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WE take this last opportunity to remind the students that the prize articles are due on the first Wednesday of next term. We would again urge that as many as possible enter the competing list. All articles must be in our hands at the time specified as no further abatement of time will be given.

THE Sunday Bible classes have not been organized this term owing in part to the illness or absence of certain of the professors who have conducted them in the past. These classes have formed an instructive and elevating factor in the college work and there are many who feel the lack of the opportunity for study which they afforded. In the various churches the student has not the freedom from restraint which he feels when surrounded only by his fellow students, and can not derive an equal benefit from his work. It seems to be highly desirable that the college classes should be resumed. It has been customary for each class to meet by itself. While this may and does have its advantages, yet under the present circumstances it would be impracticable to do so. It seems to us that a Bible class might be organized, comprising all members of any class who wish to enter, under the instruction of a member of the faculty to be elected by the class. Aside from the size, which would not be likely to offer any serious drawback, there would be no disadvantages connected with such a class which could not fail to work for the mutual benefit of its members.

THE influence of the press can not be overestimated. It may be the making or the

ruin of a good reputation. This is, perhaps, especially true in the case of institutions of a public character, and over none can it exert a greater influence than over our higher institutions of learning.

Wherever they be, the friends of a college have an eye for its interests. And—such is human nature—not only do the friends of a college feel an interest in its actions, but its rivals are ever on the alert, ready to employ everything available as an influence against it. Then, too, there are very many with no particular inclination toward any college who notice what is going on and form their opinions according to the reports which come to them.

The general public judge us from what they are able to learn of our actions. The principal source of information is through the agency of the press. It must be seen, then, that what we are in the opinion of the public is what we are represented in the press. Such is the morbid desire of the readers of our dailies that an exaggerated account of a college scrape will be read with interest, where an account of a more commendable action will receive no further notice than a glance at the head lines. The press, of course, caters to this desire. The result is that the college is not represented fairly. To this cause may be traced much of the opposition to higher education.

Colby has on more than one occasion been dragged before the public in a manner which could not fail to tarnish her fair fame and which has been the occasion of many undeserved criticisms. Matters of comparatively small importance, which had their origin with a few and would not for an instant have been countenanced by the popular sentiment, have, through the medium of the press, been magnified to extraordinary proportions. While we regret that events should occur which furnish foundations for such exaggeration, we regret still more that these should be allowed to determine, in so large a measure, the opinions of the public toward us. Could the public see us as we are, the good as well as the bad, we would not hesitate to rest our reputation on their decision. The remedy in a great measure rests with us to apply. All the leading dailies have correspondents among the students. We have a duty to our *Alma Mater*. Represent her fairly or not at all. Let your faults be those of omission rather than of commission.

FRATERNITY LIFE AT COLBY.—A REJOINDER.

IN justification of our previous article in the ECHO, we would say that it was written at the request of those who are deeply interested in the welfare of Colby, and her fraternities. We gave our ideas such expression as we thought would most effectually accomplish our purpose; namely, to set the students to thinking; and to provoke discussion upon the *actual* state of fraternity relations, and their *actual* effect upon college life here. We took advisedly the extreme view of this matter, in order simply, that the extreme conditions might not be overlooked. In other words we purposely undertook the distasteful task of dragging the garbage out of our back alleys, in order that seeing our need, we might send for the scavenger. We wittingly threw a fire-brand into the darkest corner of our college life, so that we might be led to search, and purify it.

Now we have no sympathy with those who are faultily "pessimistic," no more have we with those who are ruinously optimistic. We believe in looking things squarely in the face. We have no squeamishness in touching, with bare hands if need be, disgusting evils when we see them. Again, we have no fear of giving offence to the friends of the college, wherever situated, by an honest effort to ameliorate the conditions of college life.

Now who that is frankly honest, and closely acquainted with the effect of fraternity selfishness upon college relations, can say that there is no need of this amelioration? Our critic informs us that we "gave little space to the consideration of particular faults," and that we "made complaint of only two particular evils in our fraternity life,—too intense rivalry, and selfishness in class elections," and again, "his praise of the ideal, and his tirade against the real served him simply as a big introduction to a little matter." Now as to space we had but little to use. Therefore following, wisely as we supposed, the method of showing evils by contrast with the better, we hoped to *suggest* the "particular faults," and leave the application and amplification of our matter to the intelligence of our readers. However, with all due modesty, it seems to us that perhaps the "brilliant rhetoric," even of our worthy critic, got the better of him when he was led to call the too intense rivalry

of our fraternities, with its train of evils, and our selfishness in class elections "a little matter." Who that is acquainted with Colby life can say that even these two evils are "comparatively small?" We still maintain that these evils are *great*, and that they are the same in *kind*, and therefore *equally to be condemned*, with those which exist outside college life. We still claim that this excessive rivalry is a menace to the best social conditions of Colby. in that it fosters and provokes suspicion, jealousy, envy, aversion, and other qualities equally unmanly. We repeat that it obtrudes itself in the class room, in the sports, and in the class elections.

