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LAST term, by vote of the Faculty it was decided that four Junior honors shall be given to gentlemen and four to ladies each year, that only four of the eight shall speak at the Senior Exhibition, that this year the Greek and the French parts should be spoken by gentlemen, the Latin and English parts by ladies, and that next year the Greek and French shall be spoken by ladies and the Latin and English by gentlemen.

THIS issue of the ECHO contains two contributions written for the ECHO and for that alone. It is with pleasure that we point to this novel feature. We hope that it is indicative of the turning of the tide, that very frequently now poems, sketches, and stories, will be received, which have not done previous duty in the class-room. We believe that the "Literary" of the ECHO does not present to its readers any true index of the literary ability of the students. It has often been declared in these columns that the ECHO is not for the editors alone. All should contribute and share in the work.

WHY doesn't the ECHO discuss some of these questions of college life," is a comment frequently made. It is a fact that questions worthy of discussion do arise. It is, perhaps, one of the good things about our college training that opportunity is so often afforded for this "laboratory work." Problems are to be solved and reforms to be instituted, problems and reforms, similar to those of the greater world outside the campus fence. Here, then, we can make good use of our practical, every-day abili-

ties, training what of common sense, we may possess, and, perhaps, adding to our store of this mental treasure. As has been remarked by Colby students, our judgments should not be snap judgments, neither should any reform be attempted without due consideration. The best opportunity for proposing a reform or discussing any proposed change in college affairs is afforded by the columns of the ECHO. Careful, candid, and logical discussion here will count for much more than the chance debate in the reading room or on the campus.

THE pessimist—for we do have a few mild ones—will declare that the communication to the ECHO effects nothing. One year, there were several communications about making chapel attendance elective—yet, today, as then, all absences have to be excused. An intercollegiate athletic association was advocated, yet no result. True, but in other cases, there has been a change. One instance will illustrate. In that same year, an editorial appeared in the ECHO, which today reads as though it appeared decades ago. The editorial is simply the expression of a desire that United States Constitutional History might be included in the college curriculum. The tone of the editorial is mild, and one can almost read the lack of faith that any such course would ever be provided. Less than three years later, the Seniors have the privilege of taking an elective course of two terms in United States Constitutional History. Though we may not always be aware of them, the changes do come. If the ECHO is to be the expression of the spirit of the students, let the communications come in, for we know not what fruit they may bear.

THE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION.

The undergraduates are already familiar with the nature of the Amalgamated Association, and with the causes of its formation. The alumni however know little of the Association or of its aims. It has been deemed expedient, therefore, to give a brief outline of the essential features of the plan.

In order to understand clearly this change of business policy, we must examine the conditions which preceded and rendered such a change necessary.

The four large associations collectively receive and disburse each year about four thousand

dollars. This sum has heretofore passed through the hands of eight men—a treasurer and a manager for each association—whose duties were either constitutionally ill-defined, or the restrictions were customarily disregarded. Each man received money and paid bills; each knew nothing of the proceedings of the others; each kept his accounts as he chose, if indeed he chose to keep any. The several accounts generally disagreed in essential particulars.

The managers might appropriate hundreds of dollars, and we were powerless to punish or prevent the loss. The treasurers could easily use large amounts of money and we would be none the wiser.

Now while this license has seldom, if ever, been employed to its fullest extent, the very permittance of such opportunities is unbusiness-like. All who are familiar with these associations know that large sums of money are lost each year through *carelessness*. Several hundred dollars are annually lost in this way, and every two or three years one or another of the associations is heavily involved in debt. Let it be clearly understood that the results of dishonest carelessness must be avoided rather than those of intentional dishonesty.

A plan which would fit the case must furnish the means to prevent losses through carelessness, and to incite the managers to greater carefulness of plan and execution. The plan adopted is a very simple one and seems fitted to accomplish these ends. The Amalgamated Association, as the name indicates, a union of the four associations. The members of this association annually elect a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a board of association trustees. The Board of Association Trustees consists of the presidents of the four associations and two members of the Faculty. The Board acts as an advisory and auditing committee for each association. The treasurer is in all cases a resident alumnus. The treasurer receives and deburses all the money if the four associations, and he alone is authorized to pay bills. He conducts his business under bonds; furnishes the auditing committee receipts for every dollar expended; receives the money through collectors by numbered receipts and stubs thus avoiding any loss from that quarter.

Such in brief are the manufactures of the plan. Let us see what are the practical advantages to be gained from the operation of this scheme?

First, it furnishes a means for conducting in a parliamentary manner such matters of business as can not be referred to any of the other associations.

Again, in the Board Association of Trustees, we have a supervising committee composed of representatives of the student body and of the Faculty. The need of such a committee has been felt by all college associations and a similar committee has been formed in nearly all colleges.

Furthermore, the concentration of all disbursing power in one person, together with a system of collection and payment which accounts for every dollar, renders loss of funds almost impossible. Hence the economy of the present system is apparent.

