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THE winter term may be the best term of the year for study, but it is certainly not a season fruitful of news items for a college paper. We have to confess that the editorial staff has been at its wit's end to provide matter of interest to fill the pages of the present issue. The Literary Department we hope will prove the redeeming feature. It is more than gratifying to see signs of life somewhere, and and to know that while the rest of the college world is buried under six feet of snow, the Literary Department of the Echo persists in asserting itself. The "Campus" is but a wreck of its former self. Happenings are few and outside college walls, so that we don't hear of them, and there is absolutely no excitement at the "Bricks." The "Sanctum" can think of no advice to give the college. Let us hope that this period of quiescence is but a gathering of forces for a time of increased activity in the Spring.

THE students of Colby are fortunate, indeed, in having access to a photographic studio so thoroughly first-class as that of Messrs. Preble & Jordan. A critical examination of their work and a comparison with that of other artists in this and other states will convince anyone beyond a doubt that the very best work of the very best photographers hardly excels that of the Waterville artists, while every one knows that the work commonly turned out by city photographers at class rates is far from being A1. Messrs. Preble & Jordan, however, have not only been fair and honest in their college orders, but have favored the students in many ways, indulging them in all sorts of caprices in the matter of mignettes, etc., which often

occasion much annoyance to the photographer, but which are one of the delights of student days. The class of '94 will have their class pictures taken at this studio and, in consequence, reduced rates will be made for other students. Give them a liberal patronage.

THE Athletic Exhibition, is in all probability, to be given on the evening of March 6th, so that a very short time remains in which to put the finishing touches upon the work of preparation. Mr. Pepper has done his work well. Just a little more application is needed on the part of the boys. Its worth while trying for and sacrificing for, a good athletic exhibition, and if it is not so very wonderful this year, work upon it will ensure a more creditable showing next winter.

THE following from *The Young Men's Era* should afford consolation to the college editor who often has misgivings as to results from honest work put into a college paper:

"As a matter of fact the college newspaper has made more daily newspaper men than many people are aware of. The daily papers have a fashion of sneering at collegiates just graduated, who think that their mission is to purify and elevate journalism; but nevertheless these very men have accomplished much to this desirable end, and, when toned down by practical newspaper work, and developed from journalists into newspaper men, have made some of the most valuable moulders of public opinion that are now engaged on the secular press. In respect to the students themselves, the college newspaper has shown hundreds of men that they could not write, while now and then it has kindled such a *furor scribendi* in the breast of some diffident youth that he could not resist the temptation to enter the journalistic arena."



#### SHOULD THE HAZING PRACTICES OF FOUR YEARS AGO BE REVIVED?

IF the right answer to this question is, yes, there must, of course, be some reason for it. The presumption is in favor of the present condition of things. To revive customs which society has outgrown and discarded as unworthy,

is turning back the wheels of progress. How true this would be, were we to revive the hazing customs of four years ago!

The one cry sent up by the would-be hazers is, "The good of the college is at stake. Haze! Haze! The salvation of the college depends on hazing." Let us be honest for a moment and look this matter square in the face. What department, or what phase of student life is, to-day, weaker than it was four years ago? We will notice the three chief phases; viz, moral, intellectual and athletic.

First, how does the moral standing of the college to-day compare with that of four years ago? Our opinion is that the moral atmosphere of the college is more healthful today than any time since we have been in college. This, indeed, is the opinion of men who would favor the affirmative of this question. Hypocrisy and cheap morality, while there is by far too much of it to-day, is conspicuously absent as compared with four years ago. At that time, the college community was occasionally made to feel the disgrace of a drunken brawl by a company of students. Freshmen were initiated into their circles of vice and low living with the inevitable detriment to character.

At no time since we have been in college has true Christian manhood exerted more potency than to-day.

Second, how does the scholarship of the present compare with the scholarship of the "good old hazing days?" The best means we have of judging is by comparing the rank of the present and the past. We will speak of the men only. '94 took three X's during the first term, '97, in face of the fact that they number but two-thirds as many students, took seven X's. Now this is not due to lack of brains on the part of '94 as has been shown by the work of the last two years. The fact is scholarship has been rising during the last four years. The honor of having outstripped all previous classes in the department of History and Political Economy falls to the present Senior class. The work of this same class in the department of Metaphysics has been very satisfactory. The Sophomores have more than surpassed '94 and '95 as Sophomores. These statements are not made on our own authority alone, but on the authority of those best able to judge.