We saw fit to enlarge slightly upon the last mentioned evil, not only because it is here that the general evil most flagrantly centers, but because we hoped to help the class of '94 in attaining at least an honorable level in this direction. They have attained it. Every man in college should honor them for the grand result which they have achieved. They deserve the highest praise for their *practical application of theoretical possibilities* to college politics. There may be defects in their methods; if there are, we have faith that this class can, and will, remedy them. They have given upper classmen a wholesome example in manfully facing the evils of class politics and in a large measure overcoming them. This is what we longed to see happen. We do not retract in essentials one single statement which we made in our first article, and we hail the day when, as now, we see these dishonorable methods abandoned by an entering class.

Finally, we have nothing but firm faith, and honor, and love for the fraternities themselves. We are a member of one of them ourselves, and we regard as almost priceless the benefit which we obtain from it. And it is because of our firm faith in them, because of our ardent love for them, that we have protested against these evils, which cannot but blot their fair names if they are not done away with. Men must judge of the tree by the fruit it bears. And an individual who is a member of one of these fraternities represents it to the outside world, and thus his individual acts must, according to their character, honor or dishonor his fraternity.

We have no [sinister intent against either the reputation of Colby men or Colby fraternities, as our critic would lead you to believe we had.

Truly "our friends need not be alarmed at the exaggerated accounts of our wickedness!" We are manly men here at Colby. But we make no claims to millennial perfection. We are grappling with evil like the rest of mankind; and we are far from pretending that the campus is a garden of primordial innocence. On the other hand, we have even as high an estimate as our critic of the men at Colby. They have made no lapse. There are no seven devils here in the place of one departed. We are going *a pas de geant* to better and better things.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSIDERING the important place which this association holds in the student life at Colby, it may be of interest to the readers of the ECHO to learn something of its general history, its method of work, its object, etc.

It is still less than fifty years since George Williams, a young clerk in a large dry goods establishment in London, conceived the idea of organizing a few of his fellow clerks—the small proportion who were Christians—into a Christian band, whose definite object should be to reach and assist spiritually the remaining clerks of the house. This little company of young men grew in size and influence. Soon the example of these clerks was followed by the clerks in other business houses, until in 1844 these various companies united for mutual assistance under the name of a Young Men's Christian Association. This is the origin of the modern Y. M. C. A. Within the next ten years about two hundred organizations under this form and name sprang into existence in various parts of Great Britain and on the Continent.

Meanwhile in America also the young men had become alive to its advantages, for in 1851 an association was organized in Montreal, and others, within a year, at Boston, New York, Washington, Buffalo and Baltimore. With these important cities as strategic points, the growth of the organization has been constant, and never more rapid than at the present time. There are very few cities or important villages in the United States and Great Britain, or even on the continent of Europe, that do not support today a branch of the Y. M. C. A. And Japan, India and China are rapidly following the ex-

ample of the more enterprising West. The associations of the United States and Canada have united themselves for encouragement and more progressive work, under the general supervision of what is known as the International Committee. This committee has its headquarters in New York and through its chairman, Mr. Cephas Brainerd, and its secretary, Mr. R. C. Morse, reaches out to every association in the land. It works through local state secretaries and special college secretaries. As we are connected with the latter department we will notice this more particularly.

This department of the International Committee had its inception at the national convention held in Louisville in 1877. At this convention an unusually large number of colleges were represented and it was then decided to place in the field a general secretary for the colleges. Mr. L. D. Wishard, of Princeton College, was chosen for this position and entered at once upon the work. He visited in person nearly every college in the country, stimulating the associational work wherever associations existed, and organizing them in colleges where they were wanting.

It was while engaged in this work that he visited Colby in 1882. The only religious society in this college at that time was what was known as the Boardman Missionary Society. Mr. Wishard advocated the advantages of an intercollegiate association such as the college Y. M. C. A. offers. The plan seems to have commended itself at once as every way desirable only that it would naturally lead to the abolishment of the time-honored Boardman Society. The records show that the discussion continued for two evenings. But on the second evening it finally was decided, against much opposition, to organize a branch of the national association. And it was further voted that, while this association would be intrusted with the general religious work of the college, the Boardman Missionary Society *should still exist as a strictly missionary society*. This change was made Oct. 18th, 1882. The missionary society soon lost its membership and now exists only in name, its work naturally falling to the missionary committee of the present association.

But to return to the International Committee. Mr. Wishard was strengthened in his work by the addition to the committee of Mr. C. K. Ober, of Williams College, and later in 1888 by the

still further addition of Mr. J. R. Mott, of Cornell University, though about this time Mr. Wishard himself retired from the work in this country and sailed for Europe on his tour to visit all the associations in the world, having for his special purpose the development of the Young Men's Christian Association in the East. He is at the present writing in Northern India, engaged in his work of organizing associations. This absence of Mr. Wishard leaves the care of the collegiate department wholly with Messrs. Ober and Mott, who have at the present time three hundred and thirty-six college associations under their supervision. These gentlemen, in addition to personal visitation, communicate with the various associations through the columns of the *Intercollegian*, published under their direction. They also send many personal letters to the president and secretary of the different associations. Their plan being to reach as directly as they are able each college association in America. Thus every college, even the smallest, is given the benefit of the experience of all of the others, and feels the bond of sympathy which unites us all in one common brotherhood.

