carlton Herrick, D.D., '98, as President of Newton Theological Institute, as follows:

Fall River, July 24—The Rev. Dr. Everett Carlton Herrick, for the last 12 years pastor of the First Baptist Church, this city, today announced that he has accepted an invitation to become president of the Newton Theological Institution at Newton Center. His formal acceptance was made known to a special committee, which will report to the board of trustees of the institution. It is expected that Dr. Herrick's appointment will be announced officially this coming week.

Dr. Herrick will not leave this city immediately. For the present he will be concerned merely with executive details at the institution, being able, in the meantime, to administer to his church here. He is to direct the reopening of the church activities in the fall.

He has had the invitation under consideration for the last two months, finally reaching his decision yesterday. He first came to this city in 1914 and has made the First Baptist Church a "people's church." The men's class, known as the Herrick class, has a membership of more than 1000. It is one of the most famous church classes in the United States. The church school, also under Dr. Herrick's direction, has an average membership of better than 2100.

Since coming to Fall River he has built a new parish house at a cost of \$85,000, and has installed a new organ in the church. The parish is in sound financial condition. Of his achievements since coming here, he regards the men's class as the greatest. He is universally popular with the people of all denominations and it is with regret that the residents of Fall River see him go to another field.

The Rev. Dr. Herrick will succeed the Rev. Dr. George E. Horr, who was elected

president of Newton Theological Institution in July, 1908, and who took office the following January 1. Prior to his election Dr. Horr for five years had been professor of church history at the institution, and for 12 years he served as editor-in-chief of the *Watchman*, the representative newspaper organ of the Baptist denomination. By a coincidence, also, Dr. Horr for ten years was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlestown, where also his successor, the Rev. Dr. Herrick, served as pastor for 13 years prior to going to Fall River.

Dr. Herrick is a native of Livermore, Maine, and reached his 50th birthday last month. He is the son of the Rev. Joel Richardson Herrick and Mrs. Mary Jessie (Chase) Herrick, and was born on June 12, 1876. He was graduated from Hebron (Maine) Academy in 1894, from Colby College, with honors, in 1898, and from the Newton Theological Institution in 1901. During his last year at the latter institution he was a special student at the Harvard Divinity School.

During the summers of 1899 and 1900 he preached at Mount Desert, Me., and from October, 1900, up to the time he accepted the call to the First Baptist Church in Charlestown, following his ordination in 1901, he served as acting pastor of that church. It was in 1904 that Dr. Herrick's engagement to the soprano soloist of his church, Miss Sarah Munroe Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hall of Rockland, Me., was announced. They were married on October 19, the same year.

Dr. Herrick is widely known as a lecturer, as well as one of the leading clergymen of the Baptist denomination in New England.

CONCERNING REV. GEORGE MERRIAM,  
D.D., '79

The ALUMNUS is glad to reproduce a special news item to the *Lewiston Journal* of June 18, concerning a well known son of Colby, Reverend George Merriam, of the class of 1879:

Skowhegan, June 17.—Scarcely can anyone find a man who has made and kept

so many friends as Rev. George Merriam, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Skowhegan, for the past twenty-one years, who is so highly esteemed by all classes of people. So there is genuine pleasure that he was chosen to receive from Colby College, Waterville, this year, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He holds the distinction of being the oldest settled Baptist pastor in Maine or in other words the Senior Maine Baptist pastor. Not only has he ministered faithfully to his own flock, but he has gone far afield as a sort of pastor-at-large in outlying districts destitute of ministerial care. He has at different times supplied churches in Hinckley, East Madison, Canaan and Cornville. He has also been loyal to denominational interests in a marked way. He was secretary of the Maine Baptist Educational Society from 1904 to 1917 and since 1915 has been president of the Commission of Education of the United Baptist Convention. He has been Maine correspondent of the *Watchman-Examiner* since 1903.