Third, how does the athletic spirit of the present compare with four years ago? On this

point there is, perhaps, more chance for difference of opinion, but a fair view of the matter convinces us that we have not declined along this line. On the contrary there has been a steady growth. When the class of '94 entered college, there were some very good athletes here in the classes of '91, '92, and '93, while '94 brought in some excellent material, but there was no spirit for athletics. In spite of the favorable material no attempt was made to give an exhibition. Compare the work done during this present term. We are not ablaze with athletic enthusiasm to be sure, but we have had life enough to make some effort toward giving an exhibition. We have gone outside the college and employed extra help to instruct. These privileges were open to the students during the past three years the same as to-day, but there was no disposition to embrace them. But this is not all. We claim the athletic spirit has been growing during the last four years. Evidences do we want? Well, we have developed a foot ball team. Again, compare the present condition of our gymnasium with the gymnasium we found when we first entered college. The students had enthusiasm enough to push that matter through. We have been unfortunate during the last few years on the diamond, but it cannot be charged against a lack of interest on the part of the students. No, we believe firmly and with reason that the athletic spirit is increasing. Another strong evidence is found in the fact that the lower classes are taking the leading parts in the exhibition about to be given.

The question will be asked what relation have these observations to the question at issue? To our mind they show that a large part of the cry that Colby is losing some of the old-time vigor, is all unfounded, and if this opinion be correct, the argument which our opponents have rested most heavily upon, as we have heard them talk, is of no effect.

A few general remarks is all that we shall add. It is a fact that the men who harangue the loudest for hazing, claiming that it is indispensable to the good of the college, are the very men who have distinguished themselves as chronic kickers. They have the interest of the college constantly on their hearts, but never do we hear them say a word in favor of their environment. Oh! Let us be consistent. Again,

college hazing is dying a natural death throughout the country. Student bodies are changing their ideals, therefore, they are changing their customs. No longer do students tolerate such acts as burying professors in snow drifts; no longer is the biggest bully the most popular man in college. No sensible man wishes to revive a spirit that tolerates these things which may be very properly designated as barbarous. We have outgrown them, and the whole argument, after all, why the hazing customs of four years ago should not be revived, is summed up in this: It would be lowering the standard of student government, and we all cry out against any thing less than the best.

W. B. TUTHILL.

#### A PLEA FOR COLLEGE TRADITIONS.

THAT all things change, is a saying noted quite as much for its triteness as for its truthfulness. The vast earth as it spins through space meets mighty, though perhaps slightly perceptible alterations in a single day; so too, its humblest creature whether plant or animal, is never physically just the same to-day as yesterday.

While the above mentioned law is in accord with the facts of nature at large, it does not always harmonize with facts inside the mental sphere. Sometimes men, who, they know not how or where, have inhaled perverted beliefs in the very cradle of life, will stoutly defend them in their maturer years, however groundless or ridiculous they may prove when subjected to rigid analysis. For illustrations we need go no farther than the ranks of our political parties of to-day. Such blind partisanship is to be pitied, but it works its way into some of the best of houses.

Illustrations in the less important beliefs of every day life do not fail to present themselves and among others, the popular notion with regard to hazing in our American colleges.

There is, among the uninformed, such a widespread antipathy toward hazing that bare mention of the word, conveys the idea of something horrible, mysterious. It is not to be wondered at. That with which one is not familiar, must inevitably seem a bit hazy. The ordinarily insignificant facts, in the case of college jubilees, set off into yarns told, outside the college walls by students for effect, are likely to be accepted,

magnified full size, especially by those people who are at all inclined to be credulous.

But is it not strange that a few men, after they have been brought face to face, during a full college course, with the facts of so-called hazing will still persist in looking upon it with that same superstitious credulousness along with the uninformed?

Whatever meaning may be attached to the word hazing by those people who denounce it so loudly, the term, judging from the past four years in our own college, is synonymous with neither lawlessness, meanness, or indecency,—it has nothing in common with these words. For my own part, I should be ashamed to acknowledge myself a member of a college where either of these practices is now, or has been lately, in common vogue.

To be sure, the same rigid formality of the school room or of the church, has not always been preserved in the dormitories during the last four years, but who would have it so? Is the same stateliness and dignity to be kept in the domestic circle and in the house of public worship? Is one student never to call on another unless invited? Is one never to participate in a joke? Should one never pass a witty word with his neighbor, but always be prim and glum?

Suppose now, our opponents answer "no," to these questions; then their position coincides with ours, and becomes one with it.

Suppose, on the other hand, they reply "yes;" then to be consistent they must acknowledge that these rules of conduct apply to Freshmen, as well as to Sophomores and upper classmen. In that case, the Freshman must be dignified, the Freshman must keep his own place, the Freshman must avoid jokes, the Freshman must never be witty, the Freshman must always be prim and glum.

Did a Freshman class with such an iron-clad ethical code ever enter a college? If so, when and where? Colby has not seen the like for more than one good, long decade past, I venture.

If the Freshman does not conform to the rules, what shall the other classes do? Perchance our opponents would have a walking delegate appointed, privately to inform the Freshman when he is rude.