This is in brief the history and the method of work of the great association of which ours at Colby forms a branch. Concerning its purpose and object in view no one can be in doubt. It is "a work of young men for young men" and seeks the highest welfare of all whom it can help.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON CONVENTION.

REPRESENTATIVES of thirty-four chapters of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity assembled with their metropolitan brothers, Oct. 12-15, for their forty-fourth annual convention. The New York D. K. E. club extended the use of their splendid club rooms at No. 435 5th avenue to the convention, and more desirable quarters could hardly be imagined.

The exercises of the convention were much the same as those of former years, yet the fact that New York was around us with all its grandeur and beauty, could not but have its effect on the susceptible feelings of undergraduate Dekes. The evening of the 12th was passed with the members of the D. K. E. club at their rooms, where we found the same old songs, the same old hand-clasp and the same old cheer that we all love so well. We were

not strangers in a strange land, but children in our city home.

The following day was devoted to business and the evening to the public exercises in the Metropolitan Opera House, where we were charmed by the rhythm of Hawthorne, thrilled by the oratory of Lewis, magnetized by the statesmanship of Hustead, hypnotized by the glances of Gotham's fair daughters. Boston may have the culture, Chicago the World's Fair; but New York has the wealth and beauty.

The business of the 14th was mingled with anticipation of the reception and ball to be given at the Lenox Lyceum in the evening. At 11 o'clock we were all assembled in, perhaps, the finest ball room many of us had ever seen, while an atmosphere of flowers, music and beauty surrounded us and captivated our feelings. Did we enjoy it? Well, perhaps!

The objects of the convention being attained early Saturday afternoon, we enjoyed a few hours of rest and recreation before the grand event, the banquet. At the close of day Delmonico's spacious parlors were filled with 300 noisy D. K. E's, and at 7.30 the procession was formed and led into the large banquet hall by our Nestors, brothers Jacobs and Shapleigh. Here the scene, in cheering, talking, singing, eating and cheering again, is beggared of description and can only be imagined by one who has howled himself to a standstill in his ambition to make more noise than his fellows. When the inner man was satiated and while the deep, prolonged H-a-r-v-a-r-d, H-a-r-v-a-r-d, Y-a-l-e, Y-a-l-e was sleeping for a moment the toast master's gavel fell, and we listened to the story of our natal hour by Dr. Shapleigh, to the wit and wisdom of Hustead, Warner, Goodwin, Hunt, Lewis and others until the hands of time pointed towards the dawn of another sacred day, and as Trinity's chimes struck the first note of America, 300 hands were joined in unity, 300 voices broke forth in that grand old song, "Hail to our brotherhood."

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with sorrow that we learn of the death of our classmate, Helen H. Green, whom we regarded with high esteem for her unselfish disposition, kindness of heart, and faithful scholarship.

By a unanimous resolution, we extend to the family of the deceased our sincere condolence. And further to express our regard, we desire that a copy of this

memorial be sent to her parents, and that it be published in the college paper.

CLASS OF '93.



UP THE RIGHI.

AT Vitznau, a town on the northern shore of Lake Lucerne, we boarded the little train which runs up the side of the Righi. We were sixty-five minutes in making the ascent, and during that time, we were charmed by the wild and striking scenery about us. The road up the mountain was more nearly perpendicular than horizontal, so every minute made a great difference in our height, and perceptibly diminished every object below us. About half way up, we passed over a trestle, and, looking out of the window, we seemed to be sailing through the air across the chasm that yawned beneath. The illusion that we were travelling in one of Jules Verne's fanciful air ships would have been perfect if it had not been for the whir of the wheels on the rails.

The deeper extended the gulf below us, the greater grew my delight. But the old lady near the window opposite me was affected differently. She cast one look below, then with a shudder she turned away and uttered a piteous groan. Her husband, who sat beside me and next to the window, spoke to her in comforting words, and moved aside so that I could gratify my desire of gazing at the fascinating sight. When I leaned out too far he would remonstrate, fearing, doubtless, that my weight on that side would throw the car out of plumb and precipitate the passengers into the abyss below. I was sorry to inflict such misery on the old lady, who seemed harrowed by what she thought was temerity on my part, and who finally buried her face in her hands as a last resort; but the view above and the scene below were too inspiring to lose, and I drank in what I knew would be left behind only too soon.

How delightful it was to be so high above the earth! Way below, the mountain sloped into a deep gully, lined with pines so small as to be like toys, dotted with chalets the size of dolls' houses, and traced by streams, which,

though dashing over ledges of rock and tossing high their foam, we could not hear at such a height. Then I turned my gaze upward, and saw in front the great mass of the mountain up which we were slowly forcing ourselves; to the right, a high ridge of peaks, whose icy summits were sparkling in the sunlight; and behind, Vitznau, growing less and less distinct, resting against the deep blue Lake of Lucerne, which was dwindling almost beyond recognition. Every moment we entered more into the spirit of the scene—for who could help it amid such grandeur?—and became much elated with the anticipation of the sweep of view in store for us from the summit.

