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ABBOTT AND BUFFALO

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DOES any reader of the COLBY LIBRARY QUARTERLY know why the Reverend Jacob Abbott once declined an invitation to Buffalo, or has any reader of these pages knowledge of any letter of Abbott containing any reference to Buffalo? If so, the present writer will be grateful for the information.

In 1836 Jacob Abbott was elected Professor of English Literature by the brand-new University of Western New York. It was well for him, however, that he did not accept, for the institution folded up in the winter of 1837. The financial panic of that year hit Buffalo even harder than most other places and swept away what endowment had been collected for the "university," which was housed in a drab old three-story building still standing.

When the University of Buffalo was founded in 1846, it was not on the pattern of the short-lived University of Western New York and there is no connection between them.



THE WORKS OF MARGARET DELAND

by JAMES HUMPHRY, III

THE international reputation of Margaret Deland as an author renders it unnecessary to introduce her to the present generation." This quotation from the *Encyclopedia of American Biography* of 1936 is typical of the comments on Mrs. Deland's numerous writings. Recently, the Colby College Library was presented a virtually complete collection of the works of Mrs. Deland by her good friend

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