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THE term bills caused considerable surprise, this term. The rise in room-rent was wholly unexpected and seemed most unreasonable. Calm after-thought, however, convinced us that some mistake had been made; and now it seems quite probable that all justice will be done to the students. A communication in another column from the chairman of the Prudential Committee in part explains the present difficulty. We have the assurance further, that the action was as unexpected by the Faculty as by the students. We should have confidence that we will not be unjustly treated in any way here at Colby.

WE are proud of our Gym. It is now the best in the State. Already the boys show their appreciation of the advantages, which they have, in part, secured for themselves. Athletics must now boom at Colby. Indoor training this winter—a victorious nine, next spring—and, in the fall, an eleven of which we will be proud, this program. The ECHO proposes to the boys. It is possible now. Why not continue as we have begun, and make it certain?

WE call attention to the Symposium in this week's issue. We believe it to be good in itself; but it is primarily a means to an end. The end is three-fold: to get an expression of the students on various college topics, to initiate a greater number into the mysteries of contributing to the ECHO, and to inaugurate some discussions on these college questions. All is to contribute toward making a better ECHO.

WE did not claim to pose as a prophet in our last issue. We merely ventured some questions as to the status of our different college associations. We spoke not with authority, nor with forewarning as to the result of our questioning. We asked if the records and constitutions of our associations would bear inspection. As yet, we have heard from only two of these associations. The Base Ball Association has found itself without constitution or secretary. The Foot Ball Association has a record of its last meeting, but one deficient in several important particulars, until the present Secretary did what his predecessor had left undone. Well, boys, something is wrong. We seem to have reached the extreme of carelessness in conducting our business. Officers are elected without thought as to qualification. They proceed to neglect to perform their duties; and without doubt, it is only a question of time, when Sam completes the job, already begun, of carting away as waste paper all existing constitutions and record-books.

ATTENTION is called to the resolutions in another column. The Conference Committee have taken decided action with regard to the reading-room. We believe that these resolutions express the best sentiment of the whole college. All this year, the question has seemed to be as to who should act in the matter. This question is now answered; and the Conference Committee are to be commended for their determination to carry out the will of the students.

A SYMPOSIUM.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE COLBY BETTER?

THE test of an institution is its product. Taking a reasonable period into account, the graduates of a college furnish the best reason for its existence. Tried by that test Colby may feel that her past is secure. What of the future? That is mainly in our hands. We are graduates in the making. What we shall be we have already begun to be. There is no magic in a degree to change a man. We are already representatives of our college. In us already it is justified or condemned so far as we know. In no way can we so well serve it as by a spirit and bearing which will show that the purpose here is to make men and women capable of

playing a worthy part in the world. No one can have failed to be impressed by the noble manner in which the work this year has been done. The quality of manliness and womanliness has marked every effort and has commended the college on all sides. Let the spirit continue and Colby is safe.

WANTED.—More of that enthusiasm and cordial support which in past years has proved an inspiration to our representatives on the diamond, and enabled us to glory in holding the State championship for a longer period, than the sum total of all the years in which it has been held by our rivals. Because last season proved our Waterloo, we have no reason to believe that this year we are destined to the same inglorious fate. Old Colby has had a glorious record in the past. She will add to it in the future. Then, let us show our representatives in the field, that we believe in them, that we expect them to bring back to us the prestige we have enjoyed in the past; and strong in the knowledge that they have the boys behind them, they will make every effort to bring back the coveted piece of bunting to its proper home. Then, boys, *enthuse*. Speak an encouraging word now and then, and Colby will again possess a winning team.

IT is a well known fact of college experience, that whenever an article in one department is due, a certain day, a certain amount of ozone is generated in the atmosphere, which proves so exhilarating to the professors in other departments, that they make haste to assign extra reading, a written examination, or a two-hour recitation for the same day. We would suggest that when extra work is to be required, a little consultation in the central council might save the student much unhappiness, and accomplish better results in the end.

OUT of love and loyalty to our college we often build air-castles imagining what improvements we would make if we had the money and physical means.

Now, castle-building and idealizing are very proper things in their place, but too often we look afar and fix our hearts on phantoms and shadows and seem utterly to forget the things which we can ourselves accomplish within our

means. Too often, again, a generous contribution by the students in aid of some new plan will be interpreted by the executive worthies as a desire to be taxed for the balance of the expense in the way of increased room rent and the like, while the college poses as a model of benevolence. Will it not then be more profitable for us, and for the college as well, to turn our attention to a thing which comes more properly in our line? I refer to the improvement of our college publications.

