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## Literary.

### THE SAGAS OF THE NORTH.

"There is——a wonderous book  
Of legends in the old Norse tongue.  
Of the dead kings of Norroway—  
Legends that were once told or sung  
In many a smoky fireside nook  
Of Iceland, in the ancient day,  
By wandering Saga-man or Skald;  
Heimskringla is the volume called."

This "wonderous book" is one volume in the unique collection of folk-lore literature handed down to us from our Northern ancestors. The early and later Eddas, the Heimskringla and the Landnamsbok, with a score of other famous sagas, hold a peculiar place in the literature of the world not only for their intrinsic worth as poetry, but because they have preserved the mythology of those sturdy Norsemen and rescued from oblivion the history which the rest of the world was forgetting.

Iceland, Norway and Sweden are linked together in Saga literature, for a common ancestry made them worshippers of the same gods and venerators of the same heroes. The people of every land and nation have had their bards and story-tellers. The bard of the isles of Greece and sunny Italy singing arms and the hero, the white haired minstrels of Scotland extolling her glory and mourning her defeat, the minnesingers and meistersingers who set ringing the songs of the German Father-

land from the Rhine to the sea, and the troubadour who wandered from land to land—all these found a counterpart beneath Northern skies in the skald and sagaman.

The Icelanders were particularly a story-loving people, and the skald was a welcome guest at every fireside. Though he was a wanderer at times and brought back stories of the sunny South, bright with grass and flowers instead of glittering with the cold splendor of ice and snow, yet dearer to the hearts of these simple folk were tales of their own land, their gods and their heroes.

The early sagas, which were wild, fanciful and mythical, were handed down by word of mouth until the time of Saemund, a Christian priest, in the early part of the 11th century who, perhaps, as one says, "with a lingering love for paganism," collected the myths which were becoming obsolete, and in the early Edda set forth the religious ideas and beliefs of our Norse forefathers. Crude and childish their religion seems to us with its gods and goddesses, its giants, fairies and slaves, yet it revealed the inborn recognition of the "divineness of Nature, the divineness of man."

In the South where the fates were kind and living a pleasure the mythology was graceful and idyllic. Such it could not be in the frozen North where life was a stern and bitter struggle. Scandinavia's ruggedness made men hardy, its dangers made them courageous, its excitements made them daring. These qualities we find in their mythology. It is strong, it is tragic; and is permeated with a grim humor peculiar to their race. "It is Thought" says Carlyle, "the genuine Thought of deep, rude, earnest minds fairly opened to the things about them, a face to face and a heart to heart inspection of things,—un-

tamed thought, great, giantlike, enormous;—to be tamed into compact greatness, not giantlike but godlike and stronger than gianthood, of the Shakespeares, the Goethes."

Our present science was to them religion. In all the forces of Nature they saw good and evil spirits engaged in ceaseless struggle for mastery. The ice and cold were giants against whom they invoked the spirits of heat and light; the roar of the oncoming storm was the rush of Odin and his team as they dashed across the sky on the "wild hunt;" the thunder was the rumble of Thor's chariot as he rushed along borne by his two goats from whose teeth and hoofs flashed the sparks of lightning; the storm clouds which gathered above the heads of the Swedish peasant were to him the broad-rimmed hat of the same deity.

As a race of warriors their chief divinities were gods of war, and of these Odin or Woden and Thor were chief. They were gods of wisdom and victory, leaders of heroes and princes. To be brave was the one thing needful, and to this Jove of the North all fighting men dedicated themselves vowing to die in arms. In some localities Thor was exalted above Odin:—

"I am the God Thor,  
I am the War God,  
I am the Thunderer;  
Here in my Northland  
My fastness and fortress  
Reign I forever.  
Here amid icebergs  
Rule I the nations;  
This is my hammer,  
Mjolner, the mighty,  
Giants and sorcerers  
Cannot withstand it."

This is the challenge which he sends forth in the saga of King Olaf, yet these simple Northmen loved him and held his

mighty hammer so sacred that they were accustomed to make the sign of the hammer as later they were taught to make the sign of the cross.

Their paradise was a paradise of warriors, Valhalla, the hall of Odin, whither those that fell in battle were conducted by the beautiful white-armed maidens, the Valkyries, who there served them with the sacred mead, and many a warrior to whom death in battle had been denied, tried to open the gates of Valhalla by inflicting his own death wound.

Frigga, the Artic Juno, and the other divinities who were admitted within the sacred precincts of Asgard, the Scandinavian Olympus, all had their powers for good and for evil from Niord the ruler of the winds and the sea, to Frey, the sovereign of Fairyland, who sent his spirits over the earth on errands of kindness. The Northern mythology also had its three fates, the Norns; and there was a multitude of guardian spirits who watched over their favorites on earth. A peculiarity was the belief that the gods were finite, every act of theirs being a step in the drama which culminated in Ragnarok, the "twilight of the gods," when all beneficent and injurious forces of Nature came together in universal contest and the former being vanquished, everything was sunk in the blackness of chaos. Perhaps the gleam of Christianity which was to rule in place of Odin had already made its way into this darkness, for they believed that out of it truth and light should rise with new power.

The later Edda and sagas concern themselves more with real history and the deeds of those early chieftains "whose names," men say, "made the kings of Europe tremble in their palaces and whose descendants

now sit on the mightiest of their thrones." In their sagas we find much that is high-minded and noble, but also much that is savage and barbarous. Deeds of valor, of chivalry and of revenge, bloody battles and exploits of Viking ship or Viking hero are mingled in picturesque confusion. The language of these lays is strong and highly figurative, their poets are song smiths, the rainbow is the Bridge of the Gods, a battle is called a Bath of Blood or the Meeting of the Shields, and rivers the Sweat of the Earth or the Blood of the Valleys. In Iceland their poetry was their music and the melody which other nations have expressed in song or with musical instruments found its way into the lines of the saga, ballad and rimur.

Those who can enjoy the sagas in the original tell us of "treasures of antique wisdom, sublime poetry, dramatic action and striking realism" which characterize the Eddic lays and historical sagas.

These wild Northern tales are closely woven into the literature and art of more modern times. The romantic story of Siegfried and Brunhilde which first appeared in the early Edda has been retold in almost every land. The later Edda, a sort of Arabian Nights, was an exhaustless treasure house for Wagner. Our American poet, Longfellow, has caught the spirit of the Icelandic saga and the saga of King Olaf, who brought the light of Christianity to the North, is vigorous with the breath of the fresh North winds and the spirit of Viking sea kings. It is because of some of their sagas, particularly that of Eric the Red, that many are for taking the glory of the discovery of America from the brave Italian navigator of 1492 and giving it to some Viking of earlier centuries.

