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The Third Rhodes Scholarship in Colby's History

BY HARLAND R. RATCLIFFE

GRADUATES of Colby agree to disagree over the relative merit and importance of developments on the Kennebec's bank. Some will argue that nothing will transpire on the Waterville campus during the entire academic year which will transcend in importance the unexpected triumph of the Blue and Gray eleven over the state university on Seaverns Field, the afternoon after Colby Night. For, you know, there still exist those perennial sophomores who continue to insist that the destiny of the college is wrapt up in the fate of its gridiron forces.

Others will contend, and with considerable reason, that the action of the Board of Trustees in reopening the Mayflower Hill project constituted a decision and a declaration vital to the future well being of the institution; and, therefore, should rank high, or at the top, among the year's Colby happenings.

Still others will maintain that the readjustment of the college's intellectual aims and ambitions (Please read Dean Ernest C. Marriner's article, elsewhere in this issue) is the most important development during the last quarter of a century of the college's history.

But whether you consider that your Colby sun rises and sets on Seaverns Field, on Mayflower Hill, or on the college's intellectual frontier, The Alumnus would like to point out, humbly and with no great flourish, that one of the most encouraging signs of the Colby times is the winning, for the third time in the history of the college, of a coveted Rhodes Scholarship by one of its undergraduate sons.

For, just as long as Colby can develop the type of man worthy of a Rhodes award, just so long can you wager your last bottom dollar that Colby education is high grade intellectual guidance, that boys and girls whose parents entrust them to Colby are not being culturally short changed.

Seniors at Eastern colleges and universities used to derive a great deal of enjoyment, and for all The Alumnus knows they may still do, from



JOHN G. RIDEOUT, '36

voting en masse on a thousand and one subjects, more or less, including such important topics as, "Who is your favorite movie queen?" and, as if that were not of sufficient importance absolutely to halt the work of the academic world, "Would you prefer a Phi Beta Kappa key to a Siwash 'S'?"

Because they, as often as not, expressed their opinion that a gold key dangling from your watch chain was more greatly to be desired than a monstrous "S", reaching from your collar bone to your belt buckle, The Alumnus has little hesitancy in boldly declaring his opinion that a Rhodes Scholar is a far greater triumph for Colby College than a state

series football championship.

It may be a little inconsistent to say that the winning of a Rhodes Scholarship is a great triumph for Colby College, for, obviously, the award was secured by the "distinction of intellect" (as his English Professor put it) of John G. Rideout, '36, who, forsooth, might have won the Rhodes Award just as efficiently and as satisfactorily had he matriculated at Yavale.

But it is the fashion among men sent out into the world with the stamp of approval of a college or a university to rate an institution of learning good, bad or indifferent according to the deeds and accomplishments of its sons, undergraduate as well as graduate.

And so it comes about that while it was John G. Rideout's brains and character which won the Rhodes award, it will be Colby College which will enjoy intellectual stimulation as a result of the abundance of wrinkles in his gray matter and the sterling worth of his character.

The Alumnus in its January issue found time and space to chronicle, briefly and in routine fashion, the news that a Hartland boy, son of Colby graduates, would enter Oxford University next October, following in the footsteps of two other Colby graduates who have in years past won similar honor and distinction for themselves and their Alma Mater: Harold W. Soule, '04, in 1908; and

Abbot E. Smith, in 1928.

The Alumnus, in this issue, wishes to extend to Undergraduate Rideout the congratulations of the graduate body, and to clear away certain fundamental misconceptions of the manner in which the Rhodes awards are made. (Carl J. Weber, Roberts Professor of English Literature at Colby, passed part of his Christmas vacation in Boston and New York, serving on three Rhodes Scholarship committees.)

There are four groups of qualities which Rhodes scholars should possess:

Literary and scholastic ability and attainments.

Qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship.

Exhibition of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates.

Physical vigour, as shown by interest in outdoor sports or in other ways.

There is probably a good deal of misunderstanding not only among laymen but even among members of college faculties about the foregoing "basis of selection." Many think, it is pointed out by Dr. Weber, that because Rhodes specified the four points listed above, the ideal Rhodes Scholar is one who combines all four groups of qualities in a general, all-round harmony.

The general public has often expressed surprise at the appointment of a Rhodes Scholar who quite obviously was not such an all-round man, not such an All-American super student as one would expect after reading Rhodes' four groups of qualities.

Rideout—the facts of his undergraduate career and attainments were published in the January Alumnus—is not such an all-around man. He was never a spectacular Rose Bowl halfback nor a Lajoie-like second baseman. As a matter of strict fact he has no athletic record at Colby at all.

It was formerly the truth that a candidate who enters the Rhodes competition without a sparkling athletic record, or at least a class presidency with which to bolster his candidacy, had, as an undergraduate would say, two strikes on him before he had a chance to swing his bat.

But in this academic day and hour brains seem to have it over brawn, marks over muscles, A's over athletic letters. Distinction of intellect has come into its own on the American campus, perhaps, who knows, because of the Depression, and

qualities of intellect and character are given paramount importance in the selection of these Rhodes Scholars who are to be sent across the sea to win additional honors for American higher education.

The Rhodes Committee has pointed out, and this year reiterated its opinion, that to pass over a candidate who shows distinction in intellect and character in favor of one who possesses an undistinguished uniformity of all-round qualities, without particular excellence in the more important ones, leads inevitably to mediocrity.

Rideout will win honor for Colby in the historic halls of Oxford for he, in the opinion of his instructors, is one of the best equipped mentally of the seniors now in college.

In 1930 the old state basis of appointment was given up by the Rhodes Trust in favor of a district system now in force. Rideout is the only Colby candidate to receive a Rhodes appointment since the district system went into effect. He is the third Maine appointee since Maine had to compete with the other five New England states.

New England is now one of eight districts. Four scholars are appointed every year from each district. Each of the New England states selects two candidates. These twelve appear before a district committee in Boston which selects the best four.

Rideout was one of two selected at Colby in September. He was one of the two selected by the Maine Committee of Selection at Augusta on December 12th. He was one of the twelve New England candidates to appear before the district committee at Boston on December 16th; and was one of the four to receive the final appointment.

The section in which Rideout competed is composed of the six New England states. He defeated in this gruelling intellectual competition the brightest and keenest undergraduate mentalities of approximately thirty New England colleges and universities.

Only one other institution of higher learning in New England, in the opinion of the board of judges, produced this academic year a candidate for a Rhodes award with the qualifications of Rideout—and that was Yale, a mighty institution celebrated for its Gothic architecture, its Harkness House Plan and its undertaker's dirge.

The Alumnus, perhaps because he is publicity minded more than the average, cannot help but link, in his own mind, this winning of a Rhodes Scholarship by a Colby undergraduate with the

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FUNCTION OF COLBY LIBRARY ASSOCIATES

To Facilitate Research On The Part Of Students And Faculty

By Frederick A. Pottle

I do not know that it is possible thus early to define the function of the Colby Library Associates both briefly and accurately. A committee is now engaged in formulating our policy, but any policy which we adopt must of necessity remain tentative and experimental until we have found out how we can be of greatest service. I think, however, that no one will quarrel with me if I say that our aim is to facilitate research on the part of students and faculty.

We do not expect that the Colby Library will ever become a great research collection. We are a college, not a university, and a college we should remain. We are *not* attempting to found a school of graduate studies at Colby. "Research," however, is fortunately not an activity confined to students prosecuting studies for an advanced degree.

During the last half-century the qualifications required of teachers in colleges have undergone redefinition. During the last century the majority, perhaps, of teachers in institutions like Colby had never proceeded beyond the degree of Master of Arts, and the Master's degree was more often honorary than not. Such teachers were not seldom just as learned as the members of our present-day faculties. They were self-taught men, as the lawyers of that day generally were. A young man who wished to be a lawyer "read law" in the office of some established lawyer; a man who wished to teach Latin read Latin at home or in the College Library. In the old classical disciplines a very small collection of books sufficed to provide a man with as much learning as he would be likely to need for undergraduate instruction. The classics had been studied so long and so vigorously that the books were all admir-



FREDERICK A. POTTLE, '17
Trustee of Colby—Department of
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able in method, and nearly all equally good. My Greek dictionary, which was published in 1850, was my father's, and before that my great aunt's. She, I think, purchased it second-hand. My Greek grammar (also my father's) was printed in 1889. My Latin grammar (which I bought second-hand some years ago for ten cents) was printed in 1883. Those three books, for all except the most specialized scholarship, are just as good as though they had come off the press yesterday.

When, however, modern literatures and the natural and social sciences came to be emphasized in our courses of study, it was found that the problem of books was not so easily solved. Our modern disciplines had not yet been methodized, and cannot yet be methodized because we are still engaged in the collection of materials. If Greek and Latin text-books are now pretty much alike, it is because the great scholars of many centuries devoted themselves vigorously to "research." Back of the beautiful clarity and precision of method displayed by any modern Latin text lie Heaven knows how many thick quartos and folios of angry controversy over *minutiae*. In short, it soon became clear that if the modern dis-

To Provide Literary Luxuries On Proper Occasions, Assist Librarian

ciplines were to be studied and taught at all, they had to be studied and taught in a tentative and experimental manner. The method was not established, the materials were not digested and were always being added to, and text-books grew antiquated over night. A teacher, whether he wished to or not, had to engage in "research" if he was really to know anything about his subject and to keep abreast of it. No small collection of books would give him his material; he had to range over a vast territory, among "authorities" all more or less premature or dubious, had to make a precarious synthesis, and then attempt to adjust that synthesis frequently enough so that his instruction should not be as outmoded as the high-wheeled bicycle.

The natural result was the development of graduate schools in the vicinity of great libraries, and a parallel demand on the part of college administrations that candidates for teaching positions should have received graduate-school training. At the present time the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is everywhere accepted as being almost a *sine qua non* for advancement to the higher posts in college teaching. Indeed, it may soon be a *sine qua non* for appointment to an instructorship.

I repeat that there is no reason to suppose that our Library will ever become a great research collection. In order to keep abreast of their subjects, our professors, in the future as in the past, will have to attend summer schools and will have to avail themselves of the privilege of sabbatical leaves. But that is not enough. They should be enabled, during the nine months of the year that they are in Waterville, to conduct modest research projects which they have started elsewhere. It is very bad for

the morale of a teacher trained in a modern graduate school to make him feel that when he comes to Colby he must suspend all investigation until the summer vacation gives him release. If he were provided with only a few special books, he could go on in Waterville quite happily and effectively with some part of his investigation. That is, though we can never hope to provide the facilities for training teachers in the first place, we can frequently, by a very modest expenditure of money, enable men already on our faculty to continue the particular research projects on which they have previously embarked.

