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THE CALENDAR.

- Feb. 18. The Treasurer will be in the library for collection of term bills.
- Feb. 18. 8 P. M., Y. W. C. A. Sociable at Baptist church.
- Feb. 25. Annual reunion and banquet of Boston Colby Alumni association.
- Feb. 22. Washington's Birthday. Women's Conference Board at Ladies' Hall at 6.45 P. M.
- Feb. 28. 7 P. M., Men's Conference Board at President's House.
- Feb. 25. 8 P. M., Lecture at City Hall, by W. M. R. French. Subject: "Wit and Wisdom of the Crayon."
- Mar. 4. 8 P. M., Intercollegiate Debate at City Hall.
- Mar. 8. 8 P. M., Annual Indoor Athletic Exhibition at City Hall.

THE PRESIDENT

Will be Absent from the College:

- Feb. 25. To attend the annual reunion of Boston Alumni Association.
- Mar. 31. To address the students of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., at the Commencement exercises.

Senior Exhibition.

The Senior Exhibition with Junior parts occurred on Wednesday evening. Although a driving gale made travel out-of-doors exceedingly disagreeable, a comparatively large and thoroughly appreciative audience had gathered by the time the exercises were begun. Perhaps no exhibition of a similar character has ever been more successful. The parts were well delivered and were of unusual excellence, the high order of merit in the several speakers being of a very close and uniform character. The college orchestra gave perfect satisfaction with the music they furnished, it being the more enjoyed as it was given by our own boys. We fail to see why any other orchestra need ever be desired for a college exercise. Dr. Dutton offered the prayer and Pres. Butler gracefully presided in the chair. The following is the program as rendered:

- The Comedy of Manners
Bertram Carver Richardson
- Greek—Version from Lucretius
Henry Russell Spencer
- Greek—Version from Latin of Horace
Mollie Sewall Small
- Chopin,
Mary Caroline Evans
- Latin—Version from Greek of Lysias,
George Erastus Cornforth
- Latin—Version from Greek of Sophocles,
Helen Hortense Bowman
- The Church of Christ, Everett Carleton Herrick
- The Upward Tendency in Modern Civilization,
Arthur Wordsworth Cleaves
- Concerning Some Literary Motives,
Janet Christine Stephens
- French—Version from the German of Schiller,
William Oliver Stevens
- French—Version from the German of Goethe,
Alice White Chase
- The Development of American Institutions, An
Evolution,
John Edward Nelson
- A Question of Politics, Raymond Harold Cook
- Mrs. Stowe as a Philanthropist,
Hezekiah Walden
- A Situation and Three Points of View,
Alice Lena Cole
- German—Version from English of V. Jagemann,
Harold Libby Hanson
- German—Version from the English of Thackeray,
Alice Freeman Lowe
- The Ideal Education,
Arthur Hartstein Page

The preliminary speaking contest for the Junior debate will be held in the chapel Monday evening.

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Give Excellent Concert at City Hall, Monday Evening.

The finest concert ever given by Colby talent was that presented Monday evening at City Hall by the orchestra, glee club, men's banjo, mandolin and guitar club and ladies' banjo, mandolin and guitar club, assisted by Miss Evans, Mr. George Goodwin, Mr. Shannon and Mr. Sprague.

A large audience greeted them and the hearty applause showed their appreciation of the efforts of the college musical organizations. The concert was the second number in the athletic association course and netted the association about \$60.

This is the first year that the stringed talent of the women's college has ever been brought together and their number was a great addition to the programme. Their execution was perfect and richly merited the applause which it received.

The orchestra, composed of Messrs. Shannon, Brown, Workman, Hudson, Hedman and Spencer, rendered three selections in splendid time and harmony. While the orchestra is not as large as that of last year, the work is fully as good.

The glee club rendered but one selection, a humorous one, and the audience were quick to see the point, compelling them to respond to an encore. The club has been excellently trained by Messrs. Goodwin and Lamb, and their fine voices blended in perfect harmony. It was a source of universal regret that they did not appear more than once in the programme.