Iceland, we are told, has had but one

golden age of literature, an age when the rest of Europe was lying asleep and letting history slip from its grasp. But in this bleak little corner of the world the sagaman and skald were telling the tales and singing the songs which in these later days fill us with admiration for the manliness and courage of our ancestors and with respect for their strivings after the true God.

### A STUDY IN FROGS.

When I sit down and turn my thoughts back to my childhood and listen attentively to the whispers of memory, the sound that I can hear above all others is the gentle murmur of a little brook. Not a brook like Tennyson's, which even now we can hear saying :

"I wind about and in and out  
With here a blossom sailing,  
And here and there a lusty trout,  
And here and there a grayling."

No, indeed, Tennyson's brook would have chattered itself into a hoarse, brawling stream if it had once dreamed that it would ever be compared with the little stream which flowed along behind my grandfather's barn. And the blossoms which sailed along through the not too clear waters of my brook, were mostly daises and buttercups, cast into the stream by childish hands for the fun of seeing them bob and swirl along and finally be lost to sight as they drifted over the little waterfall and were hidden beneath the rocks.

My brook was a changeable, fickle little stream. I never became really acquainted with all its vagaries. In the early spring, after its winter sleep, it was particularly vivacious and danced along so swiftly that I was half afraid, half fascinated with its mood; and after a heavy rain it would

come roaring down out of the forest, sweeping over the little foot-bridge and, if I went too near, warning me in a deep and sullen voice that it was not in the spirit to be played with; but when the long bright days of June came, its enticing murmur invited me to come and be its companion, and gladly then I listened to its voice.

No lusty trout, not even a grayling, was to be found in it; all the fish that ever swam in its waters were frogs, and it is about these same frogs that I wish to tell you.

Almost every child has an intense desire at some point of his existence to earn some money and that same desire in all its intensity fell upon my sister and myself. One morning at breakfast I heard my father talking about what a delicacy frogs' legs were considered to be, and he went on to tell about the frog farm that had been started for the purpose of raising frogs for eating. My sister and I exchanged glances and as soon as breakfast was over away we sped to the brook. Our hearts swelled as we thought of the wealth that was lying or rather swimming in that water. Our first action was to arrange a place in which we could put our frogs when we had caught them.

We walled in with rocks a deep muddy pool, and everything was ready—but the frogs. I advocated catching them with a bent pin, for I had heard that if one touched a frog warts would immediately spring up. So we fished up and down these shelving banks with our bent pins, using everything for bait that we possibly could to induce a frog to draw near and open wide its jaws, but in vain. We could dangle a fat worm before the very eyes of some patriarch and he would merely sit and blink with mouth firmly

closed. But what will not the greed of gold do! Its glitter will so dazzle one that warts appear mere pimples. We found that bent pins were useless but that the human hand presented every facility, in fact it seemed to have been created for the express purpose of catching frogs. Green frogs, speckled frogs, big frogs, little frogs, fat frogs, lean frogs—we caught them one by one and bore them to the deep muddy pool walled in by rocks. Up to this time we had been so occupied with catching our frogs that the problem of disposing of them had not entered our minds, but now the awful prospect of severing the hind legs of all these frogs presented itself in all its gory horror. We went home to sleep on it.

After deep mental anguish we finally came to the decision that we would keep the frogs a few days and in the meantime persuade a boy whom we knew—a boy with a very sanguinary temperament—to do the slaughtering for a small recompense.

After our decision we wandered down to the brook to inspect our treasure, but the frogs, oh, where were they? Certainly not in the pool! Those long hind legs of theirs were created for quite another purpose than to be eaten, and Remus-like, all had leaped over the wall. All, I say, but that is not exactly correct, for on stirring up the pool, we found two large frogs in the mud who were either too lazy or too fat to escape. Our golden dreams of wealth had vanished, but at the sight of those two great bull frogs visions of fun arose in its place. Out of our pink apron pockets we immediately produced some stout strings and tying these gently but firmly around the legs of the frogs we fastened them to some little bushes. And for a week afterward we wished for no

more fun than to play with Moses and Aaron as we named them. But relief for the frogs in the form of our mother appeared at length, and the cords were loosed and Moses and Aaron were freed but not without much remonstrance on the part of their Pharaoh-hearted captors.

#### A SUGGESTION AND ANOTHER.

One of the most alarming conditions of modern life is the increase of suicides. Recent statistics show that a larger proportion of citizens yearly take their own lives. In view of this fact, a New York philanthropist, who believes that it is a man's privilege to do this, when he is convinced that he can dispense with society and society with him, offers a most original suggestion. In his opinion it would be wise and humane to open establishments at the state's expense, where such people as desire may go in to end their existence by the most approved methods, just as they go in for a bath or shave. He discusses at some length the advantages of this plan which are obvious. To one of his readers it has occurred that it might be supplemented or supplanted by another.

The idea in suicide is a negative one. It is not that men crave death but rather a negation of life. We need no further proof that this craving may become so strong as to overcome that "dread of something after death." Suicides might be crudely classified as follows: Those who dare not live, those who are too unhappy to live and a few rare cases, like that described by Mr. Rives Chanler, of men who believe that they are acting for the happiness of others.

It is sad to make a mistake; in a matter so momentous to make a mistake is a fearful thing. Should we bid such men

God speed or say instead, "Come let us reason together?"

Why not have a preparatory department to the institution above mentioned, presided over by men of wisdom, sympathy and tact, men who have a large comprehension of the significance of life and death? Here comes a man who thinks he must escape the penalty of sin. If he dares not live has he fully considered how he dares to die? Here is another who is disappointed and cast down. What a triumph if he could be brought to grasp the truth that "we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better." On the other hand if the would-be-suicide could convince this examining-board of the reasonableness of his decision, he should be allowed to pass on to do his will.

Ignorance is the root of much evil. To the educated man there can be but one answer to the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" The ignorant could scarcely be blamed for a belief in the supernaturalism of "Mrs. A's cat," in spite of that lady's own view of the matter. Shall we scoff at such men or bring them the light of science?

The writer believes that the adoption of his suggestion in regard to suicides would do something, in a small way at least, toward making "reason and the will of God prevail."

V., '98.

### THE COTILLION.

Rachael didn't know how long she had been asleep, but it couldn't have been very long because the moon, which had just begun to shine in when she went to bed, was still shining in, only before it had touched the glass of an old-fashioned, pathetic picture of a mother beside an empty cradle,

with angels looking down upon her, and now the light was lingering on the patch-work cushion of the little rocking-chair by the window. Anyway Rachael was wide awake now and listening to the merry dance music which was floating in through the open window from the town hall opposite.