We can help undergraduate students in the same way. The trend in modern education is clearly in the direction of "tutorial" instruction, at least for selected students. Universities are expanding their "Honors" programs, and set aside six weeks or so of each academic year for "reading periods" for all students. Of course the great majority of the books read are secondary sources such as might well be found in any college library, but it frequently happens that an undergraduate fixes with real enthusiasm on a genuine research problem of small scope and wishes to push it through. When such men appear at Colby, they should be provided with the books they need.

In a library such as Colby's it is difficult to provide the books. They are often rare and expensive; more often they are not expensive, but are of so specialized a nature that the Librarian cannot buy them with a good conscience. His appropriation is small, and he has to consider general needs. He knows that such books are desirable, but he has to rule that they are luxuries.

It is the avowed purpose of the Associates to provide luxuries on proper occasions: to enable the Librarian to purchase books really needed by students or faculty, which his conscience will not allow him to buy out of his general appropriation.

The Associates were organized a year ago last Commencement. During last spring and again this autumn I wrote personal letters to a small list of Colby graduates and faculty asking each to become a member of the

Associates and to send me five dollars for our fund. My goal was twenty-five members for the year 1935-36. I promised these charter members immortality, hinting that their names would be carved on a memorial tablet by a grateful posterity. But as I may die, and the list may get lost, I print it here in the interests of history:

John W. Brush
Louise H. Coburn
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Dr. and Mrs. Winfred N. Donovan
Florence E. Dunn
Harold E. Hall
Helen MacGregor Hill
Alice Cole Kleene
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Charles F. T. Seaverns
Hazel Cole Shupp
George Otis Smith
Charles W. Spencer
Edward F. Stevens
Carl J. Weber (Treasurer)
Charles H. Whitman

One of our members said she thought her chief reason for joining was her weakness for good company!

Next spring I shall write more letters and try to increase the membership to fifty for 1936-37. Any reader of *The Alumnus* who wishes to volunteer or to renew his subscription now will earn my profound gratitude by saving me some labor which can well be devoted to other pursuits. If desired, the payment of the subscription may be deferred to July 1, 1936, when our next year begins. My address is 27 Livingston St., New Haven, Conn., or simply Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

One word in closing. It is not our wish to interfere in any way with the Alumni Fund. We make no general solicitation, and expect never to have more than two hundred members. Graduates who feel that they cannot contribute to both funds should by all means prefer the Alumni Fund. We believe, however, that there are among our graduates a certain number who, after setting aside a contribution to the general fund, will still wish to support this special fund for the Library. Such we welcome to our (collective) bosom.

CLOCK WORK BACK IN '03

Wherein Arthur G. Robinson
Regales The Undergraduates

(From "The White Mule")

A man came all the way from China to tell us this story. Way back in 1903, before any of us can remember much, Mr. Arthur G. Robinson graduated from Colby College. He hadn't been out long when a religious zeal seized him and never let up until Robinson found himself in Tientsin, China, as a missionary. His name is on the board in the chapel.

Several weeks ago Mr. Robinson returned to the scene of his birth, Waterville, and the scene of his crimes, Colby. That is how we got to see him. Mr. Robinson is a nice little man, bristling with energy and good humor. It took very little to get him started and this is one of the things he told us.

* * *

In 1903, Mr. Robinson's senior year at Colby, there was no clock reposing in the tower of the library. There was nothing but four black faces. That gave Mr. Robinson an idea.

On a night in the early spring of 1903 three figures, armed with ladders, paint, brushes and cardboard, crept into the library tower. One of the figures (you may have guessed it) was Mr. Robinson. In the chill hours of the morning the three crept out of the tower and went to bed. The following day people on their way to their daily chores were surprised to see a shining clock in the library tower. They set their watches.

* * *

A little while later some students went by. They, too, were surprised to see the clock. They set their watches.

It was no time at all before the whole town was out of gear completely. When the new phoney clock was finally exposed the affair created an uncommon stir in the quiet little town of Waterville. So uncommon was the stir that it provoked the presentation of the real clock that now rests in the library tower. And for that we may thank the genial little missionary, A. G. Robinson, '03.

The Principal Projects Of The Alumni Council

Activities Of The Graduate Organization Reviewed In Annual Report Of The Alumni Secretary

By G. CECIL GODDARD

THE principal projects of the Alumni Council—projects that are with us year after year—are the Alumni Fund, now three years old; the publication of the alumni magazine; and the direction of alumni activities, both through the local associations and the Alumni office. The following summary tells briefly the whole story of the 1935 Fund:

Total amount of alumni contributions	\$4,014.50
Honorary graduates and trustees	745.00
Faculty and staff	49.50
Friend	10.00

\$4,819.00

Number of graduates and non-graduates solicited, 2,575; percentage of alumni contributing, 26; total number of contributors, 674; largest contribution, \$350; smallest contribution, \$1; average contribution, \$7.15; new contributors, 183; lost contributors, 172.

(Further explanation by Mr. Goddard of the results of the 1935 Fund Campaign is omitted here, although contained in his report, because it was published in the October, 1935, *Alumnus*.—Ed.)

Before the opening of the 1936 Fund, the following problems must be dealt with by the Fund Committee: appointment of new agents; the grouping of classes out of College over fifty years into an "Old Guard" with one supervising Agent; the division of each class from 1931 to 1935 into thirds, the Agents of which classes will be asked to appoint sub-agents to work with them to make the Fund more personal; the formation of geographical committees under the direction of the representatives to the Council personally to approach graduates who have given to the Fund in the past but who failed to give in 1935, and graduates who have manifested interest in the College but have never given to the Fund. Any success our Alumni Fund may have had is the result of conscientious effort on the part of our Class Agents.

During the most severe depression years a responsible survey showed



G. CECIL GODDARD
Alumni Secretary

that bequests each year to educational institutions in five principal cities in the country averaged three times more than the voluntary gifts in the same year. Bequests constitute a very large part of the total funds of many American colleges. After attending the meeting on bequests at the American Alumni Council, I feel that we can develop a new technique, or adopt one already in use by any number of colleges, to interest our alumni, particularly at present, and then to expand the program to include friends of the college.

A bequest program should be carried on in a way to build respect for, and pride in, an institution, together with a development of interest in the academic and the scientific activities of this college. Once we recognize the importance of bequests, we should give careful thought towards a program to stimulate this deferred form of giving.

I feel certain that Colby lawyers, insurance men, doctors, and trust officers, would willingly join us for the purpose of developing such a program. And it would place a definite responsibility on a large group of

alumni and develop a sympathetic understanding of the problems of this College.

Last year one of the accomplishments of the Alumni Council was to establish a loan fund of \$1,000 with a part of the Alumni Fund. Sixteen needy and deserving upper-classmen were able to borrow a total of \$910.75 from this fund. Two of these notes have been paid in full, thus turning \$86 back into the fund. Four have been renewed. None are in default.

The popularity of *The Alumnus* is increasing. On our subscription list today are 815 names, as compared with 723 at Commencement. This is most encouraging and indicates, I am sure, that alumni, by and large, like the magazine published by the Council.

Our local alumni associations are quite active. Last year on Colby Night meetings were held simultaneously in Minneapolis, New York, Providence, Berlin, N. H., Philadelphia, Washington, Los Angeles and Paris, France. Last night Colby meetings were held in New York, Berlin, Washington, Minneapolis, and Hartford, with home gatherings in cities and towns around Boston. Last spring President Johnson visited alumni in Boston, Waterbury, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Portland, Providence, and Hartford, and also attended several meetings in Maine. Six new Colby Clubs have been formed in the past twelve months.

Last year I did no secondary school prospect work, but six students are now in the freshman class who were contacted first in 1933-34. It is absolutely necessary to enter the secondary school for students.

Today the College recognizes its obligation to help a student choose a vocation in which he is interested and for which he is qualified, and, upon graduation, to assist him to obtain a position. A placement committee, together with Registrar Warren as director of personnel and placement, has accomplished much in this new field. In 1934 four men were placed

directly by the Placement Bureau. Of the men graduates of last June, fifteen have already secured positions through the Personnel and Placement Bureau. I would consider it an admirable project for each alumni group to find a position in its vicinity each year for one graduate of the College. Fifty-two of the 1935 graduates have answered employment inquiries:

- 14 are in graduate or professional schools
- 5 are teaching
- 21 are in business of some kind
- 12 are unemployed

Important as all these projects are, there will develop from time to time new ones. Members of the Alumni Council should always be close enough to the College and the general alumni body to sense changing conditions and to meet them as they develop. I hesitate even to intimate that lack of certain organization and facilities is having a demoralizing effect. Do Colby students and alumni have the self-respect and loyalty they ought to have? Where is the Colby spirit of yesterday? I want to leave this one thought with you—until we can provide wholesome community life, adequate eating facilities, better living quarters for upper-classmen, supervise fraternities or provide resident advisers for each group similar to the plan in the freshman dormitories, and cultivate a greater appreciation of the academic and scientific activities of the College, we cannot expect to develop the morale, culture, and responsibility, and self-respect so characteristic of a gentleman and an educated man.

JORDAN, '27, HEADS WRITERS' PROJECT

Two Colby graduates have important positions in the W. C. A. projects in Maine. Archer Jordan, '27, is head of the Writers' Project which is gathering material for a comprehensive guide book of America, similar to the Baedeker Guides of Europe. Katherine Wakefield, '33, is head of the research work in this undertaking. The literary part of the project will be entirely under her supervision. Both of these graduates were engaged in the manuscript survey of the State, completed last June.

COLBY PROMINENT AT BAPTIST MEETING

THE annual dinner tendered by the Baptist Board of Education to delegates from Baptist schools and colleges was held this year in New York City, Jan. 14. Although no roll was called Colby was probably better represented than any other institution, with seven alumni present in one capacity or another.

Frank W. Padelford, '94, Colby trustee, delivered the address of the evening as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education. President Johnson had been chairman of the day's sessions and was called upon to reply on behalf of the heads of Baptist schools and colleges who were present.

Colby alumni among the delegates included: Dean of Men Ernest C. Marriner, '14; Roy M. Hayes, '18, head of Ricker Classical Institute and Junior College; Hugh A. Smith, '20, and Joseph C. Smith, '24, of Coburn Classical Institute.

JONES, '07, OUSTED BY CURLEY APPOINTEE

Burr F. Jones, '07, Supervisor of Elementary Education in Massachusetts since 1917, has been ousted from office by Commissioner of Education James G. Reardon, recent political appointee of Governor Curley. A statement by Mr. Jones said:

"I was told this morning by Commissioner Reardon that he had decided to replace me as supervisor of elementary education, and that another person would be in my position Monday morning.

"After a brief discussion as to the length of notice to which I was entitled, it was decided that I should be entitled to two weeks' leave of absence.

