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WE shall have to apologize for the delay in this number of THE ECHO; it has been partly due to our desire to publish an account of the annual Athletic exhibition and other exhibitions coming at the very close of the term, and which would be more like ancient history than college news if delayed until next time; and partly to the failure of the editors to receive some literary articles which were expected but which circumstances prevented us from obtaining. Again we would emphasize the fact that it is simply impossible for the editing board to get out an ECHO on time when only one or two good literary articles can be obtained from the whole college. THE ECHO is not supposed to represent the board of editors merely; its purport is to represent the college; but this it will and can never do while the present indifference and unwillingness to contribute to its pages exist among the college men and women. The paper is just what you, as students, make it; and if its columns are not filled with bright articles and breezy poems, with fresh, newsy items and spicy

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A youth once came to Technology,

By nature retiring and shy;

He wanted to study Biology,

And vivisect germs by and by.

One glance at the class was enough though;

He fled far beyond human ken.

He beheld in the far stretching seat row

About eighty-four girls and two men.

—THE TECH.

jokes, it is because such things cannot be procured by the editors, and the students fail to furnish them. But we have already said this so many times before that it seems useless to repeat it. Only if every one *would* take the interest in the paper that ought to be shown, THE ECHO could be made second to no college paper in the country.

THE winter term has drawn to a close, and we feel that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the work done during the last two weeks. At the opening of the term Dr. Pepper, who has so faithfully discharged the many duties devolving upon him as acting president, handed over the government to our new president, Dr. Butler. We cannot speak too strongly of the work that President Butler has done in the short time he has been with us. Coming as he did from a great and rapidly growing institution like Chicago University, he has brought with him the true (western) energy and enthusiasm that Colby so much needs. He has thrown open his house to the college world and to the residents of the city, and has welcomed us all with a whole-hearted hospitality that has made us feel at home as soon as we entered and has done much to promote the social life of Waterville and the college. Though so far we have not had the privilege of meeting Dr. Butler in the class-room, in his public addresses he has shown his marked ability, especially along literary lines. In this city, in Portland, and in Boston, he has been listened to with the utmost attention, and his addresses widely quoted, especially in the latter city. The college has come in closer touch with its alumni, and has received much of that enthusiasm which is so sure a guarantee of future success and prosperity.

THE German entertainment given at City Hall was a success in every way, and marks a new departure in the manifestation of our college talent. Such entertainments have for years been given at Harvard and a few other large colleges, but have never been attempted in any of the Maine colleges, so far as we can learn. Neither time nor trouble was spared by Prof. Marquardt to make the entertainment the best that could be given. Prof. Marquardt's lecture on Faust was exceptionally fine, and elicited great applause. He told the story of Goethe's life, and of his "Confessions" in that wonderful masterpiece of German literature. The singing, both by ladies and the chorus of male voices, was of a high order, and showed the result of faithful and earnest training. Nor should the mention of the translations of German poems be omitted. These will be found in another column, and, we believe, will compare favorably with any recent translations of German prose or poetry. The financial part of the entertainment was also a success, and the Athletic association and Chess club are especially thankful for this manifestation of Dr. Marquardt's interest in them.

NEXT term Professor Taylor has offered an elective course in Latin to those members of the Senior class who intend to teach. The Orations against Cataline will be read, since these are to be made the requirements in Latin for all the New England colleges. The course will certainly be an enjoyable one and will be taken by a large part of the class.

DR. Pepper also has offered a new elective in the "History of Philosophy," taking up the study of the old Greek philosophers and tracing its course down to

the present time. Dr. Pepper has made a thorough study of the subject, so that the work will be of great value to those who are interested in this branch of learning.

IN our last ECHO we promised a series of articles by different professors on the subject of abolishing final examinations; but owing to the great amount of work coming at the end of the term,—such a busy time Colby has probably never seen—we are able to print but one of the desired articles in this number. Others will follow next term, and both sides of the subject will be thoroughly discussed. Such a discussion cannot fail to be of interest and benefit to the college, and it is hoped that by the beginning of next year something better than final examinations as they now exist may be introduced here at Colby. That a premium should be set on dishonesty is a disgrace to any institution, and the sooner something that is conducive to the moral advancement of our college is substituted in place of the time-honored (or dishonored) custom now in vogue, the better.

THE brief but earnest address given us by President Harper of the University of Chicago was an intellectual treat, and was listened to with the closest attention by every one present. It was fortunate for us that Dr. Harper had the opportunity of seeing something of the social life here during his brief visit and fortunate for us also that we had the chance of meeting so distinguished a man. His visit did much to strengthen the bonds already firm between Colby and Chicago University. A brief extract of Dr. Harper's address is given elsewhere; we would like to give it in full.

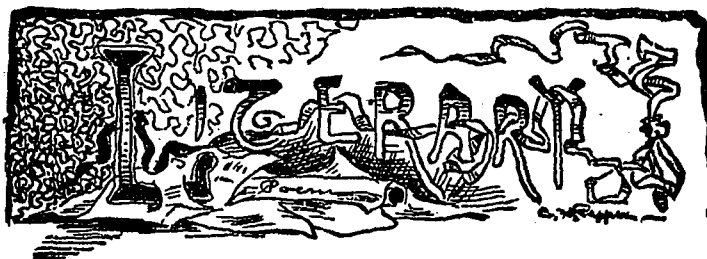
REHEARSALS have been going on steadily during the last few weeks for the minstrel show to be given early next term in the interest of the Athletic Association. The musical talent which failed to materialize in the form of a Glee Club, is being utilized in this way; and judging from the interest shown by those who are to take part in the entertainment, the minstrel show will be one of the most successful affairs ever given by Colby students.

WE would like to say a word in regard to the monthly socials given by President and Mrs. Butler. The privileges thus offered to the students of getting acquainted with each other and with the residents of the city are such as few students in the past have ever enjoyed. It is the wish of President Butler that the whole student body be represented at these receptions, and not that any one class, or a few only from each class, attend. At the last reception but a small part of the college took advantage of Dr. Butler's kindness by calling at his pleasant home. This was mainly due, no doubt, to the rehearsals and Athletic exhibition going on at City Hall during the entire afternoon and evening; but every student in Colby ought to feel it his or her duty, as well as privilege, to make at least a brief call and so help make these social gatherings of the college and town all that Dr. Butler desires them to be.

