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PATRONIZE those who patronize us. This motto should be before us in our relations with the business men of our city. By referring to the advertising columns of our publications we may learn who these men are. The list of subscribers for the support of the ball team now posted in the reading room contains the names of many of our leading business men. The people of the city are very liberal in their support of our enterprises. In return we owe them our favor. We do not believe in boycotts, but when equally convenient we do recommend that our patronage be given to those who support us. We shall thus profit mutually.

IT is a noticeable fact that each time a meeting of any college association is called, nearly all the Freshman class and quite a large number from the other classes march out of the chapel. This is not a new phenomenon but is none the less deplorable. It is a mistake for any one to hold himself aloof from matters of college interest. It is not only the privilege of each one, but his duty as well, to be active in his support of the college associations. It is a poor way of showing one's loyalty to habitually absent oneself from the meetings of the various athletic and publishing associations. Business is transacted at these meetings which effects us all alike and not infrequently causes a drain upon the individual pocket-book. For this reason, if for no other, each one, when possible, should be present in order to have his voice in the transaction of business of personal, as well as general interest. Besides, we have no patience with the fellow who is so narrow that he can not devote what little time is necessary for remaining at a

base ball meeting. The man who is not loyal enough for that lacks a quality most essential to manhood. At the next association meeting, whatever it may be, we hope we may not be confronted by a row of empty seats on one side of the chapel.

THE next number will be the last of Volume XV. In this we desire to present a symposium on "Colby's Most Imperative Needs." Short expressions from the students will be given on this most interesting and practical topic. It is desired to make this a compilation of opinions from the students' standpoint. The subject will admit of a great diversity of opinion, and it is hoped that we may obtain the ideas of a large number. Will each one kindly and thoughtfully formulate his opinion and hand the same to the editor in chief.

FROM the games already played we can form no definite opinion in regard to the relative strength of the two teams in the college league. We have suffered defeat at the hands of two clubs, both strong and professional nines. In the first game our men put up excellent ball in the field but were not very effective at the bat. In the game with the Portlands the fielding was at times ragged and never vigorous. Not so the batting, which was unusually heavy, in fact, considering the strength of the opposing team, it was simply terrific. In these two games our men have shown what they can do in the field and at the bat. Combine the two qualities and we shall present the strongest nine that ever hailed from a Maine college.

Bowdoin has met with two defeats from the Portlands, but no comparison can be made between either game and our first game with the same nine. In neither game has Bowdoin's batting approached ours although their fielding, as shown by the scores, has been of a somewhat higher order. After our second game with the Portlands we may be able to form a comparison. It is safe to say that Bowdoin, as usual, will present a strong nine and will make a good try for the bunting. Work, and hard work, is necessary if we would float the red from our flag-staff in the season of '92.

TENNIS claims more than the usual number of devotees this spring. Three new courts have already been made and all the old ones are

occupied. While the game seems to be constantly winning favor, we must again urge that old suggestion in regard to better courts. Of the ten courts now occupied only two or three are suitable for good tennis and even those are not the best. We have not a clay court on the campus. So long as we are without clay courts we can not expect to successfully compete with men habituated to play on harder courts. We ought to be satisfied with nothing short of the best. Clay courts would not be expensive and when once secured would well repay the expense by the better facilities offered and in the better style of playing which would result. While we are laying out a number of inferior courts we could better afford to make one good one. Until the desired end is secured the ECHO will not cease to harp away on the same chord.

IN another column is a communication presenting a scheme for the election of ECHO editors. The plan is thorough and explicit and must suggest itself to every thoughtful reader as an excellent scheme and one whose results, if adopted, would be most salutary. The author states quite truthfully the method of election at present employed, a method which, of course, is unlikely to provide editors of the highest ability. The proposed method has many good points. The number of students contributing articles will be greatly increased and besides the articles will be of a higher degree of excellence on account of the competition which will exist. The reduction of the board from nine to seven is a good feature. Although the publication of the ECHO involves a great deal of work, yet seven men, such as would obtain their positions by competition in the manner proposed, could perform all the work as easily and as satisfactorily as nine men under the present system.

One of the strongest points in favor of the method is that it completely removes the ECHO from the hands of the fraternities, as such, and opens the position of ECHO editor to the free competition of all the students. The *Oricle* has been placed on a higher basis, partially removed from the influence of the fraternities. It is now proposed to place the ECHO on a still higher plane.

The scheme is taken from methods employed at various other colleges. It is identical with none, but embodies the best features of all.

Those colleges which have a similar method of election are those which publish the best papers which come to our table. At the next annual meeting, which will occur in three weeks, we hope to see this plan or some modification of it incorporated into our constitution. In the meantime, give the matter your thought. If you can improve on it, do so. At any rate, be ready to act upon the matter at the annual meeting.

COMMUNICATION.

A SCHEME FOR THE ELECTION OF ECHO EDITORS.