The solos by Miss Evans and Mr. Goodwin were each finely rendered and loudly applauded, both however, refusing to respond to an encore. Mr. Goodwin's fine tenor solo was one of the principal features of the whole programme. Miss Evans' wonderfully sweet voice was never heard to better advantage. Mr. Shannon was given a warm reception when he came upon the stage and rendered his solos in excellent tone, responding to an encore. While it is a difficult task to fill a large hall with a guitar solo, Mr. Sprague performed the feat and played Sousa's Manhattan Beach March well and was warmly applauded. He was accompanied by Prof. Garcelon of Auburn, the instructor of the men's club.

The selections by the banjo clubs were much enjoyed. The selection by the men was played in a lively manner while that of the ladies was rendered in waltz time furnishing a pleasing contrast.

One selection on the programme, "The Normandie March," by Armstrong, was rendered by the combined clubs with the following instrumentation: three banjeaurines, one piccolo banjo, two first banjos, four second banjos, five mandolins and seven guitars. The combined effect was very pleasing, the sweet tones of the guitars banked in the background floating out over the whole company, the chiming of the mandolins, the wee shrill notes of the piccolo, and the humming of the banjos, all assisting the solo on the banjeaurines combined with an effect most pleasing to the ear.

The selection by the quintette was one of the sweetest numbers of the evening and was given an encore. The last number of the programme was pronounced by all the most catchy of the evening. It was a medley arranged by

H. S. Brown and Pierce and contained all the rollicking Colby songs besides several of the popular airs of the day. The selection closed with Phi Chi and the Colby yell.

The members of the Glee Club are as follows: Lamb, Workman, Learned, first tenors; Linscott, Sprague, Hudson, Shannon, second tenors; Ingraham, Newcomb, W. W. Brown, baritones; Doughty, Herrick, H. S. Brown, Spencer, basses.

The members of the banjo, mandolin and guitar club are as follows: Pierce, Miss Pepper, Miss Purinton, banjeaurines; Richardson, piccolo banjo; Furbush, Miss Bessey, first banjos; Miss Hoxie, Herrick, Wilson and Linscott, second banjos; Miss Lowe, Miss Meserve, W. W. Brown, Getchell, mandolins; Miss Ward, Miss Brackett, Miss Hiscock, Sprague, Lamb, MacFadden, Ingraham, guitars.

The programme was as follows:

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| 1. Italian Waltz | Orchestra. | Tobani |
| 2. Footlight Fancy | Glee Club. | Ezechiels |
| 3. Narragansett Pier Two-Step | Men's Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club. | Jennings |
| 4. Cornet Solo | Mr. Shannon. | Selected |
| 5. Tenor Solo | Mr. Goodwin. | Selected |
| 6. Mount Saint Louis Cadet Two-Step | Orchestra. | Laurendeau |
| 7. Vocal Solo | Miss Evans. | Selected |
| 8. Love and Beauty Waltzes | Ladies' Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club. | Armstrong |
| 9. Marche Bouffonne | Orchestra. | Laurendeau |
| 10. Sailors' Farewell | Quintette. | Emerson |
| 11. Normandie March | Combined Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club. | Armstrong |
| 12. Guitar Solo—Manhattan Beach March. | Mr. Sprague. | Sousa |
| 13. Grand Chorus—Medley | H. S. Brown and T. R. Pierce. | |

President's Reception.

There seems to be almost a fatality attending the announcement of a reception at the home of our honored president. Almost every time that a reception occurs, stormy weather is sure to prevail. The regular reception for February fell on the night of the big storm of two weeks ago, and a postponement was made to last Tuesday evening. As usual the weather seemed unpropitious, but in spite of its inclemency there was a very large attendance at the reception, a feature particularly pleasant to President and Mrs. Butler being the unusually large number of town people present. The house was prettily decorated, pink being the prevailing color. The reception continued from 7 to 10. Mrs. C. B. Stetson, Mrs. A. J. Roberts, Miss Lillie Henriksen, Miss Ellen Butler, Miss Laura Smith and Miss Edna Stephens assisted at the tables and in the entertainment of the guests.