#### BLANK VERSE.

When Willie pores his Homer o'er,  
And his "trot" will not speed—  
He cries at last in his despair—  
"This is —ed verse indeed!"

—UNIVERSITY BEACON.



## SHALL FINAL EXAMINATIONS BE ABOLISHED?

Upon the question of the partial or complete abolition of final term examinations in college, expressing my opinion unofficially, I am prepared to say that I strongly favor some such step. I have long been inclining in this direction, partly because of the positive advantages which I believe would attend such a modification of our present usage, and partly because of some disadvantages which I believe it would obviate.

In discussing such a point as this, it is not to be expected that any plan can be formed at once, or even, perhaps, at all, which will apply alike to all cases and to all departments of study. It is not clear that such a modification as the one in question could be adopted with advantage in all subjects. The most that could be wisely undertaken, in my judgment, would be to adopt the theory of no examinations upon certain conditions, leaving the theory to be applied under the judgment of instructors and students according to the nature of the subjects and the methods of study pursued.

The theory of no examinations would rest fundamentally upon the assumption that the chief emphasis in study is to be laid upon the character of the daily work. The actual daily value of the study as a species of discipline or as a means of instruction would be regarded as the chief object of attention and interest. Exemption from examination should, therefore,

be made conditional upon a certain very high grade of daily work to be sustained by the student. Such a condition would not only exempt from examination students who, in any case, would maintain the required standard, but would be an incentive to any whose abilities might enable them to maintain the standard, but who need just such an incentive to spur them continually to their best effort. The result would be not only a higher grade of work and the more complete accomplishment of the ends of the study, but the accustoming of students to hold themselves to a higher standard, and, therefore, inculcating in many who would otherwise fail to form it, the habit of doing their best work.

The disadvantages attending the examination system are, perhaps, familiar enough without specific enumeration. Yet one may point out the tendency of the student to neglect his work until the last of the term and then to cram merely for examination. When one reflects upon the purpose for which any course of study is taken up, any such procedure as this seems a ludicrous and, at the same time, fatal defeat of such purpose. Accompanying this is the student's failure to form the habit of honestly apprehending the purposes of study and holding himself to his best effort in its pursuit. There is further the temptation to dishonesty in preparing and undergoing examinations. This temptation leads to all grades of deviations from rectitude; objectionable in themselves as bearing upon the student's relations to the course and much more greatly to be deplored because of their reflex effect upon the student's character.

The tendency to do away with examinations seems to be strengthening. Frequent examinations, written exercises, and note books wisely used from time to time dur-

ing a term, are made to take their place and are found often to accomplish better results. Perhaps the examination system has been found most strongly entrenched in English universities, where the study of English, for example, has had no place in a university course leading directly to a degree, apparently for the one reason that the subject of English *does not lend itself well to examinations*. To assign this as the cause for excluding a study otherwise most interesting and valuable, from a course, seems ridiculous.

The merits of the plan under discussion can, perhaps, never be understood by a *priori* discussion. Actual trial will probably reveal more than anything else. For myself, I should be glad to see fair trial made under some such conditions as I have described.

NATHANIEL BUTLER.

### TRAVELLING.

[From the German of Wilhelm Muller.]

To travel is the miller's joy,  
To travel !  
That must a wretched miller be  
Who ne'er has gone the world to see,  
To travel.

The water teaches it to us,  
The water !  
It has no rest by night or day,  
But hastens ever on its way,  
The water.

We see it in the mill wheel, too,  
The mill wheel !  
To stop is far from its desire,  
It whirls about and does not tire,  
The mill wheel.

The very mill stones, O so hard,  
The mill stones !  
As gaily as the rest they go,  
Yet think their dancing all too slow,  
The mill stones.

O but to travel, my delight,  
To travel !  
O master, mistress, let us cease,  
And let me go away in peace  
To travel.

ALICE L. COLE, '98.

### THE TWILIGHT OF GREAT MEN.

The Paris *Temps* calls the roll of the great men who, in various countries, have gone within a few years past to join the mighty dead. Helmholtz and Huxley, Renan, Taine, Tennyson and Browning—these are some of the names upon which shadow now rests, and which stand for loss. Also do they stand, the French paper asserts, for the intellectual impoverishment of the present generation. Their successors are not visible, or, at any rate, (which amounts to the same thing), have not taken, in public estimation, the vacant places. It is a veritable twilight of great men if not of the gods.

Such a plaint is no novelty. However ready the poet and the moralist may have been to assert that brave men lived before Agamemnon, after him they have never been so sure about it. At any given time in the world's history, even just before a wonderful flowering of genius, despondent observers were doubtless saying that the race was approaching mental bankruptcy. Wordsworth in 1802 thought England and the world in general threatened with decay, though the century before him was to be starred thick with immortal names. But it would be idle to deny that there is a basis of truth in what the *Temps* asserts. We shall not look again upon the like of some of the great men whose departure it mourns. There is, from age to age, a change in the manifestations of human greatness, a different emphasis put upon it. Changed opportunities and demands make a changed product. Nature breaks her mould after each casting.

It is often said that democracy is fatal to individual distinction. The *Temps* think that the vulgarization of institutions carries with it that of intellect, and it is something of a coincidence that, almost at the

same moment, the Prussian historian, Von Treitschke, at a banquet commemorative of 1870, should have deplored the mental and moral bankruptcy of Germany, and attributed it to the fact that Germany had been "democratized." Lowell seems to have spoken a juster word when he said that democracy had indeed a disagreeable way of interrogating the Powers that Be, but only for the purpose of finding out if they were the powers that ought to be. But there is little to be gained by attempting to draw inferences from such broad and vague premises. In the changing conditions of life and learning, in the growth of the human spirit itself, we can see more definite causes at work which, if they do not lessen the number of great men, make them appear great in different ways.