"During the past 18 years in the service of the Commonwealth, I have found it a very happy privilege to work with school committee members, superintendents, principals, supervisors and teachers throughout the state.

"It has been my constant effort to

be of assistance to them in their endeavors to provide educational opportunities appropriate to the needs of our children.

"It has been to me a source of the deepest satisfaction to work for these years under the inspiring leadership and wise guidance of former Commissioner Payson Smith and of Director Frank W. Wright, as well as with the cordial cooperation of my many associates."

A. C. MARTS ACTING BUCKNELL PRESIDENT

A. C. Marts, of the firm of Marts & Lundy, advisers for Colby's fund raising campaign for the new campus, has been elected Acting President of Bucknell University. A member of the board of trustees of that institution for some time, he was strongly urged to accept the presidency. However, unwilling permanently to abandon his work in philanthropic fund raising, he has accepted the office on a temporary basis. Mr. Marts has kept closely in touch with the Colby project and was invited to attend the Fall meeting of the Colby board.

COMMUNITY—COLLEGE PEACE PROGRAM HELD

A community-college peace program, under joint auspices of Colby and Waterville civic organizations, was held.

Rev. Stephen I. Fritchman, Bangor, formerly of Boston University, delivered an address. Other parts on the program were taken by President Franklin W. Johnson, Rev. John W. Brush, Waterville, and William H. Niehoff.

The concluding feature was presentation of the one-act play, "The Great Choice," by Fred Eastman, by a cast of Colby students, including: Agnes C. Carlyle, '36, West Roxbury, Mass.; Elizabeth Wilkinson, '37, Jamaica, N. Y.; Genevieve R. Spear, '37, Augusta; Harold W. Kimball, Jr., '36, Waterville; Helen O. Jevons, '37, Glen Rock, N. J.; Willard Dunn, '36, Gardiner; Frederick Demers, '37, Winslow; John P. Dolan, Jr., '36, Portland.

The plans were directed by the peace committee of the Colby Christian Associations, with Alfred W. Beerbaum, '38, Waterbury, Conn., and Catherine C. Laughton, '36, Harmony, leaders.

Annual Meeting Of The Alumni Council

"Ted" Hill Assumes Chairmanship Of Graduate Organization—Student Living Conditions Discussed

THE annual meeting of the Alumni Council was held in Chemical Hall, with the new Chairman, Dr. Frederick T. Hill, presiding. The following other members were present: G. Cecil Goddard, John W. Brush, Harland R. Ratcliffe, Charles F. T. Seaverns, Leo G. Shesong, A. Galen Eustis, Leslie F. Murch, William B. Jack, George B. Barnes and Percy S. Merrill.

Mr. Goddard, Executive Secretary of the Council, read his report, which appears, in condensed form, elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Jack reported for the nominating committee which proposed candidates for Alumni Trustees, Alumni and Athletic Council members.

Professor Eustis reported for the cafeteria committee as follows: "This committee has authorized me to elaborate somewhat on the general subject of student living conditions.

"A year or so ago the Council recommended a student cafeteria. This plan was presented to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees, after consideration, finally arrived at the conclusion that no place was available for a cafeteria.

"At present our fraternities on the campus find great difficulty in securing a sufficient number of resident members to make it financially profitable for the College to maintain the various fraternity ends. At present one fraternity has only nine men living in the house, while another has only ten. A study made recently by Dean Marriner shows that between 90 and 100 men students are living off campus. This means an annual loss of revenue of about \$7,000 to the College. It seems rather ridiculous for students to be living off campus, in such large numbers, while the College has dozens of vacant rooms.

"Your Committee feels that the cafeteria and general living conditions are linked together. We feel that the Trustees instead of directing their attention to quotas for fraternities should go to the base of our trouble. It is our feeling that certain things should be done.

"We feel that an upper-class dormitory should be provided. An upper-

class dormitory, under present conditions, would have to come from one or the other ends of our present fraternity blocks. Having provided an upper-class dormitory and having provided good living conditions in this dormitory, space on the lower floor might be used for a cafeteria. The College could then pass a resolution, similar to that of many colleges, requiring that students should live in fraternity quarters or in college-owned quarters.

"We feel, also, that our experience with our freshman dormitories, now well cared for and well proctored, and with a wholesome influence in the person of a resident member of the faculty, has demonstrated that the same idea should be carried over into the fraternities. We feel that the administration should require resident advisers in these fraternities. Such advisers could be graduate students, or young professors, or possibly young unmarried alumni living in town. Similar plans have worked very well in other colleges. This is a very brief presentation of a very important and very broad subject."

A discussion followed. Mr. Seaverns stated that he was in favor of immediate action and felt that the

College should not assume immediate removal to Mayflower Hill but should work to improve conditions on the present campus. Professor Murch spoke regarding similar conditions at Dartmouth. "Dartmouth has had the same trouble with students going into private houses. The faculty there appointed a 'Committee on Student Residence.' That committee drew up recommendations similar to those suggested by Professor Eustis. As a result, every room in fraternity houses must be filled before boys can go off campus."

It was unanimously voted that the committee be authorized to submit a report to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hill reported for the committee authorized at the previous meeting of the Council to draw up a recommendation that the expenses of the Alumni Office should be assumed, in whole or in part, by the College. "After a discussion, it was deemed inadvisable to ask the College to assume full expense and thus make the Council lose its independence. The President thought the College might assume a portion of the expense, and the matter will be taken up at the November meeting of the Board of Trustees."

Mr. Ratcliffe reported for the Committee on The Alumnus. Secretary Goddard and Professor Eustis were appointed a committee to consider ways and means of securing advertising for The Alumnus. A discussion of the present system of handling the finances of The Alumnus, Alumni Council, and Alumni Fund took place.

Mr. Seaverns reported for the Alumni Fund Committee and said he felt concerned about the loss of 172 who gave the previous year.

It was unanimously voted to authorize the Fund Committee to select certain specific purposes to which money raised through the Alumni Fund should be apportioned, the list of specific purposes proposed by the Committee to be presented to the Council at its next meeting. Mr. Seaverns proposed that each Council member send in projects that may occur to him to the Executive Secretary.

The question was brought up as to

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YOUTHFUL offenders who are haled before Recorder L. Smith Dunnack, '19, now officiating in the Augusta Municipal court, are more likely to suffer from writer's cramp than from languishing behind barred windows. One such youthful culprit was arraigned in court on a charge of fighting in the streets. He was sentenced by Recorder Dunnack to write the sentence, "If I do not get rid of the idea that I am a tough guy, I will end up in jail," 2000 times. Two youths arraigned on charges of intoxication were directed to write the sentence, "If I am not careful, I will become a common drunkard," 1000 times.

whether the Alumni Office could not be supported apart from the Alumni Fund. Dr. Hill stated that he understood that certain alumni were willing to make substantial gifts to underwriting the expenses of the Alumni Office. This matter was left to the discretion of the Fund Committee.

The matter of a contact man for prospective students was taken up. Mr. Seaverns felt that the college should have such a man and it was agreed by the Council that quality of new students was more essential at present than quantity. It was voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees an extension of the present contact service for prospective students.

Secretary Goddard spoke on the advisability of a bequest program and it was unanimously voted that Dr. Hill and Mr. Goddard meet with the President and discuss the matter of a permanent program.

The progress of the Placement Service was next discussed by Mr. Goddard and it was unanimously voted that the Colby alumni groups be asked to cooperate with the College Placement Bureau.

The matter of campus care was brought up. Such details as keeping the chapel clock running during vacation periods, campus police, and campus drinking fountains were mentioned. It was voted that the matter of campus improvement and care be taken up by the Chairman and the Secretary with the President.

Faculty activities were discussed. It was the consensus of opinion of Council members that more social contact between students and faculty was desirable.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Delegations from various colleges and junior colleges visited Colby for the conference of the International Relations Clubs of New England Colleges. Miss Amy Hemmingway Jones, representing the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, of which she is one of the division assistants, spoke at the opening session. She is in charge of the International Relations Club work sponsored by her organization.

Other speakers were Dr. Ernest Minor Patterson and Professor Patrick B. Young. Dr. Patterson is an authority on international subjects, having lectured at The Hague.

ACHIEVEMENTS OR CREDITS?

How Colby Is Meeting The New Situation In Education

By Ernest C. Marriner, Dean of Men

An address delivered at a joint assembly of the two divisions of the college. Incidentally, hereafter there will be one such joint assembly each month, in the Alumnæ Building.

COLLEGIATE education has recently come to recognize the falsity of an old axiom, and the recognition of this falsity is pervading the educational philosophy of every American college. To show you how Colby is meeting the new situation is the purpose of this morning's remarks.

The old axiom has it that the whole is equal to the sum of its parts. Three feet make a yard, eight quarts make a peck, seven days make a week, sixteen ounces make a pound. The whole is equal to the sum of its parts. But is it? The composition of two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen gives a resultant that we call water. Yet we are well aware that water is neither hydrogen nor oxygen, nor merely a composition of the two. It is a reality in itself. Legs and back and rungs and seat are the parts of a chair, yet a chair is certainly more than the sum of these. There is no need to multiply examples.

From Aristotle's day many philosophers, delving into the contemplations of metaphysics, have poised this thought for mankind's consideration. While made up of distinguishable parts, the things we thus try to analyze are entities in themselves—something so different from the mere sum of their parts that they have reality entirely apart from any analysis or classification. To put it bluntly, it is not enough to say that man is more than the chemical elements that combine in his body; the same is true of everything else.

Hence there is nothing new about the falsity of the axiom. Plato and Epictetus, Kant and Hegel, Berkeley and Hume, all saw it to be false. The newness comes in its recognition in the field of collegiate education. For

long years the American college assumed that education, of which the college degree is the badge, is attained by addition or accretion of arithmetical credits on the records of the registrar. There was created therefore a sacred ikon called the semester hour, a certain number of which one must obtain.

When, under the influence of Dr. Charles W. Eliot of Harvard, the free elective system pervaded the colleges, our system of collegiate education rapidly turned itself into what amounted to four freshman years. By judiciously selecting his courses, when faced with no specific requirements, a reasonably clever student could locate all the easy courses in a college, pursue them without sequence or reason, and at the end of four years send Father the telegram: "Educated, by God;" and if Father were wise, receive the reply "Too bad, but why blame it on the Deity?"

Now college faculties, while conservative and slow to change, are really not so dumb as they look. All over the land they became increasingly aware that in this vital matter of education the whole is not equal to the sum of its parts, that the mere requirement of 120 semester hours for a degree is only slightly better than no requirement at all. In fact it might be even more honorable and less hypocritical for a college to grant a degree upon presentation of a birth certificate and a fat diploma fee of, let us say, \$1000. For then the student would at least not be wasting his four years in hummingbird flitting from flower to flower in the academic garden.