Meantime our friend would have quite as much, and probably more, difficulty in holding

the ranks of the upper classes down, and his victims would be no less numerous than were the culprits of witchcraft days, or the Inquisition. It would be like setting a refractory mouse-trap—as soon as one spring has been well begun on, the other which has just been set flies up again; the so-called reform would be about as progressive as transportation of water in a sieve, or raising corn within the precincts of a hen-yard, or suppression of volcanic eruption by holding a blanket over the crater's mouth.

The absurdity then of making the second answer is evident enough. If the first be the reply, then there is no controversy and the whole denunciation of hazing is a mere noise.

Now as the cloud which befores the eyes of my friend who writes the accompanying article, is thus palpably unsubstantial—one which vanishes at the approach of the faintest ray of light, let us see what meets the gladdened vision as soon as this haze has melted away.

In the first place, we are all human beings and therefore imperfect. College men are no exception, else what were the need of a college? But it is also true that college men are not more imperfect than an equal number of men in other walks of life. I think facts will bear me out, when I assert that a more thoroughly honorable and respectable body of young men cannot be found in New England, than is to be met with in the colleges.

The circumstances of college life are peculiar. In the case of our own college, we have an assemblage of some two hundred students, occupying two large dormitories, but a few rods apart. Who are these men who occupy them? They are the most intelligent class of people of their age in the State. The Freshmen are young men who must have attained a certain degree of scholarship and manifested it in accordance with rigid regulations. The other classes make a hierarchy of one, two and three years of college training and study.

Who of us would not be justly indignant, if one were so presumptuous as to inquire whether this body of men, openly or secretly, countenance meanness or indecent conduct?

I trust no parent of a college student has so little faith in his own ability to bring up his son properly, as to suspect him of turning cheap as soon as he leaves home. Let a man attempt

either of these above named practices and woe be his. The promptness with which the rare occurrence of a criminal act in college, is reprimanded by both students and faculty, is as familiar to my friend as to me. Such acts are not hazing. Stealing, branding the forehead, or rolling a man down hill to his death in a barrel, are acts of lawlessness and not hazing. Let us see what does come under that head.

There are certain traditions connected with every college, which it has been customary to preserve. It has been customary with nations to do the same. The "Glorious Fourth" will always be a holiday throughout our land. Just so, Bloody Monday Night, Phi Chi, the Astronomic Club, whose task is no less stupendous than to

"Subvert the wonted order of the zodiac,

Rear Pisces zenithward, point Ares to the nadir."

class ball games, Knights of the Horn—all these will continue duly to be recognized in our college and their abolition is no more to be occasioned by the petty misdemeanors of one or two, than the Fourth of July is to be wiped out of existence because a certain few get drunk upon that day.

Now, when we submit the matter to the minds of the college alumni what shall we find? That the majority will affirm some of the liveliest and most humorous of their college experiences bound up in one or the other of these Sophomoric orders. Do they cherish any resentment toward anyone who was a member of the class immediately before them, or of that next succeeding? Not a bit.

Canvas the college itself from the Northernmost to the Southernmost wall, and the man can't be found who has any other than the best of good will toward his nearest classes.

Nor could it be expected to be otherwise, if given a serious thought. The so-called hazing in our college is a source of merriment, jollification, and diversion, not a fountain-head of lasting animosity and revenge.

How, then, we may well ask can a candid person, after reviewing the facts, allege the harmfulness of such college customs? If it be on the plea of one-sidedness of the amusement, then is his task a thankless one, for the Freshmen are always quite capable of keeping up their end of the sport and the mirth is by no means exclusively at their expense—a fact which none will care deny. Instance the Fresh-

man history of the present Senior class as well as those of the two other classes now in college.

The sports of college cannot be obliterated yet. So long as man is constituted as he is, he is bound to joke and indulge in fun at times, and must expect to be repaid in kind. No frigid, stately, Puritanic harness can make the Yankee spirit bear its sombre load. None but the dull and witless renounce all natural gaiety and give full, free consent to

"Laugh by precept only and shed tears by rule."

F. L. AMES.

### SHOULD HAZING BE REVIVED?

THERE is a certain class of antiquarians and archæologists whose greatest delight it is to unearth the bones which long ago were laid to rest in the sombre abbey or quiet church yard.

We find that aspirations of the same nature are beginning to seize some of the worthies in our midst, and they are preparing for their future bone digging, by endeavoring to drag from the buried past that antedeluvian and pre-historic "relic of barbarism" known as "Bloody Monday Night," with all its attendant initiations. We are sorry they have chosen such a field as this for their first efforts, but since they have, let us consider the matter a moment and see if, after all, it will not be best to let the bones rest undisturbed in the grave whither they have been borne by the popular sentiment of the present student body. Let us look the matter squarely in the face and form our opinion accordingly. If hazing is right and beneficial to the interests of college and Freshmen alike, we frankly say, "Let the custom be revived." If it is not, but is on the other hand a detriment to the highest interest of all concerned, then let us be equally frank and say that in its discontinuance of hazing, Colby has taken a step in the right direction.

