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ALPHA Tau Omega and Sigma Kappa have admitted to the ECHO Association. By this action, the ECHO becomes representative of the whole student-body. The new chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, established last Commencement is thus duly recognized. The ladies of the college are now given a representation on the editorial board. This representation is well deserved. They have always contributed largely to the columns of the ECHO and the literary department has owed much to these contributions. It is therefore simply due recognition that finds expression in this action of the Association.

THE committee, which amended the constitution of the ECHO Association to provide for this new representation, found considerable difficulty. The sins of the past are now becoming apparent. The written constitution, as it exists, is wholly out of date. Amendments have been made from time to time within the past six or seven years, but no secretary has thought of adding these to the constitution. Some of these are recorded in the minutes of the meetings, but, doubtless, some are not even there. Two years ago, a committee of revision was appointed, but, according to all existent records, it never felt any inclination to report. In view of the present condition, a committee has now been appointed to thoroughly revise what can be found of the constitution. So much for the ECHO Association. These questions which naturally suggest themselves, may not be amiss. Will the records and constitutions of our other associations bear close inspection? Why is the first item of business at every meeting, annual

or special, of every association a vote to pass over the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting? Is not the path of the negligent secretary made easy thereby? On the whole, are our associations on the best basis possible?

The following communication explains itself:

BANGOR, Jan. 23.

Editor in Chief, Echo.

DEAR SIR:

What species of idiot is running the Personal column of the Echo? In the last issue I notice that I died, Dec. 8. Perhaps I did, but as yet I have not been officially notified of the fact. Please correct,

Yours,

W. D. STEWART.

The ECHO regrets to publish such criticisms as the above, but due respect to the *dead* requires it. The Personal editor declares that his source of information was reliable; yet, we must give our correspondent all benefit of doubt. The ECHO editors are developing such talent for gathering news, that slight errors of this kind are to be excused. One truth may be learned, however, from this incident. The alumni of Colby so seldom send the ECHO editors any news of themselves, that we are, perhaps, forced to give them up as dead. The injustice of the error in the last issue is that Mr. Stewart is made to atone for the sins of all the alumni. The lesson should now be heeded; every alumnus should hasten to send in some interesting item concerning himself or some other graduate, lest perchance, our Personal column contain another untimely obituary notice.

THE consciousness has been gradually stealing over us that the world is not to be reformed by telling it that it is, in need of reformation. Certain it is that sufficiently emphatic expression of the need of reform in reading-room affairs was given in these columns, some weeks since; and it is equally certain that absolutely nothing has been done towards changing the state of things then described. This fact must inevitably set one to thinking whether when our temporary ardor for reform cools a little and we see things just as they are, we have not sadly to acknowledge that no reform is, after all, possible. Has not the reading-room always been a subject on which an ECHO editor could write with great timeliness and

heat, whenever he ran out of other material? And what has all this amounted to? In spite of it all, the reading-room has been for years substantially the same disgrace to the college which it is today. The prospect would seem now to be that nothing will be done this year, either, and that we shall be able to bequeath the subject in exactly its present state to the succeeding board of editors and so on *ad infinitum*. But broad hints have been dropped which indicate that such is not the case; but that unless decided improvement in the care and management of the reading-room is shown this year, the authorities will put an end to it altogether. There is good reason to believe that these hints mean something; and, if so, the reading-room question is a different one now than it ever has been before. If we wish to keep the reading-room we must make it something like what it should be; and in order to accomplish this we shall be obliged to do something besides merely talk. But who is going to take the lead in any action concerning it? Only one answer can be given. Here is a matter which concerns the whole body of students, and the conference committee is chosen by this student-body solely in order that there might be men in college whose recognized duty it is to give thought and energy to the solution of problems of this kind. Cannot this committee devise some definite means of improving the reading-room and take the lead in putting the means into operation? Has the committee given any attention to the matter? Undoubtedly, if anything is actually done, they must take the initiative. The ECHO would submit the question to their consideration; and, furthermore, the ECHO solicits an expression of the sentiment of the student-body on the subject through its columns.

ONE of the most interesting departments of the State's exhibit at Chicago will be the collection of Maine minerals and building-stones which is being made at Colby under the direction of Dr. Bayley. It is expected that this collection will be the most complete and representative ever made. Few States can boast of such a variety of minerals and rocks as Maine. The building-stone collections includes specimens of stone from the coast and inland quarries, the extensive slate quarries in Piscataquis county, and the lime quarries and kilns of Knox county. Each specimen is to be carefully

mounted and when completed the entire collection will be boxed and shipped from Waterville. The exhibit will be made in the Mines and Mining Building where Dr. Bayley has secured a prominent place. The minerals are nearly all loaned for the purpose and are from the private collections of individuals in different parts of the State.

E.



A CAMP YARN.

“YES, they do have a good many wrong ideas about the woods, these city folks.”