We reached the terminus of the railway on the mountain top a little after noon. A view may be ever so enticing, but it is always secondary about lunch time, especially after a morning spent in such pure ozone as that on a Swiss mountain side. Although chafing at the delay, we took seats in the dining-hall of the Righi Kulm hotel, and when we came out about three-quarters of an hour afterward, we felt prepared for an afternoon of pure enjoyment.

We had no reason to be disappointed. First, we were favored with what is most essential on such an occasion—a clear atmosphere. Such a fine day had not been known for weeks, as we learned afterwards from different friends, who had waited several days on the summit in the hope of seeing the sun rise and set, but only to be disappointed. At times, the mist closes in so quickly as to prevent all possibility of a view. August 8 was one of the rare days of the summer, and we were truly grateful, as we looked off at the cyclorama through an atmosphere so thin as not to blur the most distant objects, to think that our trip had not been in vain. Everything at the foot of the mountain looked like a tiny plaything. Below us to the north was a "toy pond" with a white speck moving along its surface so small that one might fancy that it was a wooden swan which a breath of air was wafting to the shore; but on looking intently we saw that it was a steamboat, plying between what we were forced to believe were hamlets. Near by, we caught sight of something slender, winding along at the foot of the mountains, and we were several seconds in realizing that it was a train of cars. Was it possible that a train, under any circumstances, could look so insignificant! To the east extended a

range of majestic peaks, looming way above us, and capped with a continuous band of snow and ice, that formed a decided contrast to the rest of the scene, which was characterized by summer vegetation. Looking down in a southerly direction, we saw the dark lake of Lucerne, and behind it in the distance the outline of the Jungfrau and Wetterhorn, shrouded in a blue haze; at the western extremity of the lake the town of Lucerne, nestled at the foot of the noble Pilatus, a mountain so precipitous that several tourists have lost their lives in the ascent.

At four o'clock we took the train down, and a pleasant boat ride of an hour from Vitznau brought us back to Lucerne.

THE INFLUENCE OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

IN the issue of the ECHO for November 8th, appeared an article which excited no little discussion among fraternity men both in and out of college, and the writer's pessimistic arguments were ably answered in the issue of November 22nd. In the discussions called forth by these two articles many arguments have been made on both sides of the question: "Are fraternities healthful to the student body of the American college, or would it be better if there were no fraternities?" Some of the arguments of the anti-fraternity men are as follows. They say, "The brotherhood which you fraternity men make so much of is mathematically a folly; for do you not see that, in gaining the close friendship of the men in your fraternity (one-fifth, more or less, of the men in college), you are losing the friendship, if not gaining the ill will even, of the remaining four-fifths?"

The second objection urged is, "Your literary work falls far short of what you claim for it. The less familiar a speaker feels with his hearers, the more preparation he will make for an address to them; also, other things being equal, the smaller his audience the less work he will do on his part. You know yourselves that many of your men do not put one-half the time upon the literary work assigned them that they would spend upon the same parts, if they knew that they were obliged to give them before an audience composed of the students, professors, and people of the town. Furthermore, prepare his debate as much as he may, he still loses that

which fraternity men claim for their literary work, viz., practice in public speaking. He does not acquire the power of self-possession before an audience more from a fraternity debate than he would gain it from an after-dinner discussion at home."

The fraternities are also made responsible for the corruption in college politics so strongly set forth by the article which appeared in the ECHO of November 8th.

All these arguments seem to those who understand the practical workings of fraternity life very flimsy indeed. But to those outside, and especially to those who are fitting for college, they do not seem thus. To such they seem to have a firm foundation. Therefore I think I may beg excuse for trespassing upon your patience to disprove what every fraternity man knows already to be false.

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The first objection in regard to the "brotherhood" in the fraternity might seem at first to be a valid one, but on further consideration its foundation appears very "sandy." One hundred and fifty students, brought together from different parts of New England, can not fail to be divided into factions and cliques, each bound together by some common interest. That common interest the history of American colleges has shown to be class supremacy. This class rivalry and the final victory of the stronger over the weaker, or, as it might be expressed, the more crafty over the "greener," brought about as its worst result the pernicious practice of hazing. In later years as the members of different classes have been drawn together by ties of fraternity love, the false ideas of class loyalty in a good cause or a bad one have gradually given place to the broader, more humane idea of judging men by the standard of their true worth. *The gradual dying out of hazing, I claim, may all be put down to the credit of fraternities.*

Objection two is even less valid than the first, and can be shown to be thus in a few words. To meet the anti-fraternity man on his own grounds, let us suppose that we have in this college a literary society composed of the whole student body. In the first place, the person or persons who have the programme in charge for each evening must make as their object not to draw out the latent talents of some timid Freshman, but to prepare an interesting list of exer-

cises. Therefore he can have no blundering speakers on his list, but every person must be able to interest his audience, or soon there will be no audiences to interest. Again, how many men of the entering class could be induced to take part in a public debate, or, if induced, would not be seized with stage-fright and refuse to make a second attempt during the Freshman year? A small minority in the class might be found that would not come under this head, but the larger portion most certainly would. Finally, if we had the most successful literary society imaginable, instead of the fraternities, there would be on each Wednesday evening but one debate. Under the existing state of things there are in session on that same evening six literary societies. Now, if my authority does not tell me falsely, you and I have, during our course, just six times as many opportunities of training our forensic ability as we would have under the supposed circumstances. In short, under the supposed system a few would entertain the mass and get all the training, while the students as a whole would get none. Under the present system the poorer the speaker the oftener he is appointed to speak, and thus the fraternity literary work accomplishes the object for which it is intended by developing the talents of each of its members individually.

