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## Literary.

### COLBY AND PATRIOTISM.

Universal enlightenment is the only guarantee of universal peace and prosperity. Mr. J. A. Green, in his History of the English People, says that the democratic spirit of the universities was a constant protest against feudalism. The same in its modified form is true today.

The colleges and universities throughout our land wield a constant and powerful influence for truth and advancement, and decry everything that tends to stay the onward march of progress.

Notwithstanding this natural and logical opposition of our colleges and universities to war as a measure barbarous and impolitic, one hundred and fifty years of experience have shown that, in the event of such crises, the spirit of the colleges and of college men has always been resolute and fearless and ever on the side of justice. This determined spirit has by no means been an unimportant factor in the events that have followed.

In the War of the Rebellion, when President Lincoln called for volunteers, the State of Maine responded by sending thirty-two of the bravest and most efficient regiments of the North. Colby University, then Waterville College, struggling though it was for existence, responded with her very life blood, and from the valley of the

Kennebec there marched with the hosts of war, the men of Colby in numbers that testify more eloquently than words that her students had learned patriotism as well as Greek.

When the country was first startled by the rebel guns fired against Sumter, the students of Colby were thoroughly aroused; war meetings were held daily; the boys began to drill. The spirit was intense; and many went to the front and died in the foremost ranks of our country's defenders, while the survivors, daring to die, were steadfast until the sound of the last gun had died away and Lee laid down his sword at Appomattox.

Up to the close of the war, the alumni and undergraduates of Colby numbered about 550. From this number must be taken the number of those who were dead at the beginning of the war and those who were disqualified by age for military service. The number of these two classes, according to reliable authority, must have exceeded 150. At this low estimate, however, there were 400 Colby men who had been subject to military service up to the close of the war. Of this number, 142 as near as can be learned, were actually in the service at some period of the war.

But it was not in the *number* of men that Colby exerted her greatest influence. It was in the *men themselves*. Her men went to positions of influence and command. Over *one-half* of the men from Colby held commissions as officers. Among these may be mentioned Gen. Benj. F. Butler, Gen. Harris M. Plaisted, Gen. Francis E. Heath, Colonels Chas. H. Smith and Henry C. Merriam, Capt. Richard C. Shannon, Lieut. Marcellus L. Stearns, names especially dear to us and dear to the whole State and nation as well. The war

over, some became prominently identified with the state and national governments: Gen. Plaisted becoming Governor of Maine, Butler of Massachusetts; while Lieut. Stearns held successively the offices of Lieut-Governor and Governor of Florida.

There was not a campaign in the East in which the sons of Colby did not participate; not a great battle in which their valor and blood did not add to the glory and the sacrifice. Their motives were the motives of men conscious only of their duty, unmindful alike of themselves and their future. They saw arise the star of duty, and led by the spirit of patriotism they answered to their country's call. If to think of country before self is patriotism, they were patriots; if to sacrifice, to suffer and to die without a murmur of regret is heroism, they were heroes.

The citizen soldiers of our Rebellion were the most efficient army of the world. General Grant, at the close of the war, commanded the mightiest and most remarkable body of men in history. From the work-shop and the plow; from the counting-house and the school; from the rocky coast of the Atlantic westward to the mighty Ocean of Peace, they came untrained but willing.

What did they fight for? Not for money. They didn't fight for money at fourteen dollars a month. They fought not for glory as fought the hosts of Napoleon. Not for conquest, like the soldiers who followed the Roman eagle under Cæsar. They fought for the nation's honor. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his fatherland.

But the sword has been sheathed, and the gentle breezes waft sweet perfumes over the graves of the peaceful heroes as they sleep side by side. Monuments dot

the plain and hillside where once the battle raged. Today we are one country united under one flag. The grandeur and power of our nation is a monument to the united efforts of the whole people in the direction of progress and civilization. In the building of the nation our college *has done* her best. *The work of building is still going on.* It depends on *us* that in the time to come, she *shall* do her best.

CHAS. E. GURNEY, '98.

### THE PROPHECY FULFILLED.

It was nearing the time of morning worship, and all along the streets leading to the synagogue small groups, absorbed in eager conversation, were making their way. Through the soft, balmy air came the droning of insects, and the sunbeams that glanced through the tree-tops let their warm rays rest caressingly on the little bands of worshippers. Each one wore a look of unwonted curiosity and eagerness and as the house of worship filled, the very atmosphere seemed pervaded with suppressed excitement.

"What! have ye not heard? Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph, the carpenter, Jesus, who was a boy in our midst, has returned and is to speak today."

Suddenly a great hush fell upon the assembly, for the man whom they were awaiting with such curiosity came up the aisle and took his place among the rulers.

The services opened and our Lord unrolled the volume of the prophet Esaias and stood up to read. The stillness was broken by a voice of intense sweetness. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

The voice ceased; the eyes of all the congregation were fixed upon the reader in earnestness and wonder; some sweet, powerful spell appeared to hold each one as he waited for the voice of the Savior. "This day is this scripture fulfilled."

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The sun has just dropped, a ball of fire, behind the hill, and left the western sky a golden lake dotted here and there with purple islands. The air is cool and fragrant with the new-mown hay and clover. All is still save as the robin in the maple by a little white cottage gives a sleepy chirp or as the tinkle of a distant cow bell is borne across the fields.

At the tiny white farmhouse the windows are open, and a little girl passing by hears the sound of labored breathing, and, throwing herself upon the grass, breaks into sobs. Within, an old man kneels by the bedside of his only daughter, who is fast breathing her life away. His soul is filled with the bitterness of affliction; wife and children he has tenderly laid away, not questioning the wisdom of his Heavenly Father. But it is hard to see this last flower fade and die, to think that all this sweet fragrance must be taken from his life, and the hoary head bows upon the coverlet in agony of soul.

