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## THE CALENDAR.

- Dec. 11. Sermon to the members and friends of the college at the Baptist church by Rev. Marcus Buell, D. D., Dean of the Divinity School, Boston University, 7.30 P. M.
- Dec. 11. A meeting of the Prudential Committee at the President's office.
- Dec. 14. Faculty meeting at the President's house.
- Dec. 16. Examinations begin.
- Dec. 20. Winter vacation begins.
- Jan. 5. Winter term begins.

## THE PRESIDENT.

Will be Absent from the College:

- Dec. 15. To address the Somerville Baptist Social Union.
- Dec. 20. To address the Maine Pedagogical Society at Augusta.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE HALL.

The departure of fellow students for the Thanksgiving recess is apt to press rather heavily upon the one left behind for the first time. A sense of loneliness settles over him and he begins to doubt his ability to live through those four long days. He eyes suspiciously the upper class man who assures him that he will find the time endurable. But the upper class man knows from experience and the freshman soon learns, that to be left over at the Thanksgiving recess is by no means a deplorable fate. There is a combination of efforts to make the time pass pleasantly.

The chief occasion of the recess is the dinner given at the Hall. This is the one time of the year when the college girls invite their friends of the "Bricks" to a dinner. The recipient of previous invitations comes with the confidence born of experience; the freshman in fear and trembling, for perhaps this is his initiation into the mysteries of that unassuming building the Hall. Taken in charge upon his arrival, he needs all the assurance of his companion's smiling face when he begins to tread that labyrinthic maze which leads to the dining room.

When he emerges, however, his face brightens, for he sees before him a table loaded with Thanksgiving goodies and he knows that the time has no more imperative need than to eat and be merry. Around the floral center-piece he glances shyly at the dignified senior, assuring the young man at her side, who has suddenly lost his appetite that the *tongue twisters*, found at the end of the menu, do not mean impromptu speeches but only trials of the varying flexibility of that organ.

In the parlor there is entertainment by a galaxy of artists, unknown to the managers of the college musical organizations; there are charades, games innumerable, until the fertility of those girls' brains seems prodigious. The Professors are "sung up," of course. Usually these form a class of commodities whose fluctuations are constant but upon Thanksgiving Day the students send them all up with a right good will.

The rain falls heavily without; the college songs ring through the old Hall and the last final "yell" for the fair hostesses threatens the security of the roof. The guests are gone. One more day is added by the undergraduate—boy and girl alike—to the ever increasing list of happy ones at Colby.

## THE DEBATING CLUB.

### Arrangements Being Made for the Inter-collegiate Debate.

On Nov. 5 Mr. Oscar C. Merrill, representative from Bates, met here with Mr. Martin, the president of the Colby Association, and made arrangements for the debate which will be held in the Spring term between Bates and Colby. Rules of agreement pertaining to all matters of the debate were drawn up and are given below. According to these rules Bates was to decide upon a question and Colby was to have the choice of sides.

About three weeks ago Bates sent on the question which is as follows: Resolved; that the concentration of population into the cities of the United States during the last forty years has been too great for the best interests of the country. As this question was not favorably received by the Colby association, the question was sent back to Lewiston with the request that another question be presented. But Bates insisted on keeping the question first proposed in which she was justified according to Act I, Section 1st, of the Rules of Agreement. Nevertheless we had hopes that Bates would choose a question more up-to-date and more interesting to the people at large. There are many great problems confronting the people of the United States any one of which would have offered a more fruitful source of discussion. Colby has chosen the affirmative side of the question.

Heretofore we have had no fixed method of choosing the debaters. This year Prof. Roberts has instituted a debating class from which the three best speakers will be chosen to represent us. At a meeting of the class called by Prof. Roberts there were about thirty present thus showing an unusual and wide spread interest in the debate.

The class will meet twice a week. A good deal of training in extemporaneous speaking will be given. It is planned to have some outsiders to come in and argue a question and to have the different members of the class refute any arguments that may be presented.