As to the corruption of college politics, the sin of the fraternity is that of omission rather than commission. The corruption existed before the fraternities were instituted, exists today in non-fraternity colleges, and will probably continue to exist as long as human nature remains as human as it is.



ODE TO '92.

"The sun o'er the hills in his splendor is shining,
The birds all a chirping, the matin bell chiming,
The best class in Colby sits busily rhyming."

Inquire for "Gumpy."

Thirteen new Sigma Kappas.

Mary had a little Lam(b)ereux.

How that nanny goat must have suffered!!

Is not 1.30 A. M. rather late for a party at Ladies' Hall?

The Seniors recite in Logic at 3.30 instead of 4.30 as formerly.

Those who "crib" are requested not to elect Physics next term.

The Kennebec is frozen over and skating is now on the docket.

For a revised edition of the Sophomore class yell apply to Kleinhans, '94.

The Boardman Missionary room has been converted into a study room.

E. L. Torrey, '93, was initiated into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity Dec. 1.

Parsons, '91, H. K. Kalloch, '92, and Jordan, '93, attended the German given Nov. 26.

Dr. Pepper has accepted the pastorate of the Saco Baptist church for three months only.

Chipman, '91, and Stark, '92, have been elected the Zeta editors upon the *Oracle* board.

It is very uncomfortable to sit in a cold chapel when the thermometer is 10 below zero.

The Juniors' Thanksgiving recess was extended by a cut from Chemistry Monday morning.

Examinations will begin Saturday, the 21st, and end Tuesday noon. The vacation will be two weeks in length.

This cold weather is very suggestive of double windows, fur caps, toques and other implements conducive to warmth.

A. T. Watson, '92, and Geo. S. Singer, '92, have been elected *Oracle* editors from the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Prof. Rogers is performing some very interesting and instructive experiments in Frictional Electricity for the Juniors.

One of the young ladies of '94 greatly alarmed our professor of Greek by telling him that "The Scythians rode into town backward."

President Small, A. K. Rogers, '91, and Miss Fletcher, '91, will represent Colby at the meeting of the Maine Social Union in Portland, Dec. 17.

The young ladies of '94 have elected Miss Grace Ilsley, of Bangor, president, and Miss Mary Carleton, of Westbrook, as secretary of the class.

A pleasant time was enjoyed by a favored few at Ladies' Hall, Nov. 28. Pulling taffy,

playing tiddledy winks and a mock trial formed the evening's entertainment.

There is no longer a monopoly in the laundry business. The City Laundry now has an authorized agent at the bricks and do their work five cents cheaper by the dozen.

The new catalogue will probably appear before the end of the term. Prof. Hall has collected all the material and is making all possible haste to have it out on time.

The Freshmen have also purchased a football and "Cupid" and his braves were preparing to do up the Sophs. It is probable that the recent snow fall will indefinitely postpone the conflict.

Mr. J. B. Pendleton, Bowdoin '90, representing Horace Partridge & Co., was at South College on the 1st and 2nd with a full line of sweaters, jerseys, etc. Many took the opportunity to clothe themselves for the gymnasium work.

The Calculi have changed their recitation hour to 4.30 so that the entire Junior class could go to the gymnasium at 3.30, thus avoiding the complication caused by having gymnasium at 9.30 and Chemistry at 11.30 as first scheduled.

Billy and his new "bull" fiddle are one and inseparable now. Some of his neighbors affirm upon their oaths that he saws away until 4 o'clock in the morning and resumes operations at 5.30. We offer our sympathy to the afflicted individuals.

Several of the students took advantage of the Thanksgiving cut and the excursion rates to attend the Strauss concert on the 29th. The fortunate few were well repaid by the exemplification of the soul of Nature's utterances in perfect music.

The custom that was inaugurated last year of placing the Maine college exchanges in the library should be continued. We are all interested in the doings of our rivals and no better source of information can be found than through these journals.

A college orchestra is in process of formation. The following aggregation with the accompanying instruments make life a burden in the vicinity of the campus: Megquier, '91, cornet; Johnson, '92, trombone; Dunham, '91, Whiteman and Hodge, '94, violins; Ilsley, '91, flute;

Gorham, '91, clarinet; Watson, '91, bass viol; Noyes, '93, and Noyes, '94, guitars; Howe, '94, banjo.

The young ladies of '92 will entertain the gentlemen of the class on Dec. 15, with an orange party. Each person will be decked more or less in orange, which is '92's class color. The boys are busy buying up all the orange ties and handkerchiefs in the city. A very pleasant time is anticipated.

