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AUTUMN ON THE CAMPUS

# ELMWOOD HOTEL

WATERVILLE, MAINE

## The Seasons Greetings



*BY THE MANAGEMENT*

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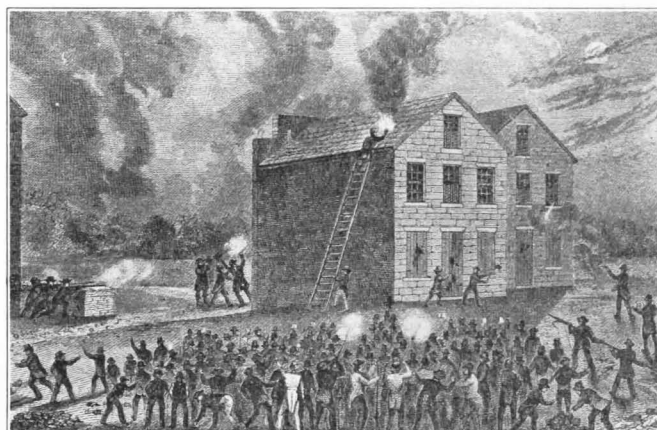
# HONORING THE LOVEJOY TRADITION



*Above: Lovejoy's college home.*

*Right: The fatal riot on Nov. 7, 1837.*

*Below: Noted editors and publishers honor Lovejoy on May 18, 1935.*



*Above: The Lovejoy monument in Alton, Illinois.*

*Below: Bronze tablet on wall of Colby Chapel.*



# Former President Hoover Salutes Colby's Patron Saint

Centennial Observance of Martyrdom of Lovejoy is One of Most Notable Occasions in Colby History

America's only living ex-president honored the memory of Colby's most heroic graduate on November 8, when Hon. Herbert Hoover gave an address on "Free Speech and Free Press" upon the occasion of the one-hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, of the class of 1826. Some 1,200 people crowded all the rooms in the First Baptist Church to hear the exercises either directly or through amplification, and an audience of unestimated thousands listened to the services over the coast-to-coast broadcast. A large number of the Lovejoy family were present, many coming from distant points, and three distinguished representatives, together with Mr. Hoover, were recipients of honorary degrees. The text of President Johnson's introductory remarks, the address by Mr. Hoover, and the citations for the honorary degrees follow herewith.

## INTRODUCTION BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON

Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Englishmen had settled on the coast of Maine, had built a church and launched a vessel. In the early days of the Plymouth Colony, hardy adventurers pushed northward and established settlements on the coast and penetrated inland up the river valleys. The rigor of the climate and the occupations in which they engaged,—hunting, fishing, seaman-ship, clearing the forests and tilling their rock strewn fields,—developed here men and women sturdy in body and in character. Maine was the natural breeding place for that rugged individualism, for the loss of which one now hears frequent expression of regret.

The founding of Colby College, one hundred and nineteen years ago, was in the tradition of those early days. Armed with a charter from the General Court of Massachusetts, Jeremiah Chaplin with his family and seven theological students set sail from Boston in the sloop Hero, sailed up the Kennebec River to Augusta, transferred their cargo to a flatboat, pushed up the river to Waterville and here founded a college in the "wilderness of Maine."



"The hood with which you have been invested, and the diploma which I now place in your hands . . ."—the traditional ceremony accompanying the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Mr. Hoover by President Johnson, following the reading of the citation by the Chairman of the Board, George Otis Smith, in the center.

Among the small number of graduates of the first twenty years of the College's history were George Dana Boardman, '22, pioneer missionary to Burma; Elijah Parish Lovejoy, '26, whom we commemorate today; and Benjamin Franklin Butler, '38, Major General in the United States Army, that stormy petrel in the politics of his day as Governor of Massachusetts and for five years representative of his state in Congress.

A century ago, the pastor of this church and the professor of modern languages in the College was Samuel Francis Smith, whose noble hymn proclaiming America "sweet land of liberty" brings one hundred and thirty

million citizens of our country to their feet.

To men of those days, nurtured amid such surroundings, freedom of conscience, of speech, and of the press were of the very essence of their being. In this setting we have an adequate explanation of Elijah Parish Lovejoy. He was a natural product of the State of Maine.

## Lovejoy a Maine Product

The setting of this occasion is simple and authentic. Elijah Parish Lovejoy was born November 9, 1802, one hundred and thirty-five years ago, tomorrow, on a farm within ten miles of this spot. Enter-

ing Colby, then Waterville College, he was one of seven men to graduate in 1826. At Commencement, receiving the highest scholastic honors, he delivered a poem entitled, "Inspirations of the Muse." It is possible, indeed probable, that on that occasion he recited his poem in this church from the identical spot on which I am now standing.

While still a student here, he was principal of the Latin grammar school, which later became the Coburn Classical Institute, situated just across the park. On leaving college, he was for a year principal of the academy in China, a nearby town, when he yielded to the urge, so prevalent at the

time, and went West. For a year he was a teacher in St. Louis. His merits as a writer, however, were soon recognized, and for four years he was the editor and publisher of the "Times" in that city. He then spent a year as a student in the Princeton Theological Seminary, and for a short time was a preacher in Philadelphia. He soon returned to St. Louis as editor and publisher of the "Observer," and later removed to Alton, Illinois.

#### His Death for Freedom

The story of the few turbulent years of his life has been often told and needs but brief mention today. His editorials dealt uncompromisingly with the subject of slavery. Not at first an abolitionist, he urged the gradual ending of slavery by agreement, regarding the institution as harmful to Whites and Blacks alike. But no attitude of opposition to slavery, however conciliatory, could have failed to arouse antagonism in those days.

Four times his presses were destroyed; he was mobbed in the streets and attacked in his house; and finally, on November 7, 1837, he was shot down while defending his property.

The martyrdom of Lovejoy stirred the country like an electric shock. Notable among the meetings held at that time was the one at Faneuil Hall, when Wendell Phillips, then a young man, delivered an extemporaneous speech, of which George William Curtis later said, "There have been three great speeches in the history of our country, one the speech of Patrick Henry closing with the words, 'Give me liberty or give me death;' one the Gettysburg address of Lincoln; one the speech of Wendell Phillips at the Lovejoy meeting in Faneuil Hall. These three" said Mr. Curtis, "and there is no fourth."

#### Lovejoy Memory Revered

Recognition of Lovejoy's martyrdom in material form had to wait until the violent passions aroused by the issue of slavery had abated. Sixty years after his death a noble monument to his memory was erected in Alton through an appropriation by the Legislature of the State of Illinois and the gifts of citizens. In 1930 a bronze bust of Lovejoy was placed in the Hall of Fame of the University of Illinois by the Illinois Publishers Association. On our own campus a stone from the chimney foundation of the house in which he was born bears

## State of Maine



### Proclamation by the Governor

Elijah Parish Lovejoy, a native of Maine, was killed in Alton, Illinois, on the seventh day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, in defense of his right to conduct an editorial crusade according to the dictates of his conscience against the institution of human slavery.

Throughout the past century, we, the people of this state and nation have enjoyed the unquestioned right to freedom of speech and of opinion, which his noble sacrifice helped to fix into the public consciousness.

Therefore, I, Lewis O. Barrows, Governor of Maine, do hereby proclaim that the one hundredth anniversary of Lovejoy's martyrdom, occurring on November the seventh of this year, be known and designated as

#### LOVEJOY SUNDAY

in order that the citizens and youth of our state may be encouraged to revere the memory of this heroic son of Maine and honor those American liberties which his life and death helped to preserve.

(Signed)

LEWIS O. BARROWS,  
Governor.

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, and in the one hundred and sixty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By the Governor:

(Signed) Frederick Robie,  
Secretary of State.

an appropriate inscription, and on our chapel walls there is a bronze tablet in his memory, bearing these words from his pen: "I have sworn eternal opposition to slavery, and by the blessing of God I will never go back." On our new campus, I see in imagination a building bearing his name and preserving one of the dearest traditions of Colby College.

On behalf of the College, I welcome our distinguished guests from abroad to the State in which Lovejoy was born and all of you to the College in which his youth was nurtured.

I have the honor to present to this audience the former President of the United States, Herbert Clark Hoover.

#### ADDRESS BY

HON. HERBERT HOOVER

ON this day 100 years ago Elijah Parish Lovejoy, a graduate of this college, was killed while defending free speech and free press in the United States. A long procession of men over centuries before him had suffered and died to establish that bulwark of human liberty. His was a case of a minority fighting for a principle and of being crucified by a majority. Indignation over the murder of Lovejoy, led by the ringing eloquence of Wendell Phillips, has echoed down a whole century. Elijah Lovejoy was the last to make that supreme sacrifice on this continent. Since his martyrdom no man has openly challenged free speech and free press in America.

I shall attempt no eulogy of Lovejoy and his service. These halls have rung with those words a thousand times. It is little wonder that the precincts of Colby College are hallowed by the name of Lovejoy. To have inspired even one man to so great a sacrifice for human liberty is a service large in American education. And from it has come a spiritual endowment to this college that dollars and bricks can never make.

From the time of Lovejoy's death to a period after the great war free speech, free press and free debate were steadily spreading over the world, for it was the very life stream of advancing liberalism.

But in the past fifteen years increasing darkness has descended upon free expression and free criticism in the world. That light has been put

out in more than half the so-called civilized earth.

### Growth of Propaganda

It is a paradox that we find every dictator who has ascended to power has climbed on the ladder of free speech and free press. Immediately on attaining power each dictator has suppressed all free speech except his own. The revolutions since the great war were in most cases not the result of civil convulsions and the killing of many men. These revolutions were the result of implanted ideas. Magic formulas were spun which promised relief to the infinite misery of war. Propaganda confused the minds and soiled the spirits of men. The news was colored and facts were distorted. Potent catch phrases and slogans were summoned as labels for the cure of every social and economic evil. Half truths, quarter truths were amassed to prove the failure of established institutions. Just grievance was transformed into hate. Despair was fanned into destructive fear. Men were led to their own enslavement by lies and fraud from polluted speech and press. Liberty died by the waters of her own well—free speech and free press poisoned with untruth.

Untruth once triumphant could not tolerate debate and free criticism. Then free speech and free press were suppressed. Truth alone can stand the guns of criticism.

Dawn will come to these peoples again after many years. The demand for free expression of the human mind will not die. It is part of the spiritual endowment of men. It was born in human sacrifice over centuries of travail, to which those very nations made high contribution.

In the United States we do not suffer at least from any restriction in the free flow of words.

### America's Problem of Free Press

We use more billion words per capita or per minute or per decibel than any other people on earth. We start breakfast with 30 or 40 thousand words in the paper. All day the tocsin rings out more and more words. Being a race fond of hair shirts we take mightily to oratory with our meals, especially after dinner. We take the radio along in our automobiles and we go to bed with it still talking.

### "A SPIRITUAL ENDOWMENT"

"I shall attempt no eulogy of Lovejoy and his service. These halls have rung with those words a thousand times. It is little wonder that the precincts of Colby College are hallowed by the name of Lovejoy. To have inspired even one man to so great a sacrifice for human liberty is a service large in American education. And from it has come a spiritual endowment to this college that dollars and bricks can never make."

Whatever doubt there may be as to the quality of purport of our free speech we certainly have ample volume in production.

A free press is far more than a publishers privilege. It is a right of the people. But the publishers are its first lines of defense. They deserve the gratitude of the country for the zeal with which they have driven back every attempt at legal restrictions. But there is a problem of free speech and free press in America wider than sporadic attempts to control it.

### Free Debate a Human Force

The durability of free speech and free press rests on the simple concept that it search for the truth and tell the truth. It is only through free expression and free adventure in doubt that we explore the unknown physical world for the truth. It is only by the anvil of debate that we hammer out the flaws of untruth from social and economic ideas and mould them into shapes which are helpful to men. Progress is indeed the degree to which we discover truth—and here free press and free speech become the most powerful of human forces.

I know the philosophic view that truth is only proximate; that people differ on what constitutes truth. But despite all hair splitting there are enough standards of truth and morals at any one period to lead men and women upward. The last 20 years have amply demonstrated that free speech and free press cannot survive if they are used deliberately to cultivate untruth or half truth. There are vast differences between mistake and deliberate planting of untruth. Free

expression will not survive if it be used to stir malice in the minds of men. It will not survive if it be used to exploit hate. Nor will it survive if it be used to implant that fear which is the blood brother of hate. These emotions are the negation of all that good-will which Christianity has striven to establish during two thousand years. They can destroy civilization itself.

And this brings me to that special breed of cultivated untruth we call propaganda.