Again the fact that the funds are in the hands of one person, plus a permanance of character resulting from Faculty representation improves the credit of all the associations. Previously it has been impossible for any association to secure a loan from any source whatsoever.

Neither should we overlook the educational phase of business methods. Business systems good or bad induce business habits good or bad. The previous slipshod conducting of college associations reacted injuriously to a certain extent both upon the actual managers and upon those who countenanced such methods. Finally it is a duty we owe ourselves to know how when, and where our money goes.

It will be readily seen that the present system supplies several long standing needs of our college associations.

A. H. B.

The Amalgamated Association as proposed, presents numerous difficulties. The space allotted will only permit a bare enumeration of a few of the objections raised by thoughtful students.

The scheme in itself is utterly impracticable. The excuse offered for presenting this scheme is that our present system is faulty, and yet the new plan preserves every particle of alleged faulty system, intact. They simply propose to add to the alleged faulty structure a still more faulty superstructure.

They declare that our treasurers are embezzlers, and yet our new collectors will stand in the same relation to the students that the treasurers have stood. They claim that the men who pay in this money to the associations, are they not capable of properly taking care of it, so

propose to put in charge of these funds, a man who has no personal interest in the matter, what ever. Again their proposed treasurer is a myth. No capable business man in this or any other city, if he has any business of his own to look after, will for the munificent salary of \$100 per year, undertake to keep four separate accounts with each of 200 students at Colby, and attend to the thousand and one trifling bills which are constantly becoming due.

The fact is, the fault is not with our system, but the fault, if any exists, is in the slack way in which the officers of the various associations are allowed to perform their duties. The system we now have, is the simplest and most effective known to the business world and is in general use by corporations and business men. Each association has a manager and secretary neither of whom has a right to touch a dollar of the association's money, a treasurer, whose duty it is to handle all the funds; and three auditors whose sole business is to examine these accounts and see that the monies are properly collected and disbursed. Now our young Napoleons of finance do not propose to abolish any of these officers or make any material change in them, they simply wish to create some fifteen new officers whose duties shall be general and indefinite.

Now if the present officers whose duties are so clearly defined do not conduct themselves properly, we certainly have no means suggested as to how we shall compel all or any of these new offices whose duties are indefinite to do any better. Our present system is as near perfect as human experience can devise. If the officers of the associations neglect their duties, the reasonable thing to do is to call for their resignation, and appoint efficient men to fill the vacancy. The student body is a miniature world by itself, and among our 200 students we certainly have men enough competent to do what little business any of our associations may require.

S. D. G.

F. B. Nichols, '92, was in town during the opening days of the term. Perkins, '93, is to take the Cherryfield High School where Nick has been teaching, and the latter will travel for the Groder Dyspepsia Company. Doubtless the Cherryfield people will be sorry to part with "F. B." for we remember that as a teacher, "he is a good one."



LE RHETORICIEN

Il y entra un soir dans la bibliothèque
 Un jeune homme aussi grand qu'un fier archevêque
 Ce jeune homme adressa le bon professeur Hall
 "Eh, bien! professeur"—son visage tout sans dol—
 "Les ouvrages de Lincoln Owene c'est que je veux
 S'il vous plaît, dites-moi où les découvrir je peux."
 Professeur Hall sourit; reprima l'allégresse
 C'était un grand effort on voyait sa détresse
 "Votre professeur—vois, là-bas une critique fait
 Je n'ai pas vu les livres dont tu as parlé."
 Au professeur en rhétorique il tourne alors
 "Cet homme je m'imagine vraiment s'est trompé
 fort
 L'avez-vous remis aux ouvrages—ceux que je
 nomme?"
 "Non; Jacques Russelle Lowelle le poète, est son
 homme."
 La mâchoire du jeune homme très lentement il
 baissa
 Et avec de bons livres tôt il s'en alla.
 Les professeurs, quand seuls, rugissaient je parie
 Prenez garde, compagnons, vous-avez mon avis.

FRANK G. AMES.

THE NEW YEAR'S OFFER.

"TIS little use I guess," said Cort Berkley to himself, "tis little use for me to stay here at college wasting time and money, and making a fool of myself."

"What's that 'old sport,' who's a fool? Oh, yes, I should say you were, to stay in tonight when the rest of us are to have such a time as will be 'way out o' sight' down at 'The Hour-Glass,'" said his room-mate Wat Sterling who had just entered the room. "Now it seems to me old man," he continued, "that something has come over you all of a sudden. Been struck with lightning, eh? Oh, no, I see, it is an attack of the blues brought on by intense abstraction connected with exams. Well, never mind, I'm in the same boat, and after we see the old year safely in his grave I guess we better 'plug' for a day or two. Ha, ha, may not feel much like it tomorrow that's a fact."

Come Cort aren't you going?"

"No, I'm not," said Cort, "I tell you what it is I've been a fool, and if there's any stuff left

in me I'm going to give it a chance to 'mount to something; and what's more the best thing you can do is to take my advice and stay here with me."