A movement on the bed makes him look up; the girl's great brown eyes have opened, a look of ineffable sweetness transfigures her face, and looking at her father with eyes filled with love she whispers, "father—Jesus."

The eyes close, the faint breath ceases, and her soul has winged its flight to God.

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It is a warm Sunday in midsummer. Without, the air is hot and oppressive, and the sun beats down upon the road which stretches like a gleaming yellow ribbon as far as the eye can reach; but within the little Quaker meeting house it is cool and restful. The clock on the wall ticks off minute after minute, and the silence remains unbroken. It is a peaceful, refreshing stillness, so deep, however, that the dropping of a pin would be distinctly heard. A team rumbles by and, as the sound of the wheels gradually ceases, a little yellow butterfly flutters in through the window and floats lazily around in the still air.

The reverent worshippers bear the appearance of having passed through some sorrow and the eyes of many a sweet-faced sister are filled with tears.

But now is heard the musical cadence of a voice whose low sweetness is always the same, and all eyes are raised to rest upon the features of their bereaved brother.

The gray head is no longer bent, but firm and erect as with peaceful countenance and eyes aglow with love he reads from the prophet Esaias:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." And now a note of triumph steals into his voice: "He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive; to comfort all that mourn, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

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#### VACATION MEMORIES.

Memories of the summer bring back visions of a beautiful New Hampshire pond, with its little bays and pretty pine-clad

points, its sandy beeches, and its scattered summer cottages. My thoughts, however, are not so much of these, although they make a part of all I see and hear.

The visions are Memory's own; she has brought from the past her own photographed panorama, which has been exposed too long to the light of her bright backward look, and has almost lost the little shadows that ought in strict truth to separate the bright spots. Thus it is that her finished pictures excel.

I look, and out on the quiet water is a boat-load of people. In the stillness of early evening they are singing, with voices neither rich nor very sweet, and sometimes not even in accord; but as the mingled parts are borne across the water, it seems as if the little waves wash away the wayward sharps and flats and dance the scattered notes into time, and the song that reaches us is rich and mellow and sweet and true—more Nature's own than man's. Meanwhile we are eating supper, and among other things blueberry sauce; some one laughs, and, as if our dark and horridly grinning mouths were answering caves, that laugh goes round and round; and the real echo returns it from the farther shore. Then, amid the soothing notes of screech owls and of frogs, we consign ourselves to the mosquitoes, and to rest.

I look again: The sky is cloudy. There are panfuls of pickerel frying over the fire. Who couldn't catch pickerel? I'll go and do likewise. My bait dances over many a likely spot, till suddenly there is a swirl, and a pickerel is tasting. He feels the hook and starts to go below; in vain I try to hold him back; and while the wind blows and a bluejay screams, he winds the line about a stump. And perhaps he is there yet.

Again the sun is shining. A breeze has driven hundreds of water-bugs into the shelter of a little island, and they lie there like great fleets of little shining ironclads. The pickerel are catching smaller fish near the shore. Squirrels are barking in the woods. Partridges are drumming far away. It grows later. The owls begin their weird conversation. Two lonely herons fly slowly by and alight not far away in a tall pine. I am busy cooking supper and have not noticed the quiet approach of two girls in a boat, till, almost within our little harbor, they are serenading me. But it is leap-year, and I, a boy alone and unprotected, must keep a modest silence; and they, not overbold, are quickly gone, singing regretfully, "How can I bear to leave thee?"—words which at duty's call I have often spoken to Memory.

A. H. P., '98.

## Colby Verse.

### HINTS TO THE UNMUSICAL.

It's nowadays the proper thing  
To be musical; to sing,  
Or else to play; at any rate  
Be able to "appreciate."  
But if your voice is simply "nit,"  
And you can't play a little bit,  
And can't distinguish sharp from flat,  
Don't mind a little thing like that,  
But when some dull old fugue you hear  
Be sure to give attentive ear  
And listen rapt, with bated breath,  
(Although you may be bored to death);  
Then gently sigh when it is done  
As if you wished 'twere just begun;  
Or when you are compelled to hear  
An overture prolonged and drear,  
That pounds its tedious course for miles,  
Hear it out with blissful smiles,  
Rest your head upon the chair  
And gaze with an enchanted air  
At vacancy, as if to say  
"Ah, I could listen to that all day!"  
But if by any chance mistake

The pianist a discord make,  
Then wince and cringe, and tight compress  
Your lips, as if in deep distress,  
(An impression thus to give  
That your ear is sensitive).  
Sometimes with deprecating tone  
Mention music of your own,  
(Though all a myth, you understand  
It is quite impressive); and  
From modest scruples of course, you know  
These compositions never show.

These suggestions of advice  
If they're followed should suffice.  
All you need to play your part  
Is something of the actor's art  
Combined with mastodonic bluff,  
If you have that, you've got enough.

W. O. S., '99.

### MORNING AND EVENING.

Soft morning dawns. A blush o'erspreads her  
cheek  
As slyly from the veil of night she peers  
To greet approaching Phœbus' golden car.  
The fading stars to native realms retreat,  
Reluctant to confess more radiant charms.  
The night-winds hold their breath and dare  
Not touch the verdure that reflects thy glow.  
In warbling chorus all the feathered throng  
Pour forth their glee to greet the waking morn.  
All nature 'livened with thy magic touch,  
Is jubilant, and fills the world with hope and joy.  
Take courage, man, and with the dawning day  
Thy toils continue, doing well thy part;  
For never pause the flying wheels of time,  
But forward roll with even speed along,  
To find the idler with his task undone.

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The sable cloak of Evening drapes the world.  
From out its folds a fading gleam escapes  
And throws a parting glance from dying day.  
The mountains rise in shape grotesque against  
The slowly fading tints of western sky.  
The stars impatient on day's threshold wait;  
Then one by one burst through the twilight  
gloom.  
A holy stillness reigns in all the air,  
Save now and then the night-birds' plaintive note,  
Or gentle ripple of the never tiring brook.  
Another day is past beyond recall;  
Another record in the book of life is sealed.  
How reads the page that once unturned was thine  
To fill with deeds that precious harvests reap?  
Does it tell of wasted time and toil?  
Or hear we in our hearts the words "Well done?"  
A. E. LINSCOTT, '98.