One such cause is, clearly, modern specialization. A leading characteristic of some of the great minds who have lately left the world poorer was their wide-ranging nature. A Darwin or a Dana, for example worked in many provinces of science, and did fruitful labor in each. Where is the rising naturalist today who would not be appalled at the thought of venturing to far out of his groove? A scientist must needs have had his early training a good half-century ago to have so much as conceived the possibility of covering so vast a territory. What is now required, what is now furnished, is drilling away at a single vein till its last filament is got out. A sufficient triumph of learning nowadays is such as that of Browning's grammarian—to have "properly based *oun*," given us "doctrine of enclitic *de*." Professor Foster, speaking of the bent of Huxley's studies, well says that any branch of science is always in want of a great man, but that it was a particularly fortunate thing Huxley turned away from

physiology when he did, to do work in morphology which was just then absolutely needed. The work which all departments now absolutely need is this sort of specialized work. Thus the conditions are wanting which produced the all-round intellectual giants of the past, and it would be foolish to look for their reappearance—at least just yet, or in as great numbers.

There is also, in the very mass and accumulation of knowledge, at once causing and caused by specialized learning, a subtle something which disinclines to original and creative effort.

"Child of an age that lectures, not creates," said Lowell ruefully of himself, before Chartres Cathedral. Well, lecturing is a kind of creation. To see and set things in their proper relations, to understand the comparative, to keep one's head above the waves that beat upon the student from every direction—this is work for great men. Certainly it is the kind of work to which our best minds are more and more forced to give themselves, and it must lend a peculiar note to the kind of intellectual greatness we are to expect to be most frequent in the near future. It is a wise generation that knows its own great men.

We must reckon in, too, as an influence not favorable to the production of great men of the old type, the increased sophistication and self-consciousness of the present time. Some of the greatest men of the world have owed their fame in part to their unconsciousness. If they had fully known what they were about, they either would never have undertaken it, or would have botched it in the process. Like Wordsworth's glad souls, they were great and knew it not. A keener sense of humor would have ruined many a hero. Certain kinds of greatness are compatible only with sublime disregard of the reasonable

chances of success and with an entire forgetfulness of self. But those qualities are rare in the modern world. We are great for figuring out the average. We insist upon knowing what the odds are. Nor can we take ourselves so seriously—or rather take ourselves unconsciously—as our ancestors. No man now says, "Go to, I will be a great man," any more than he says, "Go to, I will make a new religion." The sense of the ludicrous has become too strong for us. How many American mothers now inform their first-born sons that they may be President one day? We say we know too much for that any longer. But this very decline in the prophecy and anticipation of greatness is one reason why greatness, at least of the old kind, dating from the time when more minds were "used to the approach of Glory's wings" may be expected to be rarer.

But none of these considerations, of course, touch the central mystery of human greatness, which remains a mystery when all is said. We may single out influences which affect second-rate intellects, but the origin, as well as the march and conquests, of a mind of the first class remains inexplicable. Such minds, of which the best account we can give is that they are dowered with genius and given a mission to accomplish upon which they wreak themselves as by an inner necessity, will doubtless arise, in unexpected ways, to bless or curse their fellows, in the future as in the past. We may yet, at any rate, share Wordsworth's confidence, even in his despondent mood, as respects the future of the race "sprung out of earth's first blood." Our great luminaries may sink below the horizon, and the twilight of great men be apparently full upon us; but

"Fear not but that thy light once more shall burn,  
Once more thine immemorial gleam return."

UNIVERSITY HERALD.

### JAKE PERLEY'S MONUMENT.

The Perley farm was "run out," said the neighbors, while the city visitors, unconscious of the lack in their own vocabulary, expressed it as their opinion that the land was quite impoverished. But it all amounted to the same thing—those far-reaching acres had given of themselves, unfed, till they had little left to give. But still Jake dropped the corn and potatoes in the same furrows which they had occupied ever since the stone walls were laid, and still at haying time his bent figure could be seen, swinging a scythe through the scant grasses. As for Sylvane, well, Sylvane was not exactly competent to do the nicer parts of the work; to him was allotted the task of mowing by the roadside, where the grass was even thinner than in the fields and of tossing and turning the half-made hay with a three tined fork. There was a woman in the house, Sarah, their sister.

They were a strange trio. Jake was the head of the family, an office which in this case did not involve the exercise of any social or religious function, but meant simply the one who "runs things" and handles the money. He had acquired this prestige in his youth, being a few years the oldest, and had never lost it, though now those few years did not count, for the two brothers and their sister were merely three old people together.

Whatever may have been their individualities, and they had such, for from Jake's standpoint Sylvane was undeniably "shiftless" and Sarah slack, they were in one respect surprisingly unanimous. They were all "dretful savin." "Jake," said the neighbors, "would skin a mouse for its hide and taller." This no doubt was an unconscious hyperbole on their part. However, as the years rolled by, Jake Perley



was accumulating money, much to the satisfaction of his distant cousins; and all the while very surreptitiously were Sarah and Sylvane laying up something for themselves, by secretly selling to the neighbors a few pounds of butter, some eggs at market prices which fluctuated according to the neighbor's mood. To be sure the returns were very uncertain, but a great deal can be accomplished in fifty years.

"Jake's gittin' to be an old man," said the farmers "with not a chick nor child, yet makin' a slave of himself. He don't think that he's liable to die any day!" But, as if to give their words the lie, one morning there appeared on the knoll back of the house a tall marble shaft and before night every one in town knew that Jake's name was on the monument with a Died —. There it stood where he could see it as he worked in the fields; and at night, when he lay in his lonely chamber looking out into the moonlight, it was like a pure white finger, pointing to the end which waits for all. Yet with the very sign and symbol of mortality before him as in the years gone by, he toiled on as if he believed himself a god.

Long, as one might, to know the processes of reasoning which had induced him to invest in that stone, it always remained, to me at least, a profound mystery. In the heart of one, who would have no child to bear him witness, may there not have been a vague desire for something to declare one day that he had passed away and should not be forgotten? I start to moralize, but falter and fail, for I can feel only pity for our poor humanity, which chases its phantasmal follies even to the brink of the grave, forgetting that the letters carved upon a monument are but as mist in comparison with those which the years will

have graven on men's hearts, ere the silver cord be loosed.

ALICE L. COLE, '98.