"Well, I guess not," replied Wat, with the inflection of one who thinks himself wiser than 'seven men who can render a reason.' "I'm not pious-struck just yet."

"I say we've been fools," reiterated Cort, "and you can call it 'pious-struck' or what you please I'm going to be somebody or I'll know why."

"Indeed, indeed, but you will smoke once more won't you? These are fine ones," said Wat offering his friend a cigarette, "they may soothe that troubled feeling." Then advancing a step toward Cort and laying his hand on his shoulder he continued, emphasizing his urgings with a persuasive oath, "If you'll just go down with us you'll be hilarious enough before the new year's born or my name isn't Sterling."

"I tell you *no*," persisted Cort. With a curse and slam of the door Wat left the room.

Taking up his monologue again Cort went on saying: "'Tis little use, I guess, for me to stay here wasting time and money, and making a fool of myself. Here I've spent three years in this devil-may-care style. I'm not half the man I was when I first came. Yes, I *am* a smart fellow, that's what's played the duce with me, people said I was bright and I believed it. I'm a *fool*, that's what I am; and the longer I stay here the greater fool I shall be."

The truth is Courtland Berkley, a student in one of our New England colleges, was a clever, young man. On entering college he at once took a high standing in his class, and gave promise of holding a place of honor and responsibility when he should enter on the broader field of activity outside the college life; but, tonight, it was easy for one who had known and watched him for the last few years to see the truth, sad indeed, yet the truth of his statement he had just uttered. "Here I've spent nearly three years in college and I'm not half the man I was when I first came."

But let us listen to the conflict tonight, this New Year's Eve, between Cort Berkley's nobler self and Cort Berkley the dissipated youth.

"Yes, I did very well the first term. I was near the first in the class. I believe Nature meant that I should be something better than a brute." Cort had now gotten up from where

he had been sitting, and was pacing the room in serious thought. He came face to face with himself in the mirror. Again, the past squandered and worse than gone rushed up before him and with greater emphasis than before he cried out, "*Cort Berkley you've been a fool.*" "You've been thinking it makes no difference whether you did any work or not as long as you got along. Cheat all you can, the more the better; the more you can cheat the greater the indication of a *smart* fellow. Yes, but cheat whom? Why, Cort Berkley, you poor dunce. "'Twill all be the same in a hundred years" will it? Well, no, I'm not so big a blockhead as to believe that. It's a lie. I know it's a lie. I know it hasn't all been the same in these three years, and God only knows what it will be in a hundred years."

"No, I guess I didn't mean to be a "bum" when I begun, but how much do I lack of it now? No scruples against lying and deceiving in every way imaginable in order to get out of some little scrape. It's all right to get beastly drunk once in a while, oh, yes, but call it by another name, "a little sprung," then it's all right, perfectly legitimate for a gentleman. Cursing and swearing are indications of brilliancy. Sucking pipe-stems and cigarettes is the one mark of rapid development."

Cort turned from the mirror and was silent. How utterly absurd and foolish seemed the past. How strange that he should ever have found enjoyment in it.

"It can't be done, he continued. Of course, it can't be done. I knew it all the while and that's is why I say I am a fool. A man can't play the "bum" for three years without being more "bum" than man at the end of that time."

"Curse the day I ever came here, curse my stupidity; but help me God and I'll begin again." "You can't do it." "I will do it. I'll leave this place tomorrow morning. I'll strike some job and work it for all it's worth. I'll be a man, I'll win self-respect."

In such a state of mind Cort went to bed, firmly resolved to leave the college the next morning and seek some employment somewhere. But the feelings which found expression in the words to which we have just listened, were too deep, too earnest, to be brushed away by sleep. He lay for a long time thinking of the morrow and wondering what would be his success in finding the work which he wanted. At last,

sleep came, and with it the morrow's experience more real than he had just fancied. Situations were not easily found. The day was wearing away, and he had met with nothing but disappointment. At last, attracted by the kindly face of a young man he approached him and asked in an almost hopeless tone: "Where, sir, can I probably find employment?" At last, he had found one who would listen to his story and who took an interest in it.

"Ah, so you've decided to begin over have you? I'm glad of that, and I rather think I can help you. My establishment is a large one, I am always short of reliable hands. My pay is good, and more than that, I believe you will surely find in my service that which you are especially anxious about. Serve me faithfully and you shall regain self-respect. But," he continued, "you can work for me as well in college as elsewhere, indeed, I am especially in need, at present, of faithful men in the colleges. Besides it's a mistake, my young friend, for you to leave college, you can't find a better place to "begin again" than right there."

"But, sir," interrupted Cort, "what is the nature of your work, and the name of your firm, please?"

Before the answer came something roused Cort from his troubled sleep. "What is it?" he asked. "Ah, I see; oh, the bells from the village. 'Tis the New Year. But who was talking with me? Oh, I have it now, I have it, 'twas the New Year's offer. Yes, sir, I'll try it," said Cort with determination, "I'll begin work here in the morning."