Now, this subject has been dwelt upon until it has assuredly ceased to charm by any grace of novelty, but until it is brought home to the student with more force than ever before, it should be forever treated as a fresh topic of discussion. If we want Colby to advance, we must interest men of means in the college. The best way to do this is to send out respectful publications such as we would not be ashamed of and such as will not cause our alumni to disown us. The only way in which this can be done is by literary work on the part of the students themselves. And this the students can do. *Oracle* and *ECHO* editors are chosen, but they can write but a meagre part of what is needed. When they ask a certain contribution, they meet with a cool rebuff and refusal. There are two explanations to the student's attitude. The first that he is lazy and utterly devoid of public spirit. When he tells how he is concerned about the welfare and progress of the college, he is not in earnest, as is proved by the fact that he will not lift his pen to do what is quite within his power for the college good. The student may say on the other hand that he cannot write, and then he does not deserve so much consideration as before. We venture to assert that there is hardly a student in college who could not write a respectable article if he or she so chose. When he says the contrary, he outrages his conscience and insults his Creator.

As students, we should be especially anxious to contribute. Things look very different in print from the way they are expected to when written. Now, then, is the time to practice and here in the college publications is the best chance. So, if there is one in college who can truthfully say that he cannot write, it is high time that he had sharpened his pencil and were hard at work. Let the editors receive a generous response from everyone.

NOW that some of the long-needed improvements in the college machinery have been made, our appetites are whetted for more. One need seems to present itself in the ranking system. It seems to certain of us, that rank in a minor department has had too much effect on the general rank. An actor is born not made, and to a certain extent, therefore, meeting the requirements of some standard lies wholly outside the sphere of moral obligation for the most of us. A Joe Jefferson might have taken an X last term, but common mortals had to be content with a V. G.

THE wants of a library seem to grow with its growth. Material that would be useless in a small collection of books will find a welcome in a large library. In a scientific library there may be no place for works on history, language or literature, but the college library needs all these and more. No ordinary endowment is sufficient to supply its wants, embracing as they do the wide range of knowledge. The president of one of the wealthiest colleges in the land recently made an appeal to the undergraduates to come to the help of their library.

Some of the ways in which students may aid in making the library of Colby more complete and thus extend its usefulness may not suggest themselves to all.

The library should possess everything which has been printed relating to the history of our State. Can you give or solicit for it a copy of the history of your town? Can you aid in completing its file of the catalogues of any academy in the State? The annual report of the town where you taught school gave some statistics and perhaps comments of the school committee which form a part of your personal history; the library would preserve this for future use.

Have you no volumes on topics of the time which you can bestow? There may be a work of standard literature, or a good novel which you have enjoyed, but are not using. The college text-book even, if it has not seen too hard usage, will find a welcome from students less fortunate perhaps than the giver.

Can you supply a periodical which the library does not take? At the least you can sometimes add a newspaper article in which you have been interested and which seems to be of permanent

value. It will be placed where ready reference can be made to it, and is it has been useful to you it will probably be so to others.

THE college has one very urgent need which cannot fail to impress itself upon the students as they hurry to recitations along the slippery walks. If this much felt need could be supplied, by having the aforesaid walks thoroughly sprinkled with sand or ashes, before the rush and hurry of the day begins, it would prove not only a great convenience but might also serve as a check to accidents.

WHAT can we do for Colby? Well, for one thing, get out a better ECHO. What seems to most need criticism in this publication of the students is its business management. Never has the ECHO been more tardy in its coming from the press, than this year. Never has there been more complaint from subscribers, about not receiving their copies, than at the present time. At whose door is blame to be laid? Blame the printer? No, he is paid only part what the job is worth and then asked to give it his best attention. We must condemn rather the picayune policy of the financial management of the paper. The ECHO Association is not in debt; why set the printers to underbidding for the job? It is blind judgment, which expects good work at less than full price. The workman is worthy his hire. Pay full price and then demand promptness in issuing the ECHO and carefulness in mailing it.

ONE of the best ways to help our college is to get all we can out of college. We as students are too apt to neglect the fact that we are here for something more than to prepare and recite the required class-room work. Many of us spend our whole time upon the work laid out by the professors, and if we are working in a department which requires no collateral reading, we read little. The freshman learns to excuse himself with the plea "no time," and consequently as a senior, he finds that he has a very limited knowledge of literature. Is it true that we have no time for such recreation? Is it not rather that we lack system in our work, that we do not develop the faculty of studying? We spend much more time over our book, but that does not necessarily mean that we study

When one learns the power of concentration and of passing quickly from one thing to another, he can do his work in half the time while the hours thus saved may be divided between reading an exercise, to the advantage of mind and body.

Let us not forget that our college is judged by the students in it and that a college student is expected to have at least a small fund of general knowledge.

DURING the last of the Fall term a petition was circulated among the boys and presented to the Faculty, asking to have electric lights introduced into the dormitories. But nothing has been heard from the petition, and we have not seen the lights. So, alas! we have to go stumbling through the dark hallways just the same, at the risk of life and limb, because either the *low-burning lantern* has not been attended to or else some one has *borrowed* it for private use. Now, to cap the climax, we are obliged to pay twice as much for all these inconveniences as was formerly paid, or half as much again as a good room in this city could be procured for. How do the boys feel about it? Indignation is a *mild* term.