### THE DEAF MOTHER.

[From the German of Friedrich Halm.]

Who lightly opens gate and door?  
Who is this stealthy one?  
To his deaf mother, from afar  
Comes home the truant son.

He enters, but she hears him not;  
Beside the fire she spins,  
Then stepping close he speaks to her  
And "mother!" he begins.

And as he speaks she glances up,  
But wonderful surprise—  
She is not deaf to that low word,  
She hears him with her eyes.

To clasp him close she lifts her arms  
And holds them wide apart;  
And then, though deaf, his mother hears  
The beating of his heart.

And as she sits beside her son,  
With gladness in her eyes,  
I know that little mother hears  
The songs of Paradise.

ALICE L. COLE, '98.

### COLOR SONG.

[Translated from the German.]

On God's broad earth, the noblest, best,  
The fairest things that swell the breast  
Bedeck themselves in blue and red,  
The colors I love till love be dead.

Steal I to nature's haunts away,  
The rose and violet strew the way;  
The violets blue, the roses red,  
The colors I love till love be dead.

How dearly I love with the zither low  
To gaze afar on the evening glow!  
It flames the heavens blue and red,  
The colors I love till love be dead!

But sitting by my loved ones' side  
Roll raptured thoughts in a blissful tide,  
Her eyes so blue, her cheek so red,  
The colors I love till love be dead.

If glory calls me, steel on arm,  
Then shed I gladly my heart's blood warm;  
My steel so blue, my blood so red,  
The colors I love till love be dead.

And when in the tomb you lay my form,  
Thus, brother mine, my bier adorn  
With one bright band of blue and red,  
The colors I love till love be dead.

ALICE L. NYE, '97.





The annual exhibition of the Athletic Association was held Tuesday evening, March 3, at City Hall before a large audience, considering the weather. Owing to some trouble with the wires between Waterville and Fairfield, the arc lights in the hall did not come on until eight o'clock and this circumstance doubtless kept many away.

The exhibition this year was more of a contest than any previous ones. Hitherto, the four classes have competed only in the class drills, but this year, individual work also was judged. Every class was out for points, for the victorious class would be the first to have its class number engraved upon the handsome cup, which may be seen in the library, and which is to be competed for in future exhibitions.

Each special class of work was judged as an event, just as in an outdoor field-day, the last man getting a "first" or 3 points, the next a second, or 2 points and the next best, a third or 1 point. The class drill was awarded one-fifth of the total number of points, so it is easily seen that the class winning the drill had a good start for the cup.

The horizontal bar work, under the leadership of Collins '96 was a very pretty exhibition and was moved off in a lively manner.

The Juniors came next with the single-sticks under Titcomb as leader. The drill was very well done, but not up the form of '96 last year in the same event and it was at once evident that they were not in the race.

Pike '98, led the men on the parallel

bars. The work in this event was of a very ordinary nature.

The class tumbling under the lead of Hubbard '96, who has developed this year into a tumbler of high order, was a first-class exhibition. As Hubbard, Dunn, and Ingraham came on later in the special tumbling, the choice lay with the other men in this event and Pike '98, was awarded first.

When Charles Shannon had led his squad of Freshmen through their dumb-bell drill, which went with the regularity of clock-work, it was the opinion of many that the cup was theirs, but there were better men to come. The Freshmen, however, deserve great credit for their work, for it certainly was first-class.

The boxing this year was of unusual interest for several little differences of opinion of long standing were settled more or less satisfactorily on the stage.

The prize drill was that of the Sophomores with their Indian clubs under the leadership of Ingraham. Their work was well-nigh perfect and their cinch on the cup was strengthened by a little irregularity in the work of the Seniors, who came on later with broadswords.

In the flying rings Ingraham was given 1st, Pike 2nd, Keith 3rd.

In the special tumbling, the usual fine work was done by Wheeler, and some very clever tumbling was put up by Blanchard, who made a hit in his rustic costume.

The wrestling this year was equal to the boxing and was no "fake" as is often the case in an exhibition. Pierson and Stevens, Pillsbury and Richardson, Spencer and Hanson, had some clever bouts on the mats, and honors were so evenly divided that the winners were not easily picked.

The prettiest thing in the exhibition was the Roman ladders and pyramids, which

were formed under the leadership of Dunn '96. Dunn is to be highly complimented for the success of this part of the work as only a very short time could be devoted to their preparation.

Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the manager, the Freshmen were announced the winners of the drill. The Sophomores, however, won it and won it fairly.

The score of the different classes in individual work follows:

Horizontal Bar—Collins, '96, 1st; Foye, '98, 2nd; Fuller, '96, 3rd.

Parallel Bars—Hubbard, '96, 1st; Ingraham, '96, 2nd; Pratt, '96, 3rd.

Class Tumbling—Pike, '98, 1st; Foye, '98, 2nd; Stevens, '99, 3rd.

Boxing—Chapman, '97, 1st; Coffin, '96, 2nd; Whitman, '97, 3rd.

Single Sticks—Titcomb, '97, 1st; Harthorne, '97, 2nd.

Rings—Ingraham, '98, 1st; Pike, '98, 2nd; Keith, '97, 3rd.

Special Tumbling—Hubbard, '96, 1st; Dunn, '96, 2nd; Ingraham, '98, 3rd.

Broadswords—Hubbard, '96, 1st; Dunn, '96, 2nd.

Wrestling—Stevens, '99, 1st; Pillsbury, '99, 2nd; Spencer, '99, 3rd.

In individual work '96 won 23 points, '97, 10; '98, 15; and '99, 6. Adding to '98's 15 points the 14 scored by class drill, it makes the total of that class 29, or six more than '96's score; '98 therefore wins the cup for this year. The judges were J. F. Larrabee, A. F. Drummond and Frank J. Goodridge.

The apparatus in the gymnasium has been increased by the addition of a set of parallel bars, a wrist machine, a punching bag, and two hair mats. They meet a long felt need.

One of the members of the physiology class has made the discovery that the spinal cord extends from the base of the brain "to the lumber regions."

*The Executive Committee of the Colby Athletic Association:*

GENTLEMEN:—The transactions of the treasurer of the association for the current term, together with the reports of the managers of the lecture course and of the Athletic exhibition, are as herewith stated:

ACCOUNT OF LECTURE COURSE.