W. B. TUTHILL.

COLERIDGE, THE WRITER, THE THINKER, THE MAN.

AMONG that large body of literary men who the latter part of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth made such immortal additions to English literature, the genius of none shines more clearly than that of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Beyond question his was the greatest literary intellect that has arisen on English soil for centuries. This can but be granted, whatever we may say of the use he made of his great powers. And that he produced but a small fraction of what it was the power of such a massive intellect and fertile imagination to accomplish, we all know. Yet waiving all these objections, he has left some

literary monuments whose noble grandeur and inspiring beauty will be objects of admiration so long as the English language is spoken and English literature appreciated.

We are now to consider this genius in the three-fold capacity of writer, thinker, and man. In giving our estimate of Coleridge as a writer, we shall note the impressions left by reading several of his works and these works will be taken without regard to their publication. Whatever the general opinion may be, the "Biographia Literaria", is by far the least interesting to us. It does undoubtedly contain many fine passages and much writing that shows great power of expression, fertility of imagination, and above all force and depth of thought, but it is so strongly permeated with the mysteries and almost unintelligible mazes of German mystic philosophy that it is to me tedious and much of it uninteresting. In "The Friend," a collection of miscellaneous essays, this same philosophical strain is manifest, but they are much clearer than the "Biographia Literaria" and written in a style that well shows the clearness and force of the strong and pure English of Coleridge. His "Letters" are generally well written being usually of a social and friendly sort nor are they too much overlaid with literary criticisms and philosophical thoughts in general. But of all his prose works that we have read, his "Table Talk" was to us, for several reasons, the most interesting. We have here, to my mind, less of his philosophical mystiness and a much clearer view of the true breadth and depth of Coleridge's character as a writer. One is charmed and fairly astonished with the wide and varied reading of the man. Nor are the breadth and liberality of his views anywhere so noticeable. He discusses all sorts of questions authors, painters, philosophers, inventors, science, questions of government and political economy in a clear and logical manner. We are particularly struck with his liberality and especially with the good word he generally speaks for America and the Americans—a thing that was not very noticeable in many English writers of his day—yet he was by no means blind to our faults, real and fancied. Therefore, from a consideration of his purely prose, we are led to accord to Coleridge a high position as a writer. While he is surely sometimes not very intelligible in prose, yet he is, aside from his mystic philosophizing, clear and forceful as a

rule and a wielder of English in its purity. Another reason for according him a high place is that he has written so many helpful sentences and deep inspiring passages. One of these sentences or striking paragraphs has the strong ring of truth and inspiration. They lift one up out of his sordid, every-day sphere and give him a glimpse, even if it be but a momentary one, of his better, noble, more-divine self. Coleridge thus inspires us, and a writer, who can so inspire us, is a great writer, one worthy to be our companion and guide in our best hours, that is when we are truest to ourselves. Judged in this light alone Coleridge is a powerful author and noble genius. What care we then for the iron-bound rules of critics and their cold decisions? Nothing. He inspires us; if he cannot inspire them, we pity them, that is all.

This power, so vividly shown in his best prose, is more clearly seen in his best poetry. The person who can read "Christabel" and the "Ancient Mariner" without a glow of fervor and inspiration can but excite our pity. His poetic sense is dulled and blunted. For our own part we like the "Ancient Mariner" far the best for it impressed us more deeply than "Christabel." The splendor of the imagery of Coleridge, as best impressed in such masterpieces, the force and depth of his thought and the natural melody, so to speak, of his verse can but place him high among the names of the few immortal geniuses of English prose and song. This is sufficient proof of Coleridge's lofty position as an author. And this appreciation will also become stronger as men become better able to understand the deep inspiration of his best works, and when the critics, who try to judge him by the baser metal of his genius have long been forgotten.

Our second view of Coleridge is as a thinker. Considered in this light he is regarded as pre-eminently *the thinker*. To be convinced of this one has to read, never so hastily, his "Table Talk." Here, as we said above, the breadth and depth of his thinking is something astonishing. That he could not always make the subtlety of his thought intelligible may be true, and it may be just as true that he himself could not always even express the depth of his own conceptions—for language cannot always express thought. Yet he did mine some nuggets of thought composed of metal pure and undefiled. These show very well the depth of his

thought. Yet he never formulated them into a set philosophical system. And, while he might have done this, had it not been for his constitutional indolence, yet it would have added only one more to the already numerous systems of German mystical philosophy, with which, it seems to us, the world is very well supplied. These philosophical nuggets show well the nature of the mind of the man, a mind that could shoot off brilliant sparks rather than rays of continuous light. It seems to us also a pity that German mysticism secured such a hold up on Coleridge as to obscure in a far too large degree the depth and clearness of his thought. Yet we have enough left in his writings that is and can be freed from this mysticism to show the depth and originality of his intellect. This deep thinking power is clearly seen in the depth and originality of his criticisms, as for example those on Shakespeare, than which there have been no better written. So casting aside all that Coleridge has written that is so overlaid with mysticism as to obscure its meaning, there is yet such a body of thought, such an original vein of truth running through his best works as to honestly entitle him to the high rank of being the deepest thinker and the most original intellectual genius of his time. When we can truthfully accord to him this high position on what he did, we are simply astounded at what he might have done.