WHAT can we best do for Colby this year year of our Lord, 1893? Well, methinks it is to found an asylum for the "comanians." Who are these unfortunates and what is the malady with which they are afflicted? Only look and you will see. There is no escaping them, you will meet them on the campus, run across them in the library. You will find them in the chapel (mornings) and gaze upon them in the recitation rooms with admiration or horror, according to the state of your optic nerve. Their name is legion. Seniors and Freshmen alike have fallen victims to this dread malady.

Now, if only some kind person would only found a retreat in some peaceful, shady spot for these poor misguided youths, what a boon it would be to the rest of us poor mortals! Our dreams would no more be haunted by visions of dark-haired Paderewski or him of the ambrosial ringlets. In peace and fearlessness of soul we might walk abroad once more. We would have this home equipped with everything from a hair-pin to a curling-tong. Mirrors should

abound and also combs, round-combs, back-combs, in short, combs of every description to suit the taste of the inmates. Servants should be in attendance educated up to the *a la Boston* and *a la frizz* styles. Nor should the *a la Harvard* be forgotten. Nothing should be wanting to make it an ideal paradise for the "coma-maniacs." Friends, in the name of suffering humanity, I appeal to you. Can't something be done to establish this asylum at once?

DOES it not seem that, if there must be a system of ranking, it should be uniform among the professors, so that the student may know that the same amount of effort and attainment in different departments, will secure the same standing?

BY competent authorities, the standard of 70° F. has been adopted as the right temperature for a room. Were this rule more carefully observed in the 4.30 Latin recitation, better lessons might result. There certainly would be fewer headaches and colds.

AS undergraduate students of Colby we are all anxious to enlarge her sphere of usefulness by influencing young men and young women to enter our college. The question arises, what is the best method to pursue in order to accomplish this object. The success attending the formation of the various Alumni Associations suggests a method.

The student body might form an organization the sole object of which would be to extend Colby's influence. The various duties devolving upon such an organization could be performed by committees under the direction of a competent manager.

An association of this kind could work with good results in direct connection with the various alumni associations, and with Faculty and Trustees. Many different ways will suggest themselves in developing such a plan but it is the main idea of organized effort on the part of undergraduates that especially claims attention.

THESE words are intended primarily for freshmen, though the coat may fit elsewhere. When we were freshmen, each of

us received a copy of the laws of Colby University. Probably few of us ever took the pains to read them, but those of us who did may remember one law which provided against the disturbance of students who wish to work during study hours. Now wouldn't it be a good idea to pay a little attention to the observance of this rule?

When a man is trying to concentrate his whole mind on a difficult lesson he finds a horn concert with a war-dance accompaniment, a great aid. Then, too, judicious practice on a cornet during study hours is very soothing to the feelings of a studious man. It is these little things that give the spice to college life.

It doesn't seem as if a college man of average intelligence would need a rule of this sort. His common-sense ought to teach him to respect the rights of others. Horn concerts and war-dances are all right in their time and place, but they can't be properly appreciated by a man who is doing his best to get a lesson.

WE would humbly suggest that one of the very best uses to which an unappreciably small portion of the wealth derived from extra room-rents could be put, would be into a Nineteenth Century heating apparatus for Recitation Hall. The climates of all seasons are represented in different parts of the recitation rooms while the drafts which circulated freely between doors and windows would easily furnish locomotion for a good-sized war ship. Such crude methods of warming and ventilating reminds us of the backwoods school house and are entirely out of place in such an aristocratic institution as our college is getting to be. The Astors and Vanderbilts for whom Colby is for the future intended must have home comforts. Please give the matter your personal attention, Osborne.

IT goes without saying that Colby has needs—needs that will not stay in the background but unceasingly remind us of their existence. But while so much talking and planning is going on over the question of letting out or taking in our poor Alma Mater's frocks, why wouldn't it be a good plan to be quietly attending to the rips which need to be sewed up here, and the patches to be put on there?

Now, it is a most wise provision of the powers

that be, that the evening caller shall take himself brickward precisely at the stroke of ten, but wherein does his offence lie if he go not, having no incentive thereto?

When one is deep in conversation, when soul communes with soul, well, you know how it is, the hours are apt to slip by unnoticed.

Now will not some ingenious spirit invent us a clock after this kind? At the stroke of ten, unseen mechanism begins to work. Long iron arms descend from the ceiling, scoop up the caller's hat and coat and throw them at him, grab him by the neck and cheerfully propel him through the window. Care should be taken to leave the window open as the glass might be expensive to replace. A music box plays, "Where is My Wandering Boy, Tonight?" and at the same moment the door is automatically locked and the light extinguished.

Grant us this boon and a most perplexing problem will be solved.

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"IT would be de best thing for Colby if you young gentlemen would have more respect for de halls. You see dat if you sweeped out earlier in de morning and not so late in de evening, your janitor could have de halls cleaned up, and dey wouldn't look so bad on de day of our Lord. Dat's what'll make Colby better."

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE CHANGE IN ROOM RENTS.