*Receipts.*

Course tickets sold,	\$181 90
Door receipts of 1st lecture,	7 15
“ 2nd “	17 40
“ 3rd “	3 15
“ concert,	38 40
Total,	\$248 00

*Expenditures.*

Expense of Mr. Fuller,	\$30 00
Printing,	18 50
Rent of city hall,	36 00
Rent of church,	5 00
Cost of quartette,	45 00
Entertaining quartette,	9 50
Expense of Prof. Lee's lecture,	6 80
Posting placards,	1 45
Incidentals,	4 85
Profits,	91 40
Total,	\$248 00

H. E. HAMILTON, Manager.

ACCOUNT OF ATHLETIC EXHIBITION.

*Receipts.*

Tickets sold,	\$72 10
Advertising in programme,	30 75
Total,	\$102 85

*Expenditures.*

Printing,	\$23 00
Music,	13 00
Rent of hall,	12 00
Rent of piano,	10 00
Trucking,	2 00
Incidentals,	5 15
Profits,	37 70

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\$102 85

H. T. WATKINS, Manager.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

Net receipts German exhibition,	\$24 00
Membership dues,	10 00
Profits from lecture course,	91 40
Profits from Athletic exhibition,	37 70

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Total, \$163 10

*Expenditures.*

Account of baseball committee,	\$9 75
Account of finance committee,	25 02
Silver cup and engraving,	19 87
Placed in contingent fund,	64 38
Cash in bank,	17 31
Cash in hands of manager,	26 77

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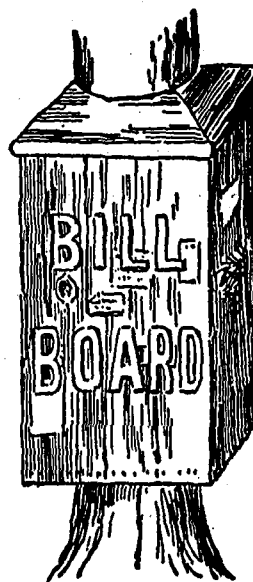
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Waterville, Me., March 6, '96.

Under an ancient elm she stood,  
 A fairy form in grey—  
 Her eyes were bright as the stars at night  
 And she merrily trilled a lay.  
 I stood in the shadow and watched her face,  
 It was eerie and passing fair,  
 As the ditty she sang so merrily rang  
 On the waves of the evening air.  
 I was stirred to the depths of my very soul—  
 Ne'er heard I a voice like that,  
 And I threw all I owned at her very feet  
 For she was my neighbor's cat.

—URSINUS COLLEGE BULLETIN.



Prof. Elder has received from Mr. C. B. Wilson, 24 sections of the blood of vertebrates for use in the physiology class. The set includes three mounts of terrapin blood, five of frog's blood, one of the blood of the camel, two of that of the mouse, two of hen's blood, one of loon's blood, five of human blood and five of dog's blood. Nearly all the mounts are stained, many of them double stained, so that they make a valuable and instructive collection. Mr. Wilson is at the Johns Hopkins University studying biology, in which he seems to be doing excellent work. He has the charge of a class of 28 students in their laboratory work.

The addition of the lighting apparatus lately placed in the lower halls is an improvement appreciated by all.

## A DRAMA FROM REAL LIFE.

Act I. The Hero goes home by train.

II. The Heroine arrives by team.

III. Hero disconsolate and seeks the telegraph, thinking of suicide as an end to misery.

IV. Hero arrives on scene next morning by train.

V. Peace in camp. An enjoyable ride home.

President Butler received the Faculty at his home on Saturday evening, Feb. 27. Those who have attended the president's receptions understand full well what a pleasant occasion it was.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, a company of the students went to Augusta to see the play "Humanity." Another company of a dozen

or more took advantage of the excursion to attend a party given by Miss May Philbrook.

There are certain periods in the college course when we derive, as students, new incentive to study and to mental improvement of every kind. Such an occasion was the visit of Dr. Harper, president of Chicago University. Arrangements were made so that Chapel began at 8.30 in order that President Harper, who had to leave on the 9.25 A. M. train, could address us. He was very enthusiastically received and his remarks were listened to with pleasure and, we trust, with profit. He had a good word for Colby and Colby's sons. He spoke of the work done by Professor Mathews, Dr. Small, and President Butler when he was connected with the university which President Harper represented. When he had gone, we felt that his brief talk had done us good, and hope that we may again be favored with his presence.

The young ladies of the Freshman class gave a Valentine party to the young men of the class at Miss Toward's Friday evening, February 14th. A very pleasant entertainment was provided. Miss Stetson and Mr. Hanson distinguished themselves by locating the arrow nearest the heart. Refreshments were served and college songs sung, after which the party broke up. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

One of the most enjoyable class receptions ever held at Colby was the one tendered to the ladies of the Sophomore class by the gentlemen on Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, at the home of their classmate, Charles M. Woodman, College avenue. The house was profusely decorated with the class colors, silver gray and pink. In the parlor was arranged a gallery of photo-

graphs of the different members of the class in their infancy and the ladies were furnished with note books in which to record the guesses on the subjects. The young lady guessing the most photographs was awarded a prize. All the conversation during the guessing was carried on in writing. After the "mum social" was over, refreshments were served and the evening closed with college and class songs. Dinsmore's orchestra discoursed music in the upper hall during the evening. Refreshments were served by Hager. The thanks of the class are due Mrs. Woodman, who spared neither time nor pains to make the occasion a success.

On the evening of St. Valentine's day several of the ladies of '98 entertained a few of the gentlemen of their class at Ladies' Hall. The rooms were appropriately adorned with flowers and gaily colored hearts of all sizes. The first part of the evening was passed in making valentines. And here the ingenuity and taste of the young men were severely taxed; but although the ladies progressed rapidly with their valentines, the men worked slowly and surely and in the end it was one of their number who received the prize for the most novel and artistic work. Refreshments were then served and the rest of the evening was musical. The singing by the impromptu quartette and the violin solos by Mr. Treworgy were especially enjoyed.

