

# THE COLBY ECHO.

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## THE CALENDAR.

- Feb. 25. Annual reunion and banquet of Boston Colby Alumni association.
- Feb. 25. 8 P. M., Lecture at City Hall, by W. M. R. French. Subject: "Wit and Wisdom of the Crayon."
- Feb. 28. 7 P. M., Men's Conference Board at President's House.
- 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.
- Apr. 15. To deliver address at celebration of Founders' Day at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

## OFFICE HOURS.

- The President: 9.30 to 10.30 A. M., 2 South College.
- The Gymnasium Director: 9.30 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., 4.30 to 6.00 P. M., at the gymnasium.
- The Librarian: 8.45 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., 2.30 to 5.30 P. M.

## PREOCCUPIED DATES.

- Second Monday. Meeting of Prudential Committee at 8 A. M.
- Last Monday. Meeting of Men's Conference Board.
- First Tuesday. Reception at the President's house.
- Last Tuesday. Meeting of Women's Conference Board.
- Tuesdays. Meeting of Christian Associations.
- Wednesday. Faculty Meeting at 7.30 P. M.
- Alternate Thursdays. Students' Conference at 7 P. M.

## Higgins Wins.

As the result of a close and exciting debate between Ricker and Higgins' Institutes at Houlton, Monday evening, February 21, the team which represented Higgins carried off the palm. The contest was an exciting one, the honors in argument and delivery being very evenly divided between the two sides. A large and attentive audience was present.

As a consequent of winning this debate, Higgins will be the one who will meet the winner of the Coburn-Hebron Debate soon to occur, and it will then be decided which of our fitting schools can best fill the rostrum.

The question for debate was: Resolved, That it would be for the best interests of the American people to annex Hawaii. Higgins for the affirmative sent as their representatives, Mitchell, Cowing and Farrar. Ricker's team included Dudley, Merritt and Kelley, who ably supported the negative side of the argument.

The judges were, Judge L. O. Stearns of Caribou, Prof. W. S. Knowlton of Monson, Hon. F. A. Powers of Houlton. Gov. Powers presided.

## SONG RECITAL.

By Miss King, of Portland, at Ladies' Hall, Tuesday.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, Miss Elizabeth King, of Portland, a graduate of Smith '96, assisted by Miss Emily Peace Meader, of Waterville, gave a song recital at Ladies' Hall. The parlors were well filled with college women and a few invited guests. The following program was rendered:

1. Cycle of Songs from Eliland. Songs No. 1, 2 and 3. Fielitz Miss King.
2. Piano—Arabesque. Moskowski Miss Meader.
3. Songs No. 4, 5, 6, 7, Miss King.
4. Piano—Prelude. Chopin Miss Meader.
5. Songs No. 8, 9. Miss King.
6. Piano—Etude. Chopin Miss Meader.
7. Song—Israfel, Edgar Allan Poe. Marston Miss King.
8. Song—Allah, Longfellow. G. W. Chadwick Miss King.
9. Songs. 1. Blow, Blow Winter Wind. From "As You Like It." 2. Under the Greenwood Tree. Dr. Arne Miss King.

Miss King is well-known in Portland musical circles and her reputation is not confined to Maine alone. Miss King possesses one of those wonderful contralto voices of unusually broad range, especially adapted to bring out the sentiment of the song she is singing. Her first song, Eliland, was in German, and as she sang this cycle of songs she explained them in her inimitable way. Eliland is the story of a monk and a nun who learned to love each other in spite of the bonds which kept them apart. The Song of the Roses and the Love Song are the most beautiful; the Anathema and the Song of Resignation are the grandest. Miss King excelled in the last, the Song of Resignation, in which the monk decides to do his duty, renounce his love and obey his superior. Miss King was applauded again and again by her enthusiastic audience. Her two last numbers on the program were especially charming, being old English songs with a sweep and swing which carried the listener with them. Miss Meader, always so kind to assist in every way, was the accompanist of the evening, and in addition, gave three piano solos in the manner in which Miss Meader alone can.

## Schoolmasters' Club.

The annual dinner of the Maine Schoolmasters' Club will be held at the Tontine in Brunswick on Friday, April 1. Among the after-dinner speakers are the following: Prof. Chapman, Prof. Robinson, Bowdoin College; Prof. Black, Prof. Roberts, Colby; Miss Snow, superintendent of schools, Bangor; President Harris, University of Maine; Representatives from Bates College; I. I. Graves, president Maine Pedagogical Society; Principal Chase, Portland High school; Superintendent Phillips, Lewiston; Superintendent Lord, Portland.