By an oversight the vote of the Trustees in 1890 raising the rent of rooms in the dormitories, was not communicated to the Registrar until last term. Hence that part of the vote which directed that the increase should "take effect at the beginning of the following academic year," was not carried out. The Registrar has no authority to change the prices thus fixed by the Board, though it is possible that some modification may be made at the annual meeting in June, which will affect the bills for the Summer term and hence lessen the rent for this year. The Prudential Committee will have the matter under consideration and endeavor to present to the Board a schedule of rates that will be satisfactory.

EDWARD W. HALL, Chairman.

COLLEGE ASSOCIATIONS.

Colby University, Feb. 6, 1893.

A fair illustration of the Colby "business" meetings was given in the chapel, this morning, when an entirely new constitution for the Base Ball Association was read and adopted in four minutes, in the presence of twenty-one students.

It is safe to say that not one-half of the students know why the meeting was called this morning, and less than a dozen men in college can state with any degree of certainty whether or not the Base Ball Association belongs to the Amalgamated Association. This one instance ought to suffice, and show any right-minded man why our college associations are in their present confused condition. It is idle to talk of reforms while such a lamentable state of apathy continues.

The reputation of the students in general and of our college, is known to the outside world, very largely through our organizations, viz: the *Oracle*, the *ECHO*, the Base Ball Association, etc. It is then one of the first duties of every student to attend these meetings and as far as he is able, to see that proper officers are elected and that the business affairs of these organizations are properly conducted. Now then just a word in regard to the proposed Amalgamated Association. The resident alumni are *unanimously* opposed to the scheme, chiefly on the ground that it is unbusinesslike and utterly impracticable, and at least a part of the members of the Faculty object to it for the same reasons. Among the students, the junior class is about evenly divided on the subject. It is stated on good authority that the sophomores almost to a man distrust the scheme, and they are the ones who have most at stake in this matter, yet only three or four of them stayed when the meeting was called this morning. Among the freshmen only a few have taken interest enough in the matter to learn what the Amalgamated Association is. Now if the promoters of this scheme were satisfied that they had a good thing to propose why could they not have used one column of the *ECHO* in publishing a copy of their proposed Amalgamated Association constitution, so that the boys could know what they were voting for, instead of using several columns in showing imaginary advantages of adopting a constitution which scarcely three men in college had seen. If there

is really a waste of funds as is claimed, it seems as though such a waste could be stopped in a much simpler way than by burdening the various associations with a long list of useless officers.

If we must have a man under bonds to handle the funds, why not elect a general treasurer from the sophomore or junior class? Let him receive the proposed salary and give the required bonds. Let him not only hold the funds, but also collect from each member of different associations, then we shall have no intermediate, irresponsible third parties to act as collectors, our funds would be here on the spot when we want to use them and the salary would help defray some man's college expenses. Then let us have a detailed report from each association in the ECHO, three times a year—at the end of the Fall term, at the end of the Winter term, and say, four weeks before the end of the Spring term.

Let this report give the name of every man who has paid anything into the association and over against his name the amount he has paid. Let this report also show how much money has been paid out, to whom and for what specific object each amount was paid. Then we shall know just what use is being made of our funds, and the whole college will audit the treasurer's report, for every man will look at once to see if he is credited with the amount he has paid in.

These reports would require about one page of the ECHO for each Association thereby crowding out, each term, one literary article, which, with all due respect to the writer could perhaps be postponed without great loss.

S. D. GRAVES.

RESOLUTIONS.

SUBMITTED BY BOARD OF CONFERENCE TO STUDENTS OF COLBY UNIVERSITY.

Whereas, the Student Committee of the Board of Conference is of the unanimous opinion that the condition and management of the Colby Reading Room Association have for many months been such as to vitiate the real purpose of said association, and its claims upon the support of the student-body, and

Whereas, the said committee has been warned that, unless the students themselves inaugurate and maintain the needed reforms, the Prudential Committee and the Committee on Rooms have resolved to suppress the so-called Reading Room

as a nuisance and to close the room permanently, and

Whereas, the said committee wishes to do all within its competence to execute the general will of the student body, and, in particular, to preserve the privilege of maintaining a creditable Reading Room, therefore be it

I *Resolved*, That the following requirements be exacted from the management of the Reading Room Association.

a. The maintenance of a temperature of 60°-70° Fahr., in the room from 7 a. m. to 9.30 p. m., during term time.

b. Until better arrangements for lighting can be made, a third lamp, similar to those already in the room, shall be provided; and all lamps shall be kept properly trimmed, filled and burning, when artificial light is needed.

c. General cleanliness of room and furnishings must be assured; and be it

II. *Resolved*, That compliance to the following requirements be exacted from the student body:

a. All use of tobacco, custom of spitting on floor and all other manner of personal filthiness, is strictly forbidden.

b. All loud conversation, singing and other ungentlemanly and indecorous conduct is prohibited.

c. Mutilation or removal of reading matter or other furnishings of room shall be promptly punished, as hereinafter provided, and be it further