Mr. Editor:—

Considerable discussion has been lately aroused as to the influence of Greek letter fraternities on our college life. I am not one of the detractors of the fraternities. I believe they are a potent factor in molding college character and molding it for the better. But I wish to call attention to one field from which I believe their influence should be eliminated, that is, the choice of editors for the ECHO. It will be granted that nothing is more intimately connected with the interests of a college than the paper it sends out to the world. To outsiders this is the indication and expression of the literary life of a college, as the nine, eleven, or crew are the representatives of its athletic interest. Would any one suggest that the ball team be chosen two from each fraternity, and one from the "neuters," regardless of ability to play ball? Suppose this condition; and then add that the fraternities after a time care only to place their two men on the team, take no trouble to select their best ball players, but if a man has had no other society honor, put him on the ball team to square up. What kind of ball would Colby put up? How long would students, alumni or faculty endure this system? Yet this is just the state of affairs with regard to our college paper. The mode of choosing editors has been given. The way in which the post of editor-in-chief is bartered in college politics is too well known to need comment. Is it not time for us to consider if these things ought so to be?

Every one will grant that if a member of the team ought to be chosen for ability to play ball, a man should be chosen for a literary position on the ground of literary ability. I wish to propose a scheme which will, I believe, effect

this for the ECHO. No originality is claimed for it. Every feature has, I think, been tried at some college or other. Perhaps the whole scheme is in vogue somewhere. It is this:

1. The board shall consist of seven editors.
2. Appointments to this board shall be on the basis of the merit of work done for the ECHO in the preceding year, and of articles submitted to a committee.
3. The appointing committee shall consist of the editor-in-chief of the preceding year, the professor in charge of the literary work of the college, and a third member elected by the association.
4. Each candidate shall register with the librarian of the college a *nom de plume* which shall be unknown to all except the librarian and the candidate.
5. At a proper time in the spring term candidates shall submit to the committee articles not exceeding 1500 words under their registered *noms de plume*.
6. All work submitted for the ECHO shall be under the writer's registered *nom de plume* and shall be mailed to the editor-in-chief.
7. The editor-in-chief shall be chosen by the association from the seven appointed by the committee.

Under this system, either the chief would keep a record of the work received under each *nom de plume*, or the year's files would be submitted to the committee as evidence of the work done. The committee shall decide from the merit of this work and the literary excellence of the articles submitted in the competition.

The advantages of having literary men represent the college literary life are too manifest to need discussion. Under this system it will become a point of honor for each society to gain as many appointments as possible and their best men will be systematically pushed forward. This would not include the ladies, as it is understood to be the purpose of the authorities that the ladies shall have a separate department and not come into competition with the gentlemen. It would be presumption to hope that this scheme is a perfect one. It is suggested thus early in the term in the hope that discussion may be awakened and a system adopted at the next ECHO meeting which shall elevate our publication to its rightful place among those of the leading New England colleges.

LOCATION FOR THE COMING FIELD DAY SPORTS:

IN the last issue the Campus editor raised the question as to where the athletic contests should be held on the coming field day, and it is a question appropriate to the times. To carry his point, in favor of the park, certain statements were made which lack the necessary verification and whose correction is due to the past and present managements.

The ground upon which the change was urged is embraced in the following quotation: "For two years we have experimented on the campus, with a loss of money to the association and the dissatisfaction of the populace. Before that time the park was used with universal satisfaction. It was always crowded with gaily-decked carriages containing Waterville's fair damsels. The receipts were enormous in those days."

The facts in the case, however, are these: First, financially. The last year the athletic association held its annual field day in the park the gate receipts were only twenty-two dollars, while the expenses were over one hundred dollars. The difference was made up by the regular tax, a special tax and the private pocket-book of the president, C. E. Holbrook, '88. The special tax, by the way, is the *only* one ever levied for field day expenses, so far as the treasurers' books show. The next year, the first "experiment" on the campus, gave as gate receipts, \$30.85, with the expenses \$95.00, giving a net gain over the preceding year of more than twenty dollars. Even this gain, however, did not pay all the expenses, so some of the unpaid bills were left as a legacy to the present incumbents.

The last field day was rainy in the forenoon and threatening part of the afternoon, yet the gate receipts on the second "experiment" were \$19.75, only two dollars and twenty-five cents less than on the last universally satisfactory field day at the park, while the difference in expenses between the same two years was \$42. This last experiment in fact was so successful that it paid its own bills, the bills bequeathed to it and still had a small surplus, very small, 'tis true, left. Since these are the facts as gathered from the treasurers' books, it seems but fair that some other than financial reasons should be advanced before a change back to the park should be proclaimed a necessity.

Furthermore, according to the article quoted, "the park was used with universal satisfaction" and "was always crowded with gaily decked carriages, etc." If the satisfaction was universal, whence or why the deplored change? As to the park crowded with gaily decked carriages, there were present but seventeen such vehicles on the occasion of the field day of 1888. The question of the "enormous" receipts "in those days" seems to have been given its due weight in the preceding comments.

The effect of the two locations upon record making has not been alluded to. Even if the park favors such acts (and it is not yet proven), the question must be decided whether or not the boys shall pay for the records out of their own pockets year after year, or shall invest the five or ten dollars spent previously in gaily decked carriages in building accommodations for athletic sports upon the campus.