We are sitting in front of our camp on Horse Pond, watching the moon as it rises over Johnson Mountain. It is a summers night, and the forest all around is asleep, but out on the dark pond the silence is broken by the rising trout. Our guide is puffing away on his pipe—“sorter helping out the smudge,” and yarning a little between the puffs, for they can yarn even at this distance from the coast. What better enjoyment can one ask, than to sit in front of a camp and to listen to stories of woods-life? The story is the more vivid, for all around is the stage-setting and right at hand the hero and chief actor himself. The hearers too, after their day of tramping and fishing, are usually in the right mood. Our guide, tall and stalwart, with ruddy face and long hair, can well impersonate the hero of his own story and lay good claim to being well versed in “woods-craft.”

“They have a notion” the old hunter continues, “that a fellow is terribly in danger of meetin’ a bear along here in these parts and havin’ him come for you. As for deer or a moose—puff, puff—yes, that’s jest it, they think it’s too bad to shoot the pretty things. The fact is, a bull moose is the ugliest creature in all these parts. Why, I never saw a bear in the woods that warnt runnin’ and runnin’ the other way. But a moose when he’s runnin’, its in a different direction, he’s a comin’ right for you, and he means business, too.

“Oh, take it along in the summer and if you come along one in the woods, he may look you over and walk off, kinder slow, but like as not

he’ll stand still and let you go around him. But later, along from September or October on, then they’ll take no back place for no one; you got anyhow to walk out around them, or else stand around while they go past. Come up to one when he’s mad and he’ll chase you, and he’s mad most the time, after September. And they will keep a comin’ for you till they drop.

“Four years ago last December, I guess ’twas, I started a big bull moose up on Dead River and had chased him three days. Chasing moose, you know, you follow along slow on their track, perhaps two miles an hour. If you push them they’ll start in to run and not let up for quite a piece. Well I started him on Dead River, on the North Branch, on Plummer Mountain. He crossed over by those rapids ’bout three miles below the Dam, then started off up the river and crossed back, ’bout nine miles above at the foot of Long Falls, seemed to like to keep near the river. But next he struck off and went over and crossed Long Pond, or Silver Pond as them sporters call it; and then he trotted back to Plummer Mountain and there I struck him on the morning of the fourth day. You see, I was getting tired, and was close after him.

“There had been a light snow and I tracked him into a small thick piece of bush on top the hill, right in that thicket, when all of a sudden the thought come to me ‘Old feller you’re waitin’ for me in here,’ and you may suppose that I started back out of there. As soon as my back was turned, I heard that old bull a comin’ after me. I run out and acrost those windfalls and got ready for him just as he broke cover, on the dead jump. He was from four to six rod off, I should say perhaps four rod, when I let drive at him. I had a 38-55 Marlin, 14 shot, and had a shell in the barrel, besides the magazine full.

“Well I struck that bull just below the eye and he went down on his knees. But he was up again and a comin’ for me with the blood just spurting from his head, and he was mad all through. I pumped that repeater right into him as he charged for me. You see, when a moose charges for you that way, you can’t fire for his forehead; the only way you could reach his brain would be through his mouth. He carries his nose right out straight.

“I put those other fourteen balls into him, but he never stopped until he was right onto me.

Then he went down, dropped right there by me. Why I could most have touched him with the end of my rifle. After he dropped he tried to get up again. He looked up with his two eyes like two balls of fire, and every hair on his back pointing toward his head, and how he did bellow! It seemed to me, you could have heard him three miles. He died hard, that old bull; he looked up at me and lunged forward and tried to reach me, and then fell back, dead.

"Now, the snow around there looked as if there had been a battle, and it was a battle, I tell you. You see, I had put every one of those fifteen pieces of lead into him and I was a loadin' up again when he tumbled over. Where he dropped was not three quarters of a mile from where I started him three days before.

He was a big one, the biggest one that I ever saw. He must a dressed a thousand pounds. We weighed a hind quarter and it was two hundred and fifty six. You can see his head in Boston any day. It is sometimes at Lovell's and sometimes at Read's. I have seen heads that had a bigger set of horns, but I never see a bigger bull than this one was. You'll know this head, for if you feel right under the right eye, you can find where my first bullet went in.

"Was I a little scared when he was a comin' for me? Oh no, I knew I could fetch him. A man that's afraid when he's got a good 14 shot 38-55 Marlin in his hands—well, he's no business in these parts. Well yes, I suppose that does come from experience. Seen them come that way before, you know, and I knew I was all right, though I might have to jump around some. But I could turn quicker than he could, knew it because I had done it.—How was it when I shot my first moose? Oh I was a little scared then I can tell you. That's a good story too, and I must tell you about it some time."

G. O. SMITH.

SKETCH OF GOLDSMITH'S LIFE.

"**T**HERE are," says Paul, "diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." This is a fact that no one would attempt to deny, but to determine what the gifts are, in many cases, is a task that would tax the wisdom of Solomon and try the patience of Job.