The first question that asserts itself is, "why should any student think it a good thing that hazing was indulged in?" Two answers might be given. First, it may be the honest conviction of the student, in certain cases, that the Freshmen need the discipline which a systematic course of hazing will give them, and that it is for the Freshman's own and lasting good, and so these conscientious students are willing to call forth their ingenuity, cut short their days,



and sacrifice their nights, solely for the poor Freshman's sake. Now we admit that nature has dealt rather lavishly with many a Freshman and has bestowed upon him rather more than his share of conceited importance, and that it would be a sad misfortune if he were compelled to carry such a load through life, but it is the best method to submit the whole class to an all night ordeal because of the individual few? And then again, is hazing by a Sophomore class which has itself barely turned the Freshman corner, the best way of ridding the Freshman of their self-importance? Is it not a fact that a case of genuine and determined independence of spirit is seldom conquered by the ordeal? For example, consider some of the members of '94 when they ranked as Freshmen.

It therefore appears to us that this answer does not fully satisfy the question, as to why the student should think it a good thing to have the hazing system in vogue. Accordingly we turn to the second answer, which is that some would have the custom continued simply for the pleasure it brings those who carry on the operation and those who look on as spectators. We venture to suggest, however, that much of the fun, even here, comes from the satisfaction of seeing others undergo the same tortures which they themselves were compelled to go through, when Freshmen. But, hazing once fairly out of the way, there will not be this expense on the part of the three upper classes.

Now, no one is so foolish as to expect that there will not be rivalry between the Freshmen and the Sophomores. But is it not far better to have this rivalry spend itself in such tests of strength as occurred last fall during and after the Freshman ball game, than to have it carried on in the rooms and halls during the dead hours of the night? The contest referred to was fair and open-handed, and certainly did not lack in interest either, carried on as it was till it had to subside from the sheer exhaustion of the participants, while the prostrate forms of Freshmen panting for breath beneath every tree gave evidence of the fierceness of the struggle.

Such a contest as this, annually, would form a happy substitute for the old-time hazing custom, as far as the *majority* of the Freshmen are concerned. Some special cases may need special lessons, and there are a few parties even in the present Freshman class, who would be

fully as bearable to the student body if they should be induced to walk a little more humbly before their fellows. But the majority of the Freshman need no such treatment.

Concerning the influence which the hazing system, in Colby at least, has had upon those outside, is it not true that many a young fellow has been kept from attending college through fear of what would await him within the college walls? Brand all such as cowards if you will, nevertheless the fact remains. Many parents also have refused to send their sons to college solely on this account. Neither are cases lacking, right in our very midst, where respectable students have given up college simply because they would not submit to being hazed and then to pay for the damage done in the course of the fray.

But let us not move in small or local circles in this consideration. What is the consensus of the country as a whole in regard to this matter of hazing?

How does popular sentiment look upon it? Is it for, or against, this system? One glance is sufficient to show that the sentiment of all, students and non students, has met with a radical change within the last few years. The old-time practice has been condemned and consigned to the dark pit of oblivion and foolishness, its just and proper resting place. The lesson has been learned. Occasional deaths and injuries innumerable have caused a verdict to go forth which has no uncertain sound. Who in the face of it all would be so fool hardy as to attempt to turn back the decision? Who indeed would *wish* to do so?

With us, the chief phases of hazing have centered around the annual ceremonies consequent upon "Bloody Monday Night," and the frequent after-supper initiations of the Reading Room. For the first time in the later history of our college we, last fall, passed thro' the term without these ceremonies. As a result what do we find? The Reading Room has been transformed from a pandemonium, where reading was out of the question, to a well kept room to which we may point with pride. And the dormitories, freed from the annual "Reign of Terror" have been freed also from the triple saturation of tobacco smoke they used to receive on that occasion, and which it took weeks to remove.

But these are only external differences. We all know that heretofore there has been a feeling of animosity between the lower classes, each owing the other a grudge and looking constantly for any opportunity to pay it. How is it to-day? Certainly no classes within our knowledge have lived in more harmonious relations with each other than the present lower classes. There has been no kidnapping, there has been no hat stealing, there has been no molasses pouring. The "oldest inhabitant" cannot remember when there was such kindly feeling among the student body as at present.

We believe the students will realize this. We believe they will see that hazing is not needed as a tonic to give the college its proper dignity, and that their action next fall will but endorse the steps taken. He would indeed be destitute of true manhood who should attempt to revive the custom, after realizing that it is not an essential to successful college life.