WE are glad to present to our readers with this issue a cut of the Colby football team of 1896. We are all proud of the magnificent showing of the team and THE ECHO feels sure that this souvenir will be appreciated by all those who followed the successful career of the eleven during the past season.

THE second number of the Coburn Clarion, published by the students of Coburn Classical Institute, deserves a word of commendation. It is one of the best school papers we have examined and is a credit both to the editors and to the school it represents. THE ECHO extends greetings to its new sister, and wishes her the best of success.

THE winter term is indeed a busy one, but there is always time to attend a lecture, especially if the lecturer be one of national reputation. We are glad to announce a rich treat for the students of Colby University and the people of Waterville on Friday evening, Feb. 12. On that date Eli Perkins, the well-known lecturer and humorist, will deliver his lecture: "Philosophy of Wit and Humor," at the Baptist church. The lecture is designed especially for colleges, assemblies, institutes and literary societies, and cannot fail to interest and amuse an audience of Waterville people. Mr. Perkins's success

among cultured college audiences has been something remarkable. It is not to be wondered at, since he is a graduate of Union college, from which he received the degree of A. M., and a former teacher of Rhetoric and *belles lettres*. Mr. Perkins is regarded as the foremost platform humorist of the day. He is a natural orator, a clear and original thinker, and his wit, never descending to a low level, is in an educational line. He has his own theories which seldom fail to startle, entertain, and convince his audience. You ask why we devote so much space to "Eli." Well, the lecture is to be given for the benefit of THE ECHO association, and we wish to bespeak a liberal patronage. Whether or not you attend the lecture from a desire to help THE ECHO, you cannot fail to spend a pleasant and profitable evening.

IN the past there has been considerable misunderstanding in regard to what constitutes an unexcused absence, but in view of the following explanations recently brought before the student body there would seem to be no reasonable excuse for further mistakes:

#### UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

In accordance with Chapter VI. Paragraph 3, on page 8 of the "Laws," the student is to be considered absent from all exercises of any officer after an absence for which he has "presented" to that officer no excuse. Clearly then such a student is to be recognized as present and as a participant in the recitations after he shall have "presented" such an excuse. The excuse thus "presented" may, however, be such as to constitute the absence and "excused absence" or not. If the excuse "presented" is not thus accepted it merely avails to entitle the student to recognition and partici-

pation in recitations, but the absence for which it is "presented" must count as an "unexcused absence."

An unexcused absence is understood to be (1) an absence for which no excuse or explanation has been offered, (2) an absence for which a written explanation has been rendered, the excuse being insufficient to justify the absence, (3) in general, a "cut," an absence entirely voluntary chosen for the pleasure or the gratification of the student, but occasioned by nothing necessary or important.

#### LIMITATION OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

When any officer shall have recorded three unexcused absences against a student the officer shall report the fact at the President's office and the student shall be warned thereof by the President. When a student's unexcused absences from any course shall have amounted to six, the student shall be regarded as under college censure. If such absences shall have amounted to twelve, the student shall be subject to suspension.

This law is not to be interpreted as in any way interfering with the regulations recited in Chapter VI., of the "College Laws," nor as having any relation whatever to Chapter II. of the "College Laws."

#### PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITIONS, CONTESTS, ETC.

Any student while under college censure shall be excluded from participation in any and all contests, concerts and public exhibitions in which the college is represented by its students.

**W**HILE it may not behoove us to say very much in regard to the recent report of the committee appointed by the last Legislature to examine into the affairs of the Maine State College, for reasons

which are obvious, yet so much decided opposition has come to light against the State maintaining this institution that we feel like voicing the sentiment of Colby. Laying aside the feelings of rivalry that naturally arise over our athletic contests, we can truthfully say that we have rejoiced in the evident prosperity that our sister college has enjoyed; we have met her students in Christian work and in social life, and have every reason to believe the Maine State College, under the able services of its executive, is fast rising to a commanding position among New England colleges. As it is a technical and scientific school, it has drawn many men there that otherwise would not have received a college education. But because the college was started with the purpose of affording strictly a course in agriculture, and the State has given its support, since it was to receive the benefit by having better and more intelligent agriculturalists, it is no reason that now, when the college has entirely outgrown the original idea and furnishes a technical college education, a discrimination should be made in favor of Maine State by the Legislature and large sums of money be granted to that college while Bowdoin, Bates and Colby, receive no aid whatsoever. Maine State affords, it is true, a different course of study, but it performs exactly the same functions in regard to educating our youth. The men entering any of our four colleges come from precisely the same class and out of the same conditions, and because men are studying for lawyers, ministers or teachers they should not be denied aid if aid is to be granted young men who are studying for engineers or chemists. We believe in the State aiding the educational interests of the State, in fact, it is the duty of the State to do



that, but we believe that aid should be given to the common schools, which by no means are in the best condition. The State should not aid one college with a private income larger than any other college in Maine to the exclusion of the others. Out of justice to the other three colleges of Maine, it is to be sincerely hoped that the Legislature will not continue the aid hitherto granted the college at Orono. By taking away the aid from the college, Maine State will suffer nothing. It only means that the man entering that college, in common with the men entering Bowdoin, Bates or Colby, will pay an annual tuition. This is only fair and just, and this opinion is rapidly gaining ground throughout our State; and because the legislature's committee were so strongly opposed to granting further aid, it is very likely that Maine State will become what it should be, a private institution of higher education.