Mr. Merriam was born in China, Maine, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Merriam. Much of his boyhood was passed in New Hampshire where his father had a pastorate. He was graduated from Colby College, Waterville, in 1879 with the A.B. degree and in 1882 received his A.M. degree. The same year he was graduated from Newton Theological institution and in 1883 was ordained in Abilene, Kansas. He was pastor there from 1882-85; pastor of Solomon City, Kansas, 1885-88; Osage City, Kansas, 1888--1892 and in Freeport, Maine, 1892-1904, coming that year to Skowhegan.

In 1882 he married Miss Eugenia Rennell and they have reared a fine family of nine children of whom eight are living. The eldest is George R. Merriam, well known Y. M. C. A. worker of Boston, Massachusetts; Frank is a mechanical engineer being an efficiency specialist, now of Danvers, Mass.; Arthur B. Merriam, in business in St. Louis, Mo., as is Ralph Merriam; Thornton Merriam who has been in Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago for several years in religious work; Mrs. Ethel Weeks, wife of Professor Lester Weeks of Colby College; Miss Helen Merriam and Miss Marion Merriam, teachers in Springfield, Mass., and Union, Maine.

#### A '95 MAN HONORED

Homer T. Waterhouse, '95, of Kennebunk, was elected president of the First

National Bank of Biddeford, Me. The following notice regarding Mr. Waterhouse appeared in the *Biddeford Daily Journal* of April 6th:

"Mr. Waterhouse has been a member of the board of directors of the bank since 1912 and is the oldest member of the board in point of service. He was elected vice-president of the bank when the office was created at the time of the consolidation of the First National and Biddeford National banks. He has also held the position of trust officer of the bank. Mr. Waterhouse is very familiar with the business of the institution and through his experience on the board of directors is in a very advantageous position to enter upon his new duties. He plans to continue his law business, but will devote as much time to the interests of the bank as the position may demand. The selection of Mr. Waterhouse will meet with the general approval of all having business with the bank, judging from the comments heard today upon the selection by many of the large depositors. He is considered to be admirably qualified for the position and is recognized as an executive of high standing. Mr. Waterhouse has been associated with the law firm in the *Journal* building for many years and has an excellent knowledge of local business and financial conditions to assist him in administering the affairs of the bank. He is very prominent in affairs at Kennebunk and is held in very high esteem by a wide circle of friends throughout the state. Much success in his new position is predicted for Mr. Waterhouse. Today he was being warmly congratulated upon his selection as president of the bank."

#### HOLMES, '06, HEADS NEW YORK CHURCH

Fenwicke L. Holmes, '06, has recently been selected as pastor of the First Church Divine Science in New York. He has been giving a series of addresses dealing with the general subject of metaphysics. The following is quoted from the *Evening World* of Saturday, April 24:

"Mr. Holmes is an ordained clergyman, having received his collegiate training at Colby College, and his theological education at Hartford Seminary. He has had a wide experience, both as a clergyman and lecturer, and is well prepared to carry on the work founded by the late Mr. Murray. Like his predecessor, he is the author of several books, among them "The Law of Mind in Action" and "Songs of Silence."



## WRITES CONCERNING NEVADA

Rosa M. Ames, '92, Placerville, Calif., writes the ALUMNUS under date of November 10, 1925, as follows:

"I am a little tardy in sending in my subscription, having recently returned home from a summer spent in Nevada in the foothills of the Sierras.

"There is grand scenery in these mountains. Whenever any of the Colby family visit the Pacific Coast, they should take a trip by auto over the summit (if they are here between May and November) and visit the famous Lake Tahoe, which comes as near being a lake on the top of the mountains as any I know about

"Its altitude is about 7600 feet. Half of the lake is in California and half in Nevada. There is a peculiar clearness in the water, which enables one to see into its depths seventy feet or more. It is one of the many places of interest that should be visited.

"Another is the little town of Coloma, where gold was discovered in California. It is about three miles from where we live.

"If any whom I have known in the East come West and are within convenient phoning distance, I wish they would call Placerville, (California) 99F22. It would be gratifying to hear voices from home even if I could not see the faces.

"We look forward to the coming of every copy of the ALUMNUS."

## MISS RUSSELL, '99, WRITES OF HER WORK

Grace L. Russell, '99, of Farmville, Va., writes the ALUMNUS under date of March 15 as follows:

"I am a director here on the weekly college newspaper which is published by the students. The college charges a campus fee of \$10 which finances the newspaper, lyceum course, and ball games. You might like the idea at Colby. As a part of my work in English, I teach a class in Journalism.