They were playing the very tunes to which she had danced when she was a girl. She heard the "prompter" as he "called off" in clear, distinct tones. How familiar the changes were to her! It seemed but yesterday that she had danced them herself.

The lively music was working its spell upon her, and before she knew it Rachael was keeping up a lively contest with the fiddler, trying to remember the changes before he called them.

The music grew faster and faster; Rachael's foolish old heart was all a-flutter with this unwonted excitement, and before she could restrain herself she had shouted aloud "Eight hands round."

She was horrified. What if Sarah—Sarah was Rachael's sister and older even than Rachael herself—What if Sarah should find that she had been wasting the night in such nonsensical dissipation!

Her fears were wonderfully relieved, however, on hearing from the adjoining room, in a hushed but excited voice, "Tain't eight hands 'round neither, it's ladies' chain."

And now together the two foolish old creatures kept up the contest until the cotillion, or as they call it now-a-days, the quadrille, was ended. Then they dropped off to sleep and dreamed of their young dancing days in the long ago.



THE great success of the book of college verse entitled "Cap and Gown" which was first published in 1891 and was republished in five subsequent editions, has warranted the publication of a new series. The new book will consist of wholly new material selected from the leading undergraduate publications of the country. The publishers will spare no pains in having the book as attractive as possible, and it will be embellished with numerous illustrations. The manuscript is nearly ready for the press and its appearance will not be long delayed. The college periodicals contain an abundance of verse that is of too great excellence to be thrown into the waste basket, and college students are glad to preserve the best of it in a compact form.

TWENTY years ago next March, THE COLBY ECHO first saw the light of day, and in commemoration of that important event the next issue will be an anniversary number. We can safely promise a most interesting number, as prominent alumni are among the contributors. F. H. Files, '77, the first editor-in-chief of THE ECHO has an article on the founding of the paper and life at Colby in the seventies; Prof. C. B. Stetson, '81, has an article on the condition of athletics at Colby twenty years ago; H. L. Koopman, '80, librarian at Brown University, contributes an ode;

F. E. Dewhurst, '78, and W. A. Joy, '79, relate reminiscences of the days when THE ECHO was in its infancy. This issue will be of special interest to alumni as an extra effort will be made to secure a considerable amount of alumni news.

WE are glad to announce that a debate between Colby and Bates in the near future is an assured thing. The withdrawal of Boston University from the New England Debating League left Colby and Bates as the sole representatives, and it is a matter of satisfaction that these two colleges did not desert the sinking ship. At the meeting held in Boston some weeks ago very little enthusiasm was manifested by the Massachusetts representatives in regard to the league, and we are led to believe that some of the collegians from the "Hub" are a little fearful to meet Maine collegians in forensic contests, after the lesson Boston University received at the hands of Bates last spring. The debate which we are to hold with Bates, probably on May 7, is an affair arranged independently by the two colleges, and in no sense can be considered a contest of the league. The New England Debating League is no more, but we trust that out of its ashes may spring up a Maine College League comprising the four colleges within the borders of our State. It is certainly most fitting that those colleges which have met so often with one another in various athletic contests should test their strength in debate.

Heretofore the trustees of Colby University have been accustomed to meet but once a year for consultation, so the mid-winter meeting at Portland on Feb. 18th was an innovation which is likely to

establish a precedent, as important matters are constantly coming up which can hardly be left until the annual meeting at Commencement. The most important action of the trustees was the addition to the Colby curriculum of a course without Greek, substituting in place of the three years of Greek now required for entrance, two years of French and one year of German and elementary physiology. Such action on the part of our trustees cannot but meet the approval of all friends of Colby as it marks one more step in the progressive policy of those who are so wisely guiding the affairs of the college. Such a course has been adopted by all the leading New England colleges and has fully asserted its right to existence. By no means is it intended to draw a greater number of students, nor is it a menace to the high standard of work maintained at Colby. President Butler emphatically states that "Great care has been taken to make the new course as exacting as the old, and fully its equivalent in disciplinary value." Those who are admitted to this course which leads to the degree of Ph. B. must first pass an examination: on no condition will a certificate be accepted as an equivalent. It is simply intended to accommodate those students who are eager to enter Colby but do not wish to take such studies as are required for all candidates for the degree of B. A.

**F**EBRUARY 28, will be very generally observed as the centennial of the birth of Mary Lyon, the founder of Mt. Holyoke College. Miss Lyon was a pioneer in the higher education of women, and seems to have originated the distinctive movement for this higher education under Christian influences. This idea she embodied in the

school which she established—an institution which received the name of seminary but which contained the germ of the modern college. The spirit and influence of this earnest woman have been felt in many of the educational institutions of this and even of other countries. The trustees, alumnae and friends of the college are making this anniversary a time of special effort for raising funds to make good the loss sustained by the college in the fire of '96 and to increase the endowment and equipment. Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago has given a great stimulus to the movement by the conditional offer of \$50,000. The faculty now numbers thirty-eight, teaching three hundred and fifty students. The library contains nearly 16,000 books and there are working libraries in different buildings and departments. The professors are selected not merely from Holyoke graduates, but from the best American, British, and Continental institutions. In the sixty years of the history of Mt. Holyoke there have been nearly 8,000 students, and the alumnae are distributed throughout the globe and are organized into numerous social and co-operative associations. We hope that the means may be speedily provided to re-equip this progressive institution, so that its field of usefulness may be enlarged and broadened.

**S**ORRY as we are to say it there are many Colby undergraduates who do not have the college spirit that is so essential to true American college life. Too many of us are entirely too selfish about college matters and do not support the institutions and organizations as they should be supported. It matters not whether it be religious, literary or athletic, the students should feel in duty bound to give their



heartiest support. It is not merely a question of the success or failure of a particular department, but it is Colby's reputation that is concerned. The outside world judges the college by the status of its many organizations, hence every student ought to feel a deep interest in everything going on within the college limits. No matter if one does not feel any interest in a particular object, as long as it pertains to Colby he should give it the heartiest support of which he is capable. Colby men are doing such excellent work along many different lines that we feel that a little admonition along this line will not be out of place. And the particular instance that called our attention to this fact is the way in which the recent ECHO Benefit was patronized, or rather the way in which it was not patronized. It was very discouraging to the managers, who for the sake of the college, are putting a great deal of time and work upon THE ECHO, to find only a mere handful of the students loyal enough to support a lecture given for its benefit. THE ECHO is in many ways, the only means of communication between the present undergraduates and alumni and supporters of the college. Therefore it is very essential that the college see to it that THE ECHO has the best possible support, in order that it may fitly represent Colby University.