There are many who now look forward to these monthly recurring receptions as bright spots in the social life of our city, and who feel like expressing their appreciation of this pleasant custom inaugurated by Dr. and Mrs. Butler. May these events long continue to be a feature of our college and city life.

An eight page edition of the Palo Alto, of Stanford University, edited by women of the institution, appeared lately.

During the Christmas holidays, the dormitories at Princeton were closed to the students and those remaining in town were deprived of their rooms.

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Trustees Accept it at Their Meeting Yesterday.

The semi annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college was held in Champlin Hall yesterday. Owing to the recent storm the attendance was much smaller than was expected. Several of those who had written that they would be here were unable to reach Waterville in time to attend. Among those present were Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, L.L.D., of Portland, chairman of the board; Hon. Leslie C. Cornish of Augusta, sec'y; Hon. P. Bonney of Portland, treasurer of the college; Dr. George Bullen of Newton Center, Mass.; Dr. C. V. Hanson of Skowhegan; President Nathaniel Butler of Waterville, Dr. J. W. Beede of Auburn and Rev. N. T. Dutton of Waterville.

Before the order of business was taken up, President Butler read a letter from Hon. Chester W. Kingsley of Cambridge, Mass., a member of the board of trustees, conditionally offering to the college a gift of \$25,000. This was an entire surprise to the board and was received with the greatest satisfaction. Mr. Kingsley had sent the letter on the morning of the board meeting in place of his personal attendance. This benefaction is but one of many which Mr. Kingsley has been making in the interest of higher education. It will be remembered that the new science building of Worcester Academy bears his name. This gift to Colby so soon after the successful effort to secure funds for the college by small subscriptions, is a source of great encouragement to all friends of Colby and completes a sum total of \$86,000 to be added to its available resources.

The chief item of business was the consideration of the immediate erection of a chemical laboratory. It was voted to proceed to this at once and a building committee was appointed to secure architects' plans and to push forward the work as fast as the season permits. The members of the committee are Hon. E. F. Webb, Pres. N. Butler, Hon. P. Bonney, Hon. L. C. Cornish, Prof. Wm. Elder, Prof. W. S. Bayley and Prof. E. W. Hall.

The erection of the Women's building will probably be not long deferred. The fund set aside for that purpose is not yet sufficiently large to warrant the beginning of the work. That will however almost certainly be the next enterprise to be undertaken and that at an early date.

It will interest friends of the college to learn that the change in the headship of the department of modern languages which many have been apprehending with regret, will not take place and that the organization of the department will remain unchanged.

OTHER COLLEGES.

The Carlisle Indian school has 898 students representing 61 tribes.

At Hobart College, the faculty forbids any professor from joining a fraternity.

Harvard class of 1901 contains an Apache Indian, while Cornell's freshman class has a blind man.

Assistant Secretary of State Day is a baseball crank. He played on the varsity nine at the University of Michigan of which college he is an alumnus.

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COLBY'S PROGRESS.

A glance at our news columns this week cannot fail to reveal the fact that never before in the history of the college have more branches of activity been developed at the same time.

In the social line, the seniors have given a promenade which ranks with the best social functions Waterville has enjoyed. In the musical line, the talent of the college have given by far the best concert ever given by Colby's musical organizations. In the regular college work, the senior exhibition of Wednesday evening takes its place as one of the most successful of its kind. It should also be a source of general satisfaction that the college can give an exhibition of any kind and furnish the entire programme from among its members. Let us hope that the interest which is so manifest at present will not be allowed to die down.

BOWDOIN'S AUTHORS.