THE FABRIC OF LIFE.

Swiftly and surely the shuttle is plying,
Through the warp of our earthly life;
And while the moments are silently flying,
A fabric we're weaving 'mid the struggle and strife.
All through the woof of our constant using,
Are golden threads and threads of alloy;
Happy are we if, when we are choosing,
We seek for the textures no moth can destroy.
And all about us, unknown and unheeded,
Are treasures that ought to be brought to our sight;
For only some tender compassion is needed,
To let them shine forth with a heavenly light.
Then let us gather the sunshine of Blessing,
And scatter its rays wherever we go;
That the needy and helpless around us pressing,
May feel the warmth of its genial glow.
Of little account is the *sphere* of our duty,
If we in our living are noble and true;
For Love's humblest act will glow with rare beauty,
When Eternity holds up the record to view.

JIM MARLOW'S CHRISTMAS.

JIM MARLOW had been a broad shouldered, strong, hard fisted, loud talking stevedore on Cole's wharf for seven years. In that time, when there was a vessel to load, Jim was always on hand early in the morning, and worked late.

He could stow more casks of lime, so he said, than any other stevedore on Cole's; and when it came to ice, didn't that South American firm especially bargain that he should pack all the ice shipped to them?

No use to deny such plain facts as these, and few did deny them. Some believed that what Jim did not know about loading a vessel was not worth knowing, and that Jim could put as much lime into a two masted single topmaster as half the stevedores could put into a four master. Those who did not believe all Jim said thought it prudent, considering the size of his fist, not to say so. So Jim had lorded it over his small world and was contented, provided Jenny and the children were well fed, well clothed and as happy as himself.

It was about the beginning of November that Jim began to feel a little worn and more tired than usual when it came Saturday night. He could not understand it. So far as he knew he was well enough, but now he preferred the lounge to a stroll into a neighbor's after supper; and, too, he didn't seem to have the same strength to put a barrel of lime up as high as his breast and push it back that he used to have. His sleep did not seem to do him much good; he went to bed tired and he got up tired.

At first he kept his trouble to himself; then Jenny began to ask him if he was sick and was so worried that he had to tell her. The good little woman was relieved to know that Jim was only tired out and coaxed him to take a rest. Still she could not get over the strangeness of Jim being tired or sick. Her big Jim, who had been up night after night with her when she had the fever, and then he went to his work the next day, and never a word about being tired. It was Jim who cared for the children when they were sick. When little Nelly went, she would not allow any one else to take her up but "papa." All the years Jenny and Jim had lived together, except a cold or something of no account, Jim had never known a sick day.

Toward the last of November, when Jim had loafed about a week, he and Jenny went to see Dr. Harmon. The doctor seemed to have hopes of helping Jim, though he said he must not try to work. When Dr. Harmon put his ear over Jim's heart and then told his student to do the same and to notice the murmur, Jenny's heart had come into her mouth, for of all things she

dreaded most was heart disease. Her fears were quieted though when the doctor failed to mention it afterwards.

For about two weeks Jim was a regular patient at the doctor's office; then the doctor began to visit him, as Jim was not able to walk. Poor Jenny was having a hard time of it. The little money laid by for a rainy day had all gone to the grocery man and druggist. Jim, confident in his strength, had never been saving. When the last dollar had been paid out, Jenny told Dr. Harmon, who only laughed, and patting her on the back told her not to worry; that he thought the grocery man would supply her just the same. So he did, but the bill went to Dr. Harmon, who paid it without a grumble.

Near Christmas time Jim gave up going out altogether and stayed in with Jenny and the two children, young Jim and Mary.

The day before Christmas the grocery man brought to Jenny a turkey, and, as she said, "all the fixin's." The grocery man said it was a present from Santa Claus, and went away chuckling, while Jenny, very happy, but with a lump in her throat, said "God bless all such men as Dr. Harmon."

The next forenoon was a busy one. Jenny had invited in some friends to help eat the turkey and was making preparations as though for a banquet. Little Jim was much interested in the turkey. When his father had taught him to gobble he would point to the stove and say, "'obble, 'obble, 'obble." Soon Nelly Stone and her old father came in. Nelly had been her father's little housekeeper for five years; she was only twelve when her mother died and now her father could not work because of the rheumatism in his back, so Nelly was obliged to do sewing to piece out the pension her father received from the government.

With Nelly's aid Jenny had the dinner on the table at one o'clock. Little Jim had grown hungrier every time the oven was opened, and his "'obble, 'obble, 'obble" had become more earnest. Jim carved the turkey, while Jenny, from behind the steam of the coffee pot, smiled on all and warned Jim when the supply on any of the company's plate gave out. Nelly Stone was the life of the company; her jokes and gay laugh spiced the whole feast, so that even Jenny forgot for the time to think of what Dr. Harmon had said, a few days before, that Jim could not hold out much longer; that his heart was affected

and the murmuring increased every day. Mr. Stone told of a Christmas during the war; how they had robbed a hen roost to get the chicken to celebrate with. Little Jim devoured all his father would give him and coaxed for more. It was wonderful how much he could stow away in his small body. He seemed like his father to be a first class stevedore. A turkey's wing had left a rim of grease all around his mouth and up toward his eyes. A piece of stuffing had stuck to the end of his pug nose and looked like the plums on the outside of the pudding his mother brought on after what was left of the turkey had been removed.