W. F. ROWLEY.

#### COLLEGE SPIRIT.

THERE is a certain existing status in our college to-day which we will do well to examine and question ourselves as to its cause and probable effects. I refer to the decline in college spirit and enthusiasm. I am aware that a *post mortem* examination is not a pleasant affair and much less is a public acknowledgement of it. Yet it is here and we cannot deny the fact while we may search for a cause. I am also aware that there are reasons which we are forbidden by public sentiment and existing conditions to publish, yet they are manifest to all. Where is that old spirit which gave the Colby yell its thrilling ring and vigor, causing the blood of her sons to quicken with pride and exultation? Where is that feeling of fellowship that prompted those gatherings, where a hundred throats swelled the chorus of her songs? Where is that enthusiasm which the boys carried out into the world with them and convinced others that here was the place in which they should build the foundation of a successful and useful life? Alas! it has disappeared! The sounds of that yell are not heard as in days of yore. No longer do the boys mass on yonder platform and inspire the nine to victory; the strains of *Φ. X.* are fast becoming obsolete and unknown. It is not without misgivings

that we argue with representatives of other colleges in regard to our respective merits. The athlete and ball player no longer seek the shelter of Colby's walls. Yet I cannot believe this state of affairs will be permanent. I cannot believe the colors of our Alma Mater are to continue to droop, lower and lower, until the triumphant yells of neighboring colleges shall be heard above their tattered and bedraggled folds. Something is surely wrong. Is it the college, the alumni, or the undergraduate? The college stands to-day never better endowed, never with such competent and enthusiastic instructors. The alumni evince their love for Colby and solicitude for her welfare by every means in their power. True, we need and are hoping for a large endowment from some of them that we may supply necessary and needed apparatus; and, perhaps this might aid the matter in hand. Yet it could not furnish all that is needed. We must look, then, to the undergraduates for the most potent aid. On us does the burden of the matter lie. We may moralize as we will, we may commend the spirit of progress and reform, evinced in the decline of certain practices, we may hug ourselves and rejoice that the college world is on a higher standard of Christian life by the abolishment of those practices, yet we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, that the college was more flourishing, that the men were more active and enthusiastic in the days when they existed. I have yet to learn of a single instance where injuries were inflicted in Colby as a result, I have known numerous cases where they materially aided the recipient. Consult the *Alumnus* as to the brightest and best remembered marks in his college course? The old man whose feet are already treading the decline of years points to such instances with a new revival of our fast waning college spirit. Whatever we do, provided, always, our deeds be not marked with excess, let us seek a return to those days of more active enthusiasm, more energetic labor for Colby. Let us seek a form of college life, at least, where mechanical means may not be necessary in order to ascertain if there still be the remains of existence.

By no means would I imply that college spirit in Colby is entirely a "relic of barbarism" buried with those old customs already alluded to, or that our condition differs from other colleges in this respect. Indeed, I believe that others have shared the same decline, that the

loss of factional spirit and energetic life is, in a measure a common characteristic, neither would I draw odious comparisons. But I cannot believe but that we were on a more prosperous footing, that a man's college life gave him more pleasure, that his college and class became dearer to him, that he went forth from these walls with less egotism, a better idea of the world's estimation of him, and more rugged manhood in those "days of barbarism" than in these of quiet and effeminacy.

WELLINGTON HODGKINS.



Washington.

Sam says he has his opinion of those "forty liars."

Freshman Query.—"Do we have a cut Valentine's Day?"

Jake decides that he is "not the stuff to make a martyr of."

Miss Hattie Vigue, '97, is back again after a three weeks' absence.

Miss Edith Larrabee, '97, spent last Sunday at her home in Gardiner.

First meeting of the Conference Committee for the term held Feb. 22.

One of our insurance agents has taken up knife grinding for a change.

The Seniors have voted to have their class pictures from Preble & Jordan.

Misses Young, Nichols, Pottle and Wilson, heard Slivinski in Portland, Feb. 12.

President Whitman preached in the Old Cambridge Baptist Church last Sunday.

Miss Helen M. Hanscom, '97, left Wednesday afternoon for a few day's visit at Augusta.

Gray has been elected treasurer of the Base Ball Association in place of Riggs, resigned.

Hoxie, '94, was nominated for warden at the Republican caucus held the first of the week.

D. J. Gallert, formerly of Colby, '93, now a member of the Senior class at Harvard, was in the Waterville for a few days the first of last week.

President Whitman was in Massachusetts, last week, engaged in his work of booming Colby.

Sawtelle, '95, and Hamilton, '96, have returned to their studies after a successful term of teaching.

Prof. Warren's lecture in the Oracle Course has again been postponed on account of the gospel meetings.

The Hebrew class had a choice offered Tuesday, between a cut and a recitation. They chose the cut.

Roy Barker, '97, captured the first prize at the meeting of the Constellation Whist Club on Monday evening.

Prof. Currie hopes to be able to offer a special inducement to those who will elect oratory for next term.