Bowdoin is to be congratulated upon her recent contributions to the world of literature. During the past few weeks, four books written by as many members of the faculty have been published: President Hyde's "Practical Idealism;" Prof. MacDonald's "Select Documents;" Prof. Johnson's "Where Beauty Is, and Other Poems," and Dr. Mason's "The Ten Laws." These are all valuable contributions to their respective lines of literature and our sister institution may well feel proud of a faculty that can publish works of a sort that would reflect credit upon any institution. We understand that in the light of current criticism this quartet of books has met with unqualified success.

We are very glad to be able to give this week a brief abstract of Prof. Woodruff's interesting address before the students' conference last Thursday evening.

We extend to the members of the Board of Trustees who are here today a generous welcome on behalf of the student body.

Prof. French's Lecture.

The closing number in the Athletic Association course will be a lecture by Prof. W. M. R. French of Chicago at City Hall, Feb. 25, upon the subject "Wit and Wisdom of the Crayon". The lecture is illustrated by crayon drawings executed upon the stage by the lecturer.

Mr. French is Director of the Art Institute of Chicago, the most important art institution in the West, and one of the three or four foremost in the United States, taking rank with the Boston Art Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of New York. The Art Institute was founded in 1870, directly in pursuance of the efforts of Mr. French and has never had any other director. It is now supported by the leading art patrons and business men of Chicago.

As a lecturer Mr. French unites artistic ability with literary taste and quick wit. He has undertaken to make his drawings as brilliant and amusing as the best caricaturists, at the same time that they illustrate his subject. So well has he succeeded that it is conceded that there is no other lecturer in the field capable of putting before an audience, in an evening, as great a number and variety of beautiful and funny pictures, and an equal amount of lively and instructive comment.

Success of a Colby Man.

The many friends of Charles Pepper '90, who rejoice in his well deserved success will be interested in the following item clipped from the Boston Transcript. It ought to be a matter of no small pride to us as a college that one of our young alumni is evincing such a decided talent in the art of his adoption.

Paris, Jan. 22:—"There is little going on in the colony of American artists, the only exhibitions being two small ones by Pepper and Vail. The latter is a very popular artist and has a host of friends who admire his pictures so extravagantly that those who are not interested in him wonder at the cause of so much enthusiasm. This present exhibition seems on the whole quite mediocre and lacking in interest, the one by Charles Pepper, the young American, being much more worthy of consideration.

"Pepper is unmistakably talented, and the small water-colors, only thirty in all, which are to be seen at the Art Nouveau on the rue de Provence, are very original and full of interest. They could almost be called colored drawings, as they are quite flat and picturesque in feeling, though not carried to such an exaggerated extent. They impress one as being a cross between Stienlen and Boulet de Monvel, as he has the freedom and boldness of the one added to the flatness and decorativeness of the other. These little studies are almost all of Dutch peasants, many of them children. The composition is severely simple, usually one figure outlined with clear, broad pencil marks, with rather a flat background harmonizing perfectly with the tone and color of the rest. One's only criticism would be that they are all so much alike, but that is too common a failing to be noticed, as it is seldom one finds an artist strong enough to resist the temptation of repeating an effect which has once met with success and approbation.

'93. The January number of Book Reviews contains a very excellent notice of the book written by Merle S. Getchell, teacher of history in the Somerville High School. The book is entitled Medieval History by the Library Method for High Schools. The Book Review says: Mr. Getchell is one of the best teachers of history in secondary schools in New England, one of the few who has taught it by the li-

brary method, pure and simple, for some time. His references are to 71 different books, many of which should be accessible in any well equipped school. The analysis of the subject is clear and the references definite, giving the pages in each case. For instance, "The Visigoths" are treated under these heads, "Upon the Danube," eighteen references; "In Greece and Italy," eighteen references; "In Gaul and Spain," seventeen references. In each topic there is the same specific division of the subject and assignment of reference. The book contains also in six pages a table of "The Rulers" of England, France, Germany and the Holy Roman Empire during the mediæval period. There is a carefully arranged table of historical literature and a careful and complete index.

'79. Willis A. Joy, one of the leading lawyers of Grand Forks, N. D., accompanied by his wife is visiting in the city.