Over one hundred and fifty men have announced themselves as candidates for the Mott Haven track team at Harvard.

## Japanese Social.

The Japanese social given by the women of the college for the purpose of obtaining funds to send delegates to Northfield took place Friday evening at the Baptist vestry. The entertainment was a Japanese wedding ceremony. A "wooing" was the first scene presented, Mr. E. C. Herrick being the prospective groom and Miss Bragg the prospective bride. After showing how it was done in Japan they withdrew. The parents of the bride, Mr. Stevens and Miss J. C. Stephens then entered accompanied by the groom's parents, Mr. Hooke and Miss Clarke; the Go-between, Miss Hutchinson, followed and after the negotiations for the wedding had been completed, the bride and groom came in attended by six bridesmaids. The ceremony itself seemed to consist principally of tea drinking, eating rice balls and salaaming. The music was furnished by Miss Evans. After the entertainment tea was served in a little Japanese room. Candy and punch were also to be had. The vestry was decorated with Japanese screens and lanterns and these with the gay Japanese costumes of the college girls gave the scene a decidedly oriental appearance. The success of the entertainment is due in a measure to the extreme kindness of Mrs. Stetson in lending her many Japanese possessions and in personally superintending the affair. Thanks are also due Mrs. Foster for the very artistic posters which found a ready sale under the hammer of the auctioneer, Mr. Herrick.

The evening may well be said to have been a success both socially and financially.

## Boston Colby Alumni.

The invitations for the Boston Colby Alumni Reunion and banquet tomorrow evening read as follows:

The Seventeenth Annual Reunion of the Boston Colby Alumni Association will be held at the Parker House, Boston, Friday evening, Feb. 25, 1898. Reception at 5.30; Dinner at 6.30.

President Nathaniel Butler, '73, Leslie C. Cornish, Esq., '75, Dr. A. M. Jackson, '61, J. H. Millet, '67, Rev. J. L. Seward and J. C. Ryder, '82, will be present and respond to toasts.

The growth and strength of a college depends very largely upon the loyalty and devotion of its graduates. Let us show our loyalty and devotion to our Alma Mater by our presence at this gathering of the alumni; let us sing again the old songs and thus cement more firmly the ties of brotherhood; let us crown the achievements of this notable year with a large and enthusiastic reception to our honored President.

## ORGANIZATION FOR 1898.

President of the association, John C. Ryder, '82.

Vice-Presidents, C. F. Warner, '70; Everett Flood, M. D., '70.

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'72. Rev. John H. Barrows has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Yarmouth, Maine.

## M. I. C. A. A.

Mailing of Colby Elected President of Association.

The annual meeting of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic association was held in Lewiston Saturday afternoon. All of the four Maine colleges sent representatives.

It was voted that the annual field day meet be held in Brunswick. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Maling of Colby; vice-president, Oswald of U. of M.; treasurer, L. L. Cleaves of Bowdoin; secretary, Merrill of Bates.

The following were named as officials of the annual field day meet: Referee, W. F. Garcelon of Boston; marshal, C. C. Williamson of Bowdoin; clerk of course, T. L. Pierce of Bowdoin; starter, Dr. E. H. Carleton of Dartmouth; judges of finish, Prof. C. B. Stetson of Colby, Prof. George T. Files of Bowdoin and W. A. Howard of Belfast; timers, R. Andrews of U. of M., Dr. F. N. Whittier of Bowdoin and Prof. W. W. Bolster of Bates; scorer, F. A. Griffin of Bates; judges of fixed events, Prof. J. H. Bates of Colby and Prof. F. A. Knapp of Bates; measurers, P. Walker of U. of M. and Soule of Bowdoin Medical; scorers of fixed events, A. B. Warren of Colby and W. H. Smith of Bowdoin.

The introduction of discus throwing into the field events was considered but no final action taken. However, it is probable that the committee will decide to include the discus among the other fixed events.