This word at one time had a reputable and even sanctified meaning. Will Irwin has pointed out that to sanctify untruth this old term was given a new occupation. Like some other ideas, it was greatly corrupted by the war.

### War Sanctified Lies

War sanctifies murder, so it sanctifies the lesser immoralities. Lies are a legitimate weapon of war. They are a high part of war strategy. As Irwin says, propaganda became the next thing to blank lies. It is now a sinister word meaning half-truth or any other distortion of truth. It moves by tainting of news, by making synthetic news and opinions and canards. It promotes the emotions of hate, fear and dissension.

The processes were not new with the war but the war perfected greatly this device and trained many men in the artistry of its use. By it men promote subtle ambitions, opinions, and a wide variety of "isms." They create bias and inflame the minds of men. With still further refinements it has been applied to politics.

The great quality of this improved poison seems to be that it must be artistically done. One of the characteristic features in the *ad hominem* argument. If you don't like an argument on currency or the budget or labor relations or what not, you put out slimy and if possible anonymous propaganda reflecting upon your opponent's grandmother or the fact that his cousin is employed in Wall Street or is a communist or a reactionary. You switch the premise and set up straw men and then attack them with fierce courage.

### Editor's Battle Untruth

I am making no suggestion of law or extension of government over free



speech and free press in order to suppress this improved form of corruption. Men can use brickbats for murder but that is no reason for suppressing brick houses. But we can turn some free speech on the throwers of brickbats.

So far as it reaches the press our editors maintain hourly battle against it. They have the job of discrimination between propaganda and real news, between untruth and truth. Theirs is a hard job. Considering their difficulties they do it pretty well. They would be assisted if the news services rigidly adhered to the rule that when opinion is news they refuse to quote it anonymously. That would be a hard blow to the hate makers.

And there are great problems developing from the immense expansion of speech over the radio. Possibly the maintenance of proximate truth and godly emotions is even more difficult in this area than in the press. There is less record and less opportunity for refutation.

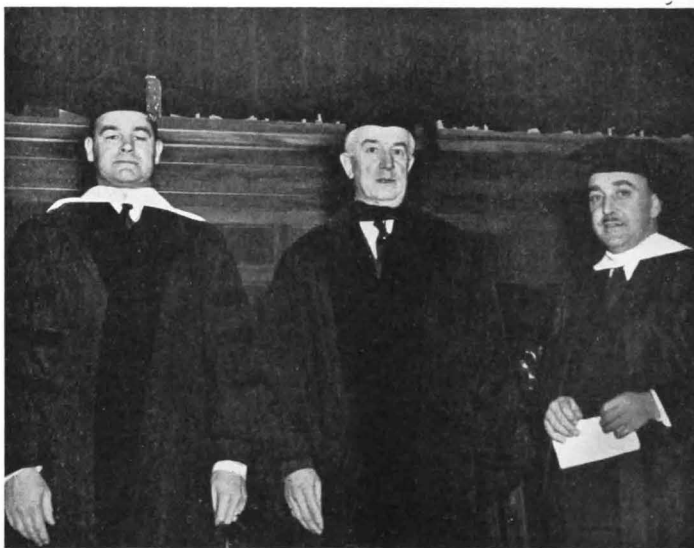
#### Liberty Will Survive

You will ask what we are to do about it all. The first answer is reform in the morals of the users of untruth. The most important answer is more free speech. We must incessantly expose intellectual dishonesty and the purpose that lies behind it. The antidote for untruth is truth. Half truth can be defeated with the whole truth. This antidote works with discouraging slowness at times, but unless we maintain faith in our medicine civilization will despair.

It is an old saying that personal liberty will survive by vigilance. We know that vigilance can be sustained only by free speech and free press. But it is also pertinent to add that free speech and free press will survive only through honest pursuit of the truth. That is the high purpose of our schools, our churches, our colleges and our universities. In that purpose this institution has served nobly for more than a century.

And I may conclude by quoting for your continued resolution the last words of Elijah Lovejoy, who said, "As long as I am an American citizen, I shall hold myself free to speak, to write and publish whatever I please on any subject holding myself amenable to the laws of my country for the same."

## CITATIONS FOR HONORARY DEGREES



Three distinguished members of the Lovejoy family who received honorary degrees: left to right, John Meston Lovejoy, president of the Seaboard Oil Company, New York; Frank William Lovejoy, president of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester; Clarence Earle Lovejoy, Alumni Secretary of Columbia and staff writer for the New York Times.

Four honorary degrees were conferred by President Franklin W. Johnson, after the citations were read by George Otis Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as follows:

#### HERBERT HOOVER

##### Doctor of Laws

Citizen of the world; Successful engineer in unlocking the earth's treasure vaults; fearless strategist in succoring starving people; resourceful administrator of the country's food in time of urgent need; chosen leader who served his nation in a great crisis without surrender of high principle to low policy; and now no less the militant patriot—in spirit a follower of the martyr Lovejoy—in teaching his fellow citizens to value freedom above security.

#### FRANK WILLIAM LOVEJOY

##### Doctor of Laws

Outstanding business executive: Graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Trustee of the University of Rochester and of his *alma mater*; President of the Eastman Kodak Company; leading figure in the

science of photography which has added to the printed word used by his illustrious relative a powerful instrument of public information and an essential arm of modern journalism.

#### JOHN MESTON LOVEJOY

##### Doctor of Science

Fit representative of a great industry: Graduating in engineering at the Columbia School of Mines; serving his country in France as Captain of Field Artillery; and advancing his profession as President of the American Institute of Mining & Metallurgical Engineers—always an inspiring leader and able executive, winning success with sound engineering and sane economics.

#### CLARENCE EARLE LOVEJOY

##### Master of Arts

Native of this city: Graduate of Columbia and member of the administrative staff of the University; historian of the Lovejoy family and expert genealogist, whose painstaking researches have focused attention anew on the renown of Elijah Parish Lovejoy.

## Alumni Break Ground For Men's Union

Nearly Half of the Alumni Body Subscribe to the Building as a Memorial to the Late President Roberts

SEVERAL hundred alumni, undergraduates, and faculty assembled on Mayflower Hill the Saturday morning after Colby Night to witness breaking of ground for the excavation for the Roberts Memorial Union.

Speakers for the occasion were Professor Herbert C. Libby, '02, and Fred F. Lawrence, '00, who spoke from the platform erected on the north side of the campus on its east slope, between the site of the Union and the Gymnasium; Dr. Frederick T. Hill, '10, Chairman of the Alumni Council during the active campaign, who formally presented to the College a document representing 1781 alumni and student pledges, and George Otis Smith, '93, Chairman of the Board, who accepted the gift for the College.

Theodore R. Hodgkins, '25, of Farmington, present Chairman of the Alumni Council, presided, and said in part:

"We have come to Mayflower Hill this morning to pay tribute to the memory of a great man in the life of Colby College. These exercises are something more than a mere formality. We are conscious of the larger meaning in these brief exercises of the unselfish service that Arthur Roberts rendered to his College as student, alumnus, teacher, and president.

"The purpose of this building, which has been made possible by the gifts of nearly fifty per cent of our alumni body, is to cultivate the fruits of college fellowship and to elevate the leisure-time activities of Colby students to the highest possible plane.

"It is, therefore, fitting that this structure should be at the center of the social life of this College, and it is most appropriate that it should be called the Roberts Memorial Union, because Prexy Roberts loved boys and he would take the deepest joy in the opportunities which the Union will present for building up a better kind of campus life.

"Nearly eight years have passed since our Trustees voted to move the

College to a new site sufficiently large to allow for necessary expansion. The generosity of the citizens of Waterville in providing this beautiful site, the courageous leadership of President Johnson in the effort to equip our College with adequate physical equipment so that it may be prepared to adapt itself to the going and changing educational needs, will always deserve the gratitude of alumni and students.

"We must not, however, complacently suppose that the Mayflower Hill campus for Colby College is assured because we have achieved our goal. We must continue to assist the President and Trustees by mobilizing the attention of persons who will respond to the intrinsic appeal of the Mayflower Hill project.

"We are saddened today because Herbert Wadsworth, whose leadership as General Chairman of our campaign made possible these ground-breaking exercises, is not here. We are also saddened by the untimely death of George Horace Lorimer, who gave the Chapel now under construction on this campus as a memorial to his father.

"We thank God that this College develops men like Roberts, Wadsworth, Lorimer, whose lives will stimulate us to devote our lives to the growth and future of this College."

### PROF. LIBBY'S TRIBUTE TO HERBERT E. WADSWORTH

IT is most fitting that on this historic occasion a word of tribute be paid to the memory of Herbert Elijah Wadsworth, who served as chairman of the general committee of the Roberts Memorial Union. For more than 30 years I knew Mr. Wadsworth personally, for 20 in the very happy relationship of trustee and teacher, and while my own inclination would be that of speaking of him in richest compliment, I am well aware that effulgent praise would be most displeasing to him. Therefore, faithful to his memory and the spirit of

his life, this tribute must move along the common highway of moderation.

Wendell Phillips in speaking of the life of Elijah Parish Lovejoy used these significant words: "How prudently most men creep into nameless graves while now and then one or two forget themselves into immortality."

Expressing that profound sentiment in humbler phrase: The great mass of men follow the rules and precepts of life with such rigorous discipline that in the end they represent only a composite whole; but there are great souls of earth who, charting their lives in the light of great ideals, not merely obey the rules and precepts, but achieve for themselves a memory that shall never die.

It is not fulsome praise of Herbert Wadsworth to say that his life did not end with the death that overtook him, but that today, because of an unmeasured expenditure of human service, he lives among us in the institutions he helped to maintain and in countless youth upon whom he lavished his benefits and his love.

Colby College offered to young Wadsworth his opportunity in life, and, not missing that opportunity, he never forgot the college that conferred this benefit upon him. He came to the college as a poor boy, worked his way through, and then when success came to him in maturity, he remembered the experiences of his college years with ever increasing vividness. That memory led him to give himself with abandon to the college of his choice. Unlike some men, affluence never tempted him away from his early associations or caused him to treat as inconsequential the lessons of his early days of toil. They ever remained to him as the achieving places of his youth, the inspiration hours that gave form and substance to a life of rare worth.

Throughout Mr. Wadsworth's whole life his chief interest, apart from his business, was centered in young men and perhaps especially in young men of athletic prowess. No man in our



The blast that marked the first work in excavating for the Roberts Memorial Union. The participants in the exercises: left to right: President Johnson, Theodore R. Hodgkins, '25, George Otis Smith, '93, Fred F. Lawrence, '00, Herbert C. Libby, '02, G. Cecil Goddard, '29.

graduate body knew more intimately the personnel of every athletic team. His car often passed through the college gates to idle at the sidelines while he engaged coach and players in a discussion of the needs of the team. What a delightful commentary upon his life to witness the throng of young men present in the old Friends Church in Winthrop gathered there to express a measure of their debt of gratitude.

As Mr. Wadsworth never forgot his early struggles against penury, so his hand was ever open and quick to offer pecuniary aid to college boys. If they were perchance equipped physically to participate in contests on the gridiron or the diamond, then the help was a bit more generous. How many young men he aided in his own quiet way will probably never be known, and this fact is a striking comment upon the life of a man who never heralded his benefactions from the house-tops.

#### Colby First In His Thoughts

But not only did his spirit of service extend to young men: he accepted office of a most responsible character that he might achieve his ideal. In 1917 he was elected to the Board of Trustees, and nine years later he was asked to assume the important position of chairman. He was therefore to follow a most distinguished

son of the college, the late Chief Justice Leslie Colby Cornish who was to the manner born, dignified, cultured in action and speech, richly endowed with all those gifts of nature that make men of regal bearing. Training in the turbulent field of business did not, Mr. Wadsworth felt, equip him well for this position of leadership. But, characteristic of the man and of that quality I am emphasizing, he put the demands of the college before his own personal wishes and thus faced his duty resolutely. Those of you who were not intimately acquainted with him will never know of his hours of deep concern if not embarrassment in seeking to perform with due propriety the duties of this office. Eloquent speech was not his forte; grace of bearing was not easy for him to acquire and manifest. But in spite of such possible handicaps, those of us who knew him well needed no reassurance that we could rely with implicit faith upon a mind trained to quick perceptions, and knew full well that just so long as he held this high position of trust the college was safe.