### ART. I. QUESTION.

- SEC. 1. Choice of question to lie with Bates.
- SEC. 2. Choice of sides to lie with Colby.
- SEC. 3. Question to be sent by Bates to Colby on or before Nov. 18th, 1898.
- SEC. 4. Choice of sides to be sent by Colby to Bates on or before Nov. 22nd, 1898.
- SEC. 5. All questions in relation to interpretation to be settled between the above named dates.

### ART. II. PLACE FOR DEBATE.

- SEC. 1. The debate shall be held at Lewiston, Me.

### ART. III. TIME FOR DEBATE.

- SEC. 1. The debate shall be held on Friday evening, April 21st, 1898.

### ART. IV. JUDGES.

- SEC. 1. A list of ten judges shall be presented to Pres. Chase by Pres. Butler from which list three shall be chosen by Pres. Chase to serve on the debate.
- SEC. 2. If the list thus presented to Pres. Chase shall be unsatisfactory, further names may be added by Pres. Butler on the presentation by Pres. Chase of the objections to the first named list.

### ART. V. TIME ALLOTTED TO SPEAKERS.

- SEC. 1. Fifty-four minutes shall be allowed for each side, to be divided among the three speakers as each side

shall wish, provided however, that no speaker shall be allowed to occupy more than twenty minutes.

SEC. 2. Each side shall present to the time-keeper before the debate begins the allotment of time to each of its speakers and the time-keeper shall restrict each speaker to the time as thus given.

### ART. VI. TIME-KEEPER.

SEC. 1. The President of the college where the debate is held shall, subject to the approval of the visiting team, select some one to act as time-keeper.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the time-keeper to keep the time of the speakers, and to call them down promptly when their time has expired. He shall also give a warning signal to each speaker ten minutes before the expiration of said speaker's time.

### ART. VII. THE AWARD.

SEC. 1. The award shall be given on the better presentation of side, including argument, delivery, and style, in the order named.

### ART. VIII. RATIFICATION.

SEC. 1. These articles shall become binding when ratified by the debating leagues of Bates and Colby.

Ratified by Bates Debating League Monday, Nov. 7th, 1898.

ALLISON G. CATHERON, Pres.

Ratified by Colby Debating Club, Nov. 17, 1898.

GEO. A. MARTIN, Pres.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKET BALL.

The executive committee of the Athletic Association has lately received a communication from Bates college asking if a basket ball tournament cannot be arranged between the two colleges. This suggests some ideas which if carried out might be of advantage to us at Colby. Now that the football season is over gymnasium exercise in some form becomes necessary to the athletic portion of our students. Indoor practice in baseball is hindered by the size of the gymnasium but it is large enough for basket ball. Those who took part last winter agree that their practice in basket ball was a most beneficial training for baseball in the spring. The play is not severe, yet it brings into use every muscle in the body and it certainly is a good substitute for football without some of football's objectionable features. Quickness of movement and clearness of thought are as necessary in this game as in any we have. It is not a "girl's game" as is held by many, but on the contrary is becoming more and more popular in many of the large colleges in this country.

Now why wouldn't it be a good plan to organize class teams, hold a series of preliminary games in the gymnasium and make up a college team to meet Bates this winter, both at Lewiston and Waterville?

We have the material to send out a winning team. If there should be a good interest in this matter it is quite probable that games could be arranged with U. of M., and an intercollegiate basket ball league formed which would furnish entertainment for the college in general, training for our athletes and lastly, but not least, be a source of revenue for our athletic association.

## NOTICE.

The first two issues of THE ECHO have been sent broadcast. Henceforth the paper will be sent only to those who have subscribed or those who desire to subscribe.

## MR. C. H. PEPPER'S SUCCESS.

### Notice of His "Dutch Group" at the New York Exhibition.

Concerning the pictures displayed by Charles H. Pepper in New York recently, the Herald of that city says:

A striking feature of this year's exhibition of the New York Watercolor club is a group of Dutch subjects by Charles H. Pepper. The club has for several years past been fortunate in securing groups of paintings from well-known artists.