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WE are first and forever loyal to Colby, and as such shall ever maintain her right to a foremost position among her sister colleges. But we claim perfection neither for her nor for her students, and there are still, we suspect, some chances for improvement in not a few directions. Our attention has for a long time been attracted to the prevalence of what seems to us a deplorable state or condition. That it is an existing condition, and one which does much to sap the life and influence of our college, seems evident. We refer to a general lack of college spirit on the part of the students. There is too little enthusiasm manifested in matters pertaining to the welfare of the college, the individual feels no self-responsibility in what concerns the whole; there is not that push, that go, that snap, or whatever it is that is all per-

vading in the atmosphere of other universities of the day. One has only to spend a day at Dartmouth or Amherst or Brown to realize that in some very essential sense Colby is not fully awake. We believe that just now is a good time to make this somewhat sweeping charge, for just at the present time we never were nearer to the true ideal and truly desirable spirit. But we have not yet attained to all that we may. We want to make Colby a college worthy of emulation, and if we follow up this year's work on the gridiron with similarly good work on the diamond, together with our work in the class room, which has been and is always excellent, we can justly lay claim to having made a very material advancement. But we need, in fact the time demands, college spirit, an enthusiastic fellow-sympathy on the part of every man. There are a certain number here, as in all colleges, who consider the university as a huge playground. They insinuate by their conduct that the college owes them four years of comfortable existence, and they demand this debt at the expense of both their own best good and that of their fellows. We are all of us young, fond of fun in every form, and college would indeed be a poor place without its jokes and pranks and rollicking good times. But there is a serious side. We cannot afford to play fast and loose with what is to so many a life chance. Acts that are a disgrace both to the perpetrator and to his college are not to be tolerated for a moment. Hitherto there has been what seems to us a false feeling of "*bon camaradie*" that has countenanced evil and given a silent consent to deeds and doings that ought never to have been allowed foothold within our borders. Happily the falseness of this position is becoming more



apparent and men are beginning to see that while the obligations to fellow students are not to be disregarded, yet above all else the best good for the greatest number must remain paramount, and evil of all sorts is to be prosecuted. If there were the right feeling, the right college spirit in this institution, many existent evils would disappear. Public sentiment is, even in college, a most powerful weapon; and nothing but righteousness can prevail against it. What we are appealing for, is a more vigorous and enthusiastic application of ourselves, as students, to the work of placing Colby on top. "The blue and the gray on top" that is to be our motto, and the student that does not feel that he is personally responsible for the success or failure of Colby whatever the field of contest, is lacking in that most desirable essential, college spirit.

IN many colleges the student body manifests its interest in missions by supporting one or more alumni missionaries upon the foreign field. For a long time we have been wishing for Colby this direct representation in the mission field and hope that the time will come when we may assume the support of some one of our noble alumni missionaries, of whom we are justly proud. Meanwhile we must do what we can, and the missionary committees of the two associations have been in correspondence with Mr. John L. Dearing of Yokohama, Japan, a graduate of Colby in the class of '84, with reference to the support of a native worker as teacher. Mr. Dearing is at present the president of the Baptist Theological School in Yokohama, and has under him many promising students who with the training thus afforded them, become efficient workers. These young

men, however, are often deprived of home and support when they thus go into Christian work, so Mr. Dearing suggests that we undertake the support of one of these young students for a year, at a cost of fifty dollars and thus give him, as he says, "the next best to a Colby education." We feel sure that this will have the hearty support of Colby students, and there will certainly be a satisfaction in feeling that while we are preparing ourselves for the larger opportunities of life that we are bringing some of these same privileges to one in Japan.

SINCE the act of the Legislature in 1873 establishing Free High Schools, little has been done in our State in the way of educational legislation except to abolish the district system. Through the agency of the present State Superintendent and the efforts of the Pedagogical Society, people are being enlightened as to the real condition of our common schools and the way in which the money appropriated for this purpose is being expended. Reports as to the indifference to competency often shown in regard to the selection of superintendents and teachers; the favoritism which at times governs these selections; the methods, good and bad, employed in teaching in the common schools of Maine have been published and presented to the citizens of the state, and important reforms are to be asked from the Legislature. The presidents of the Maine colleges are actively interested in the proposed reforms. At the last meeting of the Pedagogical Society in Lewiston, Pres. Hyde of Bowdoin gave an address on "The Crisis of the Common Schools," from which we quote the following, which give some of the causes of the present state of affairs and the measures

which will be presented to the Legislature :

"What is the cause of this sad state of affairs? It is not primarily lack of money. Maine is by no means stingy in its appropriation for education. In addition to the amount raised by the towns the State appropriates from its school fund and mill tax over half a million dollars in aid of the common schools. The Legislature is generally willing to appropriate money for reasonable educational purposes, and not infrequently has given generously to educational agencies of far less general and fundamental importance than the common schools. The trouble is, not that the money given for education is inadequate; but that a large part of what is given is wasted and thrown away. The one question of supreme importance before the Legislature of 1897 will be, not how much shall we give to this institution or that; not how much shall we raise for education by taxation; but this: Shall we get our money's worth out of the half million dollars we regularly give to the common schools; or shall we continue to let it be frittered away in favoritism; misapplied by incompetence; squandered by stupidity; misapplied through ignorance?

In the interest of this fundamental practical reform the Legislature will be asked to enact three measures :

First; to require all teachers who teach in the State after August 1899 to hold a certificate from a State board of examiners, as a condition of granting State money to the town employing them.

Second; to permit, and encourage by a State contribution toward the salary of a superintendent, the grouping of towns having less than thirty schools for the purpose of employing an expert superintendent, who shall give his entire time to the supervision of the schools in the grouped towns.

Third; to hold training schools for teachers during the summer vacation, where for at least four weeks teachers shall be trained both in methods of teaching and in the subjects they are called upon to teach.

These three measures are simply three

steps toward the one end that the money which the State gives for education shall not be thrown away. The expense involved in these plans is small. The results in improved efficiency would be great.