#### Afflicted With Heart Ailment

Toward the end of his life he knew that he was afflicted with a serious heart ailment. But no matter what his doctors warned him of, he had a burning passion to confer upon his college the benefit of a more distin-

guished name. To him, in a spirit of heroism, his life's work had not yet been consummated. This led him to seek high political office. Let it be understood that he did not seek it for his own enjoyment and glory. He had held political office before, and the thrills that are part of its emoluments had long since worn away. Having relinquished the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees at his own request, and therefore no longer to serve his college, as he thought, in any conspicuous way, he turned again to public office as a means to enlarging service. The duties of the office, sought and won, proved onerous, irksome, burdensome, and wearing, and yet in the pursuit of his life's ideal this man of heroic mould met every obligation imposed upon him without recourse to apology or excuse.

#### Raised Large Sums For Colby

And finally, twice within his lifetime he was called upon to serve as chairman of important committees charged with the duty of raising large sums for buildings which the college needed if it would expand. When he served as chairman of the committee to secure the Field House I was serving as secretary, and I can therefore witness to Mr. Wadsworth's untiring devotion to his task, to his zeal spent unreservedly upon its accomplishment, and to his unmatched spirit

of service that gave depth of meaning to the undertaking.

We are all intimately acquainted with the work which he performed in securing the funds for the Roberts Memorial Union. Handicapped by ill health yet not for one moment did he hesitate to assume the burdens of the chairmanship that must at times have proved heavy. Even though an efficient secretarial staff relieved him of the drudgery, he was not one to shift upon the shoulders of others the load that was for him to carry. Like the general in the field, he carried the responsibility of battle. Let us remember then, that when this magnificent building, which is to serve as the center of the social life of this college, shall be erected, it will stand here in all its simple grandeur, bathed in the warm sunlight of the morning, reflecting the stars of the night, facing the East and the wide horizon, typifying the spirit of the life of Mr. Wadsworth.

And may I add parenthetically: It is a very inspiring thought that we are privileged to entertain here this morning as we meet together to break ground for this memorial to a great college president that in aiding the college to acquire this memorial, Mr. Wadsworth was, in his own effective and self-effacing way, paying personal honor to Arthur Jeremiah Roberts for whom he held profound respect, admiration, and love. They were alike in that to them both human material meant far more than do bricks and mortar and stones.

To the end of life, then, Mr. Wadsworth gave himself without reserve to that which counted most in the scale of human values. He lived objectively, serviceably, humanitarianly, purposefully. With propriety, therefore, do we pause this morning at this milestone in the life of our college and on an occasion which Mr. Wadsworth very largely made possible, to lay graciously upon his memory this brief but simple and genuine tribute to affection. By his surpassing modesty, his abundant generosity, his abiding interest in youth, his unbounded love for his college, and his flaming zeal to serve with distinction his fellowmen, he did, in truth, in the thought expressed by Phillips of Lovejoy, lengthen the shadow of himself far beyond the grave.

#### MR. LAWRENCE EULOGIZES PRESIDENT ROBERTS

WHEN Joe Smith photographed Mayflower Hill from the Winslow bank of the Kennebec he must have been inspired. No Colby alumnus with any imagination can see that picture thrown on the screen without a thrill. We behold the site of the new Colby with its limitless possibilities beyond a foreground of the old with its imperishable traditions.

We do well to exchange a background of smoke and sulphite for one of mayflowers and ozone, to escape from chafing confinement to these broad open spaces, but in the process we face the difficult task of preserving inviolate intangible but essential values so closely associated with the old campus. We are transplanting, not building a college. Colby sadly needs new raiment—she must not lose her personality.

Of all the steps that have been taken to safeguard this heritage of ours, none holds deeper significance than the cooperation of Colby men and women to build here as a focal point for student life a memorial to Arthur J. Roberts. Every worthwhile institution is far more than the "lengthened shadow" of any man, but in a unique sense the life and character of the man we honor today became identified with the aims and ideals of the college he loved and served.

#### Roberts Merits a Memorial

For thirty-seven years he was a member of its faculty; for nineteen years its executive head. During that nineteen years he saw its faculty doubled, its student body trebled, its endowment almost quadrupled. That of itself, when we consider the handicaps under which he labored, at times almost alone, would have merited a memorial; but no mathematical gauge is either adequate or appropriate to measure his contribution to Colby. We cannot too often repeat those now familiar words of his, "The greatness of a college is not in its endowment, or in its buildings; it is in its aspirations and its ideals."

"Aspirations and ideals" were to him no vague generalities. His vision might be on the stars, his feet were ever on the ground. "Wisdom" he defined as "the correlation of learn-

ing with life," so education to him was an intensely human and personal process. To the extent that the college failed in preparing its graduate for life, it failed in his opinion in its primary mission. The diplomas he handed out were something more than certificates of cultural veneer. "Every boy that comes under our instruction," he declared, "carries out into the world our impression upon him, and goes to doing our work for us." So deeply did he take to heart this responsibility to every individual student that it might be said to have been the ruling passion of his life. "The world's greatest tragedy," he once said, "is that of undeveloped human power." We catch a glimpse of the high goal he held ever before himself in these words, "What our Master did with a group of fishermen is a classical example for all the ages of the capacity with which human-kind is endowed."

#### A Dynamic Force In the College

It was the strength and sincerity of these convictions of his that translated belief into action, that made him at all times a dynamic force. He was, himself, the best exemplification of his statement that "all good personality is centrifugal and out-reaching." How characteristic are these expressions: "It is better to be wrong and in earnest than to be indifferent. . . Wrong thinking is infinitely better than no thinking at all. . . I like to see a boy with an ambition apparently several sizes too large for him. If his ambition is too small, he will surely shrink to fit it."

Fortunately, this dynamic temperament was balanced and controlled by a wholesome sanity, out of which sprang that rare common sense he defined as "another name for the habit of seeing things as they are," and that characteristic sense of humor. He might well have said, as did his co-worker, Judge Cornish, "I try to take my position seriously, but not to take myself too seriously." Can't you see that quizzical smile as he says, "The dime novel is a disease incident to youth and is very rarely fatal," or in one of his baccalaureate addresses, "I do not warn you against the danger of working too hard. For most of us, it is so slight as to be safely negligible," or in similar vein from one

of his lectures, "It is quite unnecessary to caution people against reading too much poetry at a time."

This conviction of the importance of a sane viewpoint was responsible for the emphasis he placed upon physical well-being. You recall his words, "So intimate are the relations between body and mind that the anaemic, the neurotic, and the dyspeptic are likely to prove unsafe guides in economics and politics, in philosophy and theology."

Beneath it all was, of course, an abiding faith in spiritual values. The religious note has ever been conspicuous in Colby history. It is no reflection upon his predecessors, who, after all, spoke the language of their day, to say that Arthur Roberts gave to Colby men and women a new and more vital conception of religion. His practical mind was little concerned with dogma, a fact evidenced by such utterances as these: "Religion is vastly less a matter of head than of hands and feet." . . . "When one insists on honesty, industry, and decency he teaches religion." . . . "I am afraid I am out of sympathy with a great many attempts men are making to reform the world by wholesale. . . . Let each man sweep before his own door." To a graduating class, he said, "Your education is of supreme worth, not because it will enable you to get more out of life but because it will enable you to put more into life." How characteristic his comment, "The time to talk to a boy about conduct is when he has on his every-day clothes," a sentiment more devoutly expressed in one of those matchless chapel prayers: "May religion for us not be a Sunday exercise, but the very warp and woof of week-day life. May we love Thee by loving our fellow men. May we worship Thee by serving them."

To render this posthumous honor to such a man is, today, our grateful privilege. To thus perpetuate his memory is to keep alive a sacred flame before the altar of our devotion to Colby.

As Mr. Hodgkins raised the plunger of the detonator which was to set off the blast on the site of the future building, 200 yards away he said:

"The Roberts Memorial Union, by the perfection of its architecture, ap-

Resolved, That as members of the Alumni Council of Colby College, we record our profound sorrow at the death of Herbert Elijah Wadsworth, of the Class of 1892.

As a Trustee of Colby, he gave unsparingly of his time and energy. His clear judgment and wise counsel were ever at the service of his college.

His years of distinguished public service attest to his knowledge of civic affairs, and love for his native state.

His success in business bespeaks his keen sense of values and understanding of financial conditions and forces.

An outstanding alumnus, a leading citizen, a considerate business man, a genial, whole-souled gentleman has left us. Colby has lost a loyal son.

RAYMOND SPINNEY.

Resolved, That the Alumni Council of Colby College, express its deep sorrow at the death of George Horace Lorimer, '98.

As a distinguished editor, for nearly four decades through the medium of a great national weekly he wielded an influence that profoundly affected public opinion in this country.

A rugged individualist and indefatigable worker, he hated sham, could not tolerate hypocrisy in any form.

Colby mourns a notable alumnus and generous benefactor.

RAYMOND SPINNEY.

pointments and functioning, will take its place among the finest college unions in the country and will be a continuing source of pride both to the future generations of undergraduates and to the Colby alumni who have made its erection possible. It now gives me extreme pleasure to set off the blast which will start work on the foundation of the second building on Mayflower Hill—the Roberts Memorial Union."

BLAST

## GIVES ORIENTAL ART TO ROBERTS MEMORIAL

A set of almost priceless Chinese lanterns to be placed in the future Roberts Memorial Union has been received at the College as a tribute from Lee Su, '24.

These objects of Oriental art which Mr. Su is sending are a set of four Imperial Tze-tan lanterns with Chien-lung decorations. They were originally made for the Imperial Palace during the Tsing Dynasty and have been in the donor's family for many generations. According to authorities, sets of four, such as these, are virtually unobtainable by collectors today. In addition, Mr. Su plans to send a piece of Chinese marble on which will be inscribed in both Chinese and English characters a tribute to former President Roberts.

In explaining his gift, he wrote President Johnson: "I cannot tell you just how deeply I was inspired by the great personality of President Roberts. I had many opportunities to see his wonderful spirit in developing the college. He certainly devoted his life to the promotion of the common good. He had my highest respect."

Mr. Su was influenced to come to Colby College by Arthur G. Robinson, '06, a Y. M. C. A. leader in Tientsin. He entered Colby with advanced standing and was graduated in the class of 1924. After a year of graduate work in economics at Clark University, Mr. Su returned to China and took a position in a leading bank in Peking as economist. He now occupies an important executive position in the Yien Yieh Commercial Bank in Shanghai.

## AN EXPLANATION

The Editorial Board wishes to explain that the lateness of this issue was purposeful to allow sufficient time to carry a report of the Exercises to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of Lovejoy, which occurred on November 8.

It has been necessary to hold over several excellent articles written especially for the Alumnus. These will appear in later issues.

## At the Alumni Meetings

THE second meeting of the Southern Kennebec Colby Alumni Association was held in the Augusta House, Augusta, October 13, with about thirty in attendance. After the dinner, Coach Al McCoy spoke to us about football prospects, and showed several reels of football pictures. Although he was not optimistic in regard to winning the State Series this season, he did state that the Colby team would be no "pushover." Accompanying Coach McCoy in his trip to the Capitol city were Professor Loeb, Coaches Roundy, Millett, and Perkins, and Cecil Goddard.

The first meeting of the Southern Kennebec Alumni Association was held last spring in order to raise funds for the Roberts Union. The officers elected at that time were: Frank Carpenter, President; John Baxter, vice president; and Clinton Thurlow, secretary-treasurer. This is only another incident of how Colby men have been brought together by the spirit of former President Roberts.

THE New Hampshire State Teachers' Convention was held in Nashua on October 21 and 22. Among the Colby Alumni having a part in that program was Mr. Charles F. Towne (class of 1900), Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Providence, R. I., who spoke before the Junior High School teachers on the subject, "The Function of a Social Arts Program in the Junior High School."

Arrangements had been made for a luncheon by Mary Donald Deans of Keene Normal School, president of the Colby Alumnae Association. Cards were sent to addresses known of Colby people in New Hampshire. Speaker, President Franklin W. Johnson.

It was a very happy and auspicious occasion. As usual in Colby gatherings, acquaintances were renewed and the love for the old college in the new setting was revived, if, for any reason, it had lost its glow and warmth. The high light of the luncheon was of course President Johnson's inspiring

talk on Colby the present and Colby the future. We know Colby the past.

The following Colby Alumni were present:

Eva C. Ames, '04, Wilton; Vernon S. Ames, '04, Wilton; Avis M. Cox, '23, Meredith; Raymond C. Curtis, '14, Nashua; Mary Donald Deans, '10, Keene; Grace A. Farnum, '17, Laconia; Idella K. Farnum, '14, Keene; George A. Gould, '08, Longmeadow, Mass.; Arline Hayes, '36, Winchester; Franklin W. Johnson, '91, Waterville, Me.; C. Wallace Lawrence, '17, Nashua; W. B. McAllister, '25, Manchester; E. Bliss Marriner, '18, Portsmouth; Lucy Montgomery Newell, '16, Nashua; Bertie A. Pease, '82, Nashua; Gertrude L. Snowden, '31, Concord; Evelyn R. Stapleton, '38, Concord; Charles F. Towne, '00, Providence, R. I.; Gertrude M. Towne, '00, Providence, R. I.; Grace E. Weston, '14, Concord; Verne M. Whitman, '94, Laconia. Also three other guests, one of whom was Miss Dora Ames, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon S. Ames.