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SENIOR PROMENADE.

Event of Social Season at Soper's Hall.

The first senior promenade ever given at Colby took place last Friday evening at Soper's Hall, under the auspices of Messrs. Alden, Averill, Brooks, Corson, Hall, MacFadden, Nelson, Pierce and Wilson. The promenade was the leading social event of the season and filled a place which has been vacant since the society receptions of two years ago.

The patronesses of the affair were Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Stetson and Mrs. Roberts. The hall was simply but tastily decorated with ferns and draperies and two cosy bowers were arranged at the upper end of the hall, in one of which the patronesses received. The ushers were Messrs. Pierce, Alden, Averill, Hall, MacFadden, and Wilson.

Music was furnished by Monaghan's orchestra of Gardiner and was perfectly satisfactory to all.

The senior promenade formed at 9.30 led by Alden and Miss Harriman followed by fifty-nine couples. Few occasions in Waterville have been attended by such noble men and beautiful women. Evening dress prevailed and the effect was charming.

The order included fourteen dances and six extras and the party broke up just as the bells chimed the hour of two. Among the guests were Pres. Butler, Dr. Black, Prof. Stetson and Prof. Roberts, Messrs. Averill, Veazie, Neagle and Lancy of Bowdoin, Lawrence, Rafter, Strout and Haley of Gardiner, Saulsbury of Skowhegan and Greene of Tufts.

GRADUATE NOTES.

'77. At a recent meeting of the Union Educational Club at Skowhegan, Miss Louise Coburn read a paper on "The Importance of the Primary School."

'81. The Springfield Union of January 30th contains the following notice of a lecture by Prof. C. B. Wilson of that city, formerly of Waterville:

"One of the most interesting talks given here this winter was that of Prof. C. B. Wilson of the normal school faculty the other evening, before the Young Men's Christian association, on Jamaica, as seen by him during his several weeks' stay there last summer as a member of the Johns Hopkins University scientific expedition. Excellent stereopticon views illustrated the graphic word picturing by the lecturer of the wondrous tropical vegetation of that beautiful island of the Caribbean sea, and its peoples and customs.

"The party made its headquarters at Port Antonio, from where are shipped nearly all the bananas which are brought to Boston, and from there excursions were made into the surrounding country and to Kingston, on the south side of the island, and up among the Blue mountains, whose peaks loom 8000 feet above the level of the sea, and on whose sides and sequestered valleys grow oranges, lemons, guavas, coconuts and other tropical products.

"Nearer the sea level are produced coconuts and bananas, and the culture and growth of the latter was most interestingly portrayed. Prof. Wilson told his hearers that a banana plant or tree is a six-month growth, bears but a single bunch of fruit on its twelve to twenty-foot stalks, somewhat resembling a corn-stalk and is cut down when the fruit is sufficiently matured for shipping, and the land cleared for another crop.

"It was a lecture free of pedantry, full of information, useful as well as interesting, and is to be delivered before the normal school pupils in a couple of weeks when probably the public will again be invited to enjoy it."

Athletic Association Report.

The third regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Coburn Hall, Feb. 5th. The absent members were Drummond, Dr. Hill and Prof. Stetson.

At the last meeting of the committee Miss Sawtelle was appointed to serve as one of a committee on the girls' athletics, she to suggest two others; at this meeting Miss Stetson and Miss Dascomb were suggested and appointed.

The baseball committee reported rules governing players of the Junior League which after some discussion were referred back to the baseball committee.

The rules were as follows:

Rule I. Every player of the season of '98 shall have been a member of his school from the first week of the last term of the school year, and each player of succeeding years from the first week of the winter term.

Rule II. No player shall receive any compensation from his school above his tuition.

Rule III. Every player shall take at least two studies in which he shall have daily recitations.

Rule IV. No player shall play in the league more than four years.

Rule V. At least ten days before the meet each school shall send a list of its players signed by the manager and principal to the committee in charge.