We have no time or patience this morning to review the long series of steps that brought about the change from Dr. Eliot's free electives to the present system of requirements in concentration and distribution. Nor do we need any such review. Our purpose is rather to see where we are today and what it means for the Colby undergraduate.

This is where we are: accretion has given way to achievement. The latest revisions in

curriculum and graduation requirements at Colby merely reveal a nation-wide trend; and it is safe to predict that in the next ten years we shall travel much farther in the same direction. The goal toward which we aim is that the Colby degree shall signify that a student has made definite and measurable achievement in mastery of one field of his own choice, and has obtained a respectable, though necessarily superficial, acquaintance with the other fields of human knowledge.

The movement to do away entirely with semester hours is gaining momentum, and various tests of achievement are taking their place. While frankly an experiment, the new plan at the University of Chicago, whereby a student may get his degree at any time when he can show certain definite achievement, regardless of the length of time he has spent in college, is being watched critically but sympathetically by many other colleges.

What has already taken place at Colby to meet this situation? First, the curriculum which became effective for the Class of 1937 and elective for the Class of 1936, a curriculum now fully in force with the present junior class. The adoption of that curriculum made it impossible for a student to graduate from Colby by taking "four freshman years." The concentration requirement—that is, the major—now demands a sequential study of one field of knowledge crowned at the top by the devotion of two-thirds of a student's time to the major field.

Second, a student must do more than take and merely pass elementary courses in his major field during his first two years. In order to continue his major into the junior year he must have shown quality performance—that is, achievement—of better than D grades in the elementary work. This regulation affects for the first time the men and women of the Class of 1937. Some of them are now in a position where they may never earn the Colby degree. It is to be hoped that many of them will, in this probationary year while they continue without major, so improve the quality of their work, so sense the fact that the whole philosophy of education at Colby is now based on

EXTRA-CURRICULA LIFE SURVEYED

A survey of the extra-curricula life of Colby is being undertaken at the request of President Johnson under direction of Professor Curtis H. Morrow, of the Department of Sociology.

The purpose of the study is to ascertain the various activities that occupy the time of students outside of the regular academic work, and to evaluate these extra-curricula occupations in terms of their effects upon the educational and social development of the students.

"Campus life often seems like a confusing whirl of activities," said President Johnson, in announcing the survey, "but we find that we have no factual basis for sifting the useful from the useless. The clubs, societies, fraternities, sororities, athletic teams and other campus organizations do, however, serve as a laboratory for training in the art of living together. On the basis of the findings of this survey next spring, it is our intention to encourage only those student activities which supplement and enrich further the work of the classrooms and may serve a useful purpose in the training of men and women for competence in dealing with the confusing problems of political and social life."

The investigation will be conducted largely by students who are majoring in sociology in order that they may have first hand experience in the technique of making social surveys. The plans call for two main lines of approach: a survey of all the campus organizations together with their origins, purposes, and present status; comprehensive questionnaires, to be filled out by each individual student, showing in detail how he occupies his spare time, and his attitude towards these various pursuits.

achievement, not on arithmetic, that they will earn restitution to a regular major next June.

Third, and perhaps most clearly of all as an indication of the new philosophy, is the requirement in Modern Language. We are no longer interested in the number of years that a student spends in the study of a language; we are interested in the results, the achievement. When a student can demonstrate to the department that he possesses a reading knowledge of one modern foreign

language, he has met the graduation requirement in that field. This requirement is causing some confusion because students have not yet sensed its essential character; namely, that the passing of courses in French and German, though helpful in meeting the requirement, does not meet the requirement itself. What is actually happening in respect to this requirement? A few students meet it upon entrance and are thus freed from any language courses in college except by their own election; a large group meets it at the end of sophomore year; while a few will find it a burden upon them during junior and even senior years. In fact it is possible that a very few may never be able to secure the Colby degree because they cannot meet the requirement at all.

A fourth indication of our interest in this new philosophy of higher education is the new attendance regulation which goes into effect this year. The odious cut system with its even more odious deduction of academic credit has disappeared. The power to control one's own attendance is based, as it should be, upon achievement. Absence from classes is not a right to be enjoyed by the mere fact of existence in the college, like breathing and eating. It is a privilege to be earned by achievement in college work. What is the penalty for violation of the new attendance rules? It is dismissal from the course, a penalty that must be inflicted by the Dean when the professor complains. Every year we have case after case of difficulty, not only about attendance, but about other college regulations as well, when a student honestly states: "I never heard of that rule." Now every student knows that he is responsible for the knowledge of every regulation printed in the catalogue or the Gray Book. Read, I beg of you, every line of every section of the new attendance regulation. No student is responsible for differences of interpretation of these or any other rules; but he is responsible for knowing how they read.

A fifth evidence of our commitment to this philosophy of achievement is the new method of election to Phi Beta Kappa. That most ancient and honorable of college organizations, founded as a social and literary secret fraternity in the very year of America's independence (1776)

grew to be the greatest and most cherished of all college honor societies. When the Colby chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established in 1895 it had become the general custom to base election solely upon a student's marks, and that practice has continued at Colby until the present year. If a student's average for all courses taken in four years was 88.00 or higher, he or she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; if the average was 87.99, he or she was denied election.

Last year the Colby chapter of Phi Beta Kappa adopted a new policy. Henceforth the marks on the registrar's records will play only a part in determining the election. Phi Beta Kappa is a society of scholars, and the principal factor determining election will now be scholarly achievement and promise of future interest in scholarship and culture. It is entirely possible that the mere mark-getter, the crammer, will be denied election even with an average above 90; and it is equally possible that a student who has made a slow start in freshman year, but whose work has steadily improved so that it has reached standards of excellence in senior year, and who shows genuine scholarly interests, will be elected to Phi Beta Kappa even though his four year average falls appreciably below 88. In short Phi Beta Kappa at Colby has proclaimed its interest in achievement rather than in arithmetical credits.

Perhaps it has not previously occurred to you seniors and juniors that these five things had any relation to each other: the new curriculum, the quality requirement for continuing a major, the modern language requirement, the new attendance rules, the new Phi Beta Kappa requirements. That is the purpose of this morning's talk—to show you that they are not unrelated, whimsical, unreasoned decrees of a superior authority that wants to take the joy out of student life. They are rather indications of the new philosophy of higher education, a philosophy whose watchword is achievement. And make no mistake about it. At Colby we have made only a start. We have not yet adopted the comprehensive examination in the major field, although we are almost the last New England college without it. We have not applied the achievement examination to other

FORMER MAID OF EMPRESS AT COLBY

COUNTRESS Irina Skariatina, former Maid of Honor to the Empress of Russia, visited Colby and was entertained at an informal reception and dinner by the women students. In the evening, the Countess addressed students and townspeople on "The Russian Revolution." Countess Skariatina's lecture was the fourth in the annual Colby lecture series.

subjects except modern language, although it is equally applicable to English composition, to mathematics, and perhaps to some of the so-called informational subjects.

There is no more doleful figure than the false prophet. The folks who predicted a smashing victory for Max Baer are sorry folks. I must frankly face the possibility therefore that I am all wrong, that some unforeseen factor will arise in collegiate education to upset the whole apperception that I have so beautifully loaded this morning. But I must face that possibility, and say that when we smell the sulphur from the Hollingsworth mill we expect it to rain. It doesn't always rain after we smell the sulphur, but most frequently it does. That is all any of us can do—read the signs of the times and draw the most reasonable, the most probable deductions. So, at the risk of being very dogmatic, I make bold to say that when Colby College faces as she does today that important alternative, achievement or credits, she casts her lot definitely and unremittently on the side of achievement.

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT RATHER THAN HIGH MARKS

Scholarly achievement, rather than high marks, will be the basis for membership in the Colby chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, under a revised set of rules which will go into effect this year with the class of 1936.

The new regulations provide for selection of candidates by a faculty committee of five. From the top twenty per cent of the senior class after the mid-year examinations, the committee will eliminate all who by unanimous consent are regarded as

unqualified. The remaining students are to be investigated individually. High marks will not be a determining factor in themselves, but the student's record will be studied as throwing light upon his mental ability, the character and distribution of his courses, and whether or not the student seemed to develop from year to year.

After consultation with the Dean, the head of the department in which the student is concentrating, and other faculty members, the committee will discuss each candidate and vote upon his qualifications for nomination. The formal election will be held at a meeting of the chapter.

"While high grades and scholarly ability normally go hand in hand," said Professor Carl J. Weber, secretary of the Colby chapter, "our aim is to make this society more of a stimulus to true scholarship by shifting the emphasis away from high marks as ends in themselves to the intellectual achievement which they are supposed to reflect.

"As a practical matter, we hope that the new regulations will exclude from membership a student who obtains high rank simply through a retentive memory and the election of only those subjects which are suited to that type of mind, or a student whose very high marks in the elementary work of his first two years give him a high average in spite of the fact that he does not have the ability to excel in the more advanced courses.

"On the other hand, we want to admit an occasional student whose average is lower than the figure that was the admission requirement under the old system, but whose outstanding work in the latter end of his course, or in a certain field, indicates that he has unusual scholastic ability. The Phi Beta Kappa key should stand for solid intellectual achievement, not simply a numerical average."

DEAN OF WOMEN AT COLLEGE INDUCTIONS

Dean of Women Ninetta M. Runnals of Colby visited New York State, where she represented Colby at the induction of two presidents of women's colleges: Dr. J. Hillis Miller, Keuka College; and Dr. William S. A. Pott, Elmira College. Her recent speaking engagements have included Colby Junior College and Colby alumnae gatherings.

WITH THE FACULTY

By Cecil A. Rollins
Associate Professor of English

AN aspect of college life that has lately been given deserved prominence is the matter of greater opportunities for superior students. We have each year at least one exchange student from an European country, and at least one Colby graduate studying on an Exchange Fellowship in Europe. Professor J. F. McCoy, head of the Department of Modern Languages, and chairman of the Committee on Exchange Fellowships, recently prepared an authoritative statement of the conditions under which Exchange Fellowships are awarded to seniors or graduates of American colleges. This was published in the *Echo* of Dec. 4.

Professor Carl J. Weber served on three Rhodes Scholarship Committees in the last weeks of December—the Maine Committee, the Massachusetts Committee, and the New England Committee. The fact that a Colby senior—John Rideout—was selected as one of the Rhodes Scholars from New England gave added satisfaction in his duties, we may be sure.