THE Boston Colby Club had its first monthly meeting for this year on October 22nd, 1937. Twenty-two men were present. We had a fine dinner, renewed old acquaintances, and then were held for almost two hours under the spell of Dr. Tehyi Hsieh's oratory while he gave us a most informative talk on War Clouds over China.

The meeting this month will be on November 19th at the Victoria Hotel, Dartmouth Street, Boston. Dinner at 6:30 P. M. Speaker at 8:00 P. M. The guest speaker will be Herbert N. McGill, President of the McGill Commodity Service, Inc. Subject: "The Economic Outlook."

Speakers in prospect include a Secret Service man from the U. S. Army introduced by Wilbur McAllister, Dr. Jose Padin subject Spain, introduced by Carl Bryant and others equally good to follow through the year. Plans are already being made with John Tilton, President of the Boston Colby Alumni Association, for a Smoker with the Alumni Association in January.

A scholarship is definitely to be given to a deserving Colby student this year.

All club meetings are wide open to Colby men and their guests, regardless of whether they are members or not. If you are in the Boston area don't miss this wide awake Colby group. Come to the meetings anyway.

THE thirty-fourth Colby Night celebration got under way officially when more than 100 alumni marched into the main dining-room of the Elmwood to the strains of "On To Victory." "Squeak" Squire, '25, prexy of the local alumni club, presided in a masterful fashion over the occasion and the head table, at which sat President Johnson; Dean Marriener; George Otis Smith; Dr. J. Frederick Hill, who spoke at the first Colby Night; Dick Hall; Ed Stacey of the Boston association; "Ted" Hodgkins, Chairman of the Alumni Council; and Dr. "Ted" Hill, former Chairman of the Council.

President Johnson was the only speaker on the program, and he paid glowing tribute to the alumni for their generous and intelligent support of the College. John White Thomas, Colby's Director of Music, had the sophomore quartet on hand to sing several numbers which were enthusiastically received.

At 8:30 the band and cheer-leaders led the parade of several hundred strong up College avenue to the Old Gym, amid fire crackers and red flares. But there was no mule this year.

While the band played "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" and the cheer-leaders led the cheers, it was an enthusiastic and hopeful crowd that filled every available seat. "Ted" Hodgkins, '25, elected Chairman of the Council last June, made his debut as presiding officer with many stories about the new treasurer of the College, Professor "Skeets" Eustis. Professor Eustis extended greetings of the faculty and brought down the rafters with his Notre Dame football story, which was not finished until Coach McCoy spoke at the end of the program.

The feature of the evening to the undergraduates was the appearance of Clayton Brooks, '98, captain of Colby's first undefeated team, who gave some good advice on team spirit. He introduced Charles F. Towne and Harry Tozier, the only two members of his team present, and recalled the tenacity of spirit of the other members of that team. Brooks called on "Chet" Soule, '13, captain of the only other undefeated team, who emphasized in vigorous language that the



team had to fight to win. Captain Brooks then presented the College a neatly framed picture of the '97 team.

"Len" Mayo, '22, of New York gave an excellent short talk on Colby traditions and incidents behind the games.

Coach McCoy was greeted with a monstrous ovation. He promised a fighting team, and said that, although Colby may not win many games this year, "our time will come."

"Alma Mater," written and led by Steve Bean, '05, closed the formal part of the program. Then the McIntosh apples, a regular feature of every Colby Night inaugurated by President Roberts thirty-four years ago when the first Colby Night was observed in Memorial Hall, were handed out.

The Council went to work early the next morning in order to complete its agenda before the ground-breaking exercises for the Roberts Memorial Union. The Council voted to have a life-size portrait made of President Johnson during the present academic year; listened to reports of various standing committees; appointed an Executive Committee on Bequests; and nominated candidates for the Board of Trustees and Alumni and Athletic Councils. Mr. Hodgkins, Chairman of the Student Assistance Committee, reported that the Committee was not yet ready to make a definite report but hoped to submit a definite program for approval at the next meeting of the Council.

THE Springfield alumni held a small but enthusiastic meeting on Colby Night at Pecousic Villa. Fourteen men were present: W. E. Lombard, '93; George H. D. L'Amoureux, '94; William A. Cowing, '04; Ray Grant, '25; Dr. Samuel Feldman, '26; U. Cleal Cowing, '27; William R. Lombard, '28; William Weiner, '29; Roy Smith, '29; Forrest C. Tyson, '32; Samuel Greenfield, '34; Paul Feldman, '34; Philip N. Simon, '36. The members present voted to organize a Springfield Colby group and Dr. Feldman was elected president and Ray Grant secretary.

The evening was spent in telling Colby yarns, reminiscing, and enjoying the conventional Colby Night refreshments of cider, doughnuts and

McIntosh apples. In closing the meeting, Dr. Feldman emphasized three important things for any Colby man to do: (1) Subscribe to THE ALUMNUS; (2) contribute to the Alumni Fund; and (3) attend the spring Connecticut Valley reunion.

SIXTY-ONE alumni of the Maine colleges in Cleveland and vicinity met for a football rally and luncheon at the Guild Hall Restaurant in Cleveland on November 6th. A play-by-play description of the Bowdoin-Maine game played that afternoon was featured.

The Colby alumni present were Wilbur B. Dexter, '14; Flora Norton Dexter, '17; Etta Creech, '12; Norman W. Foran, '23; and Ruth Goodwin, '15.

The meeting was arranged by A. M. Knowles, a graduate of Maine, who attended Colby in 1899-1901.

MEMBERS of the New York Colby Alumni Association held their annual Colby Night Stag at the Madison Grill on Friday evening, October 29th. After an enjoyable dinner the group adjourned to the meeting Hall where a business meeting was conducted under the direction of President W. F. Cushman. Messages were read from President Johnson and from Alumni Secretary Goddard, and a telegram dispatched to the Colby meeting in Waterville carrying the greetings of the New York Association.

The New York Colby Night gatherings of recent years have lost some of the "rally" spirit and have developed to serious constructive business-like discussions of problems affecting the college and the Association, and from these meetings many excellent ideas are developed. As a result of the discussion this year, in which everyone joined and which made the evening one of interest and inspiration, were suggestions which are being put into practice in regard to a definite program to be undertaken by the New York Association. More will be heard of this program as the committee appointed to develop it formulates its plans.

Among those present at the meeting was Merle Crowell, '10, Alumni

Trustee, who spoke informally and later joined in the discussion of the various problems under debate.

As an added enjoyable feature, thanks to Harold Lemoine, and Joe Smith, excellent moving pictures were shown of the new campus, the old campus, and scenes about the college, together with scenes of some of the football games.

The New York Association is making tentative plans for an informal joint dinner sometime in late January as a preliminary to the annual Association dinner in March.

Among those present were:

Everett H. Gross, '21; John Skinner, '33; Harold E. Hall, '17; Louis Langman, '24; Ralph S. Williams, '35; George R. Berry, '35; Clarence A. Smith, '35; Harold F. Lemoine, '32; I. Ross McCombe, '08; Robert E. Wilkins, '20; Robert W. Stewart, '31; R. S. Castelli, '18; Samuel S. Morrison, '30; Nathaniel L. Sills, '29; Jack J. Glick, '29; Charles H. Gale, '22; William A. Logan, '34; Merle Crowell, '10; William F. Cushman, '22.

#### GIRLS PLEDGE \$1,576 TO UNION

ONE surprise feature of the Women's Colby Night celebration was the announcement by Jane D. Montgomery, '38, that the undergraduate girls wanted to have a share in the project to build the Women's Union and accordingly had set for themselves the goal of \$1,500. This would provide the room which will be used as headquarters for the major undergraduate organizations, such as the Student Government League, the Pan-Hellenic Association, the Y. W. C. A., and the Women's Athletic Association.

Less than three weeks after this, the girls had canvassed their own numbers and Miss Montgomery turned over to the Alumnae Office pledges representing \$1,576. The girls brought this about by carefully building up a committee of about 60 girls who thoroughly solicited the whole women's division.

This almost unanimous response is a good omen for the success of the larger program among the alumnae body, and the Colby women will be challenged to do their part with the same enthusiasm and dispatch that characterized the girls' efforts.

# "THE ALUMNUS" GOES TO A PARTY

The Candid Camera Catches Colby Men Off-Guard on Colby Night

Eddie Roundy is taking it pretty hard as Bert Drummond, '88, tells him what's what.



Leo Shesong, '13, looks faintly dubious as Pete Mills, '34, discusses his coming candidacy.



Come, come, Bert, why so severe?

The Sophomore Quartette in full voice.



George Otis Smith, '93, and Ted Hodgkins, '25, listen expectantly as Squeak Squire, '25, leads up to the climax of his story.



The President expatiates upon Mayflower Hill, but Go Smith has heard it all before.



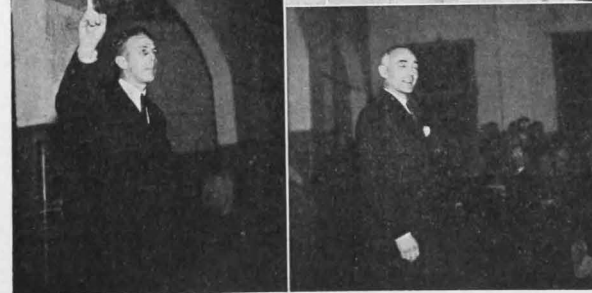
Dick Hall, '33, listens while Doc Hill, '82, tells about the first Colby Night.



Coach Al McCoy swears he never preached a sermon, but just look at this gesture.



Len Mayo, '22, has just pulled a wise-crack and waits for the guffaws to die down.





## *The President's Page*

The observance of the hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of Elijah Parish Lovejoy was, next to the centennial celebration of the founding of the College, the most notable event in the history of Colby College. A former President of the United States came from California to Waterville to deliver the commemoration address. Forty or more members of the Lovejoy family came from far and near to share with us in honoring their illustrious relative. Honorary degrees were conferred upon three outstanding members of the family. Ex-President Hoover also became an honorary graduate of the College by receiving the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Sunday evening over the short waves the story of Lovejoy was told to the world. More than twelve hundred persons in the auditorium and vestries of the old Baptist Church listened to the program which was carried to countless other thousands over the air in a coast-to-coast hookup.

A few days ago I drove out to Albion to visit again the spot on which Lovejoy was born. There stands the barn whose hand-hewn beams bespeak its age, but the house is gone and only the fallen walls of the cellar and some bricks from the chimney remain to mark the spot.

As I looked out over the waters of Lovejoy Pond, across the fields from which the boy Elijah probably picked the stones that make the enclosing walls, my mind went back over the hundred and thirty-five years that have elapsed, and I was amazed that a boy born here could have become the man whose death was the occasion of yesterday's celebration. And I reflected that those who have been great in their own right certainly were not so because of the circumstances of their birth or of the things that they possessed. Great souls like Lovejoy emerge from the common throng by reason of some innate qualities of personality or character. And yet, may it not be that circumstances of time or place play a large part? Was there an age of martyrs that has gone? Is there any principle or cause for which one might give his life today as Lovejoy gave his to maintain his right to free expression through the printed word?

Thoughts like these were running through my mind as I walked over the fields where the young Lovejoy lived and worked. And I could reach no satisfactory answers to the questions that arose in my mind.

I would like to think that Lovejoy's valiant spirit was shaped by the training which he received in Colby, then Waterville College. In part this may have been true, but only in part, for such souls as his are great not as a result of education, but through qualities already inherent in themselves.

But Lovejoy's gift to Colby College is priceless. Mr. Hoover said, "It is little wonder that the precincts of Colby College are hallowed by the name of Lovejoy. And from it has come a spiritual endowment to this College that dollars and bricks can never make."

A College does not consist merely of those living persons who make up its students, alumni, faculty and trustees. It reaches back to include all those who have at any time been members of it. As time goes on, some of these reach the stature of saints, the memory of whose lives is built into that illusive entity which we call Colby College and make of it a spiritual thing. Such a one was Lovejoy whose short life and glorious death have become a part of the College and will ennoble it forever.