Rule VI. Every player shall be vouched for by the principal.

Rule VII. This rule regarding the number of men that the association will be responsible for has not been decided upon.

Rule VIII. A copy of each list of players shall be sent for approval to the principal of each school belonging to the Junior League.

The twentieth and twenty-first of May were decided upon as the most available dates for the meet of the Junior League.

The following officers were elected for the Indoor Athletic Meet to be held at City Hall, March 8.

Judges, Dr. Whittier, Prof. Stetson, and A. F. Drummond.

Clerk of Course, Corson '98.

Starter, Prof. Bates.

Scorer, Pierce '98.

Measurers, Fuller, '98, Brooks '98.

Timers, Giroux, Stephenson '98.

Shannon '99, was appointed to act as delegate at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Alden '98, and Maling, '99, were appointed as delegates to the meeting of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association to be held in Lewiston.

Wellman, '98, and Warren '99, were appointed as delegates to the meeting of the Interscholastic Athletic Association to be held at Augusta.

May eighteenth was settled upon as the date of the college field day.

C. F. TOWNE, Sec'y.

Concert at Fairfield.

The musical organizations of the college presented their concert at Fairfield last evening with signal success before a fair audience. The concert was held in the Opera House and was under the auspices of the Epworth League. The programme differed materially from that given Monday evening. Mr. Lamb sang a solo in place of Mr. Goodwin. The glee club sang two selections, the new one being "Hail to the Bay." The men's banjo club rendered Smith's "Forest City Galop" and the combined clubs gave "Niagara Rapids Galop" by Jennings. The remainder of the programme was the same.

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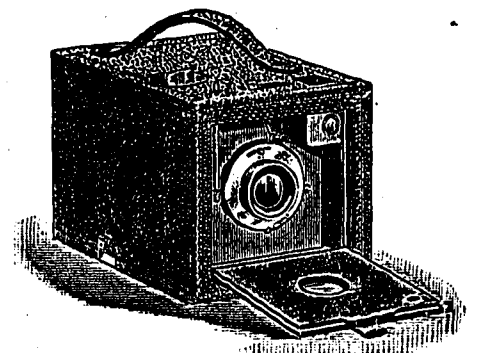
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OF INTEREST.

Miss Dascombe '98, spent Sunday in Augusta.

Miss Clarke '01, visited her parents in Portland, Sunday.

Lawrence '00, passed Sunday with his parents in Skowhegan.

Mrs. H. N. Pierce of Rockland, is visiting her son, Pierce '98.

Charles Snow of Portland visited Drummond '98, Wednesday.

E. R. Josselyn, formerly of '98, visited his old classmates last week.

Mrs. M. L. Robbins of Winthrop, visited her son, Robbins '99, Saturday.

Miss Cummings '01, has been chosen as Captain of the Freshman Basket Ball team.

Miss Mary Ward of Augusta, has been visiting her sister, Miss Ward '99, this week.

Miss Russell '00, and Miss Philbrook '00, spent Sunday at their homes in Augusta.

H. W. Lancy and H. B. Neagle of Bowdoin, were at the colleges last week to attend the senior promenade.

Percy Snow Percival of Waterville, who entered Bowdoin last fall has joined the freshman class in the regular course.

The Oracle board has extended the time for the passing in of the competitive articles until the end of the spring vacation.

There will be a song recital by Miss Elizabeth King of Portland, accompanied by Miss Meader, at Ladies Hall, Feb. 22. Miss King is a popular graduate of Smith and the sister of Frederick A. King, formerly of Colby, now a junior in Yale.

Miss Cole '98, spent a few days last week in Hartford and New Haven, Conn. She has secured a position in the Hartford Public High School, and will begin her work next Monday. Miss Cole will be greatly missed both by the students and by her many friends in town.

The Universal Day of Prayer for students came on Sunday, Feb. 13. In the Women's College the day was observed by meetings held at the different college houses, at five P. M. This is the first day that Christian students of all continents of the world have been called by their representatives to unite in prayer for one great object.