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The Selection of Books for College Libraries, by J. Periam Danton, was published this fall in a private edition at the University of Chicago, and distributed by The University of Chicago Libraries. This pamphlet, which bears the place-mark—Colby College, Waterville, Maine—is a reprint of an article in *The Library Quarterly* of October 1935, and that in turn was part of the doctoral dissertation of Mr. Danton, who is now Colby's Librarian. The article studies "the factors which play a part in book selection for the libraries of a restricted group of liberal arts colleges—those whose libraries possess fewer than 50,000 volumes." Conclusions which Mr. Danton arrives at and proves satisfactorily are that maintaining an adequate library in this respect depends upon the education, experience, and training of the librarian; the education, experience, and bibliographical training of members of the faculty; fixing of final authority with the librarian; and the extensive cooperation of the faculty in suggesting de-

sirable books to be bought.

On Nov. 29 and 30, Professor Danton attended the twenty-third annual meeting of Eastern College Libraries at Columbia University. At the Regional Library Conference (sponsored by the New York Library Association, and attended by New York and New England librarians—held this year at Bolton Landing, Lake George), he spoke to the College Section on Specialized Subject Training for the College Librarian. Professor Danton has lately been appointed chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws for the American Library Association; and also reappointed a member of the A. L. A. International Relations Committee.

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Dr. William J. Wilkinson, head of the Colby Department of History, was lately confirmed as a member of the State Advisory Committee of the N. Y. A.

President Johnson spoke before the Portland Rotary Club on Education for Health, December 7.

On Jan. 14 to 17, Dean E. C. Mariner attended the meetings in Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, of the Association of Baptist Colleges.

Professor C. A. Rollins has recently become a member of the National Theatre Conference.

Professor Elmer C. Warren, on Nov. 8 and 9, attended the meetings of Eastern College Personnel officers at Columbia University. Representatives of thirty New England colleges were present.

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During the Christmas holidays, many faculty members attended Winter Meetings of various societies connected with their fields of teaching. Professors Wheeler and Weeks attended the American Association for the Advancement of Science at St. Louis. Professor Wheeler met with the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers. Of the papers presented, he speaks especially of Professor Arthur Compton's discussion of the latest findings on Cosmic Rays. Professor Weeks met with the American

Chemical Society, and comments amusingly on Professor Bogart's chemical speculations on the increased ability to see in the dark because of large consumption of tomatoes and carrots. The press has had a deal of fun with the idea.

Dr. Webster Chester attended meetings of the American Zoological Society, at Princeton University. Dr. Thomas B. Ashcraft attended meetings of the 32nd Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England, held at Boston.

Dr. William J. Wilkinson attended the American Historical Society and the American Political Science Association, both meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He reports a "left-wing" tendency, with papers on the invasion of academic freedom by Teachers' Oath Bills, and the like, with speeches by T. V. A. leaders and others. Dr. Curtis Morrow, Professor Galen Eustis, Professor Walter Breckenridge, and Mr. Norman Palmer attended meetings of the American Economics Association and the American Sociological Society, at New York. Dr. Morrow feels that although there were many acute and able studies of special problems, no one yet has arrived at a general solution to our modern difficulties.

Professors Weber and McCoy attended, respectively, the meetings of the English Society and German Society of the Modern Language Association. Professor Weber reports a lively discussion of the importance of American Literature in the college curriculum. Professor McCoy reports a strong sentiment in the German Society in favor of American teachers with foreign study in American colleges rather than native teachers.

Professors Thory and Finch attended meetings of the American Philological Society and related organization in New York.

Professors Loeb, Roundy, and Millett attended the meetings, in New York, of many societies under the general head of the National Collegiate American Amateur Athletic Association. At the annual meeting of Directors of Physical Education in Colleges and Universities, Professor Loeb presented a paper.

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Among the social and professional efforts of the Department of Health and Physical Education this fall are listed: Professors Loeb, Roundy,

Millett, speakers at Men's Brotherhood—Congregational Church, Auburn, Maine; Professor Loeb, speaker at Parent-Teachers Association, Dexter, Maine, on Health Education in the Public Schools, at Cushman Classical Institute football dinner, at Worcester Academy; Professor Roundy, speaker at football banquets—Waterville High, Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton High; Professor Millett, visiting schools in Aroostook County, and in and around Greater Boston.

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The Department of Health and Physical Education promoted on Dec. 7, in the men's gymnasium, a demonstration of basketball and interpretation of the rules. Forty coaches and ninety players from high schools attended; and all were much pleased at Coach Roundy's conducting of the demonstration. Similar demonstrations for other sports are planned for later meetings.

FOUR OUTSTANDING MUSICAL RECITALS

Colby students and the people of Waterville and vicinity are hearing four outstanding musical recitals this year, in the seventh annual Colby Concert Series, Winnifred Y. White, '36, chairman.

The first was held November 13, presented by the prima donna of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, Fernanda Doria. This sensational mezzo-contralto has starred in many operatic roles and has had successful concert tours in England and Italy, as well as in this country.

On December 3, the Curtis String Quartette came to Colby. Said to be the finest ensemble group in the country, the quartette had just completed a European season.

The most ambitious concert will be that of the Boston Chamber Opera Company, February 14. This troupe will feature Gertrude Ehrhart, soprano, and Raymond Simonds, tenor, and will present chamber opera for the first time in Central Maine.

The final concert will be by Celia Gomberg, young violinist who returns to this country after a succession of triumphs in Spain and France. This recital will take place March 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"THE CHANGE IS OUR LOSS"

Editor The Alumnus,

For many years now, I have yearly subscribed to our magazine. It was inspirational, interesting and worthy of Colby. It kept us properly lined up with President, Trustees, Faculty, Graduates and Students. We felt a happy family.

I for one had misgivings when the management was taken from the able hands of Dr. Libby. A less abrupt change in management might have retained that masterful touch of so many years. The change was the loss of all subscribers. There can be no return to the old Alumnus, the greatest of all college magazines.

All criticism should be constructive. Your present product smacks of high school productions. It has been cheapened. The size of the publication is too large to fit the closeness of the log fire and Colby memories. The old frank, cutting editorials, short, sharp and tasty, are completely missing. The brief two page stories are absent. The account of college doings, told in the eyes of experience, has been replaced by wordy, childlike ramblings, ceasing never. Where is Eighty-Odd? Where are the pithy, argumentative write-ups of select news?

Sufficient. The change is our loss. We must not complain too much the loss of things of old or we shall be classed as of the old fashioned days. Proceed with your style. Edit as you have been taught. One reader can only say reluctantly, your efforts are not worth the price. When you have mastered your task, and can in a small measure approach your predecessor, our check is eager to go out to you. Meanwhile, pleasant journey, and may you reach the goal before journey's end.

C. A. Tash.

62 Second Street,
Carney's Point, N. J.
Jan. 8.

"A CHEERFUL NUMBER"

Editor, The Alumnus,

The January Alumnus arrived this morning and has been read from

cover to cover, including all the Class Notes.

It is a cheerful number, forward looking and hopeful; an excellent one, interesting throughout.

Robie G. Frye, '82.

89 Pinckney St.,

Boston, Mass.

Jan. 16, 1936.

ENTHUSIASTIC GOOD WISHES

Editor, The Alumnus,

Enthusiastic good wishes to the staff for a continued effort in the interests of the alumni and of the alumnæ.

Norman W. Foran, '23.

Cleveland, O.

THE CLASS REUNIONS

Editor, The Alumnus,

I hope you will give prominent space to the forthcoming class reunions, so that all who can do so will plan to attend. My interest, of course, is in the Class of 1921. Our tenth reunion in 1931 was such a pleasure to all of us, I believe, that we will all want to join again in renewing our interrupted friendships where we left off, and share once more our joys—both old and new.

Roland G. Ware, '21.

Portland, Me.

(Class agents are urged to furnish The Alumnus with reunion plans as soon as available, in their regular monthly letters.—Ed.).

THIRD RHODES SCHOLARSHIP IN COLBY'S HISTORY

(Continued from page 4)

Freedom of The Press Convocation, held on the campus at Waterville last spring, and the project to move the campus to Mayflower Hill. All three brought the college publicity, advertising, whatever you wish to call it, in a sudden deluge the like of which the institution had not enjoyed in a decade and a half, or since the Centennial celebration.

It is evident, as The Echo, Colby's undergraduate weekly, pointed out, that "Rideout is a real 'snapper-up' of knowledge, and one of the most scholarly students in the country."

Congratulations, Mr. Rideout!

NECROLOGY: Former Maine Baptist State Missionary

CHARLES E. YOUNG, '74

A graduate of Colby in the class of 1874, Rev. Charles E. Young, D. D., passed from life at his home in Bangor, Oct. 16, 1935. After his Colby graduation he pursued religious studies at what was then Newton Theological Seminary and there followed a long life devoted to the ministry.

His first pastorate was at Mount Vernon, Me. After a few years there he accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Caribou, remaining in that position for eleven years of thorough devotion to his people.

Appointed State Missionary of his denomination, Dr. Young served for twenty-seven years in a work that carried him widely over the state. These were years of sanctified service, performed with absolute devotion to his duties, with admirable diligence and ability. Later he preached for ten years at Hallowell, retiring from active service six years ago and making his home in Bangor until the time of his passing.

Placed only below his devotion to his profession and his love for his family was his affection for Colby. He attended the last Commencement, as he attended all when opportunity permitted. He also was a faithful attendant at the meetings of the Penobscot Valley Colby Association and at its last meeting, in a few, well chosen words, testified to his love for Colby and his interest in its future.

The infirmities of body incident to his long life—he died at the age of eighty-nine—were not reflected mentally. He remained keen and alert in thought, actively interested in all good things, until the last. A student and a thinker, he kept pace with the times and his words of counsel and encouragement were treasured by many.

Kindliness, gentleness and the highest personal rectitude were characteristics of Dr. Young. At the request of The Alumnus, his last pastor, Rev. James B. Ranger, of the Columbia Street Baptist Church of Bangor, prepared the following tribute:

Dr. Young did not retire from

the ministry. He died in the harness. Although he gave up his church several years ago and came to Bangor to live, yet he continued to minister in the Lord's work just the same and in so many ways. His holy presence was a ministry in itself, but his constant attendance at all of the church services, his eagerness to help some one and some cause, his visits in the homes and his giving words of comfort and cheer, all of these, with many other things, were indeed a great ministry. He filled a great place, was greatly beloved, mighty in the truths of Christ. He lived uprightly in his presence, always glorifying HIM for whom he lived. A real and true friend and helper to his pastor, ever associating himself with him to the greater advancement of Christ's kingdom. Such were his efforts until the end.

The funeral services were held Oct. 18, at the Columbia Street Baptist church in Bangor and were very largely attended. Mrs. Augusta Jenkins presided at the organ and the entire front of the platform was occupied by the beautiful flowers, silent tributes to the high esteem and love in which Dr. Young was so generally held by all who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship.