I am reminded of the words spoken by Arthur Roberts at the Centennial Celebration: "A college can not live by money alone, but a college lives by love and hope and faith. The greatness of a college is not in its endowment, or in its buildings; it is in its aspirations and its ideals."

*Franklin W. Johnson*

# CHATTING WITH OUR COLBY PEOPLE

By The Editorial Board

**M**R. HOOVER thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Maine. That is on the authority of the former President himself in an exclusive interview given *The Alumnus*. He remarked upon the dignity of the Lovejoy commemoration service and added that he was charmingly entertained by President and Mrs. Johnson and later by Governor and Mrs. Barrows at the Blaine Mansion in Augusta, who gave a dinner party in Mr. Hoover's honor, the guests including Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, Dr. George Otis Smith, Mr. John Lovejoy, Major and Mrs. Clarence Lovejoy and Mrs. Sloper of the Colby party, Senator and Mrs. White, ex-Governor Percival P. Baxter, Representative and Mrs. James Oliver, Representative and Mrs. Ralph O. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Linnell of Portland, Mr. Edgar Rickard and Mr. Lawrence Rickey, Mr. Hoover's secretary.

**M**R. HOOVER certainly gave every indication of enjoyment. He chatted informally with many at the reception following the service at the church and later was the life of the party at the Blaine House. Noting the engraving of Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet in the former study of James G. Blaine (the study has been maintained as it was when Mr. Blaine occupied the house), he remarked that it was one of the early copies and said that the proof of the statement is found in the white trousers that form part of the adornment of Secretary Seward. Mr. Hoover explained that when Mr. Seward saw an early printing he was very indignant, saying that he never had worn white pants in his life and was no fop. To pacify the Secretary the artist changed his pants to black and the later engravings show Mr. Seward in the more somber attire which he had really worn, the artist having taken liberties with the Secretary's clothing in order to make the picture a bit more colorful.

**D**R. GEORGE OTIS SMITH, President of the Board of Trustees, felt constrained to inform *The Alumnus* that the credit of securing Mr. Hoover to speak at the Lovejoy services belongs to Hon.

Bainbridge Colby, which must be the exact truth for Dr. Smith in veracity is in the George Washington class. Yet we feel that some of the laurels belong to Dr. Smith as some years ago Mr. Hoover promised him that sometime he would speak at Colby and during his recent visit he recalled that promise, remarking that he had made good. Mr. Hoover and Dr. Smith have been very warm friends for many years. It was a source of great regret at the college that Mr. Colby was unable to attend the anniversary services as he was called to Omaha on important legal business. We feel that it is entirely fitting to remark upon the careful attention to detail that marked the Lovejoy observance including the brief but impressive remarks of President Johnson and the participation of Dr. Smith, Rev. John Brush and the Colby Choir.

**T**HE Colby musical clubs, under the stimulating directorship of John W. Thomas, have launched several innovations. The latest was to sponsor a musical battle between the four Maine college bands at the Colby-Bates game on Armistice Day. Judged by competent critics, each band played ten minutes for competition. Then, between the halves, all four groups marched onto the field into one formation facing the stadium and reaching nearly the whole length of the field. Each leader, in turn, took the podium to conduct the combined bands in one of the well-known march pieces. (The Colby leader, incidentally, is Nathanael Guptill, son of Orville J. Guptill, '96). Then the Governor presented a cup, denoting the State Championship, to the University of Maine band, which well merited the honor. The whole affair gave deserved recognition to the student musical talent and added color and enjoyment to the holiday game.

**O**NE interesting aftermath of the Lovejoy celebration is the "fan mail" which has been descending upon President Johnson from persons of varying types and from various places who have one thing in common: they feel the urge

to write letters. Just to show the gamut of expression, we quote herewith from two individual opinions:

From Vandalia, Ill.,—"You have honored the world's greatest living statesman. He does not have a peer at home or abroad. Mr. Hoover stands for those lofty spiritual, economic and social ideals that are a blessing to any nation. . . Statesmanship is the need of the hour. Three cheers for the courage of Colby. Three cheers for the courage of Herbert Hoover."

From New York City—"It is a fraud and an insult to the American people and especially the Negro people that on the 100th anniversary of Lovejoy's death, Herbert Hoover should be speaking. By what right does Herbert Hoover, the darling of the Liberty Leaguers, the friend of Carter Glass, the Southern bourbons and the lynch gangs speak in the name of one who always fought for the common man and gave his life in defense of those principles which Hoover and his Southern bourbon friends are fighting?"

In our opinion, they just about cover the range of possibilities of freedom of opinion and expression. The shades of Voltaire, Jefferson and Lovejoy would approve.

**A** picture of Mr. Hoover receiving the honorary degree from President Johnson was transmitted from coast to coast over the Associated Press Wirephoto system, with the caption: "It's Doctor Hoover Now." The implication that this was his first honorary degree, however, is slightly erroneous, as a glance at "Who's Who," indicates that there must be a mounting pile of vari-colored hoods in some Hoover closet representing Brown, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, George Washington, Dartmouth, Rutgers, Alabama, Oberlin, Karlsruhe, Liege, Brussels, Warsaw, Cracow, Oxford, Rensselaer, Tufts, Swarthmore, Williams, Manchester, Prague, Ghent, Lemberg, and Cornell. The name of Colby on this list henceforth will be in distinguished company. Interestingly enough, the three Lovejoys received their first honorary degrees at this occasion.

## FOLLOWING THE COLBY TEAM

By Russell Blanchard, '38

### Colby vs. New Hampshire

THE White Mules stumbled for the second time of the season on Lewis Field in Durham, N. H., before the withering attack of a rampant New Hampshire Wildcat. The score was 33-0. Almost from the opening whistle, the hosts outfought, outblocked and outran a faltering band of Mules and at no time did the men of McCoy seriously threaten the supremacy of the Granite State eleven.

Sheer power gave New Hampshire its first score in the opening minutes of the game. Karazia drove through the Colby line to climax a substantial drive for the tally. A few plays later came the second touchdown, this one resulting from a pass thrown by Giarla and taken across the Blue and Gray goal line after a thirteen yard run by Ed Little. In the second period an intercepted pass gave the state university a three touchdown lead. Colby, at no time thereafter, was potent offensively and was forced to content itself with the season's second defeat.

### Colby vs. Bowdoin

The opening of the 1937 State Series found the defending champions, the Adam Walsh coached Polar Bears, entertaining the Mules on Whittier Field in a driving October rain. Despite the inclement weather, a goodly crowd, including a number of loyal Colby men and women who availed themselves of the opportunity to travel upon a special football train, witnessed the encounter. Bowdoin, later to capture her third consecutive football championship of the state, started auspiciously by turning back an again impotent Colby eleven, 30-0. Hardly had the crowd settled in its seat following the opening kick-off when Dave Soule, speedy Bear half-back, ran some fifty yards for the initial touchdown of the game. A few moments later Soule swept the Colby left end for a second tally. The half ended without further scoring but in the third quarter, Bennie Karsokas gave his teammates an eighteen point

lead by racing off tackle for a touch-down. In the final period of play, the Bears added two more scores and completed the rout of the Mules.

### Colby vs. Maine

Following the annual Colby Night celebration, a determined squad of Mules, already once beaten under their new master, Al McCoy, in the series play, faced the University of Maine on Seaverns Field but inability to conduct a successful offense cost Colby defeat at the hands of the Black Bears. The score was 13-0. Following a scoreless first quarter, Maine unleashed an aerial attack which featured the accurate passing of Francis Smith. A shovel pass from Smith to Rod Elliot, followed by a Smith to Hamlin aerial bomb, gave the visitors their initial touchdown. Elliot drop kicked the extra point. Again in the third quarter, the State University scored. A Colby fumble gave the Bears the ball on the Blue and Gray 21 yard marker from whence a Gerrish plunge and a Smith to Gowell pass gave the Pale Blue the ball on the one yard line. Gerrish then covered the remaining distance to the goal line. Elliot's attempt to convert was blocked.

### Colby vs. Middlebury

For the first time in recent Colby football history, a Mule eleven interrupted its annual State Series competition to engage in combat with an out-of-state opponent as Coach Al McCoy's charges invaded Vermont for a clash with the Middlebury Panthers. Superior power resulted in the fifth loss of the year for the Mules and, as had previously been troublesome, the Colby offense was ineffective during the early part of the game. It was in the opening half that Middlebury scored twice and thereafter contented herself with holding a stubborn McCoy eleven at bay. During the final quarters of the tussle, the Colby eleven showed surprising strength and although it was unable to score, its work bolstered the team morale for the holiday crash with Bates on Seaverns Field.

### Colby vs. Bates

Unleashing a devastating power attack which was every bit the equal of that displayed by a heavily favored Bates Bobcat, Colby's often battered Mule, celebrated Armistice Day in gala fashion by playing its holiday rival to a 6-6 tie. The clash on Seaverns Field officially closed the 1937 gridiron season and marked the close of Coach Alfred M. McCoy's initial football year at Colby.

A sparkling Colby offense, apparent for the first time in five games, gave the Colby team a touchdown lead in the second period. Earlier in that period Captain Walker, playing his final and best game of the season, got away a splendid kick from his own 40-yard line, carrying over the head of the Garnet safety man, and set the Bobcat back to its own 15-yard marker. Here on the second scrimmage Bates fumbled and the ball was covered by MacGregor for Colby. Walker went off tackle for two yards and an unsuccessful pass followed. On the third down the Mule leader faded back, faking a long pass, spotted Hersey, husky Colby end, and with a bullet-like heave threw it to him. In a split second Hersey, behind three interferences, was roaring away toward the goal line. Three Bates men lunged at him, but all failed to bring him down. Hersey stumbled across the last white marker with a Bates man hanging to his waist. A fumble nullified the extra point try.

In the third quarter Bates scored from the 48-yard line on a continuous drive.

### Outstanding for Colby

Outstanding for Colby were Dick White, powerful back, Joe Dobbins, playing his final college game and running well, Warren Pearl, Lop Hersey, and Bus Burrill. In addition, Captain Norm Walker flashed the form which for two seasons stamped him as one of the outstanding running backs in the section. His kicking against Bates was superb and kept the Mule out of considerable difficulty.

# Colby Students Pay Last Tribute to George Horace Lorimer

Colby College undergraduates and members of the faculty and staff paid their last tribute at their regular morning chapel services on October 27th, to the distinguished alumnus and Alumni Trustee of the College, George Horace Lorimer, former Editor of the Saturday Evening Post, who died of pneumonia on October 22nd at his home in Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

Herbert L. Newman, associate professor of religion and director of religious activities, delivered the following eulogy:

The Colby family was saddened indeed by the death last Saturday of George Horace Lorimer, distinguished alumnus of Colby, for over thirty-eight years editor of the Saturday Evening Post, and donor of our new chapel on Mayflower Hill.

It is fitting that we pause this morning to honor one whose devotion to the religious life of this college has made such splendid provision for worship on the new campus.

As some of us stood on the chapel site last Sunday at the close of day it seemed as if the donor, though dead, were speaking.

Of what does he speak this morning?

First of all he speaks to us of his religious home training. Born into the home of a distinguished Scotch preacher of Louisville, Kentucky, October 6, 1868, he was reared as few boys in America have been privileged to grow to manhood in the disciplines and privileges of one of our foremost minister's homes. He was trained from early years to feel the needs of a great parish in Chicago, and later in Boston and New York. He did not hesitate to say that his home was one of his greatest teachers, even for the editorial profession. Surely we have reason to be grateful for the home associations which in his later life Doctor Lorimer continued to cherish.

Again he speaks to us of loyalty.

What a priceless contribution to modern thinking Josiah Royce has made in his book *Loyalty to Loyalty!* And how genuinely is this exemplified in Dr. Lorimer! The new chapel will be a perpetual reminder of the devotion of a son to his father. Neither

can we question for a moment his loyalty to this college in its time of need, when, all unsolicited, he announced to the president his gift of a new chapel.

And this gift is a symbol of his loyalty to God. He was lured to our campus by the teaching of Professor Roberts, before he became president of the college. It is significant that the first buildings to be erected on the new campus and facing each other are the Roberts Memorial Union and the Lorimer Chapel. A noble pupil of a great teacher is building for us a shrine to the Greatest Teacher of Men.

Dr. Lorimer speaks to us today as a man of broad understanding.

What a knowledge he had of Western Civilization! His home was in three contrasted sections of America, and he had travelled in nearly every state in the Union. His interests were not sectional; rather he sought to know the American people as a whole. His experience in parishes, great cities, the Armour plant, Yale, and Colby made him feel at home in his world. Frequently he visited Europe. So broad was his understanding that the predictions of his weekly editorial page seemed uncanny.