III. *Resolved*, that the student Committee of the Board of Conference, hereby, proclaims its irrevocable intention to execute the general will of the student body, in reference to matters designated in these resolutions, and to that end will punish any and all known offenses against requirements specified, or others of like character, by laying on of demerits, assessment of fines, public censure, or other fitting punishments of offenders, according to regular methods of procedure in matters constitutionally within the competence of the Board of Conference, and be it again

IV *Resolved*, that unless the requirements herein specified be met, by parties severally concerned, to the full satisfaction of the said Committee of Conference, during the interim between the publishing of these resolutions, and the 11th of March following, the room shall be closed at the discretion of the Board of Conference, and be it finally

V *Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the college paper, the ECHO; be kept posted in the Reading Room for such time as the committee sees fit, and be read and explained to the student body by the President of the Board of Conference.



ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE.

The waves were breaking at his feet;
Out rang his voice so dear and sweet
That her wild heart the measure beat,
And from the sea she rose to greet
The youth, whose song henceforth must be:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

Together roamed they far and wide,
And hand in hand those by-paths tried,
Where nymphs and woodland creatures hide,
And quiet peace and joy abide;
And still he whispered tenderly:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

Beneath a tree whose friendly shade
Had sheltered oft the winsome maid,
When with her lover's curls she played,
Her mute unconscious form was laid.
And he cried out in agony:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

Between the portals dark and grand
Of that low-lying awful land
Where dwell the shades by Pluto's strand,
And bend beneath his dread command,
He entered pleading longingly:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

And by his music, passing sweet,
He brought e'en death beneath his feet,
And toward the sun's bright glow and heat
He led the maid with footsteps fleet,
And as he went he sang in glee:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

One step beyond is love and rest,
Alas! forgot the stern behest
That bade him keep his glance repressed,
He turned and cried in ecstasy:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

Ah! then, forever lost was she,
And fast he rushed by flower and tree,
Nor did his eyes the glad earth see;
And now down Hebrus floating free
His dead lips murmur constantly:

"Eurydice! Eurydice!"

FLORENCE ELIZABETH DUNN.

CHAPTERS IN A SCHOOLMA'AMS EXPERIENCE.

I.

AWAY up in the northwestern part of the Pine Tree State, fifteen miles from the Queen's domain, on the only direct road to Canada, is situated a quiet, peaceful village. Woods, mountains, lakes, and rivers on every side lend

a charm to the scenery, which even the wild west cannot surpass. Until the summer of '88, many of its inhabitants had never seen a train of cars, and when the first engine was expected, and came, a reception was held for it, and no guest was ever more welcome.

Did you ever hear of this place before? Moose River it used to be called; Jackman is now its name.

How did I come to know so much about it? Listen, and I will tell you how I came to go there, and the difficulties of a second trip.

In the summer of '87, as I was at home for a vacation, word came one day that up at Moose River they wanted some one to teach the young idea. I applied and was accepted. Now, I knew nothing at all about what the work was, or the kind of people there.

"You ain't goin' to Moose River, be ye? Why, I've kurried a schoolmarm thar ivery week this summer." These were the encouraging words addressed to me, as the good-souled, jolly, old stage-driver read the card on my trunk, before lifting it on the stage. My heart sank, but I thought I would take the trip up there, even if I, too, was sent back in a week. Better to try and to fail, than not to try at all.

Horrible tales were poured into my ears that day; that night, which was spent at The Forks Hotel, a little light was thrown upon the subject. One teacher went, but was homesick and left; a second was young and inexperienced and did not care much whether school kept or not, so they dismissed her. Well, either the stage-driver reckoned weeks in a peculiar manner or his tale was exaggerated.

However, 'tis no easy task to take a school where disorder has been the order, so the next day I continued the journey with some anxiety. Under these circumstances, I became acquainted with the aforesaid village. Obstacles I met, but with the aid of 'stick suasion' I remained a twelve week.

The next spring, '88, I decided to return for another season, and to take a friend for the school nearest mine. The people there agreed to our plans, so all was well.

If you remember that spring, you will remember, as I do, that the mud was something terrible.

One fine morning, the first of May, we embarked upon the old stage; about eighty miles

lay before us, but little did we know what the journey was to bring to us. The ground was, then, in many places, undecided whether to sink or not; it was not always "terra firma" for it lacked the "firma."

Well, if you had seen and heard us, you would have laughed. All would be serene; then, we would find ourselves rising from our seats, involuntarily, pawing the air, and shrieking; while the poor horses were half out of sight in mud, trying to pull the old stage out of its sunken condition. I assure you, Waterville mud is not to be compared with that.

I think, if I now had some of the force of voice expended then, our Professor in Elocution would never have asked me to open my mouth wide and let the *tone* out. Fortunately, we were the only passengers, and the driver shrieked too, but for a different purpose.

For forty-eight miles we enjoyed these delightful breaks in the monotony; then we halted for the night, to continue the next day. Alas! the hotel keeper informed us that the rest of the way was simply impassible for women; that the stage driver on that end of the route came in the night to avoid passengers. Learning his name, I found I knew him, so decided to surprise him by sitting up for him. He came; he was resolute; not even the thoughts of the pleasure of the company of two young ladies moved him.