Rev. J. B. Ranger was the officiating clergyman and was assisted by Rev. E. S. Drew of Kenduskeag who offered the invocation; Rev. William Terrill of Passadumkeag, who read the Scriptures; Rev. W. H. Whitten of Blue Hill, prayer, and Rev. Gideon Mayo of Brewer, who gave the benediction.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. S. Pendleton, secretary of the United Baptist Convention, and by Rev. T. J. Ramsdell of Burnham Junction.

Dr. Pendleton spoke most appreciatively of Dr. Young's long years of service, both in missionary work and as a clergyman in many of the towns of Maine, eulogizing him as an earnest, able and faithful follower of the

Master, and as a gentle and beautiful exemplar of Christian living.

Rev. Mr. Ramsdell told of Dr. Young's services in Aroostook County and of the love in which he was held there.

Other clergymen on the platform were Rev. F. W. Barton, Hartland; Rev. R. G. Quigg, Island Falls; Rev. J. A. Jabayos, Enfield; Rev. Lewis Pratt, Lee; Rev. Roy Clark, Levant; Rev. Milton Geary, Rev. Aubrey M. Winsor and Rev. Mr. Welch. Oliver L. Hall was present as the representative of President Johnson of Colby College.

Dr. Young, who was born in Corinna, the son of Alvin and Martha Young, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude (Carr) Young; a sister, Mrs. W. H. Knowles of Bangor; two brothers, A. Judson Young of Winthrop, Mass., and Rev. A. Wilson Young of Bangor.

Oliver L. Hall, '93.

GEORGE A. GORHAM, '91

GEORGE A. Gorham, for forty-two years a practicing attorney in Houlton, Me., died at his home there, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 10, at the age of sixty-six years. He had been confined to his home for about a week prior to his death but he had been in ill health for the past two years.

Mr. Gorham was born in Eastport, Me., June 2, 1869, the son of George A. and Helen Webber Gorham. He moved with his parents to Philadelphia for a year or two before going to Houlton to make their home in 1882.

Here George Gorham attended the local public schools and Houlton Academy (now Ricker Classical Institute), from which he was graduated in 1887. He was graduated from Colby in 1891. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Beta Kappa. He was a close friend of the late President Arthur J. Roberts, one year his senior at Colby.

He began his law career in the office of Powers and Powers of Houlton, one member of the firm being the former Governor of Maine,

Llewellyn Powers. He was admitted to the Maine Bar in 1894.

In 1902 he married Isabel Pearce of Houlton, who survives. He is also survived by one son, Joseph A. Gorham, a graduate of Colby and associated with his father in the practice of law; a daughter, Helen K., employed in the same office; and one brother, Frank, of Houlton.

At the time of his death he was the oldest living past master of Monument Lodge, F. & A. M. He was a charter member of the Meduxnekeag Club in Houlton, O. E. S. and Unitarian Church. He was a trustee of the Cary Library and of Ricker Classical Institute.

Funeral services were held from the home on Pleasant street, under auspices of Monument Lodge. Burial was in the family lot, Evergreen Cemetery, Houlton.

Bernard E. Esters.

JAMES E. POULIN, EX-'03

DR. James E. Poulin, a physician and surgeon in Waterville for thirty years, died at his home on Silver street, Oct. 2, 1935, after being ill with pneumonia for two days.

Dr. Poulin was born in Waterville on May 21, 1880, and received his early education in the public schools of this city. He entered Colby with the class of 1903 and remained one year, after which he entered the medical school at Bowdoin, receiving his M. D. degree in 1905. The following year he did post graduate work at Harvard.

After serving his internship at the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Portland, Dr. Poulin came back to Waterville and engaged in practice. At the time of his death Dr. Poulin was regarded as one of the outstanding surgeons in Maine. He kept up with changing conditions in the medical world by attending some of the largest clinics in the country, including those in Chicago and at the Mayo Brothers Institute, Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Poulin was a member of the Kennebec County Medical Association and the Maine Medical Association. He was the first president of the Thayer Hospital, in Waterville, and had been a member of the board of directors since its establishment several years ago. He was vice president of the Kennebec County Medical

Association at the time of his death.

Dr. Poulin is survived by his widow, and four children: Mrs. Gerald Cyr, James E., Frederick K., and Regina E. Poulin.

BENJAMIN A. GOOCH, '06

BENJAMIN Austin Gooch, 51, died suddenly Nov. 22, 1935, in the Broad Street Hospital in New York City.

He was born at Yarmouthville, May 8, 1884, the son of Ida E. and the late William A. Gooch. He attended the public schools of this town, having graduated from Yarmouth High School in 1901. He attended Colby and was graduated in 1906 with an A. B. degree, being a member of Phi Delta Theta and manager of track. Following his graduation he was for some time employed in the offices of the W. R. Grace Co. in New York. Following his resignation from there, he entered the employ of the Barber Steamship Lines and remained for twenty-five years.

He married Mary Dermondy of New York, who survives him, and he is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Ida Gooch, two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Knight and Mrs. Bertha Hilton of Yarmouth; a brother, Wesley, of Bangor; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at his home, Little Neck, Long Island, N. Y., and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York.

RAEBURN S. HUNT

RAEBURN S. Hunt, 45, chief warden of the New Hampshire State Fish and Game Department, died at his home at Concord, N. H., Dec. 27th, from a rifle bullet, said to be self-inflicted.

Hunt, who was married, was a graduate of University of New Hampshire and was an Instructor in English at Colby during 1923-24. Hunt was in the New Hampshire publicity bureau before he became chief warden.

OUTING CLUB SKI FEST IN ADIRONDACKS

The Colby Outing Club enjoyed a ski fest in the Adirondack Mountains during the Christmas vacation, under direction of Charles T. Russ, '38, Hartford, Conn., president of the organization.

Starting Dec. 18, ten members

went to a cabin in the Keene Valley, near St. Huberts, N. Y. The program of activities included an ascent of Mt. Marcy on skis and a climb up the Golden Chimney. The party broke up Dec. 23.

The Outing Club, under Mr. Russ, is more active than it has been in recent years. Other mountain climbing activities include a winter ascent of Mt. Cadillac and other mountains on Mt. Desert Island, and expeditions next spring to the summits of Mt. Katahdin and Mt. Washington.

Last fall, the club's activities were concentrated upon the development of the winter sport possibilities of Mayflower Hill. About five miles of ski trails have been cleared which include all varieties of cross-country skiing. Sites for a ski jump and a toboggan chute have been selected.

The winter sport activities center around the Outing Club headquarters, a small farmhouse in the middle of this tract. A winter carnival is being planned as a climax to the winter sports season.

The club plans to conduct several canoe trips next spring through the chain of Belgrade Lakes. It is also planned to assist in the construction of the Maine sector of "The Long Trail," which is sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Club and which runs for several hundred miles through the Eastern states. The northern terminus of the trail will be Mt. Katahdin, but there is a stretch between this mountain and the White Mountains in New Hampshire which is yet to be completed. The Colby club will work on this project in conjunction with the outing clubs of the other Maine colleges.

BASEBALL LECTURE BY "DON" BRENNAN

High school athletic coaches in Central Maine and the Kennebec Valley were invited by the Athletic Department of Colby to attend a demonstration and lecture on baseball battery technique by "Don" Brennan, pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds.

The coaches also were asked to bring along any of their own battery candidates. Following the baseball demonstration in the Field House, the guests attended the basketball game in the gymnasium between the Colby Freshmen and Coburn Classical Institute.

CLASS NOTES: Personal Items Covering the Classes Which Have Gone Out From Colby

Edited by Joseph Coburn Smith, '24

1885

Correspondent:

Bertha L. Soule

210 Columbia Hts., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Joseph H. Lord and his wife, Mabel Webber Lord, both members of the class of 1885, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last fall at their home at 228 East Huron Street, Chicago. Mr. Lord has retired from his law practice. They have a son, daughter and a grandson.

1895

Correspondents:

Archer Jordan, 53 Court St., Auburn, Me.

Clio M. Chilcott

Ellsworth, Maine

Judge Hugh D. McLellan of the United States district court of Massachusetts has been appointed lecturer on brief making and the preparation of cases at the Harvard law school until Sept. 1, 1936.

A federal judge here since 1932, Judge McLellan was before that time engaged in the practice of law in Boston for 30 years.

1896

Correspondents:

Everett L. Getchell

51 Everett St., Natick, Mass.

Colby, '96, is planning for a big reunion in June, according to a note from Walter L. Hubbard. Warren Foss is to be toastmaster at the Reunion Dinner. The other class officers are Everett L. Getchell, Class Agent, and Walter L. Hubbard, Necrologist.

1897

Correspondents:

Percy F. Williams, West Dennis, Mass.

William H. Holmes of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is being presented as New York State's candidate for the presidency of the National Education Association for 1936. A nationally known educator has said of him: "Whether with the majority or the minority or alone, he has worked hard and consistently for teacher interests as well as for schools. And what he has talked in nation and state he has helped achieve locally: higher social and salary recognition for teachers, professional spirit, loyalty to N. E. A., teacher initiative and participation, civic-mindedness, cooperation with community forces, including parent teacher associations."

1905

Correspondents:

Cecil W. Clark

363 Walnut St., Newtonville, Mass.

S. Ernestine Davis

41 Franklin St., Houlton, Me.

The Rev. Edward H. Cotton, minister of the Marblehead Unitarian

Church, has resigned his pastorate to accept a unanimous call to the Free Congregational Church of Northampton. Mr. Cotton is a widely known author and has been identified with the Christian Register and the Unitarian News Letter.

He had parishes at Provincetown and Danvers before he enlisted for the World War. He was formerly associate editor of the Christian Register and later was connected with the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Cotton is a member of the Phi Delta Theta, the Masons and the Boston Authors Club.

He is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Colby College and the Union Theological Seminary.—Boston Herald.

1906

Correspondents:

Karl R. Kennison

20 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Anna M. Boynton

17 Union St., Camden, Me.

Noted by the Editor in the Technology Review:

"At the 54th annual convention of the New England Water Works Association, Karl R. Kennison, M. I. T., '08, was presented with the Dexter Brackett Memorial Medal, awarded each year for the most meritorious paper printed in the Journal of the Association. The title was: Boston Metropolitan Water Supply Extensions."

1911

Correspondents:

Mrs. Rose Carver Tilley, Ashland, Me.

Ralph E. Nash

4805 16th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

The following item is from the December 28th issue of the Bangor News:

L. Ernest Thornton of Belfast received word that his appointment as the judge of Belfast municipal court, was confirmed late Friday afternoon by the governor's council and he will assume office as soon as his commission is signed.

Mr. Thornton has lived in Belfast for nearly 15 years, going there from Augusta, where he served as deputy secretary of state for four years. He was born in Princeton and lived in Houlton for many years. He had started the practice of law there just before he went to Augusta. He was also secretary of the Senate for two sessions. He attended Coburn Classical Institute and took part of the course at Colby College, also a special course at Maine Law school before being admitted to the Bar.