The English Literature division of the Junior class are rapidly developing themselves into Miltons, Shakespeares and other poetical geniuses. Thanksgiving, the turkey, and other classic themes have the preference as subjects. Anything can be turned off, from Trochaic trimeter to Iambic pentameter, at a moment's notice.

About one-half of the students spent Thanksgiving at their homes, while the others remained at the bricks. Some of the boys dined at Ladies' Hall, some banqueted at the home of "de friend of all de college," our genial janitor, and others at various places too numerous to mention. At all places the festive turkey and its different accompaniments were discussed.

Special arrangements have been made by the faculty for the benefit of those who are compelled to leave college before the end of the term to begin teaching. They are allowed to take examinations on the work gone over and the remainder made up at leisure. This avoids the otherwise necessary inconvenience of having two whole terms' work to make up.

The faculty acted favorably on the petition for an extension of the Thanksgiving cut, and the college exercises were suspended from Wednesday noon until Monday, 11.30. The omission of the chapel exercises in addition to the regular recitations and gymnasium work was hailed with delight by those who needed the opportunity of making up lost sleep.

Prof. Rogers has received an order from Harvard College for a comparator which he is constructing at an expense of about \$700. The Doctor's investigations of the coefficients of expansion of various metals which he performs with his comparators have created in the scientific world a demand for these instruments. He has already furnished six or seven for different colleges in the United States and Canada. They

are manufactured under his directions at the city foundry.

The executive committee of the reading room desire a quorum of the lamps. The lamps were placed in the reading room for the use of the college in general, and not for some individual whose supply of oil has run short. It is extremely disagreeable as well as injurious for the eyes to have to read the papers in semi-darkness. Bring back the lamps, boys, and in the future keep your oil cans filled.

When the conference meeting is organized for active work it will be well for them to discuss the matter of cuts from recitations, prayers and gymnasium. In almost all other colleges such a system prevails. A certain stated number is allowed each student which do not have to be excused, nor is any record made on the term bills. The dissatisfaction of compulsory prayers would be removed in this manner.

The Alpha chapter of Sigma Kappa organized a new chapter, Beta, on Friday evening, Dec. 12. The following were initiated: Sadie L. Brown, Jessie M. Bunker, Mary L. Carleton, Frances H. Chutter, Lily M. Hazleton, Katharine W. Hobbs, Elnor F. Hunt, Grace C. Ilsley, Clara H. Jones, Clara P. Morrill, Annie E. Merrill, Annie M. Richardson and Clara B. Tozier. The banquet was provided by Murry.

The conference committee held an informal meeting at the residence of President Small on the evening of Dec. 2. The question of constitution and by-laws was discussed but no definite result was attained. A second meeting is to be held, at which a constitution and by-laws will be adopted and the committee organized in working form. We hope to experience the beneficial influence of the board as soon as possible.

The pieces of blue ribbon which are worn by the "co-odds" have caused considerable curiosity to the outside world. The secrecy which is maintained by the young ladies fairly outrivals "Skull and Bones." The society is evidently not a branch of the I. O. G. T., nor in all probability is it a Freshman hazing society. The only alternative left is to judge that '94, taking exception to the action of Sigma Kappa, have formed a society of their own. We shall be pleased to herald the name of the new sorority at the convenience of the young ladies.

About forty of the students went to Skowhegan Monday evening, Dec. 8, on a special, to attend Will Carleton's lecture on "The Drama of Human Nature." We have all spent many a pleasant hour reading his ballads, so full of the pathos and pleasure of every-day life, but to hear them from his own mouth adds a charm which we fail to obtain by ourselves. After the lecture an informal reception was held in the Coburn Hotel where all had an opportunity to grasp the hand whose works have found their way to almost every fireside in the land.

Compulsory gymnasium attendance began Monday, Nov. 24. The following schedule has been arranged: Seniors at 4.30, fencing; Juniors at 3.30, single sticks and broadswords; Sophomores at 2.15, Indian clubs and dumb bells; Freshmen at 1.30, dumb bells, vaulting, chest weights and other preliminaries. The young ladies take their exercise at 5.30, which at present consists of calisthenics. Our new instructor, Prof. Battis, attended Sargent's Summer School of Athletic Instruction and has all the fine points of gymnastics at his beck and call, so that a prosperous year is looked for under his supervision.

A special meeting of the Oracle Association was called Wednesday morning, Nov. 26, to hear the official report of the managing editor of the '90 *Oracle*, Mr. D. W. Hall. The report was substantially the same as given in the *ECHO* of Oct. 11, showing a balance in the treasury, including cash, unpaid subscriptions, etc., of \$146.45. Now that the *Oracle* is once more on its feet, the members should see that there is no more backsliding. There should be no factional non-support, no class boycotts. With the existing literary ability in the two upper classes and the ability of the managing editor as a financier, the '91 *Oracle* cannot help being a complete success. So let it be.