## Junior Debate.

The preliminary speaking for the Junior debate occurred in the chapel on Monday evening, February 21. Although the weather was unfavorable for a large attendance, yet as large an audience as could be expected under the circumstances was present. President Butler presided. The following was the programme:

The American Flag, Geo. A. Martin  
Six Powers and Armenia, William B. Chase  
The Pilgrims, Harold L. Hanson  
Charles Sumner, Henry R. Spencer  
The True Glory of the Nation, Harvey H. Bishop  
Death Bed of Benedict Arnold, Albert C. Robbins  
The Puritans, William O. Stevens  
Russell's Last Speech, William L. Waldron  
The Minute Men of '75, Ralph H. Richardson

All the speakers acquitted themselves creditably. The judges, Prof. Julian D. Taylor, Miss Mary A. Sawtelle and Dr. G. B. D. Pepper, made the following appointments on merit of article and speaking: Spencer, Robbins, Stevens, Hanson, Chase and Martin. The debate will take place at the close of the term.

## Attention, Juniors!

The following announcement by Dr. Pepper should be carefully noted: In the Biblical Department the elective course offered to the Junior Class for next term will be in the Greek New Testament.

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D. D., of Brookline, Mass., addressed the student body at chapel this morning. He is one of the leading divines of the New England Baptist ministry and a very genial and interesting speaker.

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## A WORD FOR YALE.

The boycott on Yale recently declared by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and which has been so ardently maintained in the columns of the New York "Voice," is doubtless a well-meant endeavor to correct the existent drink evil in our colleges. Any scheme which will successfully accomplish such a desirable end cannot fail to merit the approval of those who are most closely interested in college advancement but we may perhaps be allowed to question the expediency of hurling such all-exclusive anathemas at one of the oldest and best established institutions in our land. In a college of this size, situated in a city where the saloon is open, a certain amount of excess is sure to be found, but in spite of this, the darker side of Yale's life, there is another and brighter side which we believe is the predominating influence, and the leaven which is to permeate the whole.

Yale was never stronger in its religion and morals than it is today. Three fourths of the freshmen class are church members, and the other classes are in such corresponding proportions that it is safe to say that at no time in the history of Yale has the religious life of the college been in a healthier condition, or more persuasive and controlling over the public sentiment of the institution. This is due partly to the Christian Endeavor work which has brought the young men under its influence which has sent them to college more or less trained to the Christian profession. In a still larger measure it is due to the organized and faithful religious work among the students which emanates from the Yale Young Men's Christian association. The strength and breadth of the work done by these Y. M. C. A. members is so great that it is commented on among the incoming students who could not conceal their surprise at finding how sensibly it made itself felt in the student life and atmosphere of the university. No finer, saner, more manly body of Christian men are to be found, we be-

lieve in any college, and Moody, the great evangelist, has placed himself on record as saying, that if his son who is now attending Yale gets as much good from his Alma Mater as did the older son recently graduated from those halls, he will be perfectly satisfied.

Our own opinion is that it would be a much wiser policy to boycott New Haven rather than Yale, or at least the W. C. T. U. would strike nearer the heart of the matter if they would join forces with the public spirited men who are fighting so bravely the tide of municipal corruption at New Haven. It will be only when intelligent, public-spirited, and vigorous moral action shall rule in municipal affairs that the drink evil and its attendant vices shall utterly disappear.

## COLBY'S DEBATING INTERESTS.

During the last decade the well directed efforts put forth toward the establishment and maintenance of a proper athletic activity in our college have succeeded in placing Colby, so far as this department of its life is concerned, in the van of the New England Colleges. In forensic battles, however, we have in the past been neither strong nor active and it has been only during the last two years that especial and proper attention has been shown to the debate. Even in this short time, such is Colby's capacity for doing well whatever she undertakes, that this feature of our activities now bids fair to be one of our strongholds of defense.

The excellent work done by the members of the Junior class in preparation for the coming Junior Debate is but a single evidence of the increasing interest clearly manifest among all the students and if our team which meets Bates on the fourth of March does not give her the hottest fight she ever had we are no prophets. Even Bates herself acknowledged last year that we really "did very well," and those who were present on that occasion will have no fears for Colby next week. The only thing that we have to say to our sister college is that all we want is one more chance at her. As an added encouragement we must not neglect to mention the activity in this line among our fitting schools. Coburn, Hebron, Ricker, and Higgins have formed a debating league, and as a result of the careful work they are doing will send some able debaters to Colby in the near future. We shall soon learn to look as eagerly for this sort of stuff in our entering classes, as for likely candidates for our various athletic teams, and our victories in these intellectual contests will soon be among the proudest trophies Colby boasts.