Diogenes with his lantern would have found it a task scarcely more difficult to have found his honest man; but to find men of ability, is a

task not so hard. A line may be drawn between gifts and ability; the former are innate while the latter is simply acquired. The two work remarkably well together. We have in the innate a foundation on which to build, while in the superstructure we find but the result of circumstances.

If we attempt to draw this line in the case of Goldsmith we are apparently at sea without a rudder, for his mind, in early boyhood, a time to which we must refer for these God given gifts, was, so says his biographer, "a blank." This however must be untrue from the nature of things, for surely circumstances alone cannot make a Goldsmith from nothing.

But let us pause for a moment and see who this man Goldsmith is, and note a few facts concerning him. Ireland has the honor of being his native land, but his parents were of purely English extraction. He was born at Pallsimore in 1728. At the age of seventeen he entered Trinity College, being the lowest in rank on entering and maintaining that position very easily through his college course. He was a "happy-go-lucky" sort of a chap, preferring to have a good time rather than to apply himself to business. When at Trinity, Goldsmith was characterized as a block-head and a fool, and what knowledge he obtained while there must have been gained purely by absorption. He was an adept at five-up, and by this game often extracted considerable cash from his fellow students. Those who could enjoy an Irish song, the music of a flute and a good time in general, found in Goldsmith an entertaining companion.

Sometime in his second year at Trinity he resolved to give his friends a "high-jinks" time, as he called it; accordingly he assembled in his room, many of his friends of both sexes. Things were going high with music song and dance, when, on a sudden, in walked a dignified professor, knocked Goldsmith down, and it is needless to say that his guests departed. Goldsmith, who was of a timid, sensitive nature, found this too stern a rebuke, and at once left college; but by the persuasion of his friends, he was induced to return and complete his course.

After graduation he went home and for a while idled his time away in playing a flute, during the day, and at evening having a hilarious time in places of nightly revel.

At the suggestions of his friends and wishes

of his parents, he resolved to become a preacher. Some preparations were made in this direction; but on appearing before the bishop was rejected for being clad in a pair of scarlet breeches. We next find him as a tutor in a private family but is soon cast upon the mercy of the world for wrangling with his patron over a game of cards. With a little money in his pocket, he starts off on horseback, squanders his cash and returns home with a doleful story how a captain of an unknown ship sailed away with all of his treasures. Having received 50 pounds from an uncle he starts for Dublin to perfect himself in the law, but spends his money at the gaming tables and again returns home.

Once more his kind uncle fits him out for a trial at medicine. Goldsmith starts for Edinburgh and for the last time views his native land. It is said that he studied for a year and a half at Edinburgh, at the end of which time, his uncle forwarding him money, he starts for Leyden to improve his knowledge of medicine by further study and foreign travel. He again gambles his money away, and it yet remains a doubt, whether he went any farther with his medical studies, than to get a mere glimpse of his would be professors.

He did, however, return with a degree but, how he got it, has ever remained a mystery.

With a simple flute, on which he played to the peasants for bread, he wandered as a useless vagrant over the continent of Europe.

Starvation often glared him in the face, and his life was once saved through the kindness of a peasant girl who gave him a handful of peas. This trip on the continent unconsciously gave him material for his poem, "The Traveler," which appeared in later years. After his wanderings on the continent he returned to London and for a few years ran errands for a drug store, served as janitor and finally became a hack-writer. In this capacity Goldsmith for the first time in his life, fell into circumstances in which his genius could thrive.

While serving as hack-writer, he became acquainted with Dr. Johnson in whom Goldsmith found a valuable friend and benefactor. From the time that he came into the notice of the great Cham, Goldsmith's light as a writer, grew brighter and brighter, till his death which occurred in 1774. Of Goldsmith as a writer, I shall here say nothing, but of his disposition will quote a couple of his own verses which ex-

actly describes the man, in his daily life.

"Cheerful at morn, he wakes from short repose,
Breathes the keen air and carols as he goes."

A. L. BLANCHARD.

THE ART OF READING.

THE art of reading naturally divides itself into two branches: What to read and how to read. As we look about us we are astounded to see so much reading matter. Libraries are accessibly filled with all the writings of the past, that men have been able to find. Numerous authors, of the present day, are sending their works far and wide over the country. Many publishing houses are flooding the country with magazines and newspapers. How and what shall we choose from this mass? Our time is limited, we can read only a fractional part at our best. The answer in a word is: read what you most need.

There are two kinds of books, the books for one's profession, and the books for leisure hours. Every calling has a library and periodical of its own which it is the duty of every man thus employed to read, that he may keep well posted in every new departure of his vocation.

The leisure hour books are to amuse and inspire. For amusement we should choose light reading which requires little mental energy. Such reading should animate and enliven the reader, giving rest and relaxation to his hard-worked mind.

For inspiration a man must read those books which will broaden and enoble his views of life. The man of a profession or trade needs to read thoughts which are wider than his monotonous round of duties. He must read those books which broaden his sympathies, which drive away his gloom and keep his mind healthy with thought. For such reading one must choose from those books written by men of character. There are books enough to show up the evil in the right and true light without making use of those writers which will ruin the morals of the reader. Badness is not desirable or alluring from a right presentation of the truth. No book should be read which could not be read in the best society.