Prof. Warren began his lectures on the History of Italian Painting, before the Senior class Monday. Painting is to be taken up under four great periods. The Early Italian, The Early Renaissance, The High Renaissance, The Late Renaissance. The lecture Monday embraced the Italian Period taking up Cimabue, Fra Angelico, Giotto, Taddeo Gaddi and others. This course in painting bids fair to be even more interesting than the lectures on Sculpture.

Japanese Sociable.

The annual College Sociable given by the Y. W. C. A. for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Northfield delegates from the Women's college will take place at the Baptist church this Friday evening.

The entertainment will be a Japanese wedding. The whole affair will be distinctly Japanese, and not only the participants but the college girls in general will appear in Oriental costume. The entire ceremony will be accompanied by music executed by Miss Evans.

The participants in the ceremony are these: Bride, Miss Bragg; groom, Herriek, '98; go-between, Miss Hutchinson; bride's parents, Stevens and Miss J. C. Stephens; groom's parents, Hooke and Miss Hull; bridesmaids, Misses Bowman, Hall, Toward, Chaney, Holden and Peacock.

The admission will be fifteen cents.

The Bible in Education.

Address by Prof. Woodruff of Bowdoin before the conference, Feb. 10 :

Gross ignorance of the Bible is already prevalent and is on the increase. Of a college class of thirty-four members twenty-two were unable to explain the allusion in "For I have flung the pearls and find thee swine," and twenty-eight had never heard of Jonah's gourd. This case is typical. The majority of children do not now learn the Bible at home, the work of the average Sunday School is superficial, and the reading public is buried so deep in the avalanche of newspaper periodicals that books of solid worth gain little attention. We shall soon be cut loose from our Biblical anchorage unless we put Bible instruction into the schools.

Education has two phases, the acquisition of knowledge, and the training of the faculties. Of these the latter is the vital element. After the rudimentary stage is past, the pupil's efforts should be concentrated upon a few studies so selected as to give symmetrical development, and not scattered over all the courses which our schools must offer. This explains why the college preparatory course in our high schools is superior to all others as a means of discipline.

It has been well said that ability to speak and write one's mother tongue with ease and correctness is "the consummate flower of education." Good literature should be constantly read and studied, especially the great masterpieces. From the literary point of view the Bible ranks among the great masterpieces of the world. In Carlyle's opinion there is nothing in the Bible or out of it of equal literary merit with the Book of Job. Coleridge called the Epistle to the Ephesians "the divinest composition of man," and Renan said the Gospel of Luke is "the most beautiful book ever written." Scores of such witnesses might be summoned. Furthermore the Bible has been a mighty force in history. Its imprint is on most of the legislation and history as well as the literature of the past 1700 years. In view of these facts it is preposterous to call a man educated who knows nothing of the Bible. Without knowledge of the Bible competent leadership in political affairs and thoroughly intelligent citizenship are alike impossible. The statesman and the citizen ought to be saturated with Biblical ideas and principles.

In the past education has been predominantly mental and it is still so today. The need of physical training is now recognized but is not yet thoroughly and systematically provided for. In this respect the Greeks were far in advance of us. Neglect of moral training is widespread and its results are already alarming. Among these results are the lowering of respect for law, a perverted and debauched public conscience, and the increase of hoodlumism even in the country towns of New England. The best available means of moral training is the Bible, for it has no rival in the simplicity, dignity and literary beauty with which it expresses moral truth. Huxley was right when he said that no other book can do so much to "humanize" and give them a sense of moral obligation.

Mere reading of the Bible, even if it were generally practiced, would not secure the results desired, for it is as impossible to understand the Bible without well-directed, painstaking study, as it is a play of Shakespeare or a poem of Tennyson or Browning. It is not the business of the schools to make the pupils religious, nor to perpetuate any sect or creed, but the soundest principles of education and of morals unite in the demand that our school courses make room for open-minded, unfettered, and fearless study of the Bible.

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