Number five of the weekly COLBY ECHO made its appearance today instead of on Thursday, publication being deferred in order to report the meeting of the trustees at the college last evening. The number is the best that has appeared since the publication was changed to its weekly form and the members of the alumni cannot but be pleased with the excellent news service of the doings of the college which is brought to them by the ECHO.—Evening Mail.

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The proposal to establish a College of commerce as a department of the University of California is a commendable one, and there is reason to expect that it will be executed. It would be a mistake to suppose, however, that it will be a "new departure," with which American enterprise is to be credited. On the contrary, it will be only a tardy imitation of the example set by a nation upon which the The United States has been wont to look with a considerable degree of patronage. We have hitherto described the fine systems of technical education in use in France and Germany, and have shown what advantages are thus enjoyed by those countries in industrial competition. In like manner it may be said that Japan has a system of commercial education far in advance of any in any other country, which bids fair in the immediate future to give her a decided advantage in commercial competition. This system was founded years ago, while Japan was politically under foreign tutelage and compulsion, and its object was to gain for Japan commercial supremacy over the Powers that were then oppressing her.

### Oak Leaves.

A copy of the initial number of Oak Leaves has been received at THE ECHO office. It is the publication of Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro. The paper is a twenty-four page magazine and well gotten up. The prose article and the poems are well written and reflect credit upon the students of the seminary. Oak Leaves also contains a fine portrait of Mr. C. M. Bailey of Winthrop, the largest benefactor of the school. From the local items, it seems evident that the students of Oak Grove are wide awake in all branches of school life, and they are to be congratulated on their latest effort in the publication of a school paper.

### Athletic News.

Lehigh will soon build an athletic field house to cost \$4,000.

The Harvard-Pennsylvania dual track games will not be held this year.

At Yale one hundred and ten men presented themselves as candidates for the freshman crew.

There is played annually at Annapolis a football game between the cadets on one side and the officers and professors on the other. This is the only chance during the year that the boys have to avenge themselves on the strict officers and they don't fail to take advantage of it.

Cornell is busy remodelling and enlarging Percy Field. According to the new arrangement, the baseball and football fields will be separated and will each have its grand stand and bleachers. The whole field will be fenced in and the street cars will run completely around it so as to deposit passengers at each of the different entrances.

Chicago University is planning the construction of a new gymnasium. Its dimensions will be 100 by 800 feet, and it is proposed to make it the finest building of its kind in the world. An athletic field 100 by 600 feet will be added with a seating capacity of 25,000 people. The field will be entirely closed and properly heated, so that sport can be carried on during the winter.

It is announced on good authority that Princeton has made overtures to Pennsylvania for a series of baseball games. Pennsylvania, before meeting its former rival again, will ask for a five-years' agreement for meetings in all branches of sport. The two universities have been separated for three years in every branch of athletics. Being natural rivals, both are anxious to patch up the trouble.

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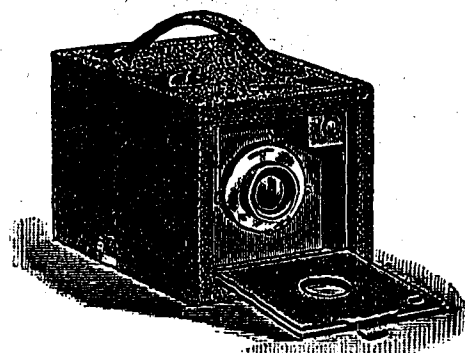
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The freshman have chosen their class colors, purple and old gold.

Miss Greta Bigelow of Winthrop, is visiting at Mrs. Woodman's.

Miss Foster spent Washington's birthday at her home in Woodfords.

Austin '99, has gone to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., for a few days.

George F. Goodspeed of Bowdoin, has been the guest of Adams '99, this week.

McFadden '98, passed the Washington birthday recess at his home in Augusta.

Miss Pike '00, spent the 22nd at the home of Miss Etta Purington '99, in Jay.

Miss Ward '99, and Miss Philbrick '00, passed Sunday at their homes in Augusta.

Gurney '98, has returned to college after a successful term of school at Albion.

The annual catalogue for '97-'98 is in the hands of the binder and will be out this week.

H. Warren Foss '96, principal of the Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston, visited at the Bricks this week.

The quartette composed of Messrs. Goodwin, Shannon, Hudson and H. S. Brown sang at Guilford Monday evening.

Chase '99, and Hooke '00, are in attendance upon the triennial convention of the Student Volunteers at Cleveland, Ohio.