We now have but little space to speak of Coleridge, the man. This is well for it is a chapter that well may be passed over in silence. It would be well if we knew Coleridge simply as the writer and thinker, and not think of the man. For he seems never to have had any manly strength of character. Ever planning the most gorgeous air castles without the least effort to realize them. Then his character, ever lacking strength, was still further weakened by the opium habit. At length, wife and children desert him in despair, and his begging letters show far too well the depth of his degradation, and had he not found a home with a certain Mr. Gilman, it is hard to conjecture what the last eighteen years of his life would have been. But we forbear further the dismal tale. It speaks all too plainly the immense value of strength of character and the degradation resulting from its lack.

We have thus briefly sketched Coleridge, the writer, the thinker, the man. Let us see the

good and forbear to speak of the bad. Let us appreciate Coleridge the brilliant and gifted writer. Let us admire Coleridge the deep and original thinker. Let us be silent about Coleridge the man.

W. L. JONES.



150 below.

All aboard for the dam.

Kimball, '94, has rejoined his class.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Osgood, '94, is teaching in West Eden.

A number of the boys are out teaching.

L. O. Glover is suffering from an attack of the pink-eye.

W. F. Rowley, '94, spent the vacation in New Jersey visiting his sister.

Prof. and Mrs. Taylor spent a few days in Lewiston visiting friends.

"A little more light, if you please, Professor," and Professor Evans hastens to obey.

Freeland Howe, Jr., called on his friends here Monday night.—*Rumford Falls Times*.

Of the Juniors, 20 have elected Physics, 32 History, 17 French and 25 English Literature.

Prof. Mathews and Mrs. Mathews were at the Prof's home in Brookline, Mass., during the vacation.

The younger member of the bookstore firm says, they have a fine lot of "idiotic" French text books on hand.

G. A. Hubbard, formerly a member of '94, was on the campus, recently. He is home from Trinity on a vacation.

Prof. Rogers passed the holidays at McGill and Toronto Universities where he was engaged in making tests of the University telescopes.

The late January thaw and following cold snap made capital skating on the river above the dam and the ice has been thronged with skaters these fine moonlight evenings despite the coldness of the weather. The heavy snow storm of Tuesday, however, put an end to the sport.

Dr. Dunn has a very interesting stereopticon lecture on the work of the State Convention. Colby University is shown up by over a dozen slides.

The following notice appeared on the college bulletin a short time ago: "Physiologies has come." We wonder if English grammars came with them.

Perkins teaches the high school at Cherryfield. Kleinhans is at Baring. Mahlman rules at Whitneyville, Harthorne, '95, at Steuben, and Jewett at Mt. Vernon.

Though the kindness of H. S. Burrage D. D., chairman of the Committee on Art, a bust of Hannibal Hamlin has been placed in the library. It was obtained in Portland.

For the first time in the history of the college, Memorial Hall proved too small for examination purposes. Part of the students were obliged to take their exams in Recitation Hall.

The annual election of officers of the Foot Ball Association resulted as follows: Captain of 1st eleven, S. R. Robinson; captain of 2d eleven, H. F. Watkins. Business manager, J. Alexander.

The following men passed the vacation at the Bricks: North College—Hooper, Evans, Ward, Nash, Tuthill Metcalf, Robinson. South College—Graves, Hedman, Watkins, Jordan, Smith, Getchell and Nichols.

Sam was on the sick list during part of the vacation. His old enemy, the rheumatism laid hold of him, and no amount of arguments could relax its grip. Sam was on duty, however, at the opening of the term.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, was held in Boston, Dec. 28th and 29th, under the auspices of the New England Association. Sixteen men from the Chi were in attendance.

Through the kindness of Prof. Elder, the Juniors, at their petition, received the benefit of the last lecture in Chemistry on Combustion. This is a valuable lecture which the class otherwise, would have lost for want of time.

During the vacation several changes have been made in the heating arrangements. A new coal furnace has been put in the cellar of Coburn Hall to heat the chemistry rooms, also one under the Library, and the old wood furnace transferred to the chapel.

After the two weeks vacation, the Glee Club has again resumed work. It has two engagements to fill in Oxford County this month, Jan. 19 at Norway, and Jan. 20 at Bethel.

The skating above the dam has been simply elegant. There was until the late snow a level stretch of clear ice extending from the dam nearly to Fairfield. The bricks turned out en masse had a great time and no accidents.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, the Quartet assisted by Prof. Currie and J. C. Bassett, '95, banjo accompanist, gave a concert at North Vassalboro. Although the audience was small, a successful entertainment was reported.