### Colby Verse.

#### A VALENTINE.

Hol ye winds from the frozen North,  
Sweeping along through square and street,  
Piercing her through with your icy breath,  
Stinging her face with your blinding sleet,  
Pray be kind as you pass her by;  
Ease for a moment your mad career;  
Give her this message in warmer tone,  
Whisper it gently in her ear  
Tell her—tell her, "Forget-me-not."

Gentler breezes straight from the South,  
Breathing the breath of a springtime morn,  
Kissing her cheeks, her eyes, her lips,  
A loving embrace as you pass along.  
Halt for a moment your wandering way;  
Tarry, I pray for a moment here;  
Give her this message in sweetest tone,  
Whisper it gently in her ear,  
Tell her—tell her "Forget-me-not."

Flowers nestling there at her throat,  
Bright and fresh with the morning dew,  
Telling your story, in perfume sweet,  
Old as the earth, yet ever new,  
Add this message to your sweet tale;  
Paint her a picture in colors bright;  
Speak to her now in your strongest tone,  
Tell her, I pray thee, from morn till night,  
Tell her—tell her, "Forget-me-not."

Clouds and cloudlets sailing the sea,  
The crimson sea of the western sky,  
Little skiff with your golden sail,  
Statelike craft with your pennons high,  
Freight your decks with my message to her;  
Wing your way through the storm and gale;  
Your sails of silver and purple spread,  
Bear her quickly the same old tale,  
Tell her—tell her "Forget-me-not."

Moonlight Fairies, dancing and flitting,  
Hiding in shadow, and swinging on vine,  
Playing your antics in garden and meadow,  
Stopping to rest where the red roses twine,  
Tell her this message where'er you may find her,  
Wandering under your mistress' beams,  
Steal through her window, and perched on her  
pillow

Whisper it to her, in the midst of her dreams,  
Tell her—tell her, "Forget-me-not."

Ho! all ye messengers, swift and sure-footed,  
Hie on your errand, away there, away!  
Bear her this message, oh bear it I pray thee,  
Hasten to find her and make no delay.  
And if she should ask you a question concerning  
The one who sent her this message by you,  
Say that he told her to tell her this only,  
Say that you know it is honest and true,  
Tell her—he always "Forgets-her-not."

H. W. H., 1900.

"And must I hang?" the Freshman cried,  
"Is there no intervention?"  
The gallows loomed before his eyes;  
He'd notice of suspension.

## SALT MARSH.

Wide brown meadows, how lone they lie

Spreading afar on every side,  
Dotted with pools, here and there,  
Left by the slowly ebbing tide,  
Slowly ebbing, while twilight falls  
And over the waste the sea-birds call.

The mist creeps up as the light grows dim;  
The rank grass rustles beneath the breeze  
Hurrying past, its chill salt breath  
Telling of passage from over seas;

On the sandy barrier, just outside,  
Beat the restless waves of the mournful tide.

Lonely and sad in the evening gray,  
Desolate, all, in the shades of night  
The broad flats stretch to the sand dunes high;  
But beyond the dunes, on the headland's height,  
Through the lonely gloom of the darkest hour,  
Shines a cheering ray from the lighthouse tower.

So lies before us the plain of life,  
Wild waste meadow and lonely shore;  
The mists of the finite hang above,  
Eternity's ocean lies before;  
But above the mists and beyond the sand  
Shine the beckoning lights of the better land.

R. E. X., '98.

## MODESTY.

Perhaps you've seen some lassies  
In the college wearing glasses,  
And this is the reason why:  
They do not think it quite  
The proper thing, or right  
To see with the naked eye!

The weighing machine was broken, but  
The victim knew it not,  
And stepped thereon, and gently dropped  
A penny in the slot.

But when he saw that all in vain  
His money he had spent,  
He sadly murmured, "That machine  
Won't work for a cent."

## Athletics.

The Colby gymnasium presents a very busy appearance just now, almost any hour in the day. The coming athletic exhibition is to be the most attractive one ever presented here, as field events will be combined with the regular squad work and gymnastics.

The programme will include 15-yard dash, horizontal bar, potato race, sparring, 20-yard hurdle, broadsword drill, special tumbling, wrestling, putting 16-pound shot, parallel bars, dumb bell drill, running high jump, Indian club drill, pole vault, pyramids.

The squads are daily at work at the different events, the following men acting as leaders: Pike '98, on the parallel bars and pyramids; Foye '98, on the horizontal bar; Wilson '98, in the special tumbling; Robinson '98, in the high jump; Wellman '98, in the pole vault and Whitman '97, in the dashes and hurdles. The meet will be conducted like any outdoor meet, each class choosing a team captain who enters his class men in the different events.

The classes have elected the following team captains: Pike '98, Spencer '99 and Cotton 1900. The squad leaders are: Shannon '99 and Learned 1900. The exhibition will take place on March 5, at which time the indoor athletic cup, now held by '98, will be contested for. T. Raymond Pierce is the manager of the exhibition.

The members of the Women's College have elected the following members on the athletic committee: Miss Nelson '97, Miss Dascomb '98, Miss Stetson '99 and Miss Russell '00.

## Christian Associations.

### Y. M. C. A.

The conference of Feb. 4th was addressed by Rev. A. S. Gilbert, pastor of the Boston Baptist Bethel, who gave us an interesting account of the extensive work of that mission.

At the chapel service of Feb. 5, we were glad to welcome Evangelist H. L. Gale, who won a very large place in our hearts last winter, and to listen to his pleasing and helpful talk.

Those who have shown an interest in the Waterville and Colby Y. M. C. A.'s by patronizing the entertainments of the Star Course, will be glad to learn that the financial net profits of the course amount to about \$107 for each association. This has been made possible only by unusually large audiences. Our thanks are due the people of Waterville, and the students of Colby for their liberal support.

### Y. W. C. A.

The regular song service at the Woman's Reading Rooms on Sunday, Feb. 7 was in charge of the Colby Y. W. C. A. Miss Wilbur had charge of the Y. W. C. A. meeting and took "Hope" for the subject of thought and discussion.

On Feb. 9 a special missionary meeting was held in the interests of Armenia. The need and suffering of those noble martyrs across the sea were brought home to us with peculiar force and with personal appeal by the earnest words of Mrs. Marsh who has a deep interest in the work. Mrs. Foster followed Mrs. Marsh with a few earnest words concerning our privilege in having a share in work of this kind.