How shall we read? I think reading is the discovering and understanding of what is written. There must be system in our reading. As food nourishes the body, so reading nourishes the mind, as regularity in feeding the body is

necessary to its best strength, so systemized reading conduces to the strength of the mind. We should not read by spurts, but each day find us doing some reading, however little.

We should read only those books which our minds can grasp and bring into our own experience. If we find a book which is too deep for us, we should lay it one side, till by the discipline of lighter reading, we are enabled to understand its meaning. It discourages and weakens the mind to task it with too deep reading.

There should be purpose in all reading. If we enter the library with no definite purpose as to the book we are to find, or the topic we are to get information on, we wander purposely from alcove to alcove and finally leave the library feeling that our time has been lost. Such a feeling has a tendency to keep us in the library. On the other hand if we go to the library with a definite purpose, as to the books we wish to find, we go to the directories and ascertain where all the books are which we wish to see. After such a season in the library we come away feeling that we have found the best the library contains on our subject. I have taken this example to show what I think purpose will do for one in all kinds of reading.

The object is not to read much, but to read understandingly, and after we have found what to read to read it with our whole soul.

F. B.



A regular "snap"—this weather.

Cram, '96, is a waiter at the Elmwood.

"We will stop at this point and go a little farther."

Watkins is said to be a prize winner in sewing contests.

H. E. Hamilton and Benjamin Coffin '96 have finished their schools and rejoined their class.

"Left off swearing, old man? Glad to hear it; I would, too, if I wasn't on that Glee Club."

Prof. Marquardt delivered the first of a course of lectures on "Classic German Literature" in Bath on Monday evening last.

The Zetas have given up their club at Mrs. Marstons and are now boarding at the Elmwood.

Prof. Shailer Mathews lectured in Oldtown Monday, Jan 23d. The lecture was illustrated by views thrown from an electric lantern.

The almanac weather-man hits it about right this year with his "expect-cold-weather-about-this-time," running down through January.

"I wished to call your attention to—Mr. Stimson! excuse me, did you wish to ask a question?"

"Grit your teeth and go at it," is the advice the sophomore class received the other morning. It referred to getting Rhetoric lessons, not to disciplining freshmen.

Owing to the difficulty arising from fifty boys and several girls trying to get out one door at the same time there is now provided an exit from prayers by the rear door.

Several of the college boys belonging to the Baptist Y. P. S. C. E. helped found a society of that organization in the school house just across the river, last Sunday afternoon.

It is rumored that a lady friend of a certain student has kindly presented him with a ribbon for his hair. She also sends suggestions with regard to the latest styles of "doing up" the hair.

An unprecedented record was made by the unprecedented class of '94 in Physiology. Whole rows went down like nine-pins and when the slain was counted they were found to be fourteen.

Those who attended the Cantata on Wednesday evening, Jan 18, were a trifle disappointed. No fault could be found with the singing but the lack of costumes took away half the charm of the affair.

N. H. Wing, '93, who has been confined to his bed with an attack of catarrhal fever has so far recovered that he has gone to his home. His mother has been at the Bricks taking care of him during his illness.

The other morning in Biblical Literature the question as to the relative periods of time it required to complete the Old and New Testaments, arose. The student who volunteered information on the subject was perfectly safe in saying it took *some* time to finish the New Testament and a *little longer* to complete the Old Testament.

Thursday last, the Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed. Rev. C. H. Watson, of Arlington, Mass., preached before the students in the afternoon, and there were prayer meetings in the forenoon and evening.

Student (in Analytical Geometry) "What is the abbreviation for *Co-ordinates*?" Professor: "There is none that I know of, but (with a twinkle in his eye) you might take *co-ords*, your mind seems to run in that direction."

Prof. Mathews preached at the Congregational Church in this city, morning and evening of last Sunday. Quite a number of the students failed to attend the "church of their election" that day and certainly felt the act was justified by its results.

We noticed in one of the leading newspapers of the State the fact that the Colby Banjo and Guitar Club gave an entertainment at Odeon Hall, Bethel, Jan. 2. It was further remarked that the young gentleman were in excellent voice.

Colby girls apply themselves with tremendous zeal to their college duties, if the fact, that one of the Freshmen ladies, not long ago, arose at one o'clock for the purpose of study, can be relied upon. Boys, it's no use to compete with such effort.

J. F. Shepherd, formerly of '93, delighted old friends on the campus and in the city, by a visit the latter part of last week. Joe's conflicts with the stern, hard world since graduation have not effaced his genial smile or extinguished his kindly humor.

The seniors are taking dictation in Ethics instead of using a text-book, this term. So far from rebelling against this, as President Whitman seemed to fear they would, the class is enjoying the work very much. Robinson's Principles and Practice of Morality is used as a reference book.