If it is right for the State to spend this money for this purpose, and we all agree that it is; then it is also right and reasonable for the State to do all within its power to provide that this money shall be spent under the direction of competent and expert superintendents, and for the employment of properly trained and qualified teachers.

## THE ROASTER ROASTED.

(A DRAMA IN ONE ACT.)

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Miss P.—a Sophomore.

Mr. H.—a Freshman.

SCENE.

(Prexie's Reception. Miss P.— and Mr. H.— standing by the door. Two Sophomore girls, amusing themselves at the expense of two Freshmen, standing a little to their left hand.)

Miss P.—"Oh, Mr. H., has Prof. Marquardt told you what Freshmen are called in the German universities?

Mr. H.—(Innocently) "No, what are they?"

Miss P.—(With a Sophomoric gleam in her eye) "Foxes. Always trying sly tricks you know."

Mr. H.—"Ah, I wonder what Sophomores are called?

Miss P.—"I don't know I'm sure."

Mr. H.—"Rabbits wouldn't be too bad."

Miss P.—"How is that?"

Mr. H.—(With a wave of his hand toward the two couples on their left.) "They are terrors for green stuff."

Miss P.—rallies after smelling salts have been applied by an observing friend.  
Soft music by the orchestra.

Exeunt Omnes.

H. W. H., 1900.

## Athletics.

At the meeting of the managers of the Maine college baseball teams Saturday, Jan. 16, in addition to the agreement upon a schedule, which is given elsewhere, the following constitution was adopted:

Article 1. This league shall be known as the Maine Intercollegiate Baseball league.

Article 2. The league shall consist of the following colleges: Bowdoin, Maine State, Colby and Bates.

Article 3. Section 1. The officers of this league shall consist of a president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. These officers shall rotate in the order mentioned in article 2.

Section 3. The duties of these officers shall be as follows: President to call and preside at the annual meeting, secretary and treasurer shall have such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

Article 4. Section 1. An annual fee of five dollars shall be paid by each college to the treasurer of the league.

Section 2. This shall be paid at the annual meeting.

Section 3. This money shall be used for the purchase of some symbol of championship.

Article 5. The annual meeting shall be called at some time during the week following Thanksgiving.

Article 6. This meeting shall be held at Waterville, the expense thereof to be borne proportionately.

Article 7. The players in the league shall be bona fide students of the college who shall not have played more than four years on any 'varsity team of any college.

Article 8. Any college neglecting to give notice two weeks previous to a date of

its inability to fill that date shall forfeit forty dollars and the game, unless giving some valid reason endorsed by the president or acting president of the college, which reason shall be approved by the majority of the league managers.

Article 9. In case of a game on neutral ground the place cannot be changed except with the unanimous consent of the three teams concerned.

Article 10. All postponed games shall be played on or before the date of the last scheduled game of the league.

Article 11. In case of a tie for the championship, a decisive game shall be played on neutral ground.

The managers of the four Maine college baseball teams met in this city Jan. 27th and revised the schedule of games arranged by them a few weeks ago. The trouble with the former schedule was between Bowdoin and Bates, they not being able to agree in regard to the date of two of their games. The revised schedule is as follows:

- May 5. M. S. C. vs. Bowdoin, Orono.
- 12. Colby vs. Bowdoin, Brunswick.
- 15. Bates vs. M. S. C., Orono.
- 19. M. S. C. vs. Bates, Lewiston.
- 22. Colby vs. M. S. C., Waterville.
- 26. Bates vs. Bowdoin, Brunswick.
- 29. Colby vs. Bowdoin, Waterville.
- June 5. M. S. C. vs. Bowdoin, Brunswick.
- 5. Colby vs. Bates, Lewiston.
- 9. Colby vs. M. S. C., Orono.
- 9. Bowdoin vs. Bates, Lewiston.
- 12. Colby vs. Bates, Waterville.

Wellman, '98, has been elected manager of the track athletic team, and Pike '98, captain, in place of Stephenson who resigned on account of interference with his studies.

C. E. G. Shannon has been elected leader of the Sophomore athletic squad, and Learned has been chosen for the same position by the Freshmen.

Colby's baseball candidates have com-

menced active training under Capt. Putnam. A large number of men have presented themselves for training daily, and and are put through a course of practice including batting in the cage and base sliding, with light dumb-bell drills in the gymnasium. The outlook is good for a successful team next spring. No claims are made that we have already a sure thing on the championship but Capt. Putnam intends to put a nine on the diamond that will give a good account of itself. There are several candidates for each position. Among the number are some very good fielders and the outfield cannot fail to be strong.

## FOOTBALL ACCOUNT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Trip to Boston,	\$170.95
“ “ Orono,	63.46
“ “ Brunswick,	53.70
Guarantee, N. H.,	125.00
Umpire M. S. C.,	5.00
“ Bates,	7.00
Coach salary,	172.00
“ expenses,	44.09
Printing,	3.25
Supplies,	38.87
Training table,	65.93
Expense, coach,	35.87
Suits, etc.,	145.68
Incidentals,	24.71
“	6.40
Printing,	19.75
Shoes and repairs,	15.75
Picture in Oracle,	11.00
Supplies,	24.14
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## RECEIPTS.

Guarantee M. I. T.,	\$100.00
Gate receipts, N. H.,	29.16
“ “ M. S. C.,	64.89
“ “ Bates,	32.85
“ “ Bowdoin,	28.49
From treas. Ath. Ass'n,	427.98
Bal. unpaid,	849.28
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## CONDITION OF ASSOCIATION.

## LIABILITIES.

Track debt	\$270.00
Notes,	\$600.00
Athletic Com. bills,	29.00
Baseball “ “	4.05
Football “ “	349.23
Miscellaneous “	29.62
Other bills (Estimated)	5.00
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## RESOURCES.