One of our professors seems to have wearied of calling the young women in one of his classes by their own names, and so has begun to address them as Fraulein Charleston, Fraulein Portland and Fraulein Wilton.

The conference on Feb. 18 was lead by Professor Warren.

The Saint was very generally received this year.

On the evening of Feb. 14, a few of the Junior girls entertained their friends at the Palmer house. A novel entertainment was provided, which tested both the artistic and poetic skill of the party.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 20, President Butler addressed the students at the regular conference, taking his subject from the words, "Whereas I was blind, now I see." He showed how the Christian life ennobled every other department of life, and he drew lessons from Holmes's poem, "The Chambered Nautilus." Many of the students were present, and their close attention showed the interest which was felt in the words of the speaker.

Professor Lee of Bowdoin gave the third lecture in the Athletic course at the Congregational church, Feb. 12. The lecture on the "Straits of Magellan," was illustrated by views taken in the Strait by Professor Lee himself.

Dr. G. D. B. Pepper acted as toastmaster in his own inimitable way, at the Y. M. C. A. supper Monday evening, March 2.

Wirt Brown '98, was elected ward clerk in ward 4 at the recent city election.

At the recent public meeting at City hall for the discussion of the public library question, among the speakers were President Butler, Dr. Pepper, Professor A. L. Lane of the Institute, Judge W. C. Philbrook '82, and Hon. S. S. Brown '58.

President and Mrs. Butler gave the second reception to the students and residents of the city at their pleasant home on College avenue, Tuesday afternoon and evening, Mar. 8. Owing to the rehearsals for the Athletic exhibition going on at City hall

and the entertainment in the evening, many who would have otherwise attended were unable to do so. All who did call were most pleasantly received. The college feels grateful to President Butler for the opportunities thus offered of coming in closer touch with the townspeople and each other in so informal a manner.

The March number of the American University magazine contains a portrait and biographical sketch of Dr. Nathaniel Butler, president of Colby University.

Professor Black's lecture last evening in the Woman's association course was well attended. The views presented on the screen were both abundant in number and excellent in quality, many of them having been taken by the professor himself expressly for this lecture. The various fortunes and migrations of the American congress before it found a home in its present elegant abode were described and illustrated in a very interesting manner. Professor Black has great success as a lecturer, and his audiences always carry away some valuable addition to their stock of historical knowledge.—Waterville Evening Mail, Feb. 25.

Judge W. C. Philbrook acted as toastmaster at the Kennebec Fish and Game Association at its sixth annual meeting held at the Elmwood, Feb. 25.

F. G. Getchell '98, has been chosen by the executive committee as manager of the Colby football association for the coming year.

Several of the Seniors are to take a course in advanced Anglo Saxon under Prof. Roberts next term.

At the meeting of the Kennebec Co. Teachers' Association, to be held in Gardiner, April 10, Colby is to be represented by the following speakers: President Butler will give an address on "The English Lan-

guage." Prof. A. J. Roberts will have a paper on "Teaching School." Prof. A. L. Lane '62, of the Coburn Classical Institute will read a paper on "Natural Study." Principal D. E. Bowman '93, will have an article on "Nepos as a Substitute for Cæsar in the Preparatory Schools." Principal A. H. Brainard '88, of the Cony High school will have a paper "Art in the Public Schools." Other speakers will be announced later by Principal F. W. Johnson '91, secretary of the Association.

Ex-President Henry E. Robins, D. D., of Colby University, has accepted Dr. Butler's invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the next commencement.

The last University Extension lecture in the Woman's Course, on "The City of Florence," by Prof. Warren occurred at the Baptist church Feb. 28. The audience was smaller than it would have been had the weather been favorable, but Prof. Warren's appreciative remarks on the "Lily of the Arno" and the art of that beautiful Italian city were greatly enjoyed by those who braved the darkness.

At the annual dinner of the New England Club of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, held in Boston Saturday evening, President B. L. Whitman of Columbian University was elected honorary vice president, and John C. Ryder, Colby '82, one of the directors.

The New York Colby Alumni Association was organized Feb. 15 by about fifty Colby graduates who reside near New York city. Prof. Frank H. Hanson, '83, was chosen temporary president, and Edward F. Stevens, '89, secretary and treasurer. It was voted to hold the first reunion in April, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected. President Butler

was invited to address the alumni on that occasion.

Mrs. Butler entertained the members of the Faculty of Colby, and ladies, at tea on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 22. The guests were grouped at tables laid in the dining room and library. After tea, five minute "impromptus" upon topics assigned were given as follows: "Roots," Professor Stetson; "Maine as a Winter Resort," Professor Black; "Professors' Wives," Mrs. Professor Hall; "Husbands of Professors' Wives, Exoteric View," Principal Johnson; "The Esoteric View," Professor Bayley; "The Benedict and the Derelict," Professor Roberts; "The Man and the Axe," Dr. Pepper; "Liars," Dr. Spencer; "The Day We Celebrate," Miss Ellen Butler. These little speeches were most happily conceived and were full of bright humor.

Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts will spend the most of the coming vacation in Waterboro, Mr. Roberts's old home.

Harmon Cross '97, has been sent as delegate from the Colby chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity to the New England convention to be held at Young's Hotel, in Boston, March 12.

Prof. H. C. Jackson left at the end of the term to resume his studies in the Dartmouth Medical school. During the term Prof. Jackson has done a great deal for Colby athletics.

President Butler's address before the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' Club at Boston has been the subject of wide controversy. It was evidently his definition of literature for which President Eliot of Harvard, and other noted Boston authors and public speakers, took him to task.

A select party of Dr. Pepper's many friends gathered at his house on February

8, in commemoration of his birthday. A happy coincidence renders Dr. and Mrs. Pepper's birthdays within a few days of each other. Their extended circle of friends unite in wishing them many such happy days.

Was it a coincidence? Pratt's coat was borrowed by a man with a black eye. C—s's eye was in mourning at the same time!