Mr. Thornton is a Mason, member of Belfast Rotary club and of the Grange. He has one son, Seth W.

Thornton.

Communications addressed to Frank D. Walker, Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads, Va., have been returned unclaimed. Can some classmate supply his present address?

The Class Agent is greatly pleased to have on the walls of his den a most convenient calendar from the Patterson Steel Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, of which company Nathan R. Patterson is organizer and owner. Thank you, "Pat." The company, as announced by the calendar, supplies structural steel, steel buildings, steel warehouse products and building specialties.

Plan now for Commencement and our Twenty-Fifth.

1912

Correspondents:

Walter J. Rideout, Hartland, Me.

Mrs. A. L. Whittemore

31 Fern Park Ave., Old Orchard Beach, Me.

There was a very small representation from the class of 1912 back for Commencement this year. I suppose you are all saving up for 1937 and our Twenty-fifth! At least that is what Bob Baker, he of Foss Hall fame, is doing for I saw Bob in a restaurant (no not a bar) in Newburyport in late June. Bob is certainly looking fine, a little stouter and a little less hair but with the same old smile of years ago. He is busy with his work in the Boston Trades School and it is hard for him to get away for Colby Commencement as his school is in session at that time. However, in 1937 Bob will be back with bells on!

Another schoolman of the class is Otis Earle Lowell. The following is from a trade paper and tells us something about Earle's achievements in his chosen profession. I was mighty glad to read it.

"The Cloonan Junior High School in Stamford, Conn., has as its principal Otis E. Lowell. Mr. Lowell was the former principal of the Rice Junior High School in Stamford. The Rice School, however, has been turned into an elementary school and the Cloonan School was changed into a Junior High School. The organization and operation of the Cloonan School has been accomplished without interfering with the program of the pupils."

A. LaForest Whittemore and wife, Ruth Hamilton, Professor Ernest Jackman and wife, Adelaide Klein, and myself and wife were 1912ers at the Colby Reunion at the Penobscot Valley Country Club in October in connection with the annual meeting of the Maine Teachers' Association. Whitt is at Old Orchard, Jack

at U. of M., and I am still at Hartland.

1913

Correspondents:
Leo G. Sheshong
119 Exchange St., Portland, Me.
Mrs. William B. Hague, Jr., (Marian Ingalls)
R. F. D. 3, Gorham, Me.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Eleanor Fuller Taylor and Philip W. Hussey of September 14, 1935. Mrs. Hussey attended Colby with the class of 1926 and graduated from Connecticut College for Women.

1914

Correspondents:
Everett L. Wyman
20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Lester F. Weeks (Ethel Merriam)
31 Winter St., Waterville, Me.
F. Harold Dubord has announced his candidacy for Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in the June primaries. In the 1934 campaign, it will be recalled that he lost to Senator Frederick Hale by a narrow margin. He is Democratic National Committeeman from Maine. In making the announcement, Mr. Dubord said in part that he felt it was "highly essential that our state should have a representative of the majority party in the highest lawmaking body in the nation."

1917

Correspondents:
Ralph N. Smith
9 Woods Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Mrs. Lucy Taylor Pratt
35 Summer St., Hartford, Conn.
Elmer W. Campbell has begun his third term as Mayor of Hallowell, Me. He also holds the post of Director of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, of Bureau of Health of the State of Maine.

Winthrop L. Webb is living in Malden where he is headmaster of the Beebe Junior High School. He married Margaret F. Evans, a Wellesley graduate, and they have two children.

1919

Correspondents:
Burton E. Small, 97 Milk St., Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Neil Leonard (Hildegard Drummond)
31 Kenmore St., Newton Centre, Mass.
Mrs. Herman P. Sweetser (Phyllis Sturdivant)
Cumberland Center, Me.

Reginald Craig has resigned his position from one of the schools in the Bridgeport area in order to devote more time to translation into Basic English, and possibly do some writing in Basic. Probably he is the first Colby graduate to become seriously interested in what will quite likely be the first universal language.

1921

Correspondents:
Raymond Spinney
22 Allston St., Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Joseph Chaplin (Elizabeth Smith)
95 Elm St., Newport, Me.
H. Chesterfield Marden is a candidate for the State Senate in the Re-

publican primary election next June, seeking one of the three seats from Kennebec County. He has served as City Solicitor and two terms as County Attorney. He has been active in the Republican organization as first president of the Waterville Republican Club and as a speaker on many occasions during the campaigns of recent years.

Wayne W. ("Puss") McNally is now principal of the Kenyon Street Elementary School in Providence, Rhode Island,—the largest elementary school in New England.

1921-1936 don't forget our Fifteenth Reunion in June!

Commencement is only four months away: save your shekels for the gathering of the clan in June!

"Miff" Humphrey took a trip to California, the west coast and Canadian Rockies last summer.

"Bunny" Esters, editor of the Houlton Pioneer-Times, was recently elected president of the Maine Press Association. I had the pleasure of a visit from the genial editor, one evening just after Thanksgiving. I wish more of you '21ers would cultivate the habit of looking me up when you are in the Hub.

It's not too late to make a New Years' resolution that you WILL be among those present at next June's festivities.

1923

Correspondents:
Albert G. Snow, Biddeford High School
Biddeford, Me.
Doris E. Wyman
31 Lawrence Road, Medford, Mass.
George Odom was the subject of a write-up in a recent number of his company's house organ "Monsanta Current Events." Since it gives a pretty good account of George's career up to date. I give it herewith in full:

Young men are frequently advised by their elders to decide early in life what they want to make of themselves and then to stick to their course. George J. Odom, superintendent of the alum department at the Everett, Mass., plant of Monsanto's subsidiary, the Merrimac Chemical Company, decided when he was in high school that he would make chemistry his career. He was so persistent in his decision that even the lure of a career in major league baseball failed to change his plans. It happened this way. Before joining Merrimac, Odom played semi-pro ball. He also went to Colby College, the alma mater of Jack Coombs, the old Philadelphia Athletics' pitcher. Through the good offices of Coombs, Odom was offered a tryout with Connie Mac's ball club. He declined, however, because he believed that a career in the chemical industry would offer more of permanent value and interest than playing baseball.

After graduating from Colby where he majored in chemistry. Odom intended to go to Massachusetts Insti-

tute of Technology but the death of his father made it necessary for him to change his plans. He decided to start his career in the chemical industry and chose the Merrimac Chemical Company because it was the largest chemical company in New England and offered the greatest opportunities. In the fall of 1923, he went to work as a chamber plant operator at the old Woburn plant. The next year he was transferred to the contact plant and three years later to the alum department. He was made superintendent of that department in 1929.

Mr. Odom is married and has three daughters, Barbara, 10; Elizabeth, 8, and Ruth 6. He owns his home and although he still plays baseball for the fun of it, he is glad that he cast his lot with Merrimac instead of professional baseball. His hobby is sports of all kinds.

1924

Correspondents:
Joseph C. Smith
12 Park St., Waterville, Me.
Anne Brownstone
62 Central St., Peabody, Mass.

Not often, if ever before has a Colby graduate achieved genuine "All American" fame, but the class of 1924 herewith presents Helen F. Libby who was named a member of the All American Women's Field Hockey Team, at left halfback position, following the conclusion of the National Tournament last fall at Cleveland. After graduation from Colby, she attended Boston University and the Boston School of Physical Education, and is now physical director at the Lexington (Mass.) High School.

Adding to our list of second generation '24-ers printed in the last issue, we hereby record two young Bramhalls: Theodore C. Junior, born Feb. 28, 1934, and Priscilla Ethel, born May 10, 1935. Ted, by the way was admitted to the American College of Surgeons this fall.

John Barnes journeyed from Albany to Burlington, Vermont, to see Yadwinski's 90 yard run which gave Colby the victory. After the game he dropped in on "River" Jordan and found him to be principal of the Wallingford (Vt.) High School, a promotion not hitherto recorded in these columns.

George Nickerson is serving as acting headmaster at the famous Cranbrook School in Michigan, stepping into the shoes of William O. Stevens, '98. This is a distinct tribute to George and we trust the position will become his permanently.

1925

Correspondents:
Ellsworth W. Millett
16 Dalton St., Waterville, Me.
Marjorie A. Everingham
Isham Infirmary, Phillips Academy
Andover, Mass.
Verne E. Reynolds, '25, and
Rosalie Mosher Reynolds, '29, are the

parents of a daughter, Bethia Christine, born November 30. Verne is in the high school at Groton, Conn.

1927

Correspondents:

William A. Macomber
3 Cliff Ave., So. Portland, Me.
Dorothy Giddings
39 Murray St., Augusta, Me.
Helen C. Mitchell, Houlton, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stearns (Barbara Fife, '27), are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter. They live in Rumford, Me.

1928

Correspondents:

George C. West
172 Main St., Waterville, Me.
Edna E. Turkington
22 Sprague St., Malden, Mass.

Miles F. Carpenter has announced his candidacy for the legislature on the Republican ticket. Since leaving Colby he has conducted an insurance business in Skowhegan. He has served as a member of the Republican town committee and has twice been delegate to the Republican state conventions.

Just had a nice letter from Myra Stone. She seems to be Secretary of the Bach-Brahms Society . . . sounds kinda classy to me . . . must be music or some arty thing. Myra is still in Lawrence . . . says she has a tidbit about a '28er which will come along soon . . . I wonder?

At our Fifth Reunion in 1933 it was suggested that we hold another before the Tenth . . . this seems like a good year. How do you feel about it? Let me hear something from some of you people. It isn't too early to be thinking it over. Possibly by the time our Tenth rolls around Colby will be on the New Campus so lets all get together and have a good old time at the scene of our four year pleasure period.

Some of you people must have some news for me. Now don't be bashful tell me what you are doing . . . you don't have to tell me why. I would like to have something in here every month but I cannot unless I have something to work with.

Wyndy Ayer and Flop are now in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Had a nice Christmas card from them. I learn that Wyndy is manager of a new theater there. I believe the name of it is the Indian Theater. Decorations are of the nature indicated by the name. Congratulations, but wish you were closer to the East.

P. S. Don't forget the Fan Mail. We columnists have to receive it or we lose our jobs or get a cut in pay and I need all I make on this job.

1930

Correspondents:

Arthur L. Stebbins
193 Main St., Waterville, Me.

The engagement of Miss Elsie H. Reynolds to Ralph L. Goddard of this city was announced at a tea given recently by Miss Reynolds' mother,

Mrs. Annie E. Reynolds of Fessenden street.

Miss Reynolds was graduated from the Portland High School and has a secretarial position with the firm of Woodman, Skelton, Thompson and Chapman.