Blanchard, '94, is an exceedingly busy man. He is manager of the Delta Upsilon Club, is agent for the City Laundry, will sell you a wire pin, insure your life and is proprietor of the famous yankee cleansing compound. Call and see him.

According to reports Mechanics as a stumbling-block for sluggards, is no longer in it. All but five Sophomores were reported deficient in elocution and several of these are considered just above the danger lines. We mean business at our college.

Cy wishes the ECHO to rectify the mistake which appeared in its last number. He says it is Wellesley that "holds his heart and hand," not Vassar as was stated. It is bad enough to meddle with other people's business without making a mess of it.

A college pin has appeared and is being very generally worn. It is very a pretty design, a silver flag with COLBY in silver letters on a gray background. It is made in the form of a stick-pin only, this being the popular style in most colleges. Let everybody have one.

Work on the gym has been progressing very slowly, but is now nearing completion and it is thought that it will be ready for use in a week. When finished it will be a gymnasium worthy of the name. The furnace has been set, the pipes put in place and steam is now on.

Prof. Warren entertained the entire remnant of the student body at his house on the Wednesday evening following Christmas. The company spent the first part of the evening with the Prof's art pictures after which they feasted and told stories *ad multam noctem*. We had a delightful time.

Prof. Bassett spent several days at his uncle's at Augusta. Prof. Roberts visited the folks in Waterboro, Dr. and Mrs. Pepper enjoyed the New Year's season in New York, and Dr. Bayley was called home by the death of his brother.

The "Senior Exhibition with Junior Parts" occurred Friday evening, Dec. 16. The difficulty from there being two sets of Junior parts, from the co-ordinate colleges, was overcome by having the first and third parts given by gentlemen and second and fourth by the ladies.

Don is with us once more. But he did not come as he went. A remarkable change has taken place in the upper portion of his anatomy. A halo, rivalling in its radiance the effulgence of mid-day sun, hangs about his head and enables us to recognize him from afar. Speaking plainly, Don has raised a set of whiskers and they border on the red.

The Phi Delta Theta Club has been obliged to leave Mrs. Low's on account of her sickness, and is now at Mrs. Butterfield's on Pleasant Place. Some delay in starting in here at the opening of the term gave a number of the boys a chance to enjoy "camping out,"—with some of the usual features omitted; frost bites took the place of mosquito bites.

The base ball cage is nearly ready for the team to begin its work and will probably be an improvement over the old one. The bath tubs have arrived but are not yet in place. The entrance to the gymnasium is to be changed to the southern side and a door-way has already been made. The idea of this is to prevent as much as possible the tracking of dirt on the floor. Another week will probably see the work completed and the gym at Colby second to none in Maine.

The Seniors made a study of "Midsummer Night's Dream," last term. It was expected that at the last recitation an effort at "acting" would be made which should fittingly close the term's work. So a large notice was posted on the bill-board announcing the fact to all lovers of dramatic art. The select audience, however, which availed themselves of this rare opportunity, for some unexplained reason left the room as if panic-stricken, before the curtain rose. It may be said for their comfort that the play did not come off after all, as some of the actors were not (long) present.

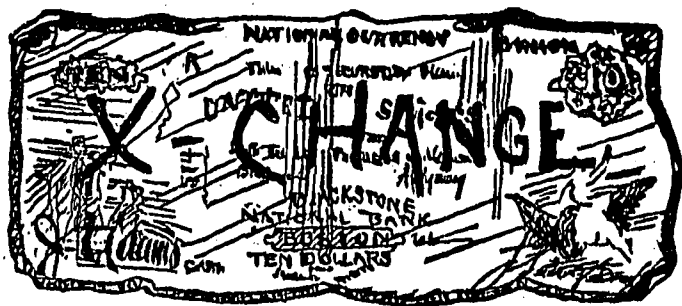
At a meeting of the *Oracle* Association held the latter part of last term the committee on constitution made their report which was accepted. According to the amended constitution instead of two editors from each of the four older fraternities and two from the so-called neuter element, there is now one editor from each of the five word-existing fraternities and one from each of the three chapters of the Sigma Kappa. Other minor amendments were presented and accepted, after which D. E. Bowman was elected editor-in-chief by a unanimous vote of the Association. The other members of the board are Lombard, Slocum, Foster, Harthorn, Miss Taylor, Miss Beede, Miss Carleton.

The reception of the Senior and Junior classes given in honor of President Whitman and wife, at Soper's Hall on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 14, was one of the events of the Fall term. It was a very brilliant party. The elite of Waterville was present. The hall was tastily and prettily decorated and in one corner on a raised platform Dinsmore's orchestra discoursed excellent music. The president of the Senior class made a short address to which President Whitman responded in his usual happy style. The Glee Club rendered two selections both of which were encored. Refreshments were served by Stewart to the satisfaction of all. The reception was one of the pleasantest events of the whole term and every one deemed himself fortunate who was able to attend.