We are patiently waiting to see some steps taken toward reforming the Reading-room; to all appearances, every other member of the college is likewise waiting with exemplary patience. Now, when out-door sports are somewhat in the back-ground, is a good time to take some action toward having a reading room here worthy of the college. A good subject to discuss in the columns of the ECHO; an even better subject to "do something about."

The ORACLE Board are hard at work and great results are anticipated. Doubtless had it not been for the sudden death of Gen. Butler, the '93 ORACLE would have contained an article from his pen. The cuts of the different societies will be inserted this year in place of the usual escutcheons.

The Glee Club held a business meeting Monday night, Jan. 23. J. H. Ogier, '93, passed in his resignation as manager which was accepted. E. C. Clark was chosen manager in place of Ogier resigned. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the club. The members of the committee appointed were, H. W. Parmenter, V. M. Whitman, '94, and S. H. Hanson, '95.

An adjourned meeting of the ECHO Association was held after Chapel, Tuesday, Jan. 17, to hear the reports of the different societies in regard to admitting the new fraternity and the ladies to the association. All the societies reported favorably. A committee was appointed to thoroughly revise the Constitution. The new editors are A. T. O. C. F. Smith, A. H. Berry; Sigma Kappa, Miss Coburn, Miss Hazelton.

A meeting of the Base Ball Association was held on Wednesday, Jan. 18. The association voted not to accept the resignation of Captain Hall as he intends to return in the spring. Mr. Neal resigned his position as treasurer and his resignation was accepted. The election of his successor was deferred until the President should become familiar with the constitution on this point. The Association voted to enter the Amalgamated Association and instructed a committee to revise the constitution to that effect.

The base ballists began their winter's work Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 28, under the direction of Manager Jordan. All who desire to be candidates for positions on the team will be expected to take the work which will be pushed vigorously all winter. The work thus far consists of a moderate use of chest weights, clubs and bells, vaulting and running. It is earnestly desired that as many as possible of those who have any talent for base ball will go into active training. Now, if ever, boys, something must be done to retrieve our fallen fortune in base ball. Let every man who is loyal to Colby, lend every energy, put forth every effort that we may place a winning team on the field.

After reading the item in the last ECHO, "The following notice appeared on the college bulletin a short time ago, 'Physiologies has come,' " a senior was heard to remark with a delightfully puzzled look on his countenance: "Well how in time *would* you spell Physiologies, anyway?" A lack of English grammars was suggested by the notice itself; we hardly know what text-book would supply the need of our puzzled senior.

A number of the boys attended the Congo sociable last Friday night who were afterwards sorry for it. The thief made a specialty of gloves this time and made a good haul. It is well enough to lose our rubbers once in a while. We are willing to make allowance for mistakes but it has come to such a pass in town that one can hardly go to a prayer meeting without being robbed. If thieves and pickpockets are known to frequent such gatherings it is time provision were made against them.

The hours for gym. work have been arranged for the different classes as follows: Sophomore gentlemen, at 11.30; Freshman gentlemen at 2.30; Sophomore and Freshman ladies at 4. Owing to inconvenience of hours, the Seniors and Juniors are excused from regular work. Those who desire to take the work, however, may do so, the gentlemen at 10.30 and the ladies at 4.30. At present of the ladies only six of the Juniors are athletically inclined and of the gentlemen, probably a smaller number.

Probably no man in college has so many *friends* scattered throughout the State as Free-land Howe, Jr. And the best of it is, Free-land is fully aware of the fact that he has so many acquaintances and takes a day off now and then to delight (?) and entertain them. When the Glee Club came through Leeds Junction on its homeward way, Free-land disappeared from view and was seen no more until the following Monday. It has since been ascertained that Free-land had been visiting one of his numerous friends at North Leeds.

Could Medusa of the snaky locks, that mythical Gorgon, whose very glare petrified all beholders, be transported to Colby's classic shades, at this time, Anno Domini, she would herself be paralyzed. The "certain student" alluded to in this number, has adopted one of the suggestions of his lady friend and has "done up" his hair as well as his friends. This modern Gor-

gon fully demonstrated his petrifying power, the other evening, when he appeared at the supper table, for two of us fell on the floor in strong convulsions, and were with the greatest difficulty revived, even so that we might be carried off on a stretcher. The thickly clustering and tightly curling ringlets of light brown hair that adorn his noble brow, form a living monument to the triumph of art over nature. If you wish to be paralyzed, call at No. 6, So. College, look and be convinced.

The responsibilities of a college base ball manager are extremely weighty. The responsibilities of our present manager are especially so as he remembers that the name of old Colby on the ball field has fallen below par and that special effort will be needed to raise it to its former position. Therefore, we all sympathized with him the other morning as, with great gravity, at a meeting of the association, he said, "I will appoint the committee after prayers." It is very evident that our manager is keenly alive to the fact that something has got to be done.