Our registration is as follows:

College Department .....	900
Training School .....	450
Summer Quarter registration.....	600

Besides supervision of public schools of four towns. We have a faculty of sixty members. I am an associate professor of English in the college department. In my spare time I am taking graduate work in English at Columbia University, New York City. I have been in Virginia several years, ever since I resigned from the War Department in Washington. I think the Old Dominion is a grand old state."

## AMERICANS ALL

A book entitled "Americans All," by Chellis V. Smith, '15, has recently been published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., Boston. The book covers the crisis in the world's history and aims to bring out the heroism and grandeur of character of a number of men representing varied types. The book is of special interest to Colby people because one of the men whose heroism is depicted is James Perry, '11, a "Y" man, who was killed by bandits in the East. The reviews of the book by prominent men and newspapers justify a wide reading.

A son was born to Mrs. Lillian Tuttle Morse, '17, on July 11, 1925, named Harold Wilbur Morse. Mrs. Morse is living at 3A Commonwealth Ave., Gloucester, Mass.

The marriage has been announced of Mr. James H. Dunn, '18, and Miss Catherine A. Foley on Saturday, April 24, 1926, at Medford, Mass.

Everett Gross, '21, is now located at 126 West 80th St., New York, N. Y.

Jean Frances Currier was born on April 28, 1926, to George W. and Mrs. Currier, '22 and '23.

Mrs. Lawrence R. Bowler, '12, is now located at 60 Dorchester Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

Howard B. Tuggey, '25, was married on Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Dalton, Mass., to Helen Irene Russell.

John F. Waterman, '21, was married on Friday, July 9, 1926, in Belfast, Me., to Louise Marion Ellis.

Albion William Blake, '11, was married on Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Waterville, Me., to Margaret Crosby Wing. They will be at home after August 1st at the Melcher Apartments, Waterville.

Kenneth Leon Wentworth, '25, was married on Saturday, January 2, 1926, in New Brunswick, N. J., to Madelyn Eleanore Seveigny.

Miriam Dunham Crosby is the name of a young daughter born on Saturday, May 8, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen T. Crosby.

Ralph C. Young, '25, was married on Saturday, June 5, 1926, in Overbrook, Pa., to Sara Louise Sheppard.

Woodman Bradbury, '87, is to give two courses of ten lectures each at Ocean Park, Maine, August 16-28.

Capt. R. H. Gallier, '19, paid a visit to the Colby campus in recent months. He is Captain of the 26th Cavalry, located at Manila, P. I.

C. H. French, '81, is still delivering his lectures to large groups of school children in various sections of the country. In remitting for his subscription for the ALUMNUS he writes, "Your splendid tribute to Judge Cornish is worth more than can be put into words. I wish every citizen of Maine could read it and heed its wonderful lesson."

Edgar Weeks, '81, 47 Pleasant St., Marlboro, Mass., has been practising law in his home town for the last thirty years. He has been Special Justice of the Marlboro District Court since 1902. Four of his children are college graduates and a fifth, in high school, intends to follow a college course two years from now.

Andrew Colby Little, '17, of 623 Pontiac Ave., Auburn, R. I., is at present Sales Representative of the Socony Burner Corporation at Providence, R. I., with district office at 143 Broad St. Mr. Little writes the ALUMNUS, "May the Alumnus continue its good work of the past in keeping the graduates of Colby informed of present campus doings as well as the doings of the graduates themselves."

Frank E. Wood, '04, of Charlotte, N. C., writes the ALUMNUS, "I have been in

North Carolina for about ten years and feel more like an alumnus of the State University than of Colby, as all of my college interests seem to center there for the time being. I have only one child to educate and Colby seems too far away; but Mrs. Wood (Carrie S. Allen, '05) and I would like to know something of the old graduates and I suppose your magazine is gotten out for this purpose."

John S. Lynch, '94, of Olympia, Wash., writes the ALUMNUS that he has four boys in his family, one of them nearly ready for college. He expresses the fear that Colby may be too far away.