The German entertainment given under Professor Marquardt's supervision received many well deserved compliments. The sum of \$40 was cleared which was divided between the Athletic and Chess Clubs. Prof. Marquardt's report as given in Chapel on the following morning ascribed due praise to all concerned, and given in his happy way, elicited great applause.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity gave a very successful reception at Soper's hall on the evening of Feb. 25. The hall was handsomely decorated in the society's colors. Pullen's orchestra of Bangor furnished music, and social chat, dancing and whist made the evening pass all too quickly. Among the guests were President William R. Harper of Chicago University, President and Mrs. Butler, Rev. A. J. Padelford of Calais, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bassett, and many others. Many of the Professors and their wives were present, and most of the society young ladies for whose brightness and beauty Waterville is noted. Several of the Bowdoin students attended, and helped make the reception one of the pleasantest social events of the season.

Professor Black delivered his interesting lecture on "Historic Spots in Old Virginia" to a large and appreciative audience in Prof. Rogers's lecture room Saturday afternoon, Feb. 29,

F. G. Getchell, secretary of the Chess Club, has received a challenge from Bowdoin to play a series of tournament games. Hebron also desires a like favor.

President Butler delivered a lecture on "Holmes," before the Central Club at Bangor last Monday evening. It was a well conceived article and was very enthusiastically received.

A reception was recently given in honor of Dr. B. L. Whitman, president of Columbian University, by Dr. Charles A. Richardson, president of the Alumni Association, and his wife. Secretary Hoke Smith and wife, and Postmaster General and Mrs. Wilson, were present.

The Junior debate occurred at the Baptist church, Friday evening, March 6. The church was well filled, and the audience listened with interest to the arguments brought forward by the different speakers. The contestants were E. E. Noble, H. S. Cross and W. H. Harthorne for the affirmative, and A. G. Wright, H. C. Whitman and F. E. Taylor for the negative. The question at issue was: Resolved, "That the Greenbacks Should be Withdrawn from Circulation." The judges, Prof. Taylor, Judge Philbrook and Rev. W. F. Berry, decided in favor of the affirmative. Music was furnished by the Ladies' Orchestra assisted by C. F. Shannon '99.

"We have met the enemy, and we are theirs." The intercollegiate debate between Bates and Colby took place at City Hall, Lewiston, Thursday evening, Feb. 27. Colby was ably represented by Cole, Collins, and Dunn, Bates by Milliken, Durkee and Howard. The subject for discussion, Resolved, "That the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a standard of 16 to 1 should be the financial policy of our Government," was ably handled on both sides.



The judges awarded the verdict to the Bates men; not so much for superiority in argument, but for excellence in delivery.

The following schedule for the College League baseball games this spring has been arranged:

Bowdoin vs. Colby, May 2d, at Brunswick.  
 Colby vs. M. S. C., May 9th, at Waterville.  
 Bates vs. M. S. C., May 12th, at Lewiston.  
 Bowdoin vs. Colby, May 13th, at Waterville.  
 M. S. C. vs. Bowdoin, May 16th, at Orono.  
 Bates vs. Colby, May 16th, at Lewiston.  
 Bowdoin vs. Bates, May 23rd, at Brunswick.  
 Bates vs. Colby, May 27th, at Waterville.  
 Bates vs. M. S. C., May 28th, at Orono.  
 Bates vs. Bowdoin, June 3rd, at Lewiston.  
 M. S. C. vs. Colby, June 3rd, at Orono.  
 M. S. C. vs. Bowdoin, June 6th, at Brunswick.

## Christian Associations.

### Y. W. C. A. NOTES:

On Friday and Saturday, February 28 and 29, a deputation meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held at Memorial Hall, with the hope of accomplishing something toward forming a State association.

Miss D. Florence Simms, one of the international secretaries, was present and gave several addresses and informal talks. Miss Martha Teal of the city association at Portland presented many helpful suggestions and a very excellent account of the Y. W. C. A., as carried on in our cities.

Delegates were present from Bates, Hebron, Higgins's Classical Institute, Coburn Classical Institute, and the Portland association.

A committee was appointed at this meeting to make arrangements for a similar meeting at some time during the coming year.

The programme follows:

#### FRIDAY, P. M.

2.00—Praise Service, Led by Miss Farr, Colby  
 2.15—Address of Welcome, Miss Pepper  
 2.30—Reports from the Associations.  
 3.00—Conference, Bates College  
 4.30—Business.

4.45—Paper, "How to make the Association Popular," Hebron Academy

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

7.00—Address, Nathaniel Butler, D. D., President of Colby University

7.20—Address, Miss D. Florence Simms International Secretary of Y. W. C. A.

#### SATURDAY, A. M.

9.30—Praise Service, Led by Coburn Classical Institute

9.45—Paper, "Educational Work in the City Association," Miss Martha E. Teal, Portland

9.55—Paper, "Student Volunteer Movement," Miss Alice L. Nye, Colby

10.05—Northfield Report, Miss Martha D. Tracy of Colby

10.15—Address, Intercollegiate Y. W. C. A., Miss Simms

10.35—Bible Hour, Led by Miss Teal, Portland

11.35—Paper, "Spiritual Awakening," Bates College

11.45—Prayer Service, Led by Miss Simms

Another year of work in the Association is coming to its close. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that the past few months have meant to Colby and for the earnest work which has been done by her students.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to call from earth the sister of our friend and classmate, Elsie G. Reid, be it therefore

Resolved: That we, the women of the class of '98 of Colby University, extend our heartfelt sympathy to her in her bereavement; and be it

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her; that they be published in the COLBY ECHO; and that they be preserved in the records of the class.

EDNA F. DASCOMB, } Com.  
 EDNA H. STEPHENS, } of  
 LENORA BESSEY, } '98.



## PERSONAL

Miss Marvel, and Miss Walker spent Sunday, Feb. 16, the one at her home in Auburn, the other in Mechanic Falls.

Miss Gatchell was at her home in Winthrop, Feb. 15-17.

Miss Mary Ward of Augusta, sister of Miss Ward '99, was here a few days last week.

Elsie Reid '98, was called home Feb. 20, by the death of her sister.

Miss McIntire '99, has rejoined her class.

Miss Emily N. Billings of Gardiner, visited Miss Larrabee '97, during the deputation meetings.

Miss Nye '97, has returned from Wilton.