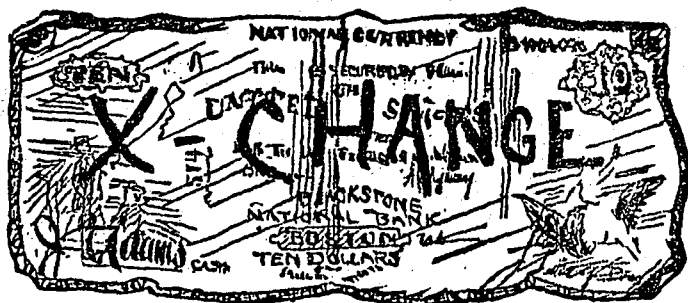
There is surely no reason to complain that this college does not come into touch with the world outside. An example of what it is doing in this direction is given in the fact that President Whitman lectured Thursday evening at Searsport, Friday evening at Dexter, Saturday evening at Charleston, and preached at Charleston, Sunday morning. This week he lectured at Kent's Hill, Wednesday evening, and preached there Thursday morning; and is to lecture at Farmington, Saturday evening, preach there Sunday morning of next week, delivering a lecture Sunday evening.

The Glee Club has just returned to Waterville with glowing accounts of the Oxford County trip. Question a Glee Club man and he will tell you he "had an elegant time" and that Oxford County people (in general) are simply "out of sight." It would be well, however, not to question certain members too closely. The Club left bag and baggage Thursday morning with a rousing send-off from the boys. Dinner was taken at Hotel Atwood in Lewiston. After sundry waits and having changed cars half a dozen times, the Club took possession of Norway like an aggregation of hungry locusts and the good people of that town began to wish they hadn't done it. Prof. C. P. Barnes met us at the station with a hearty hand shake and his

genial smile, and we were soon quartered in some of Norway's most hospitable and palatial residences. The concert was given at the Congregational Church, a large roomy one and every seat was filled. It was a few minutes past eight when the boys appeared on the stage looking their prettiest, to give their opening selection, "We Meet Again Tonight, Boys." The audience was pleased with the selection even if the basses did rush the tenors up over those stairs. The Banjo and Guitar Club did some great work and was loudly applauded, although people wondered why the "little chap who plunked the banjo" was in such a desperate rush to get out of sight. "A Father's Lullaby" by the Quartet was finely rendered and twice encored. The Guitar Quartet was a "comedy of errors." Ye giggling school girls causeth ye first guitar to manifest visible and undue meriment and all ye audience are convulsed. The performers were twice encored, but it is a question whether the house called the guitars back to see Howard smile or to listen to his playing. Prof. Currie took the audience by storm. His selections were particularly pleasing. Yes, the concert was a great success. Since its organization, the Club has never given a better one. Congratulations and well merited praise poured in from all sides. At that moment of triumph every member of the Club deemed himself a happy man. After the concert, Judge C. F. Whitman and Freeland Howe, Esq., banqueted the boys at the Beal's Hotel. It was a most enjoyable affair. Speeches were made by Judge Whitman, Prof. Barnes and others, interspersed with songs by the Club. The banquet broke up with Phi Chi, three rousing cheers for the gentleman who had so kindly banqueted us and the dear old Colby yell. At 3.30 Friday P. M., the Club took the train for Bethel. Over that journey let us draw a veil. For further particulars consult Freebie. The concert at Bethel was but a repetition of the preceding one. It was one of a series of entertainments in a lecture course under the auspices of Gould Academy of which Merriman, Bowdoin '91, is principal. The Colby boys have made the very best impression upon the people of Norway and Bethel, and Colby has reason to feel proud of her representative Glee Club.

The gym is so nearly finished that regular class work has begun. In the main room every-

thing is in apple-pie order. The baths are all but done and are probably ready for use at the time of this writing. There are three tub baths, two sponge baths and two shower baths which will undoubtedly be sufficient to accommodate all parties. The gymnasium office has been fitted up. Down stairs the floor of the bowling alley has been cemented and now the cage only remains to be cleared up for the battery to begin immediate work. A day or or two at the utmost will see every department of the gym complete and working smoothly.



The Marietta College *Olio* for December contains a portrait of the new president of Marietta and a full account of the inaugural exercises. Congratulations are due the college for the acquisition of talent it has made and the spirit of progress with which it turns toward the future.

The *Williams Weekly* moans over the calamity that has recently fallen upon a portion of the students at Williams. The chapter house of the Sigma Phi Fraternity has been reduced to ashes by the fire fiend. The homeless fraternity and college both suffer, the one is bereft of its handsome home, the other of one of the ornaments of the college grounds.

The *Haverjordan* has something to say concerning the dangers into which intercollegiate contests in the game of base ball are tending. Several of the larger universities have within the past few years offered financial inducements to noted players. These men are not to any great extent identified with the life and body of the institution and in many instances leave college at the end of the athletic season. Thus college teams are fast becoming bands of professionals, who do not represent the student-body. The larger colleges also enjoy and advantage over the smaller since they have the power of offering greater financial inducements and exercising a wider influence. These tendencies are fast undermining the fundamental meaning of this best of all college sport.