Cash	\$21.49
Mem. dues—cash,	66.00
“ “ “	24.00
“ “ term bills,	521.00
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	632.49
Debt,	384.41

## BASEBALL ACCOUNT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Skowhegan game,	\$20.00
Kent's Hill trip,	7.80
C. C. I. game,	4.17
Brunswick trip,	34.30
Hebron game,	23.00
M. S. C. “	5.00
Bowdoin “	10.70
Bates and Hebron trip,	40.45
N. H. game,	40.00
Orono trip,	36.44
Vermont trip, (358.95)	138.60
Baseball supplies,	225.07
Expense Alumni game,	.90
Repairs to Hersey house,	3.15
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## RECEIPTS.

Skowhegan game,	129.24
C. C. I. game,	23.87
Hebron “	6.76
M. S. C. “	43.64
Bowdoin “	28.95
Waterville game,	9.15
N. H. game,	10.85
Vermont trip,	102.16
Bates game,	11.40
Rockland trip,	12.55
Alumni game, (396.28)	17.66
Treas. Ath. Ass'n,	187.79
Bal. unpaid,	4.05
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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## EXPENDITURES.

To Finance Com.	\$ 63.22
" Grounds "	114.43
" Athletic "	360.33
" Baseball "	584.02
" Football "	683.32
" Miscell. "	194.12
Bal. in bank	8.59
" due from old debt,	12.90
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## RECEIPTS.

From Finance Com.	2.00
" Athletic "	11.83
" Baseball "	396.23
" Football "	255.39
" Minstrel show,	115.17
" Athletic exhibition,	36.95
" Entertainment,	24.00
" Lecture course,	91.40
" Prof. Rogers' lecture,	11.32
" Interest,	.64
" Membership dues,	370.00
" Alumni "	54.00
" " subs,	52.00
" Notes,	600.00
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## Christian Associations.

## Y. M. C. A.

The third concert of the Star Course occurred last Monday evening. That the people of Waterville had looked forward to the coming of Miss Stevens with great anticipation, was evident from the large audience. And they were not disappointed in the quality of her voice. It is very sweet and well trained. The readings by Mr. Oerie were also greatly enjoyed; but not more so than his humorous songs, which were quite irresistible especially when accompanied by the decidedly comical expressions of his face and figure.

The Sunday afternoon song service seems by its success to be a wise

step. Every man in college ought to be willing to spend three quarters of an hour in this pleasant and profitable manner. The cornets are very helpful in making the service enjoyable.

Last Thursday was observed as a day of prayer for colleges. The meeting in the chapel at 10.30 was addressed by Rev. Willis Thomas, a missionary from Insein, Burmah. He showed how God in the past has directed his servants, and affirmed that He will still direct those who trust Him for guidance. The most important thing is, not to go, but to be ready to go whenever He may call. The storm prevented a large attendance at the remaining services of the day. The little prayer meeting in afternoon was a blessing. In the evening Mr. Thomas gave us an interesting talk on the work of an "evangelist," using the word in its New Testament sense; and in connection with this told many very interesting things about the work in Burmah.

The second annual deputation meeting of the Young Women's Christian Associations of Maine will be held with the Bates Association Feb. 1, 2 and 3.

## COLBY DEBATING CLUB.

The first meeting of the Colby Debating Club was held in the chapel on the evening of Jan. 26. President Herrick presided and J. E. Nelson was elected secretary pro tem. Prayer was offered by Dr. Spencer. The subject for debate was: Resolved: That party allegiance in municipal elections is an evil. The debate was opened for the affirmative by Spencer, '99. He said that local government ought to engage the interest of the citizens for three reasons. First, because municipal affairs more directly affect the individual; second, because local taxes are far greater

than state and national; third, because individual influences are used more effectually for good. In the second place party allegiance subordinates municipal affairs to national government and defeats the purposes of municipal government. First, because a city is a business corporation and should be outside of politics; second, because parties are concerned with national issues and unfitted for city government. Finally, the speaker compared the cities ruled by partisan and non partisan government, attempting to prove that the non partisan ones were better managed.

The negative was opened by Tolman, '90. He claimed that political parties are essential because they foster political activity, because they insure publicity of government matters and because they are educators of the people. Non-allegiance would weaken parties. It would increase the expense of party management. Local politics are a desirable training. There would be no substantial basis for encouraging a party to organize with a fixed policy. Finally, party adhesion is necessary for the welfare of the city government because it is favorable to a sense of responsibility. Officers are more likely to work in unison. Responsibility is thrown on the party. The minority party is quick to criticise. Abuses are more often due to division of responsibility than to party protection.

The affirmative was closed by Cleaves, '98. Party allegiance encourages evils of machine rule because party politicians organize rings and deals; municipal offices are treated as spoils. Inferior men are selected to fill places requiring technical skill. State Legislature is drawn into meddling with city affairs. Party rule re-

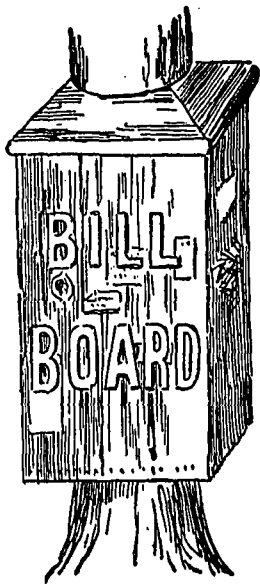
sults in corruption and reckless waste of city's resources.

The negative and the debate was closed by Philbrook, '98. He claimed that as a general thing, the officers selected by party are able and efficient. Conditions are improving. Non-allegiance increases present abuses. City elections are bound to be conducted by politicians and factions. The evils usually attributed to parties are due to altogether different sources. Majority of voters are incapable of judging the character and ability of men nominated for office, leadership is necessary. Party allegiance is necessary for successful municipal government because good men have more power being backed by party. Party allegiance is consistent with the best policy because expense is saved, because it is favorable to harmony between State and city and also favorable to responsibility on part of the officers inasmuch as the party is held responsible. Permanent policy and permanent reform are the result of party allegiance. Finally, partizanship adapts itself to national, state and city politics.