The following are the names of the out-of-town delegates present at the deputation meeting of the Y. W. C. A., Feb. 28-29: Miss Simms of Chicago, Miss Teal, Portland; from Bates College, Mabel F. Jordan, Edith B. Marrow, Mertie Maxim, Ethel G. Files, Bertha F. Files, Adale M. Tasker, Emma Skillings, Gertrude L. Miller, Iry H. Smith, Mary E. Dolley, Eva B. Roby, Mabel C. Andrews, Mary A. Hewins, Stella James, Maude E. Vickery, Winifred Super, Nellie B. Nichols, Nellie W. Smith; from Hebron, Frances E. Wells, Mary E. Richardson; from Higgins Classical Institute, Clara Louise Brown.

## Alumni et Alumnae.

'76. Rev. C. C. Tilley is named prominently among the leaders in a great religious revival now mightily moving the city of Bridgton, N. J. His church is the First Baptist in the town.

'82. Rev. F. W. Farr has been called recently to the pastorate of the Bethlehem Baptist church, Philadelphia, and it is expected that he will enter upon his work as soon as he can be freed from his New York engagements.

'84. Rev. J. E. Cummings has been secured by the American Baptist Missionary Union to serve as the New England secretary protem, and he has been recently visiting many of the churches in Maine. He expects to return to Burmah next fall.

'86. Richard A. Metcalf, A. M., principal of the High school of Princeton, Illinois, is a recognized leader among educational men and women in that state. He has served the past year as president of the Northern Illinois High School Teacher's Association.

'87. Fred K. Owen, until recently with the *Taunton* (Mass.) *News*, has become night editor of the *Portland Daily Press* in place of Asher C. Hinds ('88) now private secretary of Speaker Reed in Washington.

'91. Rev. F. D. Blake has been called to the pastorate of a recently organized church in Attleboro, Mass.



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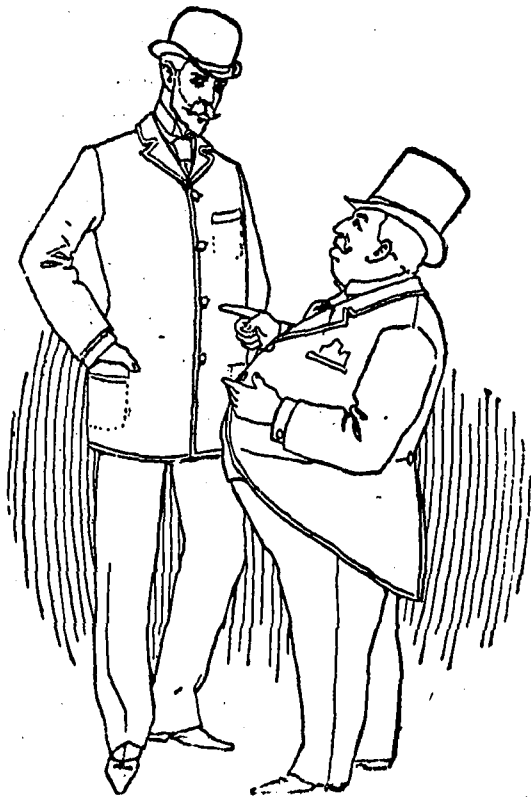
# TABLE SHOWING THE RELATIVE STRENGTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST TEN.

ACCORDING TO TESTS MADE AT THE GYMNASIUM OF COLBY UNIVERSITY DURING THE YEAR 1895-96.\*

[The Metric system is used in taking the measurements.]

NAMES.	Age.	Weight.	Height.	Head.	Natural chest.	Inflated chest.	Waist.	Right thigh.	Weight.	Right biceps.	Left biceps.	Right forearm.	Left forearm.	Development.	Strength.					Total strength	
															Chest.	Back.	Legs.	Upper arms.	Forearm.		
Albert N. Pratt, '96,	23.3	71.4	173.6	55.5	92	98	79.5	56	56	32.6	33	28.5	28	530.8	82	200	685	292.7	29-12	48.5	12 8.2
John B. Merrill, '96,	23.7	66	179.8	57	98	105	71.5	48	49.5	30.5	29.5	27	26.5	505.7	70	196	710	158.4	15- 9	54	188.4
Lawrence E. Gurney, '99,	17.5	61.7	174.5	57.6	89	95	72	49.5	49.5	30.5	30.5	27	26.5	500.3	43	175	705	172.7	12-16	55	1150.7
Wm. W. Turner, '96,	29.8	63	168.6	56.5	90.5	95.5	75	50	50	31	30	27.5	26.3	505.4	62	210	700	119.7	9-10	43.5	1135.2
Ed P. H. Pike, '98,	20.9	68.1	174.7	56.5	92	97	75	54.5	53.5	34.5	32	28.5	27.5	523	67	220	560	211.1	16-15	54.5	1112.6
Harry W. Dunn, '96,	19.1	60.3	164.9	56.7	91	96.5	74.5	51	51	31.5	30.5	26.5	26	508.9	46	220	610	180.9	16-14	45.5	1102.4
Alfred L. Hubbard, '96,	22.7	62	168	57.2	89	91.5	75	50	50	32.5	31	28.5	27	503.9	48	195	545	272.8	26-18	40	1100.8
Ernest A. Putnam, '99,	20.4	80.2	178.5	58	100.1	108	87.5	60	61	34	33	28.5	29	570.3	55	250	550	184.4	12-11	60.5	1099.9
Ernest E. Noble, '97,	26.2	66	175	56.5	93	98	72.5	53.5	54.5	34.5	31.5	28	26	521	37	194	655	158.4	11-13	45.5	1089.9
W. P. Wyman, '96,	22.8	58.9	169	57	91	95	71.5	48	48	30.5	29.5	26.5	26	496.7	45	210	585	176.7	13-17	55	1071.7

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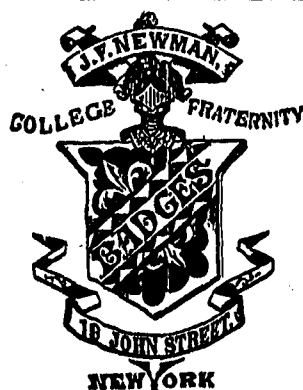
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