A mysterious, yet beautiful sight greeted the eyes of the campus man, when he ascended to the upper story of the north division of South College, last Monday morning. On the room-door of a well known business man, distinguished for his progressive ideas in regard to education for the financier, hung a charming array of neckties, suggestive of a Christmas tree, above which were the words "From Santa," in large letters; and below these hung two black socks filled with as fine specimens of shining coal as one would wish to see. Closer inspection revealed the fact that these latter were presents "to Jess from cousin Allie's mine at Small Pt." We were reflecting on this touching example of cousinly affection when we suddenly remembered that we had heard of a Small Point coal mine before. Could it be that this was the same mine which had been created in somebody's imagination by the washing ashore of a

few bits of coal at Small Point down near Bath, summer before last? No, this must be another Small Point. For a man with a college education would never invest in an imaginary coal mine. We congratulate our business friend on being able to present such a token alike of regard, and of the success of his mine at Small Pt., wherever that may be.

The Glee Club outdid itself at Madison, Dec. 20, giving a concert which was by all means the best yet given. All exams over, with no cares on their minds, the boys were bound to have a good time, and they had it. H. T. Jordan, '93, officiated as manager in the absence of Manager Ogier. The concert was given in a hall which, though small, was well filled and every feature of one of the Club's best programmes was successfully rendered. Voices and instruments were in tune and the performers were repeatedly encored. It was with apparent regret that the audience rose to depart after the last strains of "Dinah Doe" had died away. The financial, as well as the musical part of the trip, was a success. The proceeds of the entertainment were sufficient to free the Club from all debt and leave a small surplus in the treasury.



Since there has been much attention drawn to the action of "The University of Chicago" in partially opposing the establishment of Greek letter fraternities. The following regulations issued by the Faculty may prove of interest. We clip then from the "*Pennsylvanian*:"

1. Each chapter organized must submit its house rules to the Faculty for approval.
2. Each must appoint a representative with whom the Faculty may confer at such times as may be desirable.
3. Membership in the societies must be restricted to students of the second year, Academic Colleges and students of the University Colleges.

The University reserves the right to withdraw from chapter permission to exist in the University. The Faculty is authorized to add any regulations which they think wise in consistency with the above.

We note another article of interest in the *Pennsylvanian*. Cornell has petitioned Congress that a department similar to the Agricultural Department be established for the purpose of promoting knowledge in the art of constructing roads. The petition also asks for schools, where competent and skillful engineers may be turned out, and that funds may be provided whereby an exhibit of roads may be provided at the World's Columbian Exposition.

The "*College Transcript*" calls attention to the lack of knowledge of elementary English among the graduates of many preparatory schools by citing as an illustration the results obtained by a committee appointed by the overseers of Havard to examine the English Qualifications of the Freshman class. The committee found it advisable to recommend only one preparatory school holding connections with Havard, a private academy in New Hampshire.

The *Lafayette* points with pride to the record of last term along the line of suppressing hazing in Lafayette College. There were many of the students who openly expressed their opinion that efforts in this direction were useless. A true view of the relations existing between classes, and a conception of the meaning of manliness referred to honest contests instead of any process of bullying have effected their own result. Henceforth, 'hazing' becomes a thing of the past at Lafayette.

The first number of Volume I of the *Chaffy Argus* is noted with much pleasure among our exchanges. The spirit with which it enters upon its mission as the exponent of the ideas of the college standing behind it is certainly commendable. California is some distance from Maine, but we will note with much pleasure the progress of this new college publication from the Golden State.

The recent fusion of the College Associations of the Middle States and Maryland with the similar preparatory schools within that territory for the mutual purpose of better systematizing the work of instruction furnishes the foundation for an editorial in the *Swothmore Phoenix*. That this fusion marks a step in advance is obvious. While there exist in the college and its preparatory schools a perfect understanding along the line of instruction, the work in the public schools is almost entirely indepen-

dent of the college. Graduation may or may not find the high school student prepared for college. At the most the attempt of the high school is to fit the scholar for one or two colleges to the exclusion of the requirements of the other. Fusion of the interest of the college and the public schools neither lowers the work of the college nor elevates that of the school but umpires the processes of education from the lowest rung to the top of the ladder.

The following from *Felie Pheonix* is both curious and interesting:

It is a fact not generally known, but nevertheless true, that, of the many alleged portraits of Columbus in existence, not one is authentic, and it may be interesting to note how so many so-called portraits were produced. The earliest known was painted fifteen years after the great navigator's death by Palo Giovio, a historian of the early part of the sixteenth century, under the patronage of the Pope, and was hung in his residence at Como. It is said to have been painted from a verbal description, and that it corresponds with the personal appearance of Columbus. All other early portraits were, probably, copied from this, as they bear a strong resemblance to it. It is said that an oil painting will be made from the enlarged copy of this picture. A special room is to be given at the World's Fair for all the alleged portraits of Columbus which can be collected, and which have any artistic merit. Already forty-five portraits have been brought together, and there is no doubt that the students of this remarkable collection will be more than ever puzzled as to what manner of man the great discoverer was.