He was also an outstanding example of the art of understanding people. He had a way of discovering talented persons and giving them their chance. He saw the hollowness of the "big name fallacy" and used to say that some of the "most telling successes" were contributed by unknown or anonymous authors. If merit warranted it these writers would later, he thought, become well known.

He followed writers in their later careers. The story is told that Emerson Hough, a friend of Dr. Lorimer's, had been writing books for twenty-five years. But in 1920 one of his books was returned by Dr. Lorimer. Hough visited the Lorimer home at Wyncote and was despondent, thinking that he had played out. Lorimer told him of a successful novel, *On the Oregon Trail*, Hough had outlined in two columns in the *Post*. Hough returned to Chicago and wrote the manuscript of *Oh Susanna*. This Lori-

mer returned with suggestions for re-writing and renaming. On its return Hough had the manuscript of *The Covered Wagon*, which paid him liberally and made him famous.

Dr. Lorimer has set us the example of knowing the civilization in which we live, of discovering the potential talent that is and will be in our midst, and of encouraging these potential leaders to face the responsibilities of society.

Though dead he speaks to us of religion as the foundation for a free people.

"Religion," says he in the opening sentence of his statement read at the ground breaking exercises for the new chapel, "is the cornerstone of character — not necessarily expressed through any particular church, but through every church and every creed that is based on the broad precepts of the Golden Rule, of charity, and of justice, tempered with mercy." This conviction and breadth of view is heartening to us when we view a society, biased, uncertain, and even antagonistic to religion.

Finally he speaks to us of a way to bring religion to bear on the development of wholesome citizenship.

The New York Times of last Sunday pays tribute to his statesmanship in these words:

On the editorial pages Mr. Lorimer fought the evils of child labor, fought to stop immigration of unassimilable aliens, to regulate big business and restrain monopoly, and to check the heedless exploitation of natural resources—all before the New Deal—*New York Times*, October 24, 1937, p. 32.

His pioneering spirit jogged him from the ruts. Armour of Chicago promised to make him a millionaire, but after eight years he left a lucrative position to become a writer. He applied for a position on the *Saturday Evening Post*, when the magazine had but a handful of subscribers. Through his industry and guidance 3,000,000 copies were sold weekly. When larger avenues of service beckoned to him he quickly responded.

His was a broad social vision. In a *Post* editorial of December 19, 1931

he says: "It is the easy and agreeable thing to accept the ideas handed down from on high and to go along without bothering to test them with fact and experience." In Judge Sinkler's statement published last Sunday he says of Dr. Lorimer:

During the cycle, from which it is believed we are now passing, of cynicism, doubt, and fear, he remained steadfast. Through his editorials he was the mainstay of millions. He was a leader of our people from that era of worship of false ideals and principles.—Judge Sinkler, friend and neighbor, New York Times, October 24, 1937, p. 32.

In an editorial of January 25, 1930, he speaks of the great adventure of educating large numbers of students away from home, church, and other disciplinary agencies. His ideal of citizenship stands before us in his plan for a church in the midst of a liberal arts college.

One year from now we shall perhaps be worshipping in the Lorimer Chapel. For long years to come it will serve as a center of inspiration for Colby students, faculty, and friends. Many will be married there. Some of us may be laid to rest from its portals. In any case the thoughtfulness of Dr. Lorimer both for his father and for the college has conceived of religion and a beautiful house of worship as central to the life of this institution.

The life of the donor comes to an end just as the foundations of the new chapel are completed. But the building he made possible will be erected, and ours is the task of bringing to reality the hopes which he cherished.

#### Prayer

Our father we render to thee today hearty thanks for these days of transition; for men and women of vision and purpose who are attempting to lead the hearts and minds of men into the ways of God. Especially are we grateful for him who gave of his hard earned substance to build in our midst a temple of love to God and men.

#### EVERETT FLOOD, '79

WORD has been received at the Alumni Office of the death, on October 17, of Dr. Everett Flood, '79, of Friendship, Maine, for

sixty years a loyal and interested alumnus of Colby College. He is survived by his widow, a brother, and a sister. THE ALUMNUS is fortunate in having an account of Dr. Flood's life, prepared by himself on his 82nd birthday and sent to the Alumni Office.

"I am giving an hour of my 82nd birthday to an obituary which will be needed sometime. This is in interest of accuracy and to help a tired newspaper man in so far as he chooses to use some of my copy.

"I was born February 10th, 1855, in Clinton, Maine. We lived on top of beautiful Bellesqueeze Hill with a wide view to east. I had three slightly older sisters and was the only boy. The family moved to Lewiston where we lived for some years. Father died there in his 45th year. We returned to Clinton, going to the village instead of to the farm on account of schools. One sister went to Castine Normal School and the rest of us to the village schools, ending with Waterville Classical Institute. I graduated there under Dr. Hanson in 1875, entering Colby the same year, getting the degree of A. B. in 1879 and an A. M. in due course.

"I had been much associated with the work of Dr. Whittam, my brother-in-law, in Clinton and was able to take a medical degree in two years at Maine Medical School. Up to that time I had taught school in a number of places, among them in Friendship, Maine. Dr. Gerrish of the medical school faculty recommended me to Dr. Park, the superintendent, and I went as assistant to the Worcester State Hospital, then called Worcester Lunatic Hospital. Dr. Moulton was first assistant, and Dr. Scribner, Dr. Houston, and Dr. Daniels, all from the Maine Medical, came there soon also from Dr. Gerrish. Dr. Fernald was a classmate, but he went west and later to Massachusetts, where his name still remains in the Walter E. Fernald State School. I was seven years in this institution and then went to the Hospital Cottages for Children in Baldwinville as superintendent. After twelve years I went to the Monson State Hospital as superintendent and remained there twenty-three years. I then reached the age limit for retirement and came to Friendship for my permanent home.

"In the face of great achievements by many others, my little results are too trivial to mention, but they do not seem so to me, that is why I like to mention that I was warden and treasurer of our little mission.

"My wife and I take much pleasure also in the fact of our wonderful family associations with the two lost children who became adult and parents and with the remaining son and the six grandchildren and the two great-grandchildren. And we are pleased that we could be the ones to hold intimate and most affectionate relations to many hundreds of hospital children who came under our care."

#### WILLIAM H. ROBINSON, '82

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON passed away in Los Angeles on August 8, 1937.

He was born in South Windham, Me., on April 15, 1856, the son of Henry Robinson and Lydia Varney Robinson of Quaker stock. Three brothers are still living, aged 80, 79, and 77 years.

He fitted for college in the Moses Brown School, 1875 to 1878 and entered Haverford College in 1878. In his junior year he transferred to Colby College, graduating in the class of 1882 with the degree of A. B., receiving his A. M. in 1887. He entered Oberlin Theological Seminary in 1885, having previously attended Hartford Divinity School. In 1904 he received the degree of L. L. B., from the American College of Law.

He was ordained to the ministry by the Council of Congregational Churches in 1892, and spent most of his life in ministering to Congregational and Methodist churches in California. In the latter part of his life he was engaged in the building trades, having his home at 657 Tularosa Drive, Los Angeles.

On August 14, 1884, at South Durham, Me., he was married to Alice May Coombs, a graduate of Kents Hill.

Mrs. Robinson took a great interest in his work, was ordained in the ministry and for many years carried on evangelistic work. They settled in Los Angeles in 1905. Mrs. Robinson passed away in 1910. In 1918 Mr. Robinson married Mary Alice Wilder, who passed away in 1935.

He had two children, Ruth Lois,

1893. Married to Fred Haereth, living at 2206 South Highland Ave., Los Angeles, and Ervin Varney, 1903, living at 733 Maltman Ave., Los Angeles.

One of his brothers, Dr. Edward F. Robinson graduated from Colby College in 1884, and a niece, Helen Robinson, also attended Colby.

#### HOWARD A. McLELLAN, '09

**H**OWARD A. McLELLAN, principal of Pemetic High School of Southwest Harbor, Maine, died October 29th, just a week after an accident in which he received burns by the explosion of a can of kerosene as he was lighting the kitchen fire.

Mr. McLellan was born in Cooper, the son of Jacob L. and Nancy Bonney McLellan. He attended Coburn Classical Institute and graduated from Colby College in the class of 1909. While in school and college he was especially prominent in athletics.

He had held teaching positions in Ellsworth, Oakland, Island Falls, Franklin, and for a number of years was principal of Higgins Classical Institute in Charleston. For a time he was superintendent of schools in Island Falls, but preferred teaching. Surviving are his wife, three brothers and a sister.

The funeral was held in the Baptist Church in Ellsworth, and interment was in Woodbine Cemetery.

#### ALVARUS F. BENNETT, '27

**A**LVARUS F. BENNETT died at the home of his mother in Abbot on July 20th. Mr. Bennett was graduated from Abbot High School in the class of 1923 and received an A. B. degree from Colby in 1927. For the past eight years he was principal of Abbot High School. His many college friends will be saddened by his untimely death. He leaves a wife and four small children. Funeral services were attended by several graduates of the College, among them being Philip Stinchfield, Richard Race, Kenneth Cassens, and Henry Curtis.

He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, Kappa Phi Kappa, and Pi Gamma Mu.

#### MILDRED FOX BURR, '28

**T**HE hearts of many of Colby's family will be profoundly grieved to learn of the untimely death of Mildred Fox Burr, which occurred Friday morning, September 24, at her home in Northeast Harbor, Maine, after a long illness. The death of this young woman, a popular member of the class of 1928, and of the Chi Omega sorority, is greatly deplored by her large circle of friends and her relatives.

Mildred Fox Burr was born in Athens, Maine, February 19, 1906, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Fox. The family later made their home in Skowhegan where Mildred attended and graduated from Skowhegan High School. After her graduation from Colby she taught for some years in Gilman High School, Northeast Harbor, where she won the goodwill and esteem of the other members of the faculty, students, and school officials, because of her sterling traits of true and noble womanhood and her genial personality. On November 20, 1933, she was married to Mr. Maurice H. Burr, a graduate of the University of Maine in the class of 1926.

Following prayers at the home Sunday morning the remains were taken to Skowhegan, where funeral services were held at the Fox home Sunday afternoon. The Rev. James F. McElroy of Northeast Harbor officiated. The pall bearers were Bradford T. Herrick, Roland Fotter, Douglas Driscoll, Lawrence Branscom, Edward S. Ralph and Francis Atwood, all of Northeast Harbor, and Dr. Allan Stinchfield and Paul Steward of Skowhegan. Interment was in Skowhegan.

Besides her husband and parents she is survived by a brother, Mr. Thomas B. Fox and a sister, Mrs. Grace Fox Herrick, Colby, '24.

Mildred, better known to her Colby friends as "Bubbles," was ever interested in and thrilled by the courageous progress of the new Colby. It would indeed be her wish that the new college should be larger and greater than the old one, but also that it should continue the glorious heritage of the old which she truly loved.

She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

## ODDS and ENDS

**W**ITHIN one week, as it happened, three departmental associations of the four Maine colleges met at Colby for annual sessions recently. The Maine section of the American Chemical Society, the College Physics Teachers of Maine, and the Maine Society of Teachers of Social Studies, were the organizations. More and more the Maine colleges are combining in both faculty and student enterprises for their mutual benefit.

**T**HE tie game with Bates on Armistice Day did much to dissipate the gloom of the football season for Colby. The Colby eleven came through and outplayed their opponents and is deserving of high credit. Hampered by injuries that reduced the small squad, Colby took lickings from Bowdoin and from Maine but the men maintained their morale and played heads-up football on Armistice Day. Coach McCoy will have much better material next year as there is plenty of football talent in the Freshman class and we think that Colby will give its Maine rivals plenty of opposition next fall.

**T**HE oldest living graduates of the College, are led by Charles R. Coffin, '67, Avon Park, Fla., and followed by Louis A. Wheeler, '72, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. Cyrus K. Merriam, '75, Spokane, Wash.; Rev. Edward A. Read, '75, Pasadena, Calif.; Dr. J. O. Tilton, '75, Lexington, Mass.; Clarence E. Meleney, '76, White Plains, N. Y.; Dr. Albert C. Gatchell, '78, Worcester, Mass.; Brig. Gen. C. L. Phillips, '78, El Centro, Calif.; Rev. Drew T. Wyman, '78, Westminster, Mass.

**A**T the Colby Night celebration in the Old Gym last month Dr. J. Frederick Hill, '82, of Waterville was introduced as one of the two living alumni who spoke on the first Colby Night program thirty-four years before. Dr. Archer Jordan, '95, of Auburn, the other living alumnus on the first Colby Night program, was at the Maine-Colby game the next afternoon.