That pudding was the pride of Jenny's heart. Jim always liked an apple pudding, with plums all over the outside. This particular pudding had a corpulent, aldermanic look. It was white and glossy, with the plums just showing, as though it had grown so that the buttons on the alderman's waistcoat had begun to pull through the button-holes. The sauce for the pudding was white and velvety looking. If you tried to tell what it was flavored with, first it would seem just a little sour, then it would be sweet, next there was a faint flavor of some familiar extract that was lost before you could decide what it was, then the pudding would assert itself and you could taste apples, plums, pudding and sauce, all at the same time. The pudding shared the same fate as the turkey and soon disappeared, little Jim doing his part manfully.

The dishes washed, the family and guests were sitting about the little dining room when the door opened and in came Dr. Harmon, shouting "Merry Christmas" with all his might. The children rushed toward him and began a merry struggle for the possession of the nuts, fruit and candy the doctor had in his pockets. This ended by the children distributing their spoils among the company. Dr. Harmon told Jim he was looking better and Jim replied that it was the result of the turkey "Santa" sent them. The doctor passed half an hour chatting with the older people and romping with the children, then leaving some medicine departed.

When the lamps had been lighted little Jim began to get sleepy, so his mother put him to bed, she sitting by the bed until he fell asleep. As she watched the regular breathing of her little boy, the events of the day and then of the weeks past filed in review before her mind until she could hardly keep back the tears of grati-

tude to God, who had sent her so kind a benefactor. She looked into the future and trembled as she thought of the time when she must bear the burdens of life alone; then came the remembrance of her benefactor's words, "Never fear, Jenny, my brave girl. I will see that you and the children are cared for after Jim goes." Her heart was full to overflowing of mingled sorrow and thankfulness. When she kissed little Jim she heard him murmur in his sleep, "'obble, 'obble." Through her tears she smiled at the words so suggestive of her baby's and his father's play.

In the homes of the humble stevedore and of the hard-working, successful physician there was peace and good-will that Christmas eve, while the angel of Christmas, unseen, hovered over all, satisfied that where such love for their fellowmen existed, the kingdom of heaven had indeed come in at least some hearts. As the angel looked there might have been heard these words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

A TRIP TO THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

WE started from Beaver Canon, which is a typical western village, to enter the park. The village, so called, consisted of one store, four bar rooms, and a hotel which in Maine would pass for a stable. In order to get into the park we had to ride a hundred miles across the country. Our outfit consisted of a three seated wagon and four bronchos. The bronchos had not been broken to the harness a great while and as a result they would frequently object to going along peaceably but would make a change for us and themselves by jumping out of the traces and kicking each other for five or ten minutes.

All the first day we rode along without seeing a house but occasionally we would see a herd of antelope galloping away, frightened by our approach. Toward evening we forded the Snake river and drove up to the hotel, (a log cabin,) where we stopped for the night. The hotel was hardly equal to the Elmwood. The beds were made of boughs but I never slept better than I did that night. In the morning we got up very early and went fishing. The mosquitoes had turned out at the same time and were out after game, too. In order to appreciate the mosquitoes

one must remember that western mosquitoes are as large as bumble-bees and that they take hold of you as if they meant business. The very first cast that I made my pole unjointed and went floating away. As I did not want to lose it I undressed and went in after it. It was a very cold morning and the water in the river, which flowed down from the mountains, was as cold as ice and I was nearly frozen when I got out.

After we had eaten breakfast we started out again and about noon we began to ascend the divide. At first the trees were large, but as we ascended they grew smaller and smaller and finally there were none at all. From the top of the divide we looked down into the park well called the "New Wonderland."

Of course the things in the park that most interest the traveller are the geysers. We were very fortunate in seeing one of the largest, the "Giantess," in operation. It is almost impossible to give a good idea of the grandeur and beauty of such a sight. But imagine a vast column of water thrown into thousands of jets and sprays and making the air look as if it were filled with diamonds. We also saw "Old Faithful" in operation. This geyser goes off every hour and never yet has failed. There are a great many more of greater or less importance. There are many hot springs. The water is of the clearest blue and you can look into them and see no bottom. A number of peculiar names are given the hot springs; for instance, the largest hot spring is known as "Hell's Half Acre." The "Paint Pots," which consist of springs of boiling paint, are very interesting, but what to me was the grandest and most beautiful was the "Falls" and the "Grand Canon of the Yellowstone." While the "Falls" are not the largest in the world there are none more beautiful. On each side of the "Falls" there are pinnacles of sculptured rock. The shelf over which the water falls is entirely level. Here the water seems to stop a moment and then plunges into the awful abyss, a mass of seething foam. The awful roar of the water, the wonderful sublimity of the scene and the depth of the canon below, with its sides towering into the heavens, caused a feeling of awe to come over us as we gazed on the wonderful spectacle, and even now when I think of it I seem to hear the roar of the waters and feel the damp spray on my cheek.