"Why," said he, "I wouldn't take a woman over them roads for love or money. I go on a buck-board and have to unharness the nag every other thing; I expect she'll break her neck soon. Sakes alive! you don't know what bad roads is! But, look here, they told me to tell you gals to stay right here, 'til they sent a team for you and they'd pay the bills."

Well, we didn't feel inclined to refuse such an offer so we stayed. In earlier days, I had always been afraid of "being on the town;" but there I was with the town paying my bills. 'Twas not bad either. From Friday night to the next Thursday, we, guests at The Forks Hotel at the expense of Moose River, murdered time.

About sunset Wednesday evening we stood gazing westward, and saw approaching a high express wagon, drawn by two strong horses, which were driven by an elderly man.

Jokingly, I said, "There he comes after us." Sure enough, this man had come "to try to git

them schoolma'ams." We soon interviewed him. I wish I could paint his picture. About sixty-five, short, round-shouldered, walking with a shambling gait; his face of dark hue; his beard, according to nature's plan; his hair somewhat longer than is a fashion now in a certain one of our New England colleges.

"Do you suppose there is any danger of our breaking our necks?" asked I.

"Wa-al I dunno, ye're putty likely to," was the reply.

"Then, the roads *are terrible*," I remarked.

"Niver seed sech blamed travellin' sence I's born."

"How long will it take us? Oh, mibbe we'll git there in er day, mibbe not."

'Twas rumored a young man wanted to come after the schoolmarms but they dared not trust him. Surely, this man was safe.

A troubled night followed for me with dreams of falling from wagons and breaking of necks. The morning dawned; we prepared for the trip, maybe our *last* on *earth*.

For you, who travel in nice covered carriages or cosy sleighs, by steam or electricity, this ride would have been tedious. To tell the truth I have enjoyed a *very few things* a *trifle* better.

The first five miles or so we had only slight accidents, such as the horses falling, and the wagon rising into the air on one side. Soon, we came to the woods where we found winter still reigned. The story goes, that the chief fault to be found with that region is the lack of sleighing three months in the year.

The wagon ran hard; soon we halted. Beside the road was a sled which Providence, or the driver, had placed there. "Change," but not "change cars," was the order. With horses tandem, we were off, and for ten miles no further change in vehicles. About five miles passed in peace, save the sluing of the sled making almost right angles with the road; then, an opening, and a dry, sandy place.

Glad of the chance, my friend and I alighted and walked about half a mile to the hotel, where we dined. Really, we were getting on famously, and in a short time proceeded again. The next thing was a road so overflowed that the water nearly came over the boards at the sides of the sleds.

"Wagon ride, sleigh-ride, boat-ride, what next" said I.

Everything they say tends to repeat itself, so bare ground came next; at the proper place, a wagon stood beside the road. "Change once more for Moose River," shouted the driver.

Was the worst over? By no means. Now, we had ditches to jump, washed away causeways to pass, and even in the 'heart of the city,' mud—well,—I didn't attempt to measure it, but if it had a bottom, it must have been seventeen feet below the surface. Much to our driver's dismay, I presume, (for he had continued his speeches which we could not refrain from laughing at, this pleasing him,) on the self-same day we reached the village of Moose River.

The next day we felt strangely old and lame, but by Monday were all ready to "wield the birch." Thus endeth the first chapter.

L. G.



$H_2SO_4 + \text{Clark} = \text{Clark} - (\text{pants} + \text{coat})$

Sawtelle, '96, is teaching school in Winslow.

Moderation, in climate as well as anything else, is a good thing.

"Hello, what did you get?" "V. G., what did you?" "Oh, V. G."

Wing, '93, is at home gaining slowly and expects to be with us soon.

Prof. Marquardt finds it necessary to instruct the Seniors in Elocution.

Miss Eva Taylor, '93, spent Sunday at her home in Hampden Centre.

Miss Olive Robbins, '96, has returned after spending a week at her home.

University Extension classes—in sewing. Query. Who is the professor?

"Hair Stimpson, Hair Stimson, bitte, Hair, Stimson," said the German Professor.

A winter express now runs between Waterville and Bath, the Flying Dutchman.

Graves, '93, who has been confined to his room with tonsillitis for some time, is about again.

Sheldon, '93, is teaching school in Winslow, but spends his evenings at the Bricks and partially keeps up his studies.

President Whitman occupied the pulpit of Baptist Church in this city, last Sunday.

The girls of '95 were pleasantly entertained by their classmate, Miss Carrie True, last Monday evening.

Mrs. Bessey gave an interesting talk on Alaska to the Y. W. C. A., at Ladies Hall a week ago last Sunday afternoon.

Colby Chapter of Delta Upsilon initiated Thursday, Feb. 2. Riggs and Philbrook, '95, rode the animal. Refreshments by Murray.