## Class Notes About Colby Men And Women

1880

Rev. C. F. McIntire writes THE ALUMNUS: "After preaching as a Universalist minister in regular pastorates for forty-six years, I have retired and settled down in Chelsea, Vt. I am in fair health and often respond to calls for my services."

Dr. H. L. Koopman, Librarian Emeritus of Brown University, is continuing his work as a member of the editorial staff of THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL. He contributes also a monthly astronomical column, "Plants and Stars."

A. M. Thomas writes as follows to the Alumni Office: "You ask for a personal item. What I could say might not be of interest to readers of THE ALUMNUS but I have enjoyed some unexpected pleasures this summer. First wife and I were given the opportunity of visiting Houlton, where we taught at Ricker for sixteen years. A hasty reception at the country club was arranged for us and there we met over sixty of our former students, some of whom are now grandpas and grandmas and many are leading citizens of the town. A little later we had the pleasure of attending a reunion of the Higgins alumni at Charleston and renewing acquaintance with some of those who were in school during the three years of our teaching there. On August 18 we were fortunate in being able to attend the formal opening of the new Colby campus to see (and hear) the building operations start off with a bang. To climax the summer, through the kindness of a friend I had the opportunity of making an automobile trip to Georgetown, Ky., primarily to become acquainted with cousins whom I had never met, but while there I visited Georgetown College in which my uncle Danford, Colby, 1838, was professor of Greek and German from 1840 to the time of his death in 1882 and in which Dr. Lorimer, father of George Horace, began his college career in 1850 I believe. So you see these summer experiences of mine have all more or less directly been linked up with Colby."

1885

Dr. Chancey Adams, surgeon emeritus of the Margaret Pillsbury Gener-

al Hospital in Concord, N. H., recently made a gift to the Hospital of two modern instrument cabinets and complete sets of abdominal, bone and general surgical instruments.

1886

Rev. Elisha Sanderson, Colby, '86, and Newton, '89, was a recent pulpit supply at the Free Baptist Church, South Berwick, Maine, in the absence of the pastor. Mr. Sanderson, at 75, saws and splits all his firewood. Recently, with just a little aid, he felled, worked up, and stored in the shed, the wood from a large dead chestnut tree that was some distance from his home.

1887

Charles C. Richardson writes: "I shall want you to continue my copy of THE COLBY ALUMNUS for the coming year. It will be a treat to receive the new alumni and alumnae directory of graduates of Colby. Both halves of my family are well and happy in our home at Taunton, Mass. We plan to spend every second winter in southwestern Florida."

1896

On Tuesday, October 26, Elford L. Durgan and wife called on Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Neal, '92, at the Neal's home in West Boylston. While there they were joined by Walter L. Hubbard, '96, and wife, and an informal reception was enjoyed.

Durgan is a representative of the Oakes Electric Co. of Holyoke, Mass., and has an apartment in the Phoenix Chambers in Holyoke.

When asked what his position in the firm was, he replied, "A spare tire." He travels over almost all New England, wherever he may be needed.

Mr. Neal is instructor of English in the Worcester Trade School (for boys) and also has assignments as teacher of pedagogy to other trade schools.

Mrs. Neal is active in the Baptist Church in West Boylston, the Reading Club, the West Boylston Woman's Club, and is a Trustee of the West Boylston Beaman Memorial Library (of which Annie M. Waite, '95, is librarian).

Walter Hubbard is still in the real

estate, insurance and public accounting business and is finishing his fifteenth year as Town Auditor of West Boylston. He too is active in the Baptist Church of West Boylston, serving as clerk and deacon. Last year he was Moderator of the Worcester Baptist Association composed of about 20 churches in and around Worcester.

Last Memorial Day the Hubbards were greatly surprised to have a call from Charles B. Kimball and Ethel, who were just returning home from re-traversing their honeymoon trip of thirty years ago. There being Memorial exercises on the common nearby, it was suggested that we go see if the Durgans were there, and they were. So another Colby reunion.

1897

Professor Charles H. Whitman of Rutgers University has been granted a leave of absence for the second semester of the present academic year, and will spend the period at the Huntington Library at San Marino, Calif., working on a Spenser project. His anthology of contemporary drama, "Representative Modern Dramas," recently published by the Macmillan Company, went into a second printing in August.

Octavia W. Mathews writes: "I am still teaching Spanish at Abbott Academy, and, in the interests of my work and for the satisfaction of seeing Mexico and Mexican friends again, I visited the republic this summer. I did not go by the fine new Pan-American highway, but the Panama Canal and up to the city by automobile. Mexico is changing."

1898

Arad E. Linscott is teaching for the twenty-ninth year at Deering High School in Portland.

Clayton K. Brooks was recently elected Trustee of Hebron Academy and President of the Paris Hill Country Club.

1902

In a most interesting letter Vera Nash Locke tells us that: "On October 8, I had the great pleasure of representing Colby at the Centennial of

the Beginning of College Education for Women. As Colby was founded in 1820 and as the delegates marched in chronological order of the founding of their colleges, I was almost at the head of the line. I was sorry that nobody from the faculty could be present for the whole day was very interesting and inspiring.

I was very sorry not to be present at the 1902 reunion but an invitation to drive to California at that time was too tempting especially as I had never been to California before. I visited several colleges enroute."

### 1903

Mrs. Bertram F. Shipman (Lydia Foss) writes that the School of Journalism of New York City, of which she is the founder and director, has just opened for its seventeenth year.

### 1905

Ezra Maxfield is head of the English Department at Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., President of the Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church, Vice President of the Rotary Club, Chairman of the District Committee of the Boy Scouts, and Division Chairman of the Community Chest.

### 1907

Walter E. Craig has recently been in the South, mostly in the state of Alabama, in the interest of the Hollingsworth & Whitney Company.

### 1912

Walter J. Rideout, superintendent of schools in the union of Hartland, Palmyra and St. Albans (Maine), has been appointed a member of the International Relations Committee of the National Education Association.

### 1913

Iva B. Willis is in travel bureau and educational work. She has just retired from the presidency of the Maine Women's Club of New York and hopes to have more time to keep in touch with Colby.

### 1914

E. L. Warren of Newport has been appointed to the General Committee of the State Safety Conference.

W. A. Mooers, who is employed by the Maine Public Service Co., has a

daughter, Natalie, who entered Oak Grove as a senior this fall.

Idella K. Farnum writes: "I am still teaching in the State Normal School at Keene, New Hampshire. In the summer of 1936, I drove to California and took courses in the University of California at Los Angeles. In the summer of 1937, I taught in Keene Normal School. Am in my thirteenth year here."

Arthur D. Gillingham, who has just commenced his twenty-second year at the Portland Y. M. C. A., writes that many sons of his first group of boys are now joining, which makes him feel like a grandfather.

### 1915

Florian G. Arey, Boston attorney, is serving as counsel for the executor of the will of Mrs. Marcella Upham, which is being contested by a relative and making headlines in the Boston papers.

### 1918

A serious operation forced Norma Goodhue to leave her teaching job in March, 1936. She then decided to take a rest from school work and devote her time to the florist business which she had been carrying on in her spare time. Last summer she enjoyed a course at the Boston School of Floral Art.

Paul Thompson sends a card from the Cranbrook School in Michigan with the following note: "Carolyn Stevens, '16, and I are still here. Our four children are growing older but we stay the same."

Howard Boardman's card states: "No news of interest. Still master, soccer and dramatic coach, and Alumni Secretary of Williston Academy. Acted with New London (N. H.) players last summer."

### 1920

Lewis S. Crosby writes that Sally Ann Crosby, now four years old, plans to enter Colby in 1951.

While at Presque Isle in October, spending a few days with the Maine Preaching Mission, John Brush enjoyed meeting old Colby friends, among them Elmer Williams, '22; Avis Merritt, '35; and Irvine Gammon, '37.

### 1921

E. Kathleen Goodhue is now teach-

ing a course in practical math at the East Hartford High School, for which course she herself has written the text book.

Bernard E. Esters was recently named by Governor Barrows as one of six citizens of Maine who, with certain department heads, comprise the Maine Development Commission.

H. C. Marden was appointed in October member of the Legislative Recess Committee for study of State Fund for Workman's Compensation.

Elizabeth Whipple Butler, says in a recent letter: "At the present time I am laying plans to be in Maine, in fact in Waterville, at the home of my parents—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Whipple—for about three months in 1938. I can't get back for Commencement, because my youngsters are in school, but will reach Waterville about June 25, and shall not leave until after Labor Day. My eldest son is in school in Maine, but twins and younger son will come with me. I do so hope my Colby friends will remember to drop in and say hello. My only distinction is that I have the largest 1921 family—including twins.

### 1922

Arthur B. Malone has just been appointed senior examiner in the Department of Banking for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in charge of the examination of trust companies.

### 1923

Avis Cox reports that she is still teaching English, French and Latin in the Meredith (N. H.) High School. She saw the Colby-New Hampshire game and, although the score was disappointing, enjoyed seeing the team in action and hearing the band.

### 1924

Arthur W. Coulman is starting his thirteenth year at the Winthrop (Mass.) High School.

Anson C. Lowitz, with his wife, has written and illustrated several children's books based on history—"The Pilgrims' Party;" "Mr. Christopher Columbus;" "Gen. George the Great;" "The Fountain of Youth;" and "Mr. Key's Song," are among the titles.

Percy Beatty is entering on his



seventh year as minister of the First Baptist Church in Beverly, Mass.

### 1925

Eva Alley, who is beginning her fifth year of teaching at Maine Central Institute, writes: "Had a grand time seeing Colby people at Convention, even if it did rain."

### 1926

F. Christine Booth is pleased to have her cousin, Eleanor King, of Methuen, Mass., attend Colby. Another cousin plans to come later.

Leon H. Warren resigned from the U. S. Navy a year ago to enter the office of Dr. Carroll S. Wright, dermatologist, for a year's full-time office assistantship. He is now doing graduate work in germatology at the Post-Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania.

### 1928

Miles F. Carpenter is manager for the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, and president of an insurance agency in Skowhegan and vicinity. He has three children, and his hobbies are raising English setters and collecting antiques.

George Hawes lists his activities as follows:

1. Teacher Guidance and Orientation, Madison (N. J.) High School.
2. Fourth year assistant football coach and charge of intramural athletics.
3. Swimming director of Dennis Memorial Camps at Stillwater, N. J., sponsored by the Old First Church of Newark.
4. Elected Township Committeeman from Randolph Township.

Ruth M. McEvoy writes: "I am a Children's Librarian in the Brooklyn Public Library."

### 1929

Ernest Miller writes: "We have begun construction of our oft-rumored mansion and all our spare pennies will be put into brick and mortar or board and nails. Keeping tabs on the work will also keep us busy. I expect most of my time for some months ahead will be taken up getting my acre lot in shape. Building out of the village has meant an artesian well, electric pump, septic tank, etc."

### 1930

Deane Quinton of Lewiston has been appointed to the General Committee of the State Safety Conference.

Samuel S. Morrison, who graduated from St. John's University Law School in 1935, is engaged in the practice of law with his brother.

Beatrice Mullen writes: "I am now attending Bryant and Stratton Commercial School in Boston, having given up teaching for the present."

### 1931

A note from Clayton Smith states that he is a manufacturing chemist and department head with Merck & Co., Rahway, N. J. On August 3, 1936, he married Bertha N. Johnson of Old Fort, N. C.

Eunice Foye Hutchins of Ossining, N. Y., writes that she keeps busy as superintendent of the Beginner's Department at church and alumnae reporter for the New York City Alpha Delta Pi group. Frances Libby, who is librarian in the Brooklyn Children's Library, will be her guest for Thanksgiving.

### 1932

Donald F. Kellogg conducted a party of boys on a bicycling trip through Europe last summer. They visited England, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, and France. Mr. Kellogg is an instructor in English and dramatics in the high school at Bellows Falls, Vt.

Talbert B. Hughes is engaged in the practice of civil law in Johnson City, Tenn. He represents the Federal Land Bank of Louisville and is secretary-treasurer of the local agency of Farm Credit Administration covering farm loans in three counties.

### 1933

Harrison F. Williams is still National Biscuit Company salesman for northern Vermont.

Ruth Weston is teaching in California this winter.

C. Malcolm Stratton was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the Ordnance Department of the Reserve U. S. Army in July and assigned to headquarters at the Eastern Massachusetts Mobilization Area.