On Monday, Nov. 24, Mr. T. F. Lovell, of the New England Coast Survey, who has been making the new map of Waterville, delivered a very entertaining and instructive lecture to the Junior class on "Map Making." Mr. Lovell's lecture was illustrated by different maps, showing the primary steps, scientific points, etc., of the work. The analysis of the lecture was especially clear. The different points as taken up in order were (1) geodetic triangulation; (2) plain table triangulation; (3) plain inter-

section work; (4) vertical angle work; (5) barometer and sketch work; (6) leveling; (7) traverse work. Several members of the faculty and other visitors attended the lecture.

Quite a number of the students took their Thanksgiving dinner at Stover's Club. They had passed the morning thinking of the joys they were to miss by being away from home at such a time, but all feelings of this kind were quickly dispelled on their arrival at the club. There they found awaiting them a fine dinner prepared by Mrs. Butler, whose skill in making dishes of a palatable and pleasing nature is well known to be almost unequalled. The table was laden with fruit and confectionery, and beside each plate was an elaborate menu of twelve courses. The students tried for an hour and a half to show their appreciation of the dinner, and they succeeded as far as their several capacities would allow. Then they all agreed in saying that they had partaken of a repast worthy of the gods.

This being the last issue of the term, we give the programme of the Senior exhibition with Junior parts, which will occur Dec. 19, at the Baptist church:

MUSIC.	PRAYER.	MUSIC.
Progress of Scientific Study,	FRANKLIN WINSLOW JOHNSON.	
*Greek Version from the Latin of Tacitus,	WINFRED NICHOLS DONOVAN.	
Unknown Builders,	MARY SOPHRONIA MORRILL.	
	MUSIC.	
Reciprocity,	ALVAH HOVEY CHIPMAN.	
*French Version from the English of Mrs. Charles,	NELLIE STUART BAKEMAN.	
Nature and Social Development,	EDWARD BENNETT MATHEWS.	
*Latin Version from the Greek of Sophocles,	STEPHEN STARK.	
	MUSIC.	
Loss of Individuality,	HERBERT RONELLE PURINTON.	
*English Version from the French of E. Caro,	HARRY LINCOLN PIERCE.	
Organized Labor,	EDWIN CONRAD TEAGUE.	
	MUSIC.	
*Junior Parts.		

The class of '94 elected the following officers Dec. 3rd: President, A. H. Evans; Vice President, D. W. Kimball; Secretary, J. B. Ames; Treasurer, W. B. Tuthill; Toast Master, R. W. Stimson; Orator, J. F. Greene; Historian, W. F. Kenrick; Prophet, W. B. Noyes; Poet, K.

R. Hooper; Executive Committee, J. Kleinhans, B. Purington, J. S. Lynch; Conference Committee, V. L. Whitman. Resolutions were drafted which were in substance that the class should form no society combinations during its course; that the best man should be elected the first two years, irrespective of society; that holding an office one year does not debar a person from holding the same office another year. These resolutions form a sort of groundwork for the reform committee to work on. The members of the committee who have been appointed from the different societies are A. H. Chipman, '91, and J. J. Goody, '94, from Zeta Psi; D. W. Parsons, '91, and V. L. Whitman, '94, from Delta Kappa Epsilon; A. T. Watson, '91, and C. H. Sturtevant, '92, from Delta Upsilon; E. C. Teague, '91, and F. T. Johnson, '92, from Phi Delta Theta. The objects of the committee are to abolish all class combinations, to formulate some scheme whereby the best men may be elected during the first two years and an equal division be made during the Junior and Senior years, fitness being made a necessary requisite for holding office during these years. The Freshmen once imbued with the idea of college reform will establish a precedent, and succeeding generations will reap the profit of a good example. A better time to act there never was than the present. Let's strike while the iron is hot.



At this season an unusually large number of high school and academy papers are received by the ECHO. As a whole they are well gotten up and show much embryo literary talent. It is amusing to see how each (as is legitimate, of course,) blows for the college that "receives them without extra examination," announcing in each case all those who have to do with the institution as "hustlers." It is a spirit worthy of commendation and should be encouraged. Let our young contemporaries continue in this direction and be ready at all times to speak a good word for your possible future *Alma Mater*.

We presume the *University Cynic* of Nov. 27 is as full of choice matter as usual, but it is impossible to free it from its wrapper, which indeed "sticketh closer than a brother."

College Days contains an article on the "Value of Thoroughness," in which there is more truth than fiction:

"Nine-tenths of the people who fail in life do so because they never have appreciated the value of thoroughness. They begin an enterprise with eagerness, but at the very moment of triumph when the charm and fascination of novelty have disappeared, and the long pull and the strong pull are just at hand, their courage fails, their interest subsides, and they become discouraged and listless. Regularity in the performance of an assigned task is as essential an element in the building of character as the ability to perform it. Occasional enthusiasm is well enough now and then, but steady, painstaking work thoroughly done, is what counts in the final result. The number of people whose work is sketchy, half-finished, and weak in some points is far greater than the number of those who can always be relied upon to do everything thoroughly, from beginning to end."