Hodgkins, '93, who has been teaching at Pemaquid, was visiting at the Bricks, last week. He will not return to college this year, at least.

Tuthill, '94, preached at Pishon's Ferry, last Sunday. This was his first formal sermon and was doubtless as effective as his informal ones.

All persons "oweing" the Book Store are requested to call and settle up as money is needed to purchase a new and superior line of Spelling-books.

Experiment. Let the mind be preoccupied; the Chapel steps covered with ice. To prove whether subjective fireworks are really seen or not seen.

We would inform those young ladies, who took so kindly to our Professor during the late Glee Club trip to Oxford County, that he is not open to an engagement.

A novelty has been introduced in the Geology class. Several of the students have made use of the new oxy-hydrogen lantern in giving their lectures with good effects.

Prof. Roberts visited Calais and Houlton last week and delivered his lecture on "Books" before the students of the schools at these places. 'Fessor is fast getting famous.

Gym hours as follows: Sophomore gentlemen, 11.30; Freshmen gentlemen, 2.30; Sophomore and Freshmen ladies at 4. Elective hours for Senior and Junior gentlemen, 10.30; Senior and Junior ladies at 4.30.

There is a surprising, an unprecedented lack of of X's in the Senior class, on last term's work. Although there is quite generally supposed to be invariably no effect without a cause, the philosophers of this class began to think that at last an exception to this rule has been found. Some, however, refuse to give up their faith in this old principle, and explain the phenomenon.

in this way: the class has ability along such theoretical lines as Psychology, Logic, etc., but when it comes to *acting* it shows a lamentable deficiency; here, then, is the adequate cause.

Our students who attended the Paderewski concert in Portland got the impression that he knew a little something about the piano, but had one failing which we had thought peculiar to some Colby boys.

We clip the following notice from the *St. Croix News*: "The lecture at the Calais High School by Prof. Roberts of Colby were highly appreciated both by students and visitors and all were benefited by it."

Alas! cuts are past for the Sophomore girls. They are no longer the "Ladies of Leisure" of a week ago. Surely they were the objects of envy and admiration when they appeared at the supper table in evening dress.

Someone was saying the other morning that he thought it would pay anyone who had friends in town to visit here through the winter term merely to attend the art lectures, and make it pleasant for the friends, too.

Dr. Marquardt delivered the second of his course of lectures on German Literature in Bath, Monday evening, Feb. 6. In addition to his lectures Dr. Marquardt has two classes in German, one beginning the language and the other an advanced class.

It is really too bad when a Freshman gets cheated out of an evening's entertainment because his name sounds so much like that of a Sophomore. Perhaps the hostess will learn that old lesson, "If you wish a thing to be well done you must do it yourself, you must not leave it to others."

The senior member of the Book Store is an exceedingly busy man. His many cares and responsibilities weigh heavily upon him. Saturday afternoon he mysteriously disappeared and no one seem to know what had become of our missing friend. At length his protracted absence caused general alarm and it was thought that his earthly trials had prompted him to commit suicide. Sunday evening active search was instituted and he was found (making tracks for the Bricks from the Pullman with a general sheep-stealing air). We have since learned that our hero thought best to take a short vacation and that he spent it at his home in Bangor. He reports a very pleasant time.

Jewett, '95, has been distinguishing himself lately. At a trial at Mt. Vernon the prosecuting attorney failed to appear whereupon the people rose and demanded Jewett who conducted the case in an efficient manner, so it is said.

We might almost dispense with the seven o'clock rising bell now that the whistle of the paper-mill across the river has begun to blow. Its boom floats across to us so distinctly that dreams of battle or of last summer's steamboating inevitably disturb our morning slumbers.

Lombard, '93, was absent all of last week up in Oxford County running the lantern for Dr. Dunn's lecture on the work of the Maine Baptist Convention. By the way, if anyone has business to be transacted at any time up in Oxford County, Jed will gladly act as agent; the old hills up there have a peculiar attraction for him.

Jan. 28, a delegation of the Y. W. C. A., organized a sewing class for children on the Plains in connection with the French Mission. It is to be conducted by different members of the association in turn, every Saturday afternoon. A good number was in attendance at the first class and several new ones have been added. The appreciation of the children may be shown by what one of them said, "I wish I could sew all the time." The enthusiasm of the girls promises to make a success of this new line of work.

Seven members of the general committee on funds for a new Ladies Hall at Colby, met on Saturday, with Mrs. Dr. Pepper, chairman. President and Mrs. Whitman and Dr. Pepper met in conference with the committee, which was represented by the following ladies: Mrs. Pepper, Mrs. Bonney, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Soule and Mrs. Brainerd. Miss Nellie Bakeman, '92, has been secured as an agent to solicit the required amount \$60,000, and she will enter upon her work in a few weeks.