Mr. Goddard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield C. Goddard of Cornish, and is a graduate of Brooks High School at Brooks, and Colby College. He has a position with the Casco Bank and Trust Company.

No date is announced for the wedding.—Portland Telegram.

1932

Correspondents:

Richard Dana Hall
24 Gilman St., Waterville, Me.
Justina M. Harding, Stonington, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Stratton of Washington, D. C., recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth J. Stratton, to Linwood E. Lagerson, formerly of Westbrook, who has just received his LL. B. degree from the National University of Law in Washington. The wedding will be an event of the Fall.

Mr. Lagerson is the son of the late Dr. Victor E. Lagerson and Mrs. Lagerson of Westbrook. He was graduated from Westbrook High School in 1928, attended the Abbott School at Farmington and received a B. S. degree from Colby College in 1932. In high school and at Colby, he won numerous prizes and medals as a public speaker and once was champion of a Cumberland County competition. He is a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

At present, Mr. Lagerson is continuing his studies at the National University for degrees as Master of Patent Law and Doctor of Juridical Science. He is employed meanwhile, in the legal division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Miss Stratton is a student at the National University and will receive her LL. B. degree in May.—Portland Telegram.

1934

Correspondents:

Harold M. Plotkin
45 Lanark Rd., Brighton, Mass.
Ella C. Gray, East Holden, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Jordan have announced the marriage of their daughter, Adelaide Elizabeth, to Kenneth Sharrock Cleaves, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cleaves, which took place October 13, 1934, at Portsmouth, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaves are now in Eastport, where Mr. Cleaves has an engineering position on the Quoddy project.

The marriage was the outcome of a schoolday romance which began when the two were members of the freshman class at Bar Harbor High School. Mr. Cleaves went to the University of Maine, graduating in 1934. Mrs. Cleaves, following her high school days, went to Colby college from which she was graduated in the same year.—Portland Telegram.

1935

Correspondent:

Maurice Krinsky
14 Fairbanks St., Worcester, Mass.
Miss Virginia Moore
College Highway, Southwick, Mass.

Flash! "Colby women of '35 make good!" For further details read your local Alumnus notes! Though we are one issue behind our colleague, "Moe" Krinsky we insist upon being "in the swim" with our class agent soup, which we have concocted and boiled down into the following savory morsels of delicious gossip!

To mock newspaper style, we present our biggest story first, a letter with a foreign flavor from a classmate whose "Too much in love" is far from foreign to our ears. Kay Herick is having the time of her life and a wonderful experience as "assistante d'anglais" at the "Lycee des jeunes filles" at Grenoble, as a student at the University of Grenoble, and as a student of Italian on the side in anticipation of a trip to Florence, Venice and Rome at Easter time. Kay writes such a descriptive letter of Grenoble, Switzerland, the Riviera, and everything European! Of Grenoble she writes: "It's the loveliest city you can ever imagine, very old and quaint with funny little stone buildings all mixed in with lovely Gothic cathedrals and museums and utterly and completely surrounded by snow-covered Alps of overwhelming dimensions. You just can't imagine how gorgeous this scenery is—green grass, roses in full bloom, and yet mountains covered with snow. And these Alps are so near you can almost touch them, really truly Alps. I got the thrill of a lifetime climbing one of them a while ago, descending by means of cables tied to each other, going over precipices which fairly took my breath away." Though it would be easy to go on forever quoting Kay's letter, we must get to other gossip, leaving Kay with her globe-trotting. And by the way, classmates, her address is "Lycee des Jeunes filles, rue du Lycee, Grenoble, Isere, France." Why not write her? Mail, she says, is a gift from heaven!

A next-door neighbor of Kay's, Muriel Bailie, is substituting at home, studying at Columbia. She says that substituting is "really lots of fun."

"Pat" Thorne, another third-floorer of Foss Hall, is teaching English, French, ancient history, and U. S. history (a lot of subjects for such a little girl!) to high school youngsters of Solon, Me. She also puts on plays in this small high school of 48 which has but one other teacher, the principal.

A mention of "Pat" brings about a mention of "Peg" just as naturally as night follows day! "Peg" Jordan is teaching, too, at Hollis High school in Hollis Center, Me. Her school has about 65 pupils.

We turn theological to tell you about Beth Pendleton. She is at Andover-Newton, working for her Bachelor of Divinity, a three year

course. On Sundays she acts as Y. P. Director at the First Baptist church in Cambridge, besides singing in the choir. (We are glad to hear that Beth is still singing!) Her roommate is Merle Cole, another classmate, who is also taking the B. D. course. Before we leave Beth, we are going to let you all in on a little secret (hoping that Beth won't mind!) She is engaged to John G. Clark, a student at Newton, from Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Congratulations, Beth, and here's to your Southern accent!

From Southern thoughts we go to Northern thoughts and back to Waterville, so familiar to us all. Here, at 72 Elm street, lives Myra Whitaker in an attractive apartment. Hers is a unique position, acting as go-between of churches and the college. We say "churches" because Myra represents them all and makes it possible for Colby students and Waterville citizens of all faiths to become acquainted. Her home is always open for personal conferences. In her spare moments she writes on her thesis, titled "What is an adequate religious program for a college campus?" Before long Myra will have her M. A. but right now she is content to be student counselor, ex-officio of the "Y," and friend of both the church and Colby.

Reba Jose is teaching history, geography, and physiology in the eighth grade at her home school in Saco. We can't seem to stop Colby people from being teachers, can we!

Your class agent ran into Elizabeth Franklin in a most peculiar manner, on the train from Portland to Boston. The sad part is that we did not meet till the train was almost in Boston, so we had to chew Colby gossip over a cafeteria counter while we waited for trains. At that time Elizabeth was in Portland at Grey's business school, learning typing and shorthand.

From Presque Isle Avis Merritt sends greetings, saying that she teaches English at Presque Isle high school. Avis, you remember, was the first in our class to get a job, and we owe her all our hope and faith that college graduates do get placed. But let Avis speak for herself: "Each day I have five classes, three Sophomore divisions and two Junior divisions. During the day I teach about 140 pupils and besides these I have three study periods to supervise. But I am enjoying it very much."

Blanche Silverman writes us an interesting letter from Portland. She is busy roaming about the city, helping in her father's office, and engaging in the Y. W. H. A. affairs.

Hope Bunker still keeps close watch on Colby as she assists in the geology department and takes a few courses.

We regret to say that our class agent soup must end now, for lack of more material. We are still hoping, however, that the letters will flood us from now on. Don't forget to write!

ALUMNI MEETINGS

COLBY ASSOCIATION IS FORMED AT WORCESTER

A formation meeting of the Worcester County, Mass., Colby Alumni Association took place Dec. 13, with President Johnson, Director of Health and Physical Education Gilbert F. Loeb and Alumni Secretary Goddard as speakers. The gathering, an informal dinner, took place at the Bancroft Hotel, Worcester. Special guests were Dean and Mrs. Homer P. Little, of Clark University, Worcester. Dean Little, formerly a professor of geology at Colby, related many experiences during his stay at Colby, and told the group he was happy to see the formation of the association.

Chairman was David K. Arey, '05, elected first president of the group. He introduced Secretary Goddard who brought tidings of alumni activities. Professor Loeb discussed athletic policies, and the football season. President Arey then requested a few words from Dr. Cecil Clark, '05, president of the Boston Alumni.

William C. Crawford, '82, also down for the occasion, spoke briefly and President Johnson concluded the program, discussing the many changes at the college. Two reels of movies followed, with Maurice Krinsky, '35, as commentator.

In charge of the meeting were: Mr. Arey, Mr. Krinsky, Albert W. Wassell, '26; Ralph N. Smith, '17; and Robert G. LaVigne, '29, all of Worcester. Newly elected officers: president, David K. Arey, '05, Worcester; vice president, Gerald E. Leeds, '17, Princeton; secretary, Maurice Krinsky, '35, Worcester; treasurer, Robert G. LaVigne, '29, Worcester. The following were present:

David K. Arey, '05, Worcester; Edward Buyński, '35, Worcester; Lloyd L. Davis, '17, Hopedale; W. Weston Evans, ex-'17, Hubbardston; Simon P. Hedman, '00, Worcester; Mrs. C. W. Holmes, '27, East Douglas; Walter L. Hubbard, '96, and Mrs. Hubbard, West Boylston; Maurice Krinsky, '35, Worcester; Robert G. LaVigne, '29, and Mrs. LaVigne, Worcester; Gerald E. Leeds, '17, Princeton; Alice B. LePoer, '31, West Boylston; J. Lewis Lovett, '28, Hudson; Edgar P. Neal, '93, West Boylston; Dr. Sherman Perry, '01, and Mrs. Perry, Winchendon; Harry S. Phinney, '08, Paxton; Dr. Kent T. Royal, '15, and Mrs. Royal, North Brookfield; Leota E. Schoff, '25, Worcester; Ralph N. Smith, '17, Worcester, and Mrs. Ralph N. Smith, '17, Worcester; Mrs. John Springer, '33, Westboro; Martin J. Tierney,

'30, Hudson; Clarence E. Tupper, '94, Worcester; Mrs. Joseph B. Wadleigh, '09, Worcester; Almon R. Warren, '27, and Mrs. Warren, Worcester.

The following were guests: Dr. Cecil Clark, '05, Newtonville; Linwood Workman, '02, and Mrs. Workman, Framingham; Edward Rick, ex-'35, Reading, Pa.; Frederick Hussey, '18, Newtonville; Louis A. Wilson, '14, Newtonville; Raymond Spinney, '21, Boston; Thomas Urie, '20, Newton; William C. Crawford, Boston.

BOSTON ALUMNI STAG SMOKER

The mid-winter get-together of the Boston Colby Alumni Association, a stag smoker, was held at the Twentieth Century Club Jan. 24th. Following a buffet supper, Professor William J. Wilkinson, head of the Colby history department, who had come from Waterville especially for the occasion, talked on international relations and supplemented his remarks with a question and answer period which was as interesting as it was informative.

The Boston Association is this year celebrating the fifty-fifth anniversary of its founding. A letter from Clarence L. Judkins, '81, described the first meeting of the Association, held in the old Crawford House, with an attendance of twenty.

Francis F. Whittier, '81, eighty-three years of age, spoke, as did, among others, "Uncle Billy" (William C.) Crawford, '82. There were seventy-eight present, the largest group of Colby men to meet in Boston in recent years, according to the presiding officer, Dr. Cecil W. Clark, '05, president of the association.

John E. Candelet, '27, secretary of the Rhode Island Colby Alumni Association, played the piano for group singing which was led by Walter D. Berry, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Boston association.

Tentative plans were made for the reorganization of a Boston Colby Club, to supplement the work of the association, one of the objects to be a series of monthly luncheons.

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