The judges were Prof. Roberts, John Hedman and Harry B. Watson, who decided the question in favor of the affirmative. The attendance was not large, only a few being present from the women's college.

The standard of scholarship required for admission to Phi Beta Kappa at Yale has been raised, the new arrangement taking first effect with the class of 1900. The new average required is 8.80, in place of 8.15, on a basis of 4, which governs all grading at Yale.





Evans, '98.

THE editorial board of the '97 *Oracle* is made up as follows: G. K. Bassett, '97, editor-in-chief, W. F. Titcomb, '97, managing editor; E. C. Herrick, '98, assistant managing editor. Oracle board, J. E. Nelson, '98, C. E. Gurney, '98, A. E. Linscott, '98. H. S. Allen '98, Miss Hanscom '97, Miss Brann, '97, Miss

office of the directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., in Portland, February 12, at 7 p. m. The object of the meeting is to see what measures the board will take to increase the material equipment and the general endowment of the University; to see what course the board will take in relation to making provisions for a course without Greek; to consider the condition of the academies and their relation to the University; and to consider any changes in the by-laws that may be submitted.

Cotton, '00, was recently made a member of Delta Upsilon by a special initiation.

A new upright piano has been placed in the chapel for the benefit of the Glee Club.

Roberts "set up" on his engagement for the members of '97 on the 22d inst. The collation took place at his room at North College, and the boys had a bang-up time. Others are earnestly requested to follow Rob's benevolent example.

A party of Colby people enjoyed a sleighing party to Bradley's the 26th.

Miss Reynolds, of Lewiston, very charmingly rendered a portion of Macbeth to the students and their friends in the chapel, Monday evening.

The students enjoyed a rich treat recently when the Soule Art Company of Boston placed their fine collection of photographs on exhibition in the college chapel. The collection numbered over a thousand subjects, all of a high class of art.

The Maine Amateur Press Association will hold its next meeting with the Semester at Hebron Academy, Feb. 6th.

Rev. E. L. Marsh, pastor of the Congregational church, addressed the students at chapel, the 16th.

Dr. Warren delivered the first art lec-

C. H. Whitman '97, and W. G. Hooke 1900, received the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at their room at North College Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30. President Butler and several members of the faculty were present.

President and Mrs. Butler held their usual monthly reception to members and friends of the college, on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd from 7 until 10 o'clock. There was a very large attendance.

Miss Ellen Butler and Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin of Bangor have been visiting President and Mrs. Butler on College avenue. Miss Butler will spend several months in Waterville.

Rev. N. T. Dutton had charge of the conference on the 14th inst., taking for his subject, the Battle of the Mine, one of the engagements of the Civil War that he was a participant in.

A general invitation was extended to the students of Colby to attend the Liberal Art exhibition that was held in Portland, recently.

There will be a special meeting of the board of trustees of the University at the



ture of the term before the Seniors on the 16th. It opens the course on History of Italian Painters.

Learned and Cotton filled their new stove up with coal, the other night, opened up the drafts and went off and left it. Some of the members of their division smelt something burning, broke in and stopped the joke. They have now no doubt Learned better and probably Cott-on to the way to run the stove in the future.

Miss Bessey '98, and Miss Taylor received a few members of '98 with a Welsh rarebit party at Dr. Bessey's, Elm street, last Saturday evening. The "rabbit" was delicious and gamey. Those present were Miss E. H. Stephens, Miss J. C. Stephens, Charles M. Woodman and T. Raymond Pierce.

Another very pleasant "Congo" sociable was held at the church vestry on Tuesday evening, Jan. 19. Miss Taylor '98, Miss Ward '99, Robbins '99, C. Shannon '99, and Folsom '00, took part in the program. Many of the students had the pleasure of meeting the new pastor, Rev. E. L. Marsh and his wife, who are winning many friends among the college people.

Robbins '99, was one of the participants in a parlor event at A. F. Gerald's, Fairfield, the 20th. A small party went up from the college.

Many of the members of both colleges improved the opportunity of attending the evening session of the Y. P. S. C. E. convention held at Fairfield, last week, and had the pleasure of listening to two fine addresses, one on Enthusiasm by Rev. E. R. Purdy, of Portland, and the other upon the Needfulness of Christ, by Rev. T. S. Samson, of Portland. Both were rich treats. Miss Hoxie '99, Miss Stetson '99, Pierce '98, and Folsom '00, were delegates to the convention.

A special initiation of Alpha Tau Omega was held on Friday evening the 15th, inst., with a banquet at Wilshire's. The initiates were John Thomas Scannell and John Bernard Gibbons. Several of the alumni were present and brothers from the chapter at M. S. C. Under the direction of Harmon S. Cross, '97, as toastmaster, the following toasts were responded to:

"On My Old Stamping Ground,"

H. T. Waterhouse

"Odd Fellows' Hall,"

W. L. Ellis, M. S. C.

"The World and the Student,"

E. E. Kidder, M. S. C.

"Our Fraternity,"

P. F. Williams

"The Ordeal Passed,"

J. T. Scannell

Miss Sawtelle entertained the Senior girls very delightfully on Saturday evening, Jan. 16. The pathetic story of the grasshopper and the mouse was one of the enjoyable bits from the literary evening.

Miss Gatchell, '97, entertained at Ladies Hall, Saturday Jan. 16, Misses Hagarty and Hewins from Coburn Institute, with their guest Miss Emery of Winthrop. Coburn girls are always especially welcome visitors at the Hall.

Mrs. Marsh, wife of the Congregational pastor, was a very welcome visitor at college, Jan. 18.

A class in French conversation and reading has recently been formed in the Women's College. The class meets on Wednesday evenings, and is composed of the specialists who entered Colby this fall.

The women of 1900 have elected Miss Magrath for historian and Miss Ames for secretary. The latter is in place of Miss Powers, who has left college for the present.