Among others in '97 who have been obliged to be absent from the class-room, recently, are Miss Morrill and Miss Brann.

Mrs. Whittle, assisted by Mrs. Judkins, gave an afternoon tea to the college women, Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Elmwood parlors.

Miss Grace Gatchell, Miss Alice Nye, and Miss Annie Knight, '97, took advantage of the cut Thursday to visit their respective homes.

Mr. Ed. Brown, of Bath, brother of Miss Brown formerly of '94, has been giving the boys points in gym. work during the past week.

A college dance will be given on Friday night, next, at Soper's Hall. A feature of the evening will be music by the college orchestra.

It is reported that Bates does not wish to join the Base Ball League under the conditions agreed upon by the managers in their December meeting.

The revival meetings at the Baptist church have been largely attended by the students during the past week. Major Whittle is an earnest speaker and is, without doubt, doing a wonderful work.

The appointments for the Junior Debate have been announced to be as follows: Affirmative; Bearce, Gray, Hedman. Negative; Norris, Robinson, Welch.

The college women gave a missionary tea, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21, at Ladies' Hall, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Whittle, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.



Feb. 17th, 10 degrees below. Several of the students appear in straw hats and spring overcoats. Feb. 18th, 60 degrees above. Same students appear in heavy ulsters.

Prof. Hall has recently received from Col. Shannon a large case of books and pamphlets, many of them on subjects connected with South American countries and institutions.

The usual premature announcement of the Junior Debate appointments was posted on the bill board, Monday. Somebody made a very bad guess this time as they did not get one right.

The Augustan Whist Club, composed largely of students, enjoyed a sleigh ride on Thursday night, last. The objective point was Bradley's, where a turkey supper awaited them. Whist and dancing followed.

The *Oracle* is to be published by the same firm that did the work last year, Winship, Daniels & Co., Boston. The bulk of the work is to be in the hands of the printer before April 1, and the *Oracles* are to be out May 25.

Didn't it snow? Robinson was the first man out the next morning and he went in out of sight. The path to the observatory was under six feet of snow part of the way. And yet the wheels moved on. No cuts. Cold comfort.

Book agents have been plentiful of late. The man man from Houghton, Mifflin & Co., had rather bad luck. One hundred and twenty dollars is big money for a student to put into poetry. The last man did better as he had a good thing and the terms were easy.

It is reported that one of the students who attended the C. E. Convention at Gardiner, last week, was so charmed with his seat companion that he forgot to leave the train at the proper station. Hub says the walking was good between South Gardiner and the Center.

The college had its regular recess on Washington's Birthday. It was thought best not to have a celebration and appropriate exercises this year, but the students were especially invited to attend the gospel meetings at the Baptist Church.

Those who attended the Sunday morning service in the chapel conducted by Major Whittle, will probably never forget the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, the gospel singers, made their first appearance in Waterville at this service,

and the whole meeting bore a spirit of deep earnestness and power.

When the waters are quiet, no drift-wood appears. What we mean by this is that the college has been running so smoothly lately, and there have been so few incidents worth recording, that the Campus of this issue must be necessarily brief.

One of the Sophmores seems to have in his possession an unusual number of alarm clocks. Whether or not he needs them all to arouse him for the labors of the day, he does not state. Their use, and the source whence they came bids fair to remain a mystery. Carry them back, Mettie, carry them back.

New light has been thrown upon the question concerning the rightness of fishing by viewing the act from the ethical stand-point. "You bait a hook and drop it into the water, thereby giving the fish the idea that you wish to give him a good breakfast, when all the time you mean to have that fish for your own breakfast."

Don't fail to attend the athletic exhibition which is to be given by the college boys one week from Tuesday night. Faithful work has been done in the gym and there is every prospect that a fine showing will be made. The exhibition will occur in City Hall. All of the athletic exercises will be performed upon the stage, thus leaving the whole of the floor and galleries for the spectators.

After society meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14th, the Zetes adjourned to the City Hotel where a supper was served in Landlord Hamilton's excellent style. There was no occasion to celebrate, it was merely a good will gathering and was heartily enjoyed by all. All the active members of the chapter were present; also of the alumni, Dr. F. C. Thayer, Hon. Nathaniel Meader, Hon. S. S. Brown, Judge Philbrook, R. W. Dunn, Stephen Stark, Dennis Bowman and O. L. Hall.

The semi-annual Convention of the Kennebec County Union of Christian Endeavor was held with the Congregational Society of Gardiner, on Tuesday, Feb. 16. The Waterville societies sent a good delegation, including quite a number of students. F. W. Padelford, 94, is president of the Union. The programme was a very interesting one, but owing to the heavy storm of the day before, the two principal speakers did not get there, and the attendance was small.

The meeting was a helpful one to those who did attend, and they hope for better success for the next convention which is to be held early in June.