Thirteen delegates from the Colby Association attended the second annual De-

putation Meeting of the Young Women's Christian Associations at Bates College, Feb. 1-3. On Monday evening the visiting delegates were very delightfully and informally entertained by the Bates Association at Roger Williams Hall and this pleasant occasion furnished an opportunity for the delegates from Colby, Portland, Coburn, Higgins, Kent's Hill, Farmington, Hebron and M. C. I. to become acquainted with one another and with their hostesses. The meetings which followed through Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon were especially interesting and helpful and were pervaded by a deep spirituality. The presence of Miss MacColl, State Secretary of New York, was a source of inspiration to all. Her sweet face, shining with the illumination of Christ's love made her words of exhortation to yield everything to our Savior, all the more forceful. The Bible reading by Mrs. Clark of Portland on the subject, "Can God Use Us?" was one of the most delightful services during the meetings: her strong personality, her earnestness and her unique expressions created an impression on all the company that will not soon be forgotten. The lovely weather, the cordial hospitality of the Bates Association and the helpful addresses united to make this second Deputation Meeting a decidedly successful one, and we believe that at our next annual meeting the conditions will have been met for a firmly organized State association.

On February 27 and 28, Mrs. S. G. Clark of Portland will visit the Y. W. C. A. and give several Bible readings. Mrs. Clark has a rare command of the Bible and is most original and interesting in her treatment of it. She will probably speak at Ladies' Hall at five o'clock Saturday

afternoon, also at 9 A. M., and at 2 P. M., on Sunday. The regular Bible class work will be suspended for that day. Mrs. Clark will also speak before the Baptist Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday evening. She was one of the most impressive and interesting speakers at the recent deputation meeting at Bates and her visit to us is to be counted as a rare good fortune.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty in His infinite wisdom, to call away from us our beloved elder brother in Tau Kappa Phi, Josiah Prescott Burbank, of the class of 1861, be it

Resolved: That the Chi Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America, hereby express their deep regret for the loss they have sustained, and extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be printed in the COLBY ECHO.

T. RAYMOND PIERCE, } Com.  
FRANK W. ALDEN, } on  
WARREN F. HARDY. } Res.

Zeta Psi Hall, Feb. 3, 1897.

Whereas, in His infinite wisdom, our Heavenly Father has called home Augusta E. Cottle, of the class of '98, our beloved sister in Sigma Kappa, be it therefore

Resolved: That while we, the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Kappa, mourn our own loss, we do rejoice in the thought that one so fair has gone to be with Him, and has joined our sisters in the Homeland: and be it also

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family: furthermore be it

Resolved: That a copy of these reso-

lutions be placed upon the records of the Alpha Chapter, and be published in the COLBY ECHO.

MARTHA D. TRACY, } Com.  
OCTAVIA W. MATHEWS, } on  
EDNA F. DASCOMB. } Res.

Whereas, in His infinite wisdom, our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call to his reward the father of our dear friend and classmate, Margaret E. Matthews, therefore be it

Resolved: That we, the class of '99 of Colby University, do hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to her in her sorrow; and be it also

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our classmates. Furthermore be it

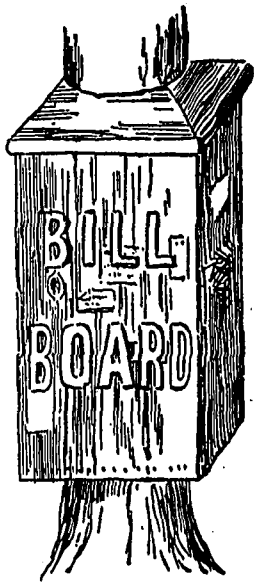
Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be published in the COLBY ECHO, and be placed upon the records of the class.

ALICE W. CHASE, } Com.  
MAUD L. HOXIE, } on  
AGNES C. STETSON. } Res.

Sly shadows dog the steps of fleeing day,  
The hearth fire leaps to battle back the day;  
My smoke rings frame dream faces, and the gray  
Of softly dipping twilight dims the room.

*U. of C. Weekly.*





ON Saturday evening, Feb. 13, a Valentine party was given by the ladies of 1900 to the gentlemen of the same class, at Mrs. Smith's on Appleton Street. The unique valentines made by the young gentlemen, with some assistance, caused a great deal of amusement and comment. Hearts were the predominating feature of the evening. Hearts were hunted for; they were thrown aside; they were eaten; the arrow pierced them; they were stepped on; but none were broken. The party disbanded with the class song and yell.

Those few from the woman's college who chanced to be of the number who made up the sleigh ride party to Gleason's on Friday evening, Feb. 12, pronounced it a perfect evening in spite of the lack of napkins and spoons at the table. The party was made up of the D. U. men and their "friends."

Rev. A. S. Gilbert of Boston conducted the conference on Thursday evening, Feb. 4. Mr. Gilbert has charge of the Seaman's Bethel on Hanover St., Boston, and told of the Gospel work carried on in the North End.

Evangelist Gale gave a short talk in chapel the 4th upon the text, "I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley."

The second debate of the Colby Debating club was held Tuesday, Feb. 9th, in the chapel. Pres. Herrick presided. The exercises were opened by a well rendered piano solo by Haynes, 1900. The debate was on the question, "Resolved: That the

arbitration treaty as reported by Secretary Olney should be ratified." The disputants were Harthorne '97 and Wellman '98, on the affirmative; and Gurney '98, and Woodman '98, on the negative. All the speakers acquitted themselves creditably, but the negative had rather the best of the argument and were awarded the decision by the judges, Dr. Black, Philbrook '98 and Holmes '97. The critic of the evening, Martin '99, made a very able criticism of the debate and was awarded a vote of thanks. A business session followed and a committee was appointed, consisting of the president, secretary and Taylor, '97, to confer with the committee of the faculty in regard to choosing the speakers to represent Colby in the debate with Bates, which will come off at Lewiston either the last of this term or the first of next. The next debate will be held on the evening of Washington's birthday.

An innovation has recently come to the Literature class, for "forgetters." An extra article, a list of dates, or some historical event of importance, reported the next day is said to make the forgetter remember. Some one has suggested that the Professor for the same fault should give a "cut" each time.

We are all glad to welcome Miss Cole again.

Please all take notice! If the Fates are propitious, the Y. W. C. A. will give one of their famous sociables at the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday evening March 5.

Never was there a more delightful Art Exhibit than the one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ayer on Friday evening, Feb. 19, when they received the girls of '97.

The social at the Institute on Friday evening was a very successful affair. The College ever wishes Coburn good success.