One of the most delightful and instructive papers to which Colby girls have had

the pleasure of listening, was read on Friday evening Jan. 22, by Miss Louise H. Coburn, '77, at the Hall. Her subject was Egypt. The interest was much increased by the fact that the speaker had experienced herself all the bits of travel she gave.

A pleasant little party was given Saturday evening, Jan. 16, at the Misses Dolley's, Boutelle avenue. This was given in honor of Mr. Asher Getchell, who spent a few days in Waterville visiting his brother Mr. Fred Getchell, '98.

Miss Smith, Miss Walker and Miss Marvel, entertained Mr. Asher Getchell and a few Colby friends at the Palmer House Monday evening, Jan. 18.

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### Personals.

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Miss Ada Edgecomb, '96, made a short visit to her many Colby friends last week.

President Butler has accepted an invitation to preach the annual missionary sermon at the commencement exercises of the Rochester, N. Y. Theological Seminary, to be held next May.

Putnam, '97, spent a few days recently at his home in Danforth.

Brooks, '98, is confined to his room by a severe inflammation of the eyes.

Macdonald, '00, has rejoined his class in college.

Dr. Pepper is delivering a course of five lectures upon the Bible at Skowhegan.

Austin, '98, and Corson, '98, made a visit last week to the home of the former in Farmington and before their return spent a few days in Brunswick.

Drummond, '98, who has been ill at his home in Portland has rejoined his class.

President Butler delivered a lecture in Camden January 25, and will give another in Hallowell February 9, upon "Oliver Wendell Holmes."

Roberts, '97, who was absent teaching last term has returned to college.

House, '98, is again with his class after an absence of a few days.

Many of the friends of the deceased and of her husband will regret to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Henry S. Warren of Bangor, at the age of 22 years. Mr. Warren is a graduate of the Coburn Classical Institute, had studied at the Bowdoin Medical school and is now pursuing his medical studies in Boston. Mrs. Warren will be remembered here as Miss Nichols, daughter of W. E. Nichols. She entered Colby with the class of '97, but left before the close of the year.

At the last meeting of the Central Maine Theological circle, held in Waterville, Dr. Pepper read an essay on "Kent's Theory and Interpretation of the Bible."

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### Alumni et Alumnae.

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'70. *The Brooklyn Life* for Jan. 9, gives an excellent portrait of Mr. Harrington Putnam, together with a short biographical sketch. It says, "Mr. Harrington Putnam is a member of the law firm of Wing, Shoudy & Putnam of New York, and is one of the civil service commissioners of Brooklyn. He was born in Shewsbury, Mass., in 1851, and after being a student at the high school of Grafton, Mass., the Fort Edward Institute, New York, Wilbraham Academy and Colby University, he studied at Heidelberg, Germany. He read law in the office of Colonel E. B. Stoddard in Worcester, Mass.,

and afterwards held a clerkship in the Mechanics' and Farmers' Insurance Company, of which Colonel Stoddard was secretary. He was graduated at the Columbia Law School in 1876, and was then admitted to the New York bar. Mr. Putnam is a member of the Association for the Reform and Codification of the Law of Nations, an international organization which holds biennial meetings; he is one of the foreign editors of the *Revue Internationale du Droit Maritime*, a magazine published in Paris, France, and devoted to international maritime law; in the same capacity he represents *Annales de Droit Commercial, Français, Étranger et Internationale*, a magazine of general commercial law, which is likewise published in Paris. During 1890 and 1891 he lectured on "Proceedings in Rem" before the law school of Columbia College. In 1884 he was appointed one of the State civil service examiners by the commission, of which John Jay was president, and he served in that position until 1889. Mayor Chapin appointed him one of the civil service commissioners in Brooklyn in 1890, and he was reappointed by Mayor Boody. Mr. Putnam performed efficient service as president of the Brooklyn Democratic club in the campaign of 1888. At the State convention held in Syracuse, he was chosen as a delegate from the Third Congressional District to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago in 1892. He is a member of the Reform and Commonwealth Clubs of New York, and of the Hamilton and Crescent Athletic Clubs of Brooklyn.

#### LIPPINCOTT'S.

We have received the February issue of *Lippincott's* magazine. The complete novel is "Under the Pacific," by Clarence Herbert New. It takes the reader to a part of the world he probably never

heard of before, where two extremely enterprising Americans conduct a search for long-lost treasure under the most unusual circumstances.

The two "Old Friends" of whom Edith Brower writes were far apart in age, and one of them was musical; in fact music and friendship are the key-notes of the tale.

"Old Tom of Nantucket," celebrated by Joseph A. Altsheler, was an old man-o-war's-man in the hands of Algerine pirates, on whom he played a judicious and most Christian trick. M. S. Paden, in "A Forestry Idyl," gives a reminiscence of the great Chicago Fair.

"South Florida since the Freeze" is another of R. G. Robinson's eminently fair-minded and instructive articles. Albert G. Evans handles a topic of vital importance to our great West "Irrigation." Frances Albert Doughty writes on "The Southern Side of the Industrial Question."

"Emily Baily Stone supplies a second amusing paper on "Marrying in the Fifteenth Century. "A Vanished Civilization"—that of the Jesuits in South America—is described by Henry Granville.

"The Dignity and Humor of Signs" are discussed by Agnes Carr Sage, and "Gloves" by Elizabeth Ferguson Seat. Dr. Charles C. Abbott has a quaint essay on "Overdoing the Past."

The poetry of the number is by Jean Wright, Julian Hawthorne, Charles G. D. Roberts, Clarence Urmy, and Clinton Scollard.

#### ZETA PSI.

The Chi chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity, believing it for the best interests of the college and chapter and in accordance with the spirit of progress and reform now manifesting itself at Colby has passed the following resolutions:

Zeta Psi Hall.

RESOLVED: That the Chi chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity extend their colors at Commencement to alumni members only. Passed this 27th day of January, 1897.

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