The *University Beacon*, has the following an article that well illustrates the advantages enjoyed in a small college.

One very pleasing feature of our college life is the friendly relation existing between the Faculty and students. In a larger institution this would be almost impossible, and at any rate could not include all. But here it is the privilege of every undergraduate to become personally acquainted with every professor, and it is a privilege of which all gladly avail themselves. We all feel that gratitude is due to the Faculty for such a state of affairs that we feel at liberty to talk with the professors in the corridors, sometimes on subjects connected with our studies and sometimes not. They must surely know that we appreciate it and hope that the custom may be continued and if possible be even more universal.



'38.

Gen. B. F. Butler died in Washington, Jan. 11, aged 74.

'62.

Moses P. Mitchell, now Principal of Mitchell's Boys' Schools at Bellerica, Mass., was in this city over Sunday, leaving for Farmington, Monday morning.

'65.

H. B. Bearce of Norway was the Campus, Monday of last week.

'68.

R. W. Dunn attended the Zeta Psi Convention at Boston and at the banquet responded to the toast; "Zetes at the North."

'73.

F. C. Thayer has been appointed surgeon-general of the governor's staff.

'76.

C. E. Melency was one of the Grand Officers, at the last Zeta Psi Convention.

'77.

Edwin F. Lyford Esq. of Springfield, Mass., was re-elected representative to the Massachusetts Legislature by an increased majority.

'81.

Rev. Fred M. Preble pastor of the Camden Chestnut street Baptist church, resigned at the annual meeting, the resignation to take effect Mar. 1st, the end of a four-year pastorate. Several Massachusetts churches want him.

'82.

Judge Philbrook is treasurer of the Colby Amalgamated Association.

Dr. Wm. Pulsifer of Skowhegan, will soon go to Europe, where he will further his studies in medicine.

Wm. H. Furber, Principal of one of the public schools at Charlestown, Mass., is visiting his parents, in this city.

'83.

Prof. George W. Smith was at home during the holidays.

Edwin G. Verrill of Portland, gives especial attention to soliciting American and foreign patents.

'85.

Edward Fuller Esq. of Duluth, Minn., accompanied by his wife and young daughter arrived in Skowhegan last week, and will be the guests of his parents, Judge and Mrs. Wm. Fuller, for two weeks.

'86.

Ralph Pulisfer is at Skowhegan. He takes the position of his brother, who has gone to Europe.

'87.

Walter B. Farr has been spending two weeks vacation from his studies at the Harvard Law School with his family in this city.

A. F. Snow, who after taking a course at Bowdoin, was elected assistant in the Massachusetts General Hospital, died there very suddenly last month.

'88

Walter D. Stewart died at his home in Bangor Dec. 8th.

Solomon Gallert, of Thermal City, North Carolina, passed the holidays at his home in this city.

Henry Fletcher Principal of the South Paris High School, was married in New York City, Dec. 6th 1892.

Miss Alice E. Sawtelle of this city has secured a fine position as teacher of History and English Literature in the Somerville, Mass., High School. Two other lady graduates of Colby are teachers in the same school.

'90.

Prof. Roberts lectures at Bath, Wednesday Jan. 4th.

A. B. Patten preached at the Congregational church in this city Dec. 18th.

Addie M. True, Principal of the High School at Barre, Mass., passed the holidays in the city.

J. E. Burke, of this city, had a paper on Literature in Lower Grade Schools, at the Maine Pedagogical Association meeting held in Lewiston.

Ernest G. Walker formerly a member of this class, who was recently graduated from Harvard, has accepted a position as manager of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C. He will also give same attention to journalistic work while there.

'89

Eugene Sampson, Principal of Foxcroft Academy was in the city Thursday, on his way to attend the Pedagogical meeting at Lewiston.

'91.

Fred Luce is teaching the High School at Boothbay.

E. C. Megquire is teaching the High School at Machias, Me.

D. W. Parson and Dana P. Foster have been at home on a vacation from their studies at Yale Law School.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben L. Illsley spent their Christmas vacation at the home of Mrs. Illsley's parents, in this city.

'92.

Fred Johnson is Principal of the High School at Lisbon, Me.

F. B. Nichols is representing the Groder Dispepsia Cure Company.

The engagement of Mr. W. N. Donovan and Miss. Nellie S. Bakeman has been announced.

D. G. Munson is teaching at Brooklyn, Me.

H. K. Kallock started Tuesday morning on his return trip to Philadelphia, where he will resume his medicine studies.

Chas. A. Merrill, who is teaching at Suffield, Conn., was in the city Dec. 23rd, while on the way to visit friends in Maine.



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