From Bath, Maine, C. Lloyd Hooker writes: "It's not bad carrying mail these days. It's a wee bit cooler, but oh the winter ahead!"

### 1934

Edward Cragin is a partner in the Elm City Stamp Company of Waterville, dealers in postage stamps for collectors and philatelic supplies.

S. Peter Mills, Jr., has announced his candidacy for the State Legislature from Farmington.

I hope when the rest of the girls of '34 read this column, they will feel as excited and happy as I do tonight while writing this to the Alumnus. Uncle Sam's postman just placed me back in Foss Hall talking over old times with some of you. The first round robin letter returned, I couldn't get to reading it fast enough, and many thanks to you all who helped to make it so. After this success, the letters are going to travel right on and don't fail when you receive one to keep it going. Let's be real classmates in life and our college days will always be with us.

Conventions of all sorts delayed this news a little but I'm mighty glad to know that '34 has already some "big shots." Madelyn Higgins is working in the Bangor office for the Bureau of Social Welfare, and Peg Raymond is in the Skowhegan office. My heart is with you too, Peg and Mad for I know how interesting your work must be. They attended a convention in Lewiston and dropped in to see Eleanor Wheelwright. She is working in Peck's Department Store there and buying for the sportswear department too! Eleanor goes to New York twice a year and if her picking is like her sports ability, Peck's customers will surely wear the smartest sports attire.

When I tell you of Eleanor, Greta Murray comes next in line, she is teaching English in Junior High in Greenville and although says she is at the end of civilization, I don't believe it for Greta, grand High School buildings like you are in, one doesn't find at the end of civilization. Greta also passed the word to us of Barbara Bridges who teaches in Greta's home town of Brownville Junction. If secrets can come out, the little bird whispers Barbara is doing a marvelous job of it.

## 1935

Jack Sullivan has been associated with the U. S. Department of Commerce for the last three years, serving one year in the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the last two years with the Marine Inspection and Navigation.

Emmart LaCrosse has a new position with the Link Belt Co., of Chicago, where he started work November 1.

Maurice Krinsky, who is doing graduate work at the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, is also a case-worker for the Chicago Relief Administration.

Ruth Keller Evers is now living on Riverside Drive, Augusta. Ruth has a seven months old daughter.

Reba Jose is now connected with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

Wilma Stanley, is doing blood chemistries at the Harvard Medical Laboratories in Cambridge, Mass.

Beth Pendleton, spent the summer in Florida. She is now a senior at Newton Theological Seminary and organist in a trio at the Union Congregational Church, South Boston, Mass.

Myra Whittaker is field secretary for the Baptist Institute for Christian workers. The following is a quotation from a magazine article concerning Myra: "In her work as field secretary she will promote the interest of the Institute among students looking forward to full time Christian service. She will be available for appointments whenever she can be of service in the promotion of the cause of religious education and denominational enterprises.

Miss Whittaker's summer itinerary will have included the assembly at Keuka, N. Y., and Camp Ataloo, Ocean Park, Maine. She will also be present at the School of Missions, Ocean Park, August 25th to 29th and Camp Unami, August 30th to September 4th."

## 1936

Still lame from the unaccustomed feat of horseback riding, indulged in during Colby week-end, your maestro seats herself, groaningly at the typewriter to recall the glad faces on '36, which but recently brightened the drizzling hours at Teacher's Conven-

tion at Portland and later the bleachers at the luckless Colby-Maine clash at Waterville.

For lack of absolute statistical data, we shall indulge in more or less gossipy reporting. The Lois Lunt-Nancy Libby team, we understand is still the mainstay of the faculty at Mars Hill. Cleo Tuttle is now teaching English in the railroad metropolis known as Brownville Junction, Bob Miller and Tillie Stinchfield comprise the faculty of Flagstaff, H. S. Ede Silverman is back at Columbia Falls. Theresa Henderson has joined the staff of Coburn Classical Institute and Betty Miller is teaching English at Waterville senior High. Dot Tozier is also in the profession, teaching at Jonesboro High School.

Among the males of '36 whom we happened to see at Convention were Les Brown, now of Waterville High, Johnny Dolan, still at Rumford, Hal Hickey—who is still a credit to Dr. Libby,—Herbie DeVeber, and Chubby Caddoo. Bill Clark is still on the faculty at Princeton (High School, we mean).

On the premise that exchange students are most bone fide members of the Colby family, we pass on the latest (tho July) news from Jeanne Peyrot. This from Lucille Jones: "Jeanne has just passed her exams with flying colors, being the other one of two who received honorable mention in a huge class at the Etude Pratique in English. Professor Cestre, the man of dictionary fame and specialist in American civilization was the donor. This summer she's tutoring herself with Latin. How she never happened to study it is a mystery to me. The French lucees are beds of Latin and Greek. Very outmoded, we say, but its required for any French licence en lettres."

This from Jeanne herself: "Cestre made me talk about the courses I had taken at Colby and the way Americans study French. Then I had to try to answer questions on the economic causes of the American Civil War. You know it's called the 'guerre de Secession' in French. It was Lucile who went to look up the result of the exam, and came to my house to tell me I had passed it with 'mention bien.'" Jeanne then gives particulars of this exam, how it took four hours and consisted of translating

two poems of Edward Arlington Robinson.

"For the other exams I took (are these French thorough), we had to write four hours. The essay was on the subject: 'montrez que la poisie d'Edgar Allen Poe, par la nature et par la qualite de l'inspiration, est essentiellement immaterielle et etheree. Then I had to answer questions about the 'Twice Told Tales' by Hawthorne and 'the welfare work in the reform of American industry between 1880 and 1900. I passed it, too.'"

Dot Cunningham just missed getting to Colby Night (to the disappointment of a blond Phi Delt), but she sends us news of important alums. Kay Franklin, Helen Curtis, Helen de-Rochemont, and Betty Mulkern are all attending Northeastern Business College in Portland, Maine. Ruth Millett has an excellent position as laboratory technician. Ruth Toabe is also Laboratory technician in Cambridge Hospital, Mass. Betty Thompson is working with the Five Cent Savings Bank in Boston. Anita Thibault is working with an insurance company in Boston. Anita and Betty have an apartment together in Brighton, Mass. We saw Anita at Colby Night and apologize for not getting particulars, she was looking aw svelt as ever. Dottie Cunningham herself has secretarial work in the home town of Spencer, Mass. Terri Carlisle we saw, stylish and beautiful as usual, at the game and dancing with Colby's ex-football star—but we lacked the psychological moment for asking questions. We understand she is with the Telephone Company in Boston. Charlotte Howland visited for a short time while on her way to the Teachers' Convention. Charlotte is teaching at Strong again this year, even though it is a long way from Brockton.

Of the Happy-tho-Married group we saw Rowena Mosher Brann whose Colby-bred hubby brings home the bacon in Waterville. Dottie Gould Rhoades was missed very much at Colby Night. Dottie is keeping house in New Haven while the erudite Don becomes a Yale Ph. D.

Blushing at the profundity of our own ignorance in the face of such learning we break off our childish prattle with the hopeful gallicism—a bientot."

Kay Loughton.

## 1937

Louise Tracey is also an apprentice teacher at the Beaver Country Day School, and is living in Newton Center, Mass.

Eleanor Ross, daughter of Linwood L. Ross ('06) of Houlton, has accepted a teaching fellowship at the Iowa State University in Iowa City. Her duties will consist of part time teaching at the zoological laboratories, during which she will work for a Master's Degree in Biology.

Dorothy W. Goodwin is doing graduate work at Colby.

Edith Emery of Haverhill, Mass., has joined the faculty of Good Will High School, where she will teach English and act as librarian.

Bill Deans is working in the inventory department of the Western Electric Co. in New York City, and is living at the Central Y. M. C. A., in Brooklyn.

Colby Night was a great affair this year with all the usual revelry, but to the young grad coming back for his first year away from the old school, he begins to wonder where some of the boys were . . . Whit Wright was back with Louise Weeks at the ball game. Whit is learning the clerical work for the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. . . Steve Young was there looking just as big as ever and is liking Harvard Dental a great deal . . . saw Roger Tilley, who has a sister in the freshman class. Roger is staying at home this year, but hopes to make Germany in another fall . . . Kerm LaFleur is a research chemist in the Wyandotte Mill—right near home . . . his brother is playing center on the freshman football team and doing a bang-up job—his younger brother, Bob, is quarterbacking the Waterville High team, which is the leader among state large high schools right now . . . was good to see Val Duff again. Val is looking around for something and hopes to connect soon . . . haven't heard from Harold, Sheehan or Guiney . . . Art Spear is working in a First National Store in Scituate, Mass. . . Tom Yawinski has shifted and is teaching at Leavitt Institute in Turner, where he also has a pretty fair cross country team . . . Stan Washuk and Paul Palmer have gone to Akron, Ohio, in the interests of Harvey Firestone and are now roomies . . . Wilfred Comb-

lack is a benedict now and is doing graduate work at Colby . . . Tut Thompson is as big as life, and is doing some good work at Colby this year. Tut is also helping Bill Millett with the freshman football team, and doing some officiating on the side—hope to get him to goalie for the Madison town team this winter . . . Eddie Goodrich is looking great and has just landed a job with the New England Telephone Company in Portland . . . Larry Humphrey is learning bridge construction work in Lewiston . . . Ken Johnson is doing graduate work in history at Harvard . . . that's all until another Alumnus rolls around. How about a penny postcard from some of you—address me at Madison, Maine.

Jerry Ryan.

## MILESTONES

### ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret G. Chapman, Portland, Bouve School, '32, G. Alden MacDonald, Bangor, Colby, '32. Alden has been associated for the past four years with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and is now representative in the Bangor division.

### MARRIAGES

Ruth A. Fischer, Larchmont, N. Y., and New York City to James C. Brudno, M. D., Quincy, Mass., Colby, '27. Dr. and Mrs. Brudno are living at 3 Buckingham Road, Quincy, Mass.

Eleanor Rose, Waterville, Colby, '37, to Wilbur Viles who attended Colby, at South Paris, October 23, 1937. Mark S. Kingsley, '32, was a member of the wedding party. Mr. and Mrs. Viles will reside on Main Street, South Paris.

Estelle P. Taylor, North Berwick, Colby, '32, to Rev. Shirley B. Goodwin, Harvard, '33, St. John's Episcopal Seminary, '36, Graduate School of Applied Religion, Cincinnati, '37. The Reverend and Mrs. Goodwin will reside at 103 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Vesta L. Alden, Wakefield, N. J., Colby, '33, to George C. Putnam, Lockport, Illinois, Colby, '34, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, M. A.

Many Colby people attended including Frances and Priscilla Perkins, '34, Rebecca Chester, '33, Louise Smith, '33, Rosamond Barker, '33, Carola Loos, '33, Eleanor Manter, '36, Katherine Caswell, '36, Bill Millett, '34, Robert Finch, '33, Rev. Harold Lemoine, '32, and John J. Alden, '34.

Vesta wore a directoire style gown of white faille taffeta trimmed with velvet ribbon and carried a colonial bouquet of gardenias, lily of the valley, and pom-pom chrysanthemums.

Elizabeth Swanton, '33, was the bridesmaid and her gown of new rust shade of satin was also fashioned in directoire style.

The catching of Vesta's bouquet caused considerable upset among our Colby women. Roz Barker, Louise Smith, and Priscilla Perkins collided. When the scene cleared, Priscilla Perkins was the victor. So Vesta's bouquet came back to Waterville and Colby.

### BIRTHS

To Helen Smith Fawcett, '27, and John H. Fawcett, a daughter, Grace Helen, on October 5, at Berkeley, Calif.

To Marian Drisko Powers, '23, and William E. Powers, a son, William Edwards, Jr., on June 7.

To Florence Young Bennett, '29, and Franklin P. Bennett, a second son, Peter, on May 6, at Syracuse, N. Y.

To Hazel Dyer Town, '22, and Ernest Town, a son, Hartley Dyer Town, in July, 1936, at Berlin, N. H.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Campbell, '29, a third daughter, Martha, on October 5.

To Ruth Stubbs Estes, '34, and Bay E. Estes, Jr., Harvard, '32, a son, Bay Edward Estes, 3rd, on May 11.

To Edward and Lillian Lauderdale Locke, a son, Edward Nash Locke, on July 31.

To Portia Pendleton Rideout, '34, and Major Rideout, a son, Ralph Carleton, on August 19.

To Wayne and Alice Linscott Roberts, '31, a son, John Merrill Roberts, on October 22, 1937, at Portland, Me. A daughter was born to Oscar Chute, Colby, '29, and Mrs. Chute, on September 1, '37 at Litchfield, Illinois.



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