Sam says "Your ole janitor is goin' to rise."

Senior commencement articles are due in four weeks.

Mr. S.—"Please remove that animal from the closet."

Heald will supply the class of '93 with the latest in tall hats.

Miss Brown, of Bath, formerly of '94, was in the city this week.

Rowley, '94, and Hodgkins, '93, have purchased safety bicycles.

Byron Boyd, '86, was on the campus to witness the Colby-Portland game.

A number of the students attended the Odd Fellows' ball in City Hall last Tuesday.

Dr. Dunn gave a very interesting talk before the members of the Y. M. C. A. on Fast night.

Howe is persevering well and will soon be able to ride his bicycle with a little more practice.

The members of the *Oracle* board had their pictures taken in a group at Preble & Jordan's, Saturday.

F. E. Russell has been engaged as principal of the Fairfield High School. He begins his duties Monday.

Prof. Warren, who has been confined to his house for several days, was able to resume his work last Saturday.

That was a keen hit that the *Orient* made when it called the Bates-M. S. C. combination the "Farmers' Alliance."

Chas. W. Spencer, '90, is in the city on a two weeks' vacation. He will resume his work at Hebron at the end of that time.

Professor Taylor was suddenly called out West by a telegram informing him of the very dangerous illness of his brother.

The Sophomore declamation has been assigned for Friday night, May 8. The Ladies' Orchestra of this city will furnish music.

'Fessor Roberts is the busiest man on the faculty. During the absence of Prof. Taylor he has four classes in Greek daily.

The trial reading of the Freshmen, before a committee of judges, took place Saturday. The appointments are not yet announced.

Prof. Warren resumed his Thursday morning art lectures to the Seniors this week. His lecture was on Raphael's paintings in oil.

Owing to the opportunities for out-door exercise which an early spring has afforded, no work has been required in the gymnasium this term.

Several of the students as well as the professors have been laid up with severe colds, denominated in the popular language, la grippe.

At a meeting of the Tennis Association last week it was voted to hold a tournament. Immediate preparations should be made by the managers.

The next will be the index number of the ECHO. Volume XV will not consist of fourteen numbers as we had expected, but will contain the full number.

The Glee Club is in almost daily training. The services of W. C. Philbrook, '82, have been secured and he is now putting in the finishing touches to the work.

"Will some one please wake Mr. D——?" was the request of the professor the other day. Mr. D—— had evidently not recovered from the effects of the ball.

The following excuse for absence from gymnasium work was passed in last term: "Please excuse my absence from jim. It was occasioned by entertaining gentlemen friends."

Miss Fletcher, '91, started last Monday for Troy, N. Y., where she delivered an address before the Baptist Foreign Mission Society on "The Higher Education of Woman."

Janitor Osborne has been elected by the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Maine as an alternate to attend the Right Worthy Grand Lodge which meets at Edinburgh, Scotland, in May.

Last Sunday was a bad day for new spring hats. College street was quite a scene of confusion when the shower came just after church service. For further particulars call at Ladies' Hall.

The printers are at work on the *Oracle*. As near as can be estimated at this time the *Oracle* will appear about June 20. Present indications point toward the publication of an excellent annual.

Prof. Battis was unable to meet his class in oratory for a few days on account of a severe cold, from the effects of which he has not yet wholly recovered. He was able to resume work Monday.

The following officers have been chosen by the Tennis Association: Pres., R. L. Ilsley; Vice Pres., E. H. Stover; Sec. and Treas., G. O. Smith; Directors, G. H. Stoddard, H. L. Pierce, J. H. Ogier.

J. B. Pendleton, representing Horace Partridge & Co., was at the college, Monday, with a full line of sporting goods. Suits for the nine were ordered besides many other articles in the sporting line.

If we would be young ourselves we must do as young men do. So the professor thought when he purchased a "Safety" a few days since. He says he is going to put his "Mechanics" into practice now.

'Fessor still manifests his eager enthusiasm over the game of ball. He might have been seen Fast day perched on the top seat of the "bleaching boards," anxiously watching every play that was made.

We would refer the recent lockout at Coburn Hall to the students of sociology. It is a phenomenon that seems to mark a novel tendency in college society, and we think it worthy of close investigation.

The new grand stand which has been erected by the Base Ball Association is not only an improvement over the old one in the style of architecture but is a much more comfortable place to watch the game.

Student (translating)—"Ich furchtete mich, als ich den grossen Hund sah:" "I was afraid that I should see the big dog." Prof.—"Perhaps the dog would be as much afraid of seeing you." (Convulsion of class.)

E. T. Wyman has resigned his editorial duties on the *Sentinel*, to assume the editorship of the *Waterville Mail*. Mr. Wyman is one of the proprietors of the firm of Wyman & Prince, who have recently purchased the *Mail*.

Two of our young journalists received quite flattering notices in a recent issue of the *Democrat*. Editor Bunker certainly recognizes talent when he gets his eye on it. We wonder he did not think the subjects worthy of one of his famous jack-knife cuts.