A very pleasant musicale and social was given at Soper's Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 15, by the ladies of the Episcopal church. Among those who took part in the musical program were Misses Dascomb and Evans, '98, Messrs. Whitman, '97, Shannon, '99, and Folsom, 1900.

Miss Lamb, Miss McCallum and Miss Benson, with "Miss Ruth Ashmore," received a few of their friends at 221 Main Street, Friday evening, Feb. 19. The results in the millinery department were marvels of skill and "high" art. Miss Ruth Ashmore is a delightful entertainer.

Sam Preble has been selected as class photographer by the Seniors as usual. The class has also voted to have a class group in the Oracle.

Colby students were favored by hearing two humorist lecturers recently; the first being the Rev. Chas. E. Luck of Fall River in his lecture on "Hustlers and Drones," and the other being Eli Perkins, the celebrated humorous lecturer and philosopher, upon the subject "The Philosophy of Wit and Humor." Luck was the last lecturer in the Y. M. C. A. course and had a large audience but did not take exceedingly well. Eli had a small crowd but he held their closest attention, and it was pronounced the best lecture of its kind ever given here.

Kennebec Journal: Miss Mary Sawtelle, dean of the Woman's college at Waterville, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture, Wednesday afternoon, to the members of Current Events Club, at the parlors of the Unitarian church. Her subject was "Art Student's Life in

Paris." Miss Sawtelle is perfectly conversant with the subject, having lived in the students' quarters, and seen them as they are. She told in her interesting manner of the opportunities of Americans in Paris for studying, and some of the ways they have of making it homelike. She had a number of very fine illustrations and photographs, some of which were especially interesting, being from originals made by Mr. Charles H. Pepper of Waterville, who is now in Paris, meeting with good success.

For years it has been the custom for the Sophomores at Colby to play the in-coming class a game of baseball on the campus soon after the opening of the fall term. This game is always sure to be one of the interesting matters of the history of the two classes and the class which wins it wins a great victory. The game last fall was won by the Freshmen, and Thursday evening they were entertained at the City dining rooms by the class of '98 in honor of the victory. A fine supper was served after which the following post-prandial exercises were carried out:

"A Union of Classes,"	H. L. Corson, '98
"Town Girls,"	H. S. Allen, '98
"Advice to the Inexperienced,"	B. C. Richardson, '98
Song.	
"The Faculty,"	H. H. Pratt, '98
"The Class of '98,"	A. E. Doughty, 1900
"Benedictine Life in Colby,"	C. E. Gurney, '98
Song.	
"Winning a Victory,"	J. H. Hudson, 1900
"Our Guests, the Class of 1900,"	J. E. Nelson, '98
"When We Are Juniors,"	H. W. Haynes, 1900.

Prof. A. W. Anthony of the Cobb Divinity School of Bates was at the last conference and gave a very interesting and practical talk upon spiritual life,

On Saturday evening, Feb. 13, Kappa Alpha held a special initiation, the initiates being Mary Evans '98, Lenora Bessey '98 and Nina MacCallum '97. On Monday evening the society gave a Valentine party in honor of the new members, receiving a few of its friends from the men's college. The rooms were prettily decorated with crimson and gold, the colors of the society, and the evening passed very pleasantly with games and archery, Cupid being cut out in a truly heartrending manner by his imitators. Refreshments were served at ten. Later, although the key was but a borrowed one, and the only air was that obtained at the door, Kappa Alpha's songs were received with enthusiasm. Thus closed one of Kappa Alpha's most enjoyable evenings.

From the *Sentinel* we clip the following: The members of Chi Chapter, Zeta Psi fraternity, with Dr. J. F. Hill, D. E. Bowman, principal of the High School, and S. A. Burleigh, editor of the *Sentinel*, as guests of honor, were given a spread at Wilshire's Wednesday evening, by T. Raymond Pierce '98. It was a "bachelor" supper and was a right royal good time. The host, Mr. Pierce, had planned to make this a merry party and as such it was a grand success. The toasts were especially fine, and none can say that Ray lacks a single requirement as host. Henry Allen Lamb acted as Choragus.

Toasts were responded to as follows:

"From Kezar Falls to Florida My Two Wives,"  
Brigham Young McEadden

"College Engagements,"  
Dennis Evarts Bowman

"How She Jilted Me and Why. Also When, and Incidentally Where."  
Frances Willard Hardy

"John Alden, Priscilla, Zella and Others,"  
Frank Weathercock Alden

"Openings for a Young Man in Canaan,"  
Henry the Eighth Corson  
"The Young Ladies as Optical Delusions,"  
J. Fred Hill, M. D.  
"My Favorite Flower,"  
Louis Agassiz Nelson  
"Opening of a Chestnut Burr,"  
Jack Frost Wilson  
"Northern Lights and Sunday Nights,"  
Jessie Couthoui Robbins  
"Celibacy. Its Advantages and Disadvantages,"  
Samuel Appleton Burleigh  
"Monastic Life at Harvard,"  
Benedictine Barker  
"Bangor Beauts, or the Girls I left behind Me,"  
Thomas Carlyle Folsom.

The annual initiation of Beta Phi occurred at the Dunn House Wednesday evening, Feb. 10. The following members of 1900 were initiated: Louise M. Benson, Nellie W. Crie, Gracie E. Chaney, Florence M. Diver, Susie A. Hall, Grace B. Holden, Marge E. Magrath, Nellie M. Merrick, Gertrude M. Pike, Sarah A. Roberts, Carrie M. Tozier. The programme for the evening:—

Welcome to Beta Phi, Miss Sullivan  
"Welcome ever smiles,  
And farewell goes out sighing."

Toastmistress, Miss Gatchell  
"Yes, women folks air all alike."

Our Purpose, Miss Hanscom  
"Thy purpose firm is equal to the deed."

The Green and Gold, Miss Toward  
"She stood in simple Lincoln green,  
The centre of the glittering ring."

1900, Miss Diver  
"Joy to the laughing troop  
That from the threshold starts,  
Led on by courage and immortal hope,  
And with the morning in their hearts."

Buttercups, Miss Purinton  
"Buttercups shareth the joy of day,  
Glinting with gold the hours of play."

Goodnight, Miss McCallum  
"Now gentle-footed night  
In softly shadowed stole,  
Holds all the day from sight."

For some time there has been a movement on foot among the college students to start a class for instruction in dancing. The class was formed at Soper's hall Tuesday evening and will be instructed by J. P. Giroux. The class begins with 16 couples and there is a prospect that more will be had later on.

Since the paragraph concerning the Y. W. C. A. sociable was written, it has been discovered that the annual athletic exhibition occurs the evening of March 5, and the sociable will have to find another date.