The following skeleton of a drama was handed in by one of the rhetoricians of '96. Owing to circumstances it was finished somewhat abruptly. Place, in front of Recitation Hall, Colby campus. Time, Feb. 20, 3.30 p. m. :

#### CHARACTERS.

Chief Hustler,	}	Miss V——
Prima Tumbler,		
Astronomer,		
Consolers of Prima Tumbler,		'97 Co-ords
Non-consolers of Prima Tumbler,		'96 Boys

#### ACT I. SCENE I.

Bell ringing. Co-ord running. Ice patch. Thinks Spring is coming. Others think it is Fall.

#### ACT I. SCENE II.

Tableaux—Quick curtain.

#### FINIS.

The meeting of the Colby Alumni Association, which was held in Boston on the 16th inst., was the largest and most enthusiastic gathering the association has ever had. Upwards of ninety of the alumni were present while many guests of note helped swell the numbers. Some of the chief features of the occasion was the reception tendered President Whitman, and the speeches by C. E. Meleney, president of the association, Pres. Andrews of Brown University, and our own president. Congressman Lyford, Superintendent Marble, of Worcester, and many other well known men were present. The college faculty had its representation in Professors Stetson and Roberts.



Contributions to this department are earnestly solicited from alumni and friends of the college. Address the editor, Mr. Fred Bryant.

'39.

Hon. Andrew H. Briggs gave his personal recollections of the late Hon. Henry W. Paine at the recent reunion of the Boston Colby Alumni Association.

'46.

Hon. J. H. Drummond, of Portland, delivered a memorial address on the late president

of the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at its annual meeting held at the Preble House, Portland, Feb. 22.

'53.

Rev. George Bullen, of Newton Theological Institution, who has been spending the winter in the East, was summoned, recently, to Eau Claire, Wis., on account of the serious illness of his sister.

'62.

Col. R. C. Shannon, of New York, recently presented the library with a large case of books and pamphlets.

Prof. A. L. Lane, recently, delivered a lecture before the teachers of the schools, of this city, on English Analysis.

'63.

Hon. Percival Bonney was, recently, chosen one of the directors of Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. This election holds for three years.

Col. F. S. Heselton, of Boston, was elected president of the Colby Boston Alumnus Association at its recent reunion.

'65.

Rev. C. V. Hanson will present the practical topic at the Central Maine Theological Circle to be held at Waterville, Tuesday, Feb. 27.

'66.

Rev. F. W. Bakeman, D.D., of Chelsea, Mass., is witnessing a remarkable spiritual awakening in his church.

'67.

Rev. Amos Webster, D.D., died at Hyde Park, Mass., on Wednesday, Feb 14, aged 75 years. Dr. Webster was at one time editor and proprietor of the *Christian Era*.

'69.

Gilman C. Fisher is superintendent of the schools in Pawtucket, R. I.

'74.

Rev. C. E. Young is preaching in the churches at Hodgdon, Aurity, and Cary. He will remain with these churches during the winter.

'77.

Hon. Edward F. Lyford, of Springfield, Mass., spoke before the Colby Alumni at the recent reunion in Boston.

Rev. Henry M. King, who is pastor of the First Baptist church, Providence, R. I., read a paper before the Rhode Island Historical Society

at its February meeting on "Religious Liberty Historically Considered."

'79.

A. P. Soule was elected secretary and treasurer of the Boston Colby Alumni Association at their recent reunion.

'81.

J. H. Parsley, of Rockland, read an essay at the conference of the pastors of the Lincoln Association, last Monday.

Frank D. Bullard, M. D., is one of the editors and publishers of the Southern California *Practitioner* at Los Angeles, Cal.

'92.

F. B. Nichols has resigned his position with the Groder Company and is about to enter business for himself.

C. P. Barnes, of Norway, called on his friends at the Bricks, last week. He was on his way to Houlton where he will spend a short vacation.

'93.

Miss Berry, of Gardiner High School, was in chapel, Thursday morning, Feb. 22.

Miss Lora Cummings, of Skowhegan High School, was at Ladies' Hall over Sunday.

Miss Taylor, of Pittsfield was in the city a few days last week, visiting at Miss Fountain's.



The night wore on. She wrote, she sighed,  
That co-ed trim and stately.  
What meant it? O, she only tried  
An extract from Sir Whately.

#### DEFECTIVE VISION.

He took a silk umbrella, black,  
From the rack by the chapel door,  
And left, instead, a brown one old,  
That he could use no more.

Now why, you ask, did he do this?  
To do himself a kindness?  
Oh, no, it was not that at all—'twas just  
A case of color blindness. R.

#### A MORAL.

I.

A crowded car—  
A student lone—

In comes a girl  
From fair-ground flown.

II.

The only seat  
Is by his side,  
So down she sits  
And on they glide.