At a recent meeting of the Base Ball Association it was voted to purchase new suits for the nine with the exception of shirts. The suits will consist of caps, pants and belts of the college grey, white shirts and blue stockings.

Dr. Small has arranged with ministers from various places to address the Y. M. C. A. at the Thursday evening meetings. Rev. G. B. Ilsley of Bangor, spoke very interestingly last Thursday. Mr. Ilsley is a graduate of the class of '63.

Tennis is especially popular among the boys this term. Three or four new courts have been laid out on that part of the campus which faces toward Front street. This is a good locality and the courts will compare very favorably with those which have been longer in use.

The treasurer of the Base Ball Association has adopted a scheme for getting the money from the boys. As soon as each one pays his tax for the year he receives a season ticket which entitles him to admission to the old grand stand free or to the new one for ten cents.

Prof. Rogers has recently received presentation copies of the proceedings of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures consisting of twenty-one volumes. The entire edition published consisted of only five hundred sets. Of this number six sets were distributed in this country, three sets to libraries and three sets to private individuals.

It is the general sentiment among the boys that if they support the ball team with their money and their sympathy it is no more than right to expect the members of the nine to return the favor by being very regular in their habits and not allowing any social event to prevent their obtaining the necessary sleep and rest on the night preceding a game.

We can say that no other college club has made as many hits and obtained as many scores from the Portland team this season as we. It might be said in return that the Portlands have not made so many runs or hits on any other college team. In fact, the only consolation we can obtain is in saying that it was an off day for both teams and we were not much further off than our opponents.

Professor Adams, our former gymnasium instructor, who has filled that position at Rutgers University during the past year, passed through

here Sunday, en route for Boston. He intends to sail for Europe this week. His trip will be for pleasure, although he may pursue further study in medicine while abroad. His intentions are to continue his work as a gymnasium instructor when he returns.

A meeting of the managers representing Bowdoin, Bates, and Colby was held at Brunswick, Friday. The original proposition for a three-cornered league was made to Bates, but her manager still retained his original views in regard to M. S. C. and the league question remains as previously stated. It will probably remain as now fixed and the Bowdoin-Colby schedule will be played as arranged.

The crowd of people who lined the fence and sidewalk during the ball game, Fast day, is a good argument for the need of a fence on that side of the campus. Some of these people would have paid admission to the grounds if they had been unable to witness the game otherwise and the association would have realized an increase in the proceeds of the game. A tall, stationary board fence might be objectionable, but a moveable one, such as are used in several places at the present time, would be a great improvement on the present condition of affairs.

The Glee Club, as it has been lately reorganized, made its first appearance in town at the Baptist sociable, Tuesday evening, April 21. To say that the singing was considered excellent and thoroughly appreciated by the audience would be only a mild way to express it. The club is composed of the following talent: 1st tenors, Smith, '91, Slocum, '93; 2nd tenors, Sturtevant, '92, Pierce, '92, Purinton, '94; 1st basses, Watson, '91, Johnson, '91, Ilsley, '91; 2nd basses, Mathews, '91, Barnes, '92, Whitman, Kleinhaus, '94. Smith, '91, is leader and C. H. Reynolds, '92, business manager. The club has already received a call to go to Kent's Hill, May 6, and a tour of some other places in the state is contemplated. The club will be assisted by Prof. Battis, elocutionist.

BASE-BALL.

The base ball season opened here with a game between the Colbys and their old antagonists, the Presumpscots. It was a fine exhibition of ball playing and won commendation from the great crowds who had gathered to see the opening event of the season. The Presumpscots outbatted the home team and both teams

did some excellent work in the field. Whitman pitched a good steady game and Latlipp covered third with remarkable ability. Foster on the home team and Files on the Presumpscots made some phenomenal catches in left field. The score :

PRESUMPSCOTS.

	A.B.	R.	B.	T.B.	S.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Harmon, c. f.,	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Batchelder, 2b.,	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	1
Morton, 1b.,	4	1	1	2	1	6	1	0
Files, l. f.,	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Gilman, 3b.,	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Burnell, J., p.,	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Burnell, F., s. s.,	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Elkins, c.,	3	0	1	1	0	8	2	0
Clark, r. f.,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals,	26	5	3	5	2	27	9	2

COLBYS.

	A.B.	R.	B.	T.B.	S.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hall, c. f.,	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hoxie, 2b.,	3	0	1	1	0	1	3	0
Parsons, c.,	3	0	1	1	0	11	1	2
Foster, l. f.,	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Lombard, s. s.,	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Bonney, 1b.,	3	0	0	0	0	10	1	1
Kalloch, r. f.,	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Latlipp, 3b.,	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Whitman, p.,	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals,	29	0	3	3	0	24	14	3

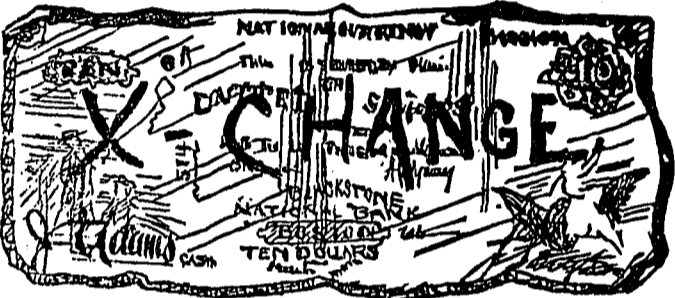
SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9.
Presumpscots,	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0-5
Colbys,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