Clarence A. Tash, '20, Y. M. C. A., Room 3, Wilmington, Del., is in the sales department of one of the Dupont subsidiary companies.

Effie M. Lowe, '05, 414 Locust St., Johnstown, Pa., is educational director in the Penn Traffic Company (the largest department store outside of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania). She prepared for the work at the Prince School of Education for Store Service, a graduate school of Simmons College. She began her duties in Johnstown, Pa., on July 1, 1920.

Thomas R. Cook, '22, was married on December 26, 1925, at New London, Conn., to Miss Helen Noon. Mr. Cook is teacher of English in Bulkeley High School, New London.

J. Edward Little, Jr., '21, is head of the science department of the Neptune High School, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Paul L. Brooks, '21, is now located in McGill, Nevada, P. O. Box 1686. He is athletic director and instructor in mathematics in the high school.

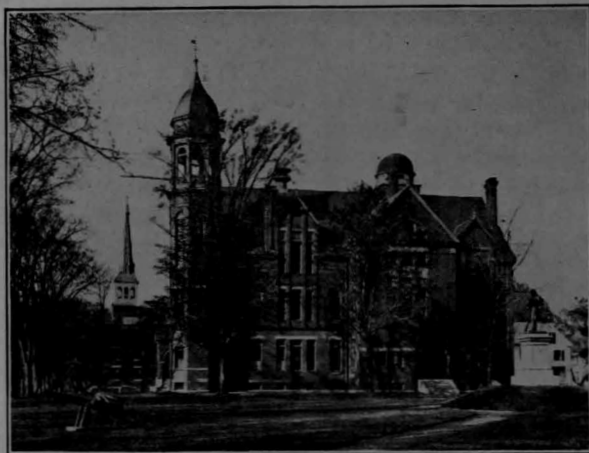
Edward L. Perry, '20, is now a full-fledged physician with an office in Middleboro, Mass. In a letter to the ALUMNUS he says, "The copy of the ALUMNUS which arrived today has sold it to me for all time. I have gleaned more real news from this single copy than I had imagined possible."

Rev. N. S. Burbank, '89, is president of the Revere Cooperative Bank, incorporated in 1901.

Samuel P. Huhn, Jr., '25, is a banker and broker with Goodbody & Co., of New York and Philadelphia. His address is 1521 Walnut St., Philadelphia.



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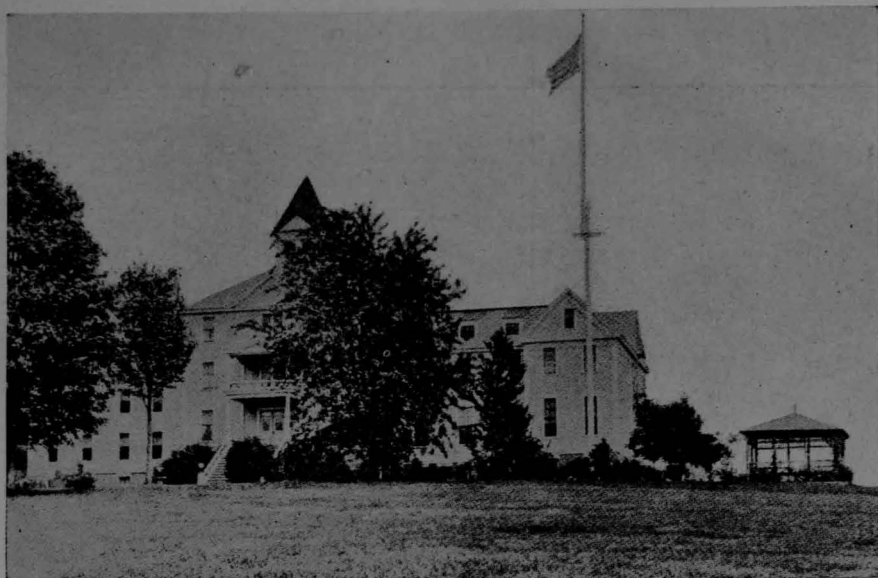
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