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### Personals.

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Taylor, '97, and Alden, '98, attended the annual meeting of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association at Brunswick, Saturday.

Austin, '98, passed the short recess in and around Boston.

Many of the students took advantage of the short recess to visit their homes. Among them were Corson and McFadden, '98, Shannon, Martin and Robbins, '99, Hudson and Lawrence, 1900.

W. W. Brown, '99, is a candidate for ward clerk in ward 4 this spring.

Miss Cole, '98, who has been confined at home by sickness during the term, has returned to college.

Keith, '97, and Drummond, '98, attended the Maine Central Ball at Portland last week.

Prof. Bayley was in Augusta last week before the legislative committee at a hearing on the bill to provide for a topographical survey of the State.

Chapman, '97, was in Old Town last Sunday, the guest of H. T. Watkins, '96, who is principal of the High School there.

Dr. Pepper is delivering a course of university extension lectures in Skowhegan.

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## Alumni et Alumnae.

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### HEBRON ALUMNI.

The Hebron Alumni Association met around the festal board Tuesday evening at Young's Hotel, Boston, about sixty being present. Prentiss Cummings, vice-president of the West End road, was toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to: Hebron's past, Judge Percival Bonney, of Portland; Hebron's present, Principal W. E. Sargent, of the Academy; Hebron's local minister, Rev. A. K. Crane, D. D.; Hebron's clergymen, Rev. J. K. Richardson; Hebron's lawyers and legislators, J. M. Millett and Hon. W. A. Morse; Hebron's business men, Seth M. Milliken; Hebron's benefactors, Hon. Chester W. Kingsley. Mrs. B. F. Sturtevant of Jamaica Plain, was a guest of honor. Among the alumni and relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Cummings, Miss Addie Bonney of Portland; Miss Barrows, Mr. Poor, Mr. George E. Poor, Mr. E. E. Wheeler, New York; Mr. Ruel Thompson and Miss Thompson, of Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. Donham, Miss Donham, Mr. Harry Barrows, Ralph D. Whitney, Arthur Danton, Frank S. Harlow, Stanley Bisbee, of Rumford Falls; Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Stearns, F. R. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allen. These officers were elected for the coming year: President, Prentiss Cummings, Boston; vice-presidents, J. H. Millett, Malden, F. M. Whitman, Haverhill, Wm. Broody, Roxbury;



secretary and treasurer, Miss Sadie O. Johnson, 117 Dartmouth street, Boston; executive committee, Judge Percival Bonney, Portland, C. L. Soper, Wakefield, Prof. H. E. Hamilton, Everett, Miss Eva Barrows, Chelsea, Mrs. H. K. Stearns, Hebron, Me., Mrs. J. L. Poor, Dorchester.

#### DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

The New England Association of the Delta Kappa Epsilon held their annual meeting and banquet at the Parker House, Boston, Tuesday evening. The colleges represented were Yale, Brown, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, Colby, Rutgers, Wesleyan, Amherst, Rochester, Syracuse and the Institute of Technology. A reception was held previous to the banquet. Arthur C. Walworth, '96, presided at the banquet. There were speeches pertaining to the affairs of the society and reminiscences of college days. At the business meeting there were resolutions adopted on the death of Gen. Francis Walker, ex-president of the association. Among the officers elected were president, Samuel L. Powers, Dartmouth, '74; vice-presidents, Henry Hyde Smith, Bowdoin, '54, and Dudley P. Bailey, Colby, '67; secretary and treasurer, H. P. Codrington, M. I. T., '59. Miles Standish, Bowdoin, '75, was elected a member of the executive committee.

#### BOSTON COLBY ALUMNI.

The sixteenth annual reunion of the Boston Colby Alumni association will be held at the Parker house, Boston, on Friday evening, February 26, at 2.30 o'clock.

Previous to the banquet at 6.30 o'clock, the usual social meeting will be held in the parlors of the hotel, where it is to be hoped, the intercourse of the alumni with each other will greatly add to the regard

that each loyal alumnus now has for his Alma Mater.

Toasts have been assigned as follows:

Opening address, William Mathews, LL.D., '34, president of the association.

"The Present and the Future of the College," Nathaniel Butler, D. D., '73, president of Colby University.

"Boston, the Scholar's Home," Boardman Hall, Esq., '82.

H. L. Koopman, '80, librarian of Brown University. Mr. Koopman's subject will be announced later.

"What Colby Needs," Allen P. Soule, '79.

"Some Phases of Municipal Affairs," Emory B. Gibbs, '88.

"A Year of the Colby Club," William C. Crawford, '82.

It is expected that members of the faculty will also be present and address the meeting.

President Butler has been doing remarkable work for the college during the past year, and every alumnus should be present to listen to his words of inspiration.

Dr. William Mathews, than whom a more finished, interesting, and eloquent speaker does not exist among the alumni of any institution, will give one of his incomparable addresses. Those who were present at the last meeting of the association know what a treat is in store for them.

Notices have been received by Colby alumni in this city of the dates of the annual meeting and banquet of the Boston and New York Colby Alumni associations. The meeting of the Boston association will be held at the Parker House on the evening of Feb. 26. The regular business meeting will be followed by a banquet with the usual speeches by prominent alumni. The New York meeting is to be held at the St. Denis on the evening of

March 12. The New York association is much younger than the Boston organization and does not contain so large a membership but it is composed of a lot of young men who are enthusiastic in their love for the college and their meeting is certain to be a source of great pleasure to any son of Colby who lives in New York or who happens to be there at the time of the meeting. Whether the Portland association will revive from its lethargic state sufficiently to hold a meeting this spring remains to be seen.

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'77. Edward O. Lord has written a history of New London, N. H., which will be published early in the coming spring.

'81. "To Frederick Craig Mortimer, *eximo corde, Henri Pene du Bois*"—is the dedication of the dainty volume "Love in Letters of Statesmen, Warriors, Men of Letters, and Others," lately published by Brentano, N. Y.

'81. *The Watchman* for Feb. 4, gives a portrait of Frederick M. Gardner together with the following sketch: "Rev. Frederick M. Gardner is pastor of the Central Square Church in East Boston. In the five years of this prosperous pastorate, which began Jan. 1, 1892, sixty per cent. of the present membership has been added to the church. Mr. Gardner was born March 24, 1858; was converted under the preaching of Evangelist Earle, and baptized into the Central church in Salem in 1874; licensed to preach by the same church in 1880; graduated at Colby in 1881, and at Newton in 1884. While a theological student he served the First Church at Winthrop, and was ordained there May 16, 1883. He became pastor of the Second Church in Lawrence in 1884, and after

seven years' service was called to East Boston. He is prominent in the work of the young people's societies, and in frequent demand for addresses in addition to his regular pastoral work.