The Base Ball Association held a meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4, to act upon important business. With no treasurer, the secretary in blissful ignorance of his own existence or gone from the earth altogether and the constitution with him the Association found itself in a mournfully dismantled condition. As no one knew the whereabouts of either secretary or constitution it was voted to elect a new secretary and draft a new con-

stitution. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The report of ex-treasurer Neal showed that the finances of the Association were in good condition. A general expression of the student-body in regard to the admission of the Maine State College to the League was called for and was almost unanimously favorable. In subsequent meetings, a constitution has been adopted, A. L. Blanchard, '94, was elected Secretary and G. H. D. L'Amoureux collector.

Our ball tossers are now hard at it. A large number of men are in training and much good material is being developed. The new cage being now complete, two batteries are in daily practice Whitman '94 and Coffin, '96, Nichols, '95, and Watkins, '95. Coffin is showing up well as a backstop and there is no reason why he will not prove to be one of the best catchers Colby has had for years. In this position the team has been particularly weak. Therefore, if any one wishes to have his name handed down to posterity, in everlasting glory let him become a catcher. The manager is working with the men and by his spirit and example spurs them on to greater effort and works them to the best possible advantage. This is as it should be. No one is more thoroughly alive to the fact that we must work to win, than our manager. Such zeal and interest as he is displaying in the base ball interest of Colby merits the hearty co-operation of the students. Our many friends in the city say, "Put a winning team into the field and we'll back you." It is thought that Billy Donovan will coach the team this year.



At the annual meeting of the Central Maine Theological Circle held in this city, Tuesday, Jan. 31st, the following alumni were present: J. Ricker, D. D., '89, A. K. P. Small, D. D., '49, C. M. Emery, '63, C. V. Hanson, D. D., '62, H. R. Mitchell, '72, C. E. Owen, '69, J. B. Bryant, '86, and J. F. Tilton, '88. The following officers were chosen for the year: President, Rev. G. B. Illsley, '63; Vice President, Rev. C. M. Emery, '63; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Bryant, '86.

'53.

William Pitt Bartlett occupies the responsible position of President of the Board of Regents at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Bartlett was formerly of New Portland, but for many years past has been an honored citizen of the State of his adoption.

'64.

Dr. Thayer has been appointed Consulting Surgeon on the staff of the Maine Central Hospital, Lewiston.

'66.

Hon. E. F. Webb was in Portland, Monday, Jan. 30.

'84.

Rev. John E. Cummings, Missionary to Burmah, will sail for America in March. He will spend a year at home to recover from his recent attack of malarial fever.

Prof. Mathews delivered the first of a course of five lectures on the French Revolution at Waterville, Tuesday, Feb. 7. Wednesday he delivered the same lecture to the people of Rockland. University Extension is very popular.

'86.

H. R. Dunham and family are visiting his parents at Paris.

Dr. R. H. Pulsifer, of Skowhegan, spent a few days with his parents, recently.

'89.

Hattie M. Parmenter is teaching Latin in Northfield Seminary.

'90.

H. R. Hatch has been visiting friends in Fairfield the past week.

Prof. Roberts lectured Thursday, Jan. 26, at Houlton and Friday at Calais. He speaks of the trip as one of pleasure.

We notice with pleasure the appointment by the Governor of Wilber C. Wheldon as Justice of the Peace and Quorum. Mr. Wheldon is one of the rising young lawyers of Portland.

'91.

D. W. Parsons has been elected president of his class at Yale Law School.

'92.

Miss Bakeman has been appointed to solicit funds for the new dormitory for the ladies at Colby.

Miss Dora Sibley has accepted a position as first assistant in the Grafton High School at Grafton, Mass.

C. P. Barnes, Principal of Norway High School, passed a few days of his three weeks vacation in this city.

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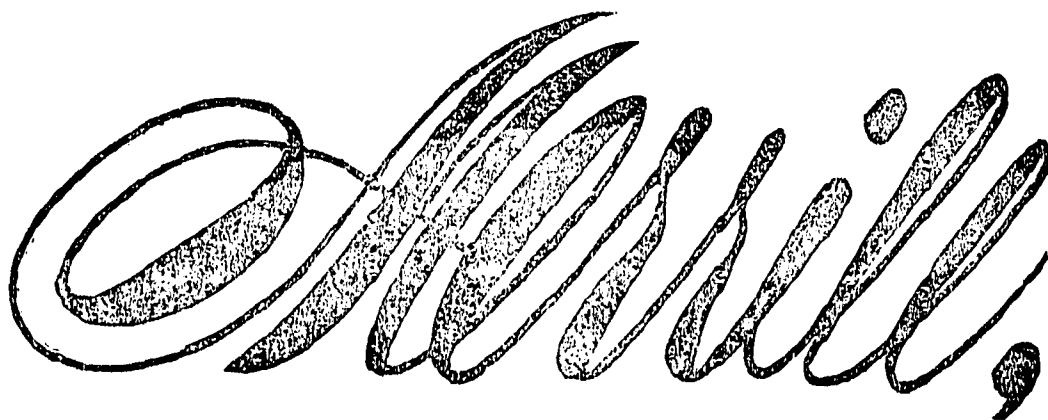
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