Two base hits—Batchelder, Morton. Stolen bases—Parsons, (2) Clark, (2) Harmon, Batchelder, Morton. First base on balls—Hoxie, Parsons, Batchelder, F. Burnell, Clark. First base on errors—Parsons, Morton. Struck out—Latlipp, (3) Hoxie, (2) Hall, Bonney, Whitman, Gilman, (4) Files, (2) Harmon, F. Burnell, Elkin. Wild pitches—Whitman. Passed balls—Parsons, (4). Hit by pitched ball—Clark, (2) Batchelder. Time of game—1h., 45m. Umpire—J. F. Larrabee, '87.

The ball game between the Colbys and the Portlands, Wednesday, April 22, was looked forward to with considerable interest. The Portlands belong to the New England League and their coming here was hailed with delight by all admirers of good ball playing and a large crowd assembled to witness the game. The expectations of the crowd were sadly overcome, however, as the game progressed. The home team was not in its usual flourishing condition owing to the weakness of two of the men resulting from an attack of the grippe. The fielding of the home team was loose during the first part of the game, which enabled the Portlands to run up quite a number of scores. The tide turned, however, toward the middle of the game when Colby took her turn with the bat stick and sought to win back the honor she had recently lost. Hit followed hit, singles inter-

persed by doubles and now and then a three base hit. The Portland pitcher decided that he could do better work in center field and the center fielder entered the box. The boys, however, succeeded in batting him and with a few more runs the game ended with a score of 23 to 16 in favor of the Portlands. The number of hits made by the home team compares very favorably with that made by the Portlands and the number of errors made by the home team was considerably less. At the beginning of the fifth inning Barnes and Foster formed the battery for the Colbys and Parsons took Foster's place in left field. The time of the game was 2 hours, 30 minutes. The umpire was Pushor, of Pittsfield, who gave excellent satisfaction.



In the *Dartmouth* we notice an extract from the *Harvard Crimson* which may prove interesting to Greek scholars :

"It is rarely that a hitherto unknown classical work comes to light, and for many years none has appeared so important in every way as Aristotle's 'Treatise on the Constitution of Athens.' * * * The subject treated is the constitutional history of Athens, and it falls into two sections. The first gives an historical account of the development of the Athenian state, and is complete; the second is an exposition of the contemporary machinery of the government. This latter part is only partially preserved, but we know most of it already through the quotations of the grammarian Pollux. On the contrary there is much that is new in the first part.

"All of Solon's reforms are explained in the new manuscript, and we find that his reduction of the coinage was much later than his abolition of debt, but that he did both. The nine archons were chosen by lot, as was not understood before, from forty men elected in tens by the four tribes; the division of the tribes equally into mountain, plain and seashore is now first known.

"The period of Aristides' government is explained, and perhaps most important of all the flight of Themistocles from Athens, at which time the revolt of Naxos occurred which marks the first break in Athenian power, it is shown must have been as late as 462; the whole history of this period must now be read in a new

light. The account is continued down to Aristotle's own time, but the most of the remaining statements are either already known or unimportant."

For the benefit of Corporal R. we clip the following from the *Speculum*:

"And now, knowing that the mental is dependent largely upon the physical; that presence of mind, self-reliance and executive ability are all essential to the best success in life; and that military drill is a practical school for the development and the exercise of these qualities, can we for a moment have any doubts as to the resulting benefits of its training? Then, to get the most good out of the military department, there must be interest taken in the drill. Let it arouse something in the way of enthusiasm. The drill hour should be felt to be an hour of recreation; a time to put aside all thought of regular studies, and to give the mind a needed rest."

The following editorial from the *College Transcript* is worthy of the *Kent's Hill Breeze*. It reminds us of our early days when we were kept in from recess for whispering:

"Dr. Bashford's remarks made at the opening of the term, in which he urged upon the young ladies and gentlemen the necessity of using more discretion about walking together on the streets for pleasure, should be heeded by every socially inclined student during the coming months. No one has any desire to see the old, 'street walking rule' enforced again with all its former rigidity; yet this will surely be done unless a spirit of reformation is immediately forth-coming among the students. Therefore let each person endeavor to mend his way by taking heed thereto."



AT THE MENAGERIE.

"I think there's a storm Bruin," said the Fox. "Stop your Lion," roared the Bear. "Well, I'm not a Boa, if I am a crawler," said the Black Snake. Then they gave three cheers and a Tiger and passed the growler.—*Ex.*

CUTTING.

"Who is the best man
On the staff?"
Asked a maiden
Shy and sweet,
As she glanced adown
The columns of
The weekly college sheet.

The editor smiled
And winked his eye
At the fairy
Maid demure:
"The best man on
The paper? Why,
The scissors, to be sure."

—*Ex.*

REASON ENOUGH.