'83. President George W. Smith of Colgate University is at the home of his parents, Prof. and Mrs. S. K. Smith in this city on account of ill health. He will probably remain here two or three months.

'86. The *Everett Herald* for Feb. 12 has a portrait of Supt. Randall J. Condon at his desk. It speaks highly of Mr. Condon's work in the Everett schools, giving him credit for much of their progress and advancement and praising his great executive ability.

'86. The clothing firm of Dolloff & Dunham which has been one of the prominent business concerns of the city of Waterville for nearly ten years has been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Dunham retiring. Mr. Dunham is a native of Paris and is a graduate of Coburn Classical Institute. He was principal of Paris Academy for one year and he now is a member of the city council and one of the commission to superintend the construction of the new city building. Mr. Dunham is very popular and has a large circle of friends in this city. He is to start in business alone and we are confident of his success.

'87. Rev. Woodman Bradbury of Laconia, N. H., has been assisting Rev. G. B. Merrett, pastor of the Baptist church in Somersworth, N. H., in special meetings.

'79. Miss Elizabeth Mathews is tutor in Greek and Latin in the Normal College of New York City.

'98. Miss Mabel Irish is substituting for a few weeks for Miss Beede, '92, at Good Will Farm.

'93. Rev. Joel Byron Slocum was married recently to Miss Jean Irene Bergland at the home of Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer at Brookline, Mass.

'94. A. H. Evans, who some time ago resigned the position as principal in the high school here, has accepted a position in Bates college as instructor in Latin.

'95. Fred Bryant, now of the Harvard Medical School, is serving an appointment as assistant in the surgical out-patient ward of Boston City Hospital.

'96. John B. Merrill made a short visit at the bricks last week.

'96. H. W. Dunn has been chosen vice-president of the Piscataquis County teacher's association.

'96. Miss Myrtice Cheney of this city, is teaching in Leominster, Mass., having gone there from Augusta where she resigned her position as assistant in the High School a week previous to the resignation of Principal Brainard. She was asked by the board of directors to remain but decided to accept the position which had been offered her in Leominster.

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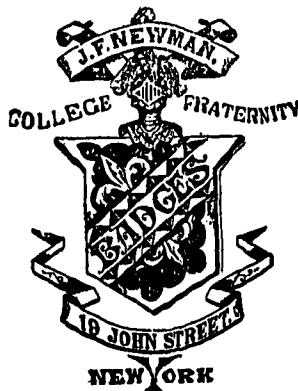
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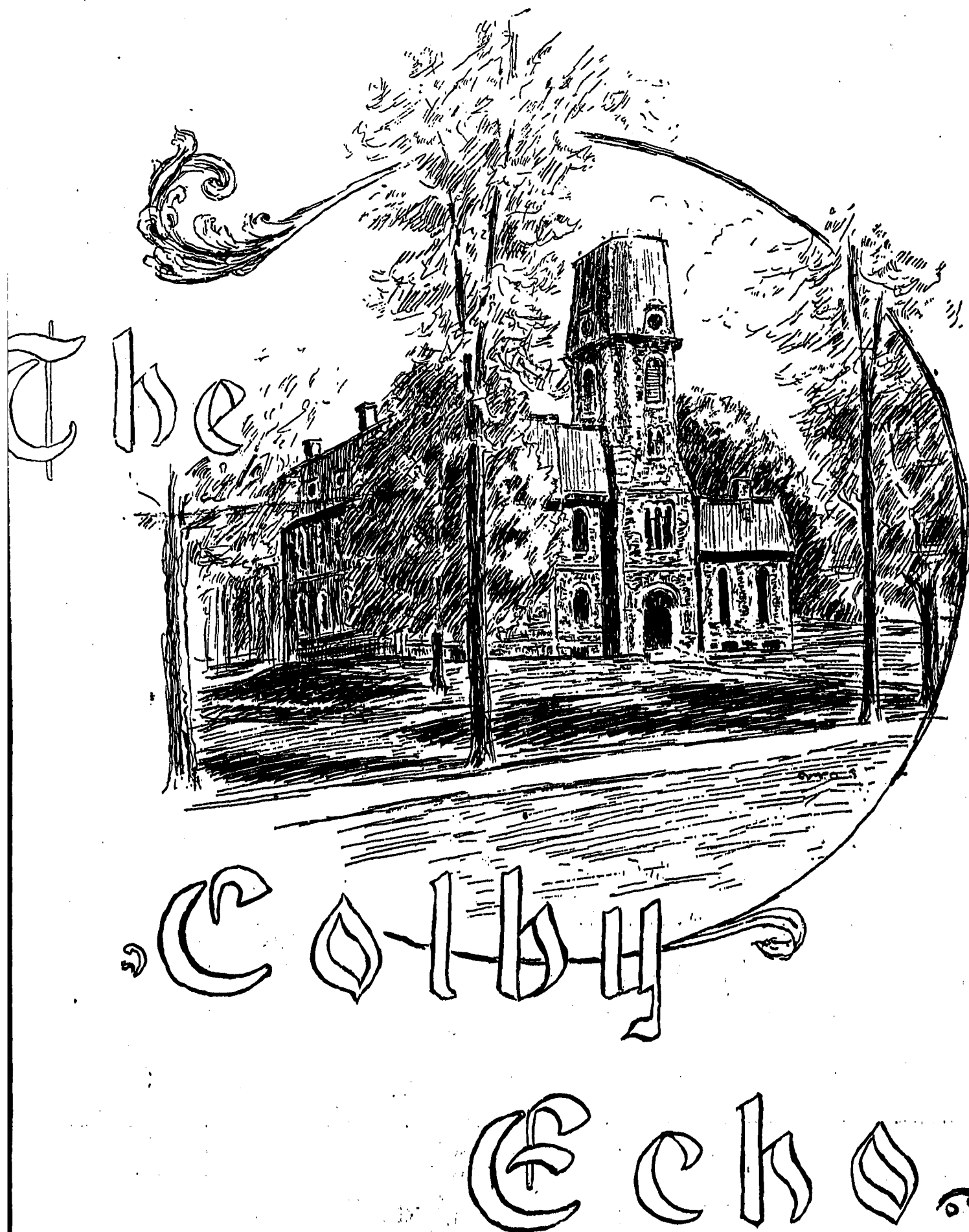
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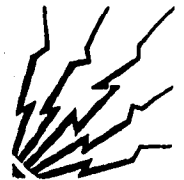
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