III.

The car glides on,  
Their talk glides too,  
All else forgot  
Between these two.

IV.

So lost were they  
She did not know  
When she was where  
She wished to go.

\* \* \* \*

V.

Ten miles from home  
She had to wait  
Till back she went  
Aboard the freight.

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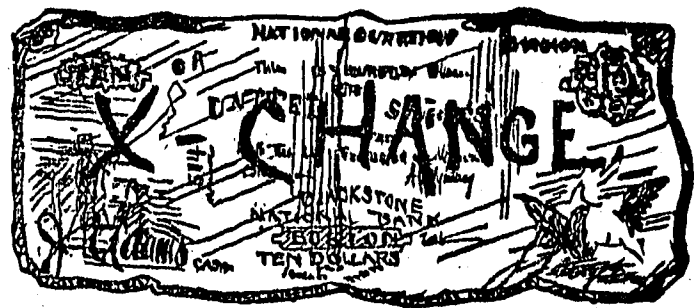
VI.

Now woe betide  
The student gay  
Who comes across  
The school ma'am's way.

VII.

If peace you like  
Keep from her far—  
She still recalls  
That railway car.

W. F. R.



Few matters are of more vital importance than the needs of the college man who is about to separate from his Alma Mater. The *Marietta College Olio* voices the sentiment of all educational circles in venturing an inquiry as to the effectiveness of our most popular educational methods. Men from inferior colleges, again and again, take precedence of the University graduate. Certainly better facilities should be productive of the better results. Able educators, however, are questioning the intrinsic worth of grades of rank and a system of prizes to develop the mind. A man may be inclined to think more of his class work marking than the discipline effected by study. The

ability to make a good recitation becomes paramount to the benefits arising from a keen interest in class room work in general. The education which is destined to stand by a man is that which aspires to nobler things than mere individual standing with the professors and the acquisition of some college prizes; it is the education that fits the man to the needs of society.

The University of Chicago has the largest library of any American college; it contains over 225,000 volumes.

The *Coup D'Etat* contains an article in which especial stress is laid upon the value a certain class of young men may derive from attending college. This class includes such bright and shining lights as have excelled their compeers at the district school, and believe fully in all the flattering compliments of friends that they promise to become even "Director General of the Solar System." College life has for all such a lesson of humility in store, and if in the end such undue conceit can be driven away and the man taught that he is only one of many able and competent men, the rough, practical lessons have proved the man's salvation.

The man who dropped a lighted match into a benzine barrel hasn't benzine since, and the man who stepped on a banana peel, hasn't banana where since.

#### EVOLUTION IN FOOT BALL.

"In the old game you kick the ball; in the Rugby game you kick a man if you can't kick the ball; in the American game you kick the ball if you can't kick the man." The above appears in the *Wasp* of Wittenberg, and in another column is a plea for foot ball because it absorbs the "super-abundance of animal spirits." Consistency, thou art a jewel.—*College Transcript*.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is a college graduate and was president of the University of Virginia when elected member of the House of Representative.

The *Williams Weekly* in several of the later numbers deplores the want of spirit shown toward Williams as a college. To break up in a measure cliques and factions which detract from a college spirit some form of union is proposed through the organization of a college club. This should be composed of upper class

men. There should be stated times for meeting; and college matters discussed and propositions made in the interests of the college. In such a club, fraternity and non-fraternity men, scholars, athletes and professors, could mingle socially together.

Columbia's endowment, amounting to \$9,000,000, is second only to Girard College, while Harvard comes third with \$8,000,000.

The *Dartmouth* has considerable to say in regard to the work of the Press Club. The constitution of the club is printed entire. The object of the club is to foster a literary and journalistic spirit among the undergraduates, to secure regular correspondents for newspapers of acknowledged standing, and to advance in other ways the interests of the college and its students. The club has already secured a mailing room for the college publications, and is now taking steps to secure and preserve all the trophies of victory secured by Dartmouth on the athletic field which can be obtained by contribution from student or alumnus.

Bates college contemplates building a library building as a memorial to the late James G. Blaine, who was one of the trustees.

The *Swathmore Phoenix* announces that the Athletic Association of Swathmore has decided to discontinue as one of the college games the game of base ball in the coming year. Base ball and track athletics conflict and the preference is against the former.

While directly the matter of new fads has little concern with college interests, it is a question that effects collegians as well as everybody, when pain and death is exacted from helpless beings simply to humor some whim of society. On this ground the University *Beacon* expresses approval of the action of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in putting an end to the practice of wearing chained chameleons. The little animals are taken from their Florida home and exposed to a New England climate which causes oftentimes their death in a single day. They are often killed by being carelessly buttoned into a jacket, besides they are continually under restraint by reason of a chain. The man of education and feelings must say "hence with such cruelty and barbarity."

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