The *College Student* contains the letter of greeting sent by the University of Berlin to Dr. Philip Schaff, congratulating him on attaining to the fiftieth year of his life as an historical instructor, and warmly thanking him for the benefits his historical works have conferred upon his own and adopted country. The *Student* also prints Dr. Schaff's reply.

According to the *Pennsylvanian* the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania are seeking to institute a very unpopular measure. The college calendar requires the seniors this year in their final examination period of the other classes. Formerly this final senior examination took place about the first of May, now the time has been postponed for a month later bringing examinations and the work for Commencement all in a heap.

This is the season of the year for planning. Most of our exchanges are urging the necessity of increased activity along the line of preparation for the coming athletic contests of summer. The time seems distant when the best athletic material must come to the front, and consequently there is a disposition to relax in the interest of training such material. There can be no question, however, but that constantly trained men will take first place when the trial tests come.

The *College Rambler* felt like defending the much decried system of examination. It does not claim that examinations afford the average student much pleasure; nor that he needs to fear greatly the test, since the questions he must answer are those which have been again and again under discussion during the class work of the term. The *Rambler* would have such an examination paper put before the student as shall test his knowledge of the subject he has studied as a whole and compel him to exercise his knowledge in a practical manner.

The *Mail and Express* contains something of intense interest upon the system of centralization and absorption being practiced by the University of Chicago:

"Some surprise was manifested when it was recently announced that Dr. Harper had decided to locate at Lake Forest, in the suburbs of Chicago, the great Yerkes telescope and observatory presented to the University of Chicago. It now comes to light that the proposition had a string attached, and that it included in its details the

absorption of the entire university at Lake Forest.

President Harper's proposition is to take Lake Forest under the sheltering wing of the greater university, the older institution to become the "Lake Forest College of the University of Chicago," to have a resident dean, but to be under the control of the University Council in Chicago. Under such a plan Lake Forest would practically lose its autonomy and become only a feeder and dependency of Chicago University. The students of Lake Forest University are opposed to the union, and the *Red and Black*, the college paper, is outspoken in opposition. The Lake Forest University has 1,562 students, about three times the number of Chicago University. They are distributed as follows: Undergraduates, 339; philosophical department, 8; medical students, 581; dental college, 275; law department, 359.

One apparent difficulty in the way of union is the denominational one, the University of Chicago being Baptist, a majority of its trustees being always required to belong to that faith, while Lake Forest is Presbyterian."



'35.

Prof. William Mathews will contribute to *Harper's Young People* for 1893, a series of papers on "How to Get on in Life."

'38.

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler was born at Deerfield, New Hampshire, Nov. 5, 1818. When he was 10 years old his mother moved to Lowell where he received his early education. Butler fitted for college at Exeter Academy and as his mother wished to see him a Baptist minister she sent him to Waterville College, as Colby was then called. Upon graduation his health was poor and he went on a sailing voyage with his uncle to the coast of Labrador from which he returned in perfect health. He then studied law and began practice in Lowell. Butler's wonderful memory gave him a decided advantage over his opponents for he could keep the whole of the evidence in his head without a note. This with his fertility of expedient made him feared in court. Many cases were settled rather than come up against him. When the war called him he left a larger practice than

any lawyer in the State. His principal part in the war was as Governor of New Orleans, where he showed the same tact as in his law business. Since the war Gen. Butler has taken an active part in politics and has been several times Congressman and once Governor of Mass. His law business has been more of civil cases and pension cases rather than criminal cases. It is said that in the last few years the General has given away more practice than he has been paid for.

'70.

Harrington Putnam, Esq., of New York, is Lecturer on Proceedings *in rem.*, at Columbia College Law School, New York City.

'82.

H. H. Dennison was married the first of this month to Miss Annie Hatch.

'83.

P. I. Merrill is one of the managers of the New England Teachers' Co-operative Association, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

'84.

Prof. Shailer Mathews preached at the Congregational Church, Sunday, Jan. 22. He also delivered a lecture in the University Extension Course at Oldtown, Monday night.

'85.

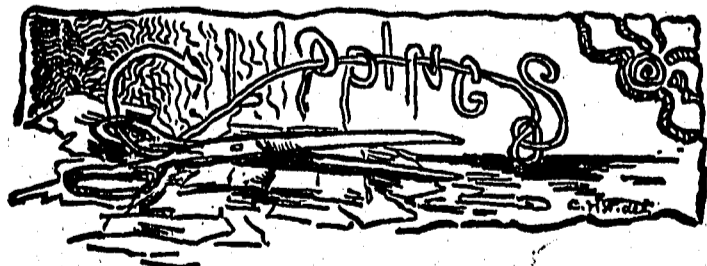
Dr. Chauncey Adams has been recently married to Miss Lorinda C. Coombs.

'91.

E. B. Mathews has received the first scholarship in the Geological Department at Johns Hopkins.

'92.