We often hear persons, speaking of a popular book, remark, "It is just splendid. Really it is quite remarkable." When you ask them for the plot of the story they can only say, "Why, I can't give it, but it is very interesting." If you ask them the author's name, they will say, "I never thought to see." One of the evils of our modern college training is that we try to cover too much ground at an expense of thoroughness.



[Contributions from alumni and alumnae are earnestly solicited.—ED.]

Prof. Battis went to Hebron, Friday, to take part in an entertainment connected with the closing of the term at the academy.

'58.

Rev. Charles H. Rowe, a Baptist clergyman, died at Newton Centre, Mass., Saturday. He graduated at Colby in 1858 and at Newton Theological Institute in 1861. After beginning a pastorate at Holyoke, he removed to Augusta in 1862, and during the last year of the war

served as chaplain in the United States military hospital. He also filled Baptist pulpits in the vicinity of Boston and at Mystic Bridge, Conn. For the past two years he had preached in Randolph, Mass. He leaves a family.

'68.

Rev. Geo. W. Davis, for ten years past the successful pastor of the Baptist church in Chicopee, Mass., has accepted a call to Biddeford.

L. D. Carver, Esq., has moved his family to Augusta, where he has entered upon his duties as State Librarian. Mr. Carver will be much missed in Waterville, particularly in connection with all educational matters. At a meeting of the board of education, of which he was a member, appreciative and complimentary resolutions were passed.

'69.

Rev. A. W. Jackson will spend the winter in London, engaged in literary work.

'72.

Elihu B. Haskell recently passed through this place to attend his father's funeral at Guilford. Mr. Haskell has lately become pastor of the Baptist church at South Worcester, Mass.

'76.

President Small of Colby University preached a very impressive and helpful sermon on Sunday at the First Baptist church, Portland.

'77.

George W. Young is now superintendent of schools at Manson, Iowa.

Lawrence, Kan., papers of a recent date contain accounts of a brilliant reception given by C. F. Meserve, president of the Haskell Institute, to Gen. Morgan, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

'80.

Gov. Burleigh has nominated Hugh R. Chaplin, of Bangor, to be a member of the state board of health to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Lewis Barker. Mr. Chaplin was born in Bangor in 1843, and graduated at Colby University in 1880. He read law with Humphrey & Appleton, of Bangor, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. He is now of the firm of Appleton & Chaplin. Mr. Chaplin has served in both branches of the city government of Bangor. He is a son of Col. Daniel Chaplin, of the First Maine Heavy Artillery, who was wounded at the front August 17, 1864, and died

from the effects of the wound a few days afterwards.

'84.

Herbert M. Lord was on the campus recently for a few moments only. Mr. Lord was making a flying visit to Maine from Dakota. He will spend the winter in Florida.

'86.

John Wellington, Colby, '86, who has been a clerk in one of the departments in Washington for two or three years, has resigned his clerkship to accept a fine position in one of the Washington hospitals. He has been engaged in the study of medicine for several years.

'87.

E. F. Goodwin, of Skowhegan, was in the city Nov. 22. He goes back to Washington in about a week.

'88.

John Shaw was on the campus recently.

'89.

Rev. Nelson S. Burbank, of Bowdoinham, has declined a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Revere, Mass.

'90.

W. L. Soule, of this city, has gone to Portland, where he has a desirable situation in an insurance office.

Chas. H. Spencer is at home on his vacation from Hebron, where he has been teaching in the academy. The winter vacation is ten weeks in length.

'91.

L. P. Sturtevant is teaching at Bristol.

'92.

F. B. Nichols is teaching at Round Pond, Fred T. Johnson at Islesboro, W. L. Bonney at Green's Landing, Deer Isle, C. A. Merrill a term of high school at Harrington. C. H. Sturtevant will teach the high school at Sullivan; G. C. Sheldon is principal of Bridge Academy, Dresden.

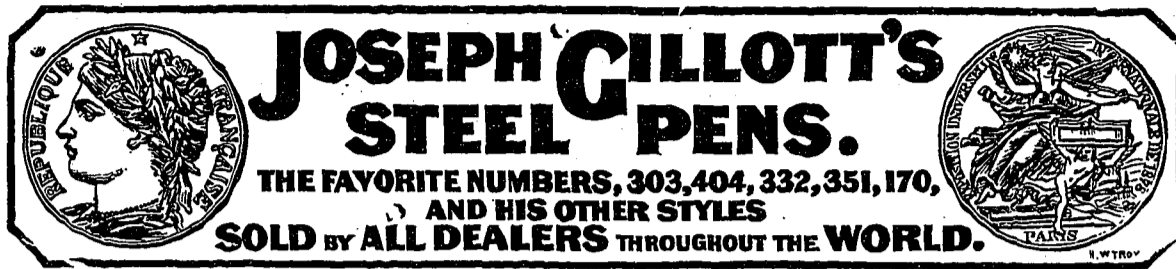
'93.

Albert Robinson will teach, this winter, at St. George.

N. G. Foster is teaching at North Waterford, C. F. Smith at Dixmont, and C. N. Perkins at Brooksville.

'94.

Asa M. Jones is teaching at Detroit, Frank Morse at Searsmont and Charles Merritt at Jay Bridge.



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