The proceeds of the Y. M. C. A. Star course were \$152.40 giving \$76.20 to the college association and the same amount to the Waterville association.

Dr. Butler delivered an address last evening before a Baptist conference at the Baptist church upon "Legitimate Claims upon the Beneficence of Christians."

Dr. Butler left this morning for Boston where he will address the annual reunion of the Boston Colby alumni association tomorrow evening. He will return Saturday.

The Library has lately received from Dr. A. C. Getchell, '78, of Worcester, Mass., fifty volumes and a large number of pamphlets, including the issues of Braithwaite's Retrospect for the last twenty years.

At a musicale given under the auspices of the Sorosis at Mrs Pulsifer's home on College Avenue, Miss Harriman recited two selections and Pierce, B. C. Richardson and Sprague rendered an instrumental trio.

The usual reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Butler on the first Tuesday of each month will not occur this coming week, owing to the fact of the last one occurring so late in the month. The next one will occur the first Tuesday in April.

Miss Elizabeth King during her short visit to this city was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Pepper. Tuesday afternoon Miss Annie Pepper gave an informal reception in honor of Miss King's visit, to a few of her friends. To the great pleasure of those present, Miss King very kindly sang one of Rudyard Kipling's ballads, "On the Road to Mandalay."

There will be a game of Basket Ball at the Gymnasium Saturday evening between the sophomore and freshmen teams. Miss Russell is captain of the sophomores, Miss Cummings is Captain of the freshman. The game will probably be open to the college and invitations will be extended to some friends in the city. Admission is to be charged for the benefit of the Athletic association.

Alden '98, and Maling '99, were in Lewiston Saturday, as delegates at the meeting of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic association.

The annual meeting of the Maine Intercollegiate Tennis association will be held at the Elmwood on Saturday, March 5th, at 12 o'clock.

## OTHER COLLEGES.

In England there are no college papers. In the United States there are over 200.

It is said that the six Americans who attend the University of Mexico are the brightest men in the class.

The oldest college in the world is the Mohammed College at Cairo, Egypt, which was 1000 years old when Oxford was founded. It has at present about 11,000 students.

The estate of Columbia University has increased \$5,870,000 since President Seth Low's administration. Columbia is one of the most heavily endowed institutions in the country.

Prof. Gates, of the Smithsonian Institute, has made the startling statement that all crime will eventually be stopped by science. He thinks that if a man has a desire for stealing or murder, his brain may be cut and the portion containing this desire taken out.

Yale has adopted a systematic pension allowance. A professor who has been instructor in the university twenty-five years, and who is sixty-five years of age, may apply for a pension and will receive half pay for the rest of his life. Several of the professors, however, have ample private fortunes. Prof. Marsh, who has been connected with the college since 1866, has drawn no salary, not caring for it.

"It is not generally known," says Richard Heard in an interview in the New York Sun, "that Nansen once came near relinquishing his North Pole project through the agency of a college in Indiana. While we were traveling through Indiana one day, Nansen said: 'This is the place where I nearly became a college professor.' I asked him what he meant. He said: 'They offered me the professorship of zoology in the university here, and I came very near accepting it. I was then contemplating my first trip to Greenland, and it was a question with me as to whether I should go to America and take this professorship or undertake my expedition to Greenland. It required a great deal of deliberation, but finally I declined the professorship.'"

As the result of a little racket at the Eastern Maine Conference seminary at Bucksport, Wednesday night, three of the most popular students are suspended and possibly more will be. The affair has created quite a stir at the seminary. It is the custom at the school to place a teacher in charge of the boys' dormitories each night, to keep things in good order. Lately, however, several of the older students have been placed in charge instead of the teachers. The other students have objected to this, and each night when other than a teacher has been placed on the floor, the students have made it rather warm for him. Wednesday night things were unusually exciting and the one in charge could do nothing with the students, who made things decidedly unpleasant. The scrap continued until a late hour, when peace was restored and quiet prevailed. Thursday morning the students were called to President Hutchin's office, where three were suspended. The outcome of the affair is awaited with considerable interest both at the seminary and by the townspeople, who are acquainted with the facts.

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The preparatory department of the college consists of four affiliated academies: (1) Coburn Classical Institute, owned by the college, Waterville; (2) Hebron Academy, Hebron, (Oxford county); (3) Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton, (Aroostook county); (4) Higgins Classical Institute, Charleston, (Penobscot county).

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