Stephen Stark, who has been ill for several weeks, returned to his position at Kent's Hill, Monday.



Harvard is growing faster than any other American college. Her faculty has been increased by eight this year.

The students of Oberlin College are to run a hotel at the World's Fair in order to secure funds to erect a gymnasium.

There are between 70 and 80 students at Yale who are working their way through college.

If a college confers upon a woman the degree of M. A., why shouldn't it confer upon a man the degree of P. A.?—Ex.

Senator Stanford, it is said, has offered to build a chapter houses for all Greek letter fraternities at the Stanford university.

Foot-ball in every form has been prohibited by the University of Heidelberg, Germany. They draw the line at duelling, and will permit nothing more dangerous.

The average expenses of the students at Yale last year were: Freshmen, \$786.96; sophomores, \$831.34; juniors, \$883.11; seniors, \$919.70. The largest expense reported was \$2,908.—Ex.

The United States of America has something to be justly proud of in the fact that she is the only country in the world which spends more money upon education than upon war or preparation for war.

Don't be a sponger. If you want to get the college news don't sponge it off your friends, but have the manhood to go and subscribe for one of the college papers, and thus show your interest in students' enterprise.—*De Pauw Record*.

A Freshman knows everything; he has explored the universe and has proved all things. A Sophomore has the wisdom of an owl, but like that sedate bird, keeps still about it. A Junior knows a little, but begins to be a little doubtful about it. A Senior knows nothing.—*Syracusan*.

It is said they have a newly invented machine at Yale for measuring how tired a student is. This will cause a great revolution in college affairs, for the professors can now feel the mental pulse of the student and determine what pressure of lessons and examinations he can stand. How would it be for the faculty of our college to order a couple of machines?

At Kansas City, Mo., a miser, one Dr. Butterworth, a graduate of Dartmouth, died recently and left his wealth of \$200,000 to his alma mater. This does not include an immensely valuable collection of geological, archeological and other specimens unearthed at his home recently. These, if put on the market, would realize a small fortune. Everything goes to Dartmouth.

The managing committee of the American School at Athens recently held its annual fall meeting at Columbia College. The school was founded by the Archæological Institute of America in 1882. Five years later a building was erected in the Southwestern slope of Mount Lycabettus, the ground being given by the Greek government. The school is open, free of tuition, to the graduates of the colleges that support the institution and also to students whom the committee deem worthy of membership. A permanent director has charge of the school and is assisted by a Professor of Art and a Professor of the Greek language and literature who are sent out every year by one of the supporting colleges.



From grub to butterfly is strange;
Yet hardly seems more wonderful
The almost overwhelming change
That makes a Junior from a Freshman.

Alumnus—"Miss W., what is Psychology?"
Miss W—"Psychology is the scientific explanation of what every fool knows."

Have you heard the latest news from the gods?" A citizen: "No, by Zeus." Socrates: "Owing to the late cold spell at Olympia, Mercury has fallen."

First lady student (talking in the manner of children).—"Then I'll not let you slide down our cellar stairs." Second Lady.—"I don't care; there are splinters in them anyhow."

Eve—Addy, dear, I want to go shopping. Can you let me have a hundred dollars?" Adam—"Great Heavens, Eve, you seem to believe the report that I am made of dust."

Æneas and pretty Miss Dido
Once flirted together, you know;
And as it was leap year, she said
"I love you, oh, will you wed me?"
But Mr. Æneas said "No,"
And straightway she went and Dido.

College Prof.—What was the principal requirement with the ancient Romans for a funeral with public honors? Student—A corpse.

The night was clear, the sleighing good,
The cutter seat not wide,
She snuggled close beneath the robe
To her fond lover's side.
The horse was spirited and jumped
With frequent tugs and strains,
Until she innocently said:
"Do let me hold the reins?"

They've married now, perhaps because
She was so helpful then.
She loves him well, and he loves her—
Well, in the way of men;
And yet in all their sweet delight
One sad thought makes him wince;
She held the reins that winter night,
She's held them ever since.

Somerville Journal.

He donned his new spring overcoat, so short, so light, so sweet; he changed his flannels, cut his hair, and ambled up the street. The wind from eastward came, and on our darling blew; he came home with pneumonia, funeral at 2.—
Transcript.

The following advertisement appeared in a Paris paper: "I supplicate you, sir, to look with indulgence upon these observations: my desire for your eternal welfare has induced me to address you. I beg to direct your attention to the Scripture, and at the same time to the extremely moderate price at which I sell *cotton goods*."

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"What does your father do?" asked a teacher of a new boy. "He's a contractor," was the reply. "A railroad contractor?" "No, ma'am, a sausage contractor. He ties the ends together after another man has filled 'em."—*Ex.*

In Astronomy. Prof.—"If the earth hangs in space, what hinders our seeing the sky below us?" Student (thoughtfully)—"Our feet."

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She was painting. Up beside her
Stealthily he stole and nicker.
Then she saw him and alack!
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