"I wonder how these letters here,
Became so damp and wet,"
"What are they, Jack?" "Oh, mostly bills
I haven't paid as yet."

The answer's plain, I guess, old man,"
Said Fred, with sudden wit,
"Because there's so much due on them,
Must be the cause of it."

—*Ex.*

CUT.

Tho' Cæsar was a wild young man
And many frolics led,
He stood well in society
'Till Brutus cut him dead.

—*Brunonian.*

A very bashful youth was he;
He trembled in each joint,
And found it very hard to come to the
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He sued for her hand—did the dude—
In a moment exceedingly rash;
And he in turn is being sued,
And she's after ten thousand in cash.

—*Ex.*

A RAINY DAY IN JANUARY.

The day is lowry and dark,
The drops hang thick on the pane,
The fog settles down o'er the land,
And everything's wet with the rain.

The school-house is dingy and dark
Where the scholars sit conning their books,
And the master is gloomy and sad
He's cross, you'd know from his looks.

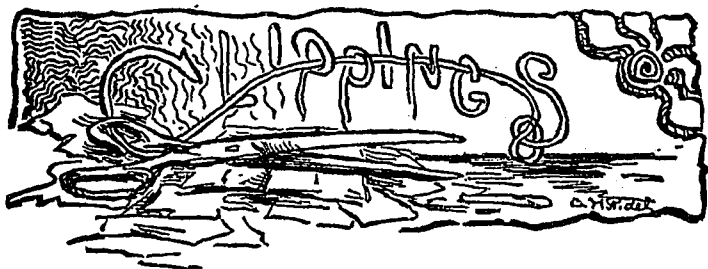
The sky has been bright and clear
And bracing the keen frosty air;
He waded through snow soft and deep,
But still not a jot did he care.

The wood was green and wet,
And sometimes the fire was low;
The floor was open and worn
And the cold came up from below.

The scholars were noisy and sly,
Their minds were with tricks running o'er;
But the teacher was pleasant and kind
Though he stood them all out in the floor.

But now, as the fog is so dark
And the earth is all dripping and grey,
His face has grown gloomy and gruff
In tune with the sky and the day.

When the sunbeams the mist drives away,
And sparkles each rain-drop so bright,
The clouds from his face'll disappear
Beneath the glad influence of light.



I went to buy some shoes, you know,
At Smith and Johnson's, up the street,
I'd heard they sold their goods so low
That they by no one could be beat.
But if they'll give me half their store
I will not trade there any more.
The sun had scorched me most to death
And I was warm and out of breath
From my long walk up that steep rise,
And as I gasped he says, "What sighs!"

England has but one college paper.

President Darling, of Hamilton, died April 20.

The new Chicago University will open Oct. 1, 1892.

Vassar will receive \$700,000 left the college by J. G. Vassar.

President McCosh, of Princeton, celebrated his eightieth birthday, April 1st.

In the University of Michigan, seventeen per cent. of the students are women.

The number of colleges and scientific schools in Brazil is forty-five; Canada has forty.

The University of Berlin, while it has 6,000 students, is endowed with only \$750,000.

The University of Mexico lays claim to being the oldest college in America. It is fifty years older than Harvard.

The literary societies at Wesleyan University are compelled by the faculty to adjourn their meetings by ten o'clock.

Nineteen hundred members of Cambridge University have signed a paper protesting against the granting of degrees to women.

Ann Arbor has five annual college publications, the *Palladium*, the *Castalian*, the *Oracle*, the *Technic* and the *Commencement Annual*.

Brown is to have a "war canoe" which is to be thirty-five feet long and is to be fitted up with sixteen paddles. The boat will easily accommodate twenty-five or thirty persons.



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

'57.

Gen. Russell B. Shepherd, of Skowhegan, has been elected president of the board of trustees of the Maine State College.

'60.

Hon. E. F. Webb of this city, went to Portland, April 21, as counsel for the M. C. R. R. Co., in a suit brought against them by Augustus S. Libby, who was crippled in the accident at Crowell Brook two years ago.

'62.

E. Brookings, principal of a Grammar School in Springfield, Mass., has organized a vacation excursion to Europe, leaving New York June 27.

'78.

Rev. H. B. Tilden has resigned his pastorate at Windsor, Vt., to accept a call to Cherryfield, Me.

'79.

Allen P. Soule of Boston, New England representative of the American Book Company, was in this city, recently.

'85.

Harry L. Jewett is teaching the Richmond High School since the resignation of S. H. Holmes.

'86.

R. J. Condon has resigned the position of Superintendent of Schools at Templeton, Mass., and accepted a much better place as Superintendent of Schools at Everett, Mass. Mr. Condon has been selected to deliver the Memorial Oration at Templeton on May 30th.

'87.

Stanley H. Holmes has resigned his position as principal of the High School at Richmond to accept a similar position at Brewer.

'88.

E. P. Barrell is teaching Greek and Mathematics in Hayward Collegiate Institute, Fairfield, Ill.

Miss Bertha L. Brown has been appointed principal of the schools of Georgetown, Colo., and Miss Edith Merrill assistant.

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