Mr. Pepper's Dutch group is one to attract attention, especially the figure subjects. They combine the honesty, strength and pathos of the country in which the scenes are laid. They vary in size and shape, some being panels, others oblong and in the more usual sizes and shapes, so that the effect of the group is diversified and decorative.

While none of the pictures are large the figures stand out so boldly that they convey the impression of broad and vigorous treatment. There is nothing uncertain in Mr. Pepper's technique. His work is direct and strong and aside from the interesting choice of subjects and environment, stands out for its own sake. The group is highly successful and interesting.

The pictures exhibited were painted, some in a little Dutch village which, though only 20 minutes walk from the North Sea, is three feet below the sea level, the models being the peasant women and children; some in Paris, and two in Maine the last summer. The distinction of having a separate room at the exhibition was conferred first upon John La Farge on his return from Samoa with his collections, which are now so well known. Last year it fell to Albert Herter, whose charming illustrations for Miss Cone's article on "Woman's Paris" may be seen in the November Scribner's.

These pictures will be exhibited later at Philadelphia and Boston. Mr. Pepper graduated in the class of '89. While in college he did a great deal of illustrating for the ORACLE, and the cover which THE ECHO wore until within recent years was his design.

## RICE ELECTED CAPTAIN.

At a meeting of the members of the football team Monday morning after Chapel, Edward E. Rice '01, was unanimously elected captain of the football team for the season of '99, in place of Haggerty resigned, and his election was ratified by the executive committee of the Athletic Association, Wednesday afternoon. Rice fitted at Coburn and was captain of the football team his senior year. In his capacity as captain he was very successful and turned out one of the best teams Coburn ever had. He is a cool, quick and "heady" player and understands football thoroughly. He is eminently fitted to fill so important a position and under his leadership Colby should have a winning team.

President Timothy Dwight, of Yale, has tendered his resignation to the Corporation of the University. The reason he assigns is his conviction that no person should continue in the chief administrative office of a university beyond the age of seventy. The resignation takes effect at the end of the University year although the trustees wished him to remain in office until the bi-centennial celebration, in 1901.

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## A POOR MAN'S COLLEGE.

Those who believe that as regards a college education a student will succeed who has to work his way through college by dint of exertion and sacrifice to provide the wherewithal, rather than the man who does not know the stress of poverty, have ample opportunity for observing the practical testing of their belief among the students of Colby. Her students, as a rule, have but feeble hold upon the "gold that gilds the straitened forehead of the fool." Colby is essentially a college of poor men's sons.

Those who lament the sporty and spendthrift tendency of the college man of the present day, who pictures him simply as a prodigal and a money spender, have to look elsewhere to point their moral.

Many who are unfamiliar with this phase of Colby's student life would be surprised to learn how large the number is of those who are wholly or partially dependent upon their own efforts to provide the money for their college course.

It is interesting to take the names of the men of the several classes and note those whose owners are largely self-supporting, contributing materially to their own financial resources while still in college. Recently in examining the catalogued list of the twenty-eight men of the class of 1900, no less than twenty-four were found to be of those who help to pay their own expenses, and in no small degree. The other classes could tell almost the same story.

Many are the methods employed in chasing the elusive dollar. Some act as pulpit supplies. Not a few students stay out during a part of their course and teach. Many canvass during the summer months, while many work in summer hotels. Some are agents for various laundries; some do janitor work both in the college buildings and elsewhere; others work in the restaurants and hotels of the city; some

clerk in the stores; while still others act as newspaper correspondents.

In some colleges doubtless the performance of outside work while in college tends to lower a student's social standing. This is far from the case at Colby. Whether because the practice is so general, or because of an enlightened college spirit, such work tends rather to enhance than to lower the esteem in which he is held.

"A man's a man for a' that." 1900.

## THE COLLEGE SERMONS.

Seldom has anything met with so hearty a response from the students and townspeople alike as the series of college sermons which has been instituted this year. When the idea of having occasional sermons by preachers from abroad occurred to President Butler he was doubtful as to their reception, but the very large audiences which have been present at these sermons have dispelled all doubts as to their success.

One of the most pleasing features of these sermons is the cooperation of the college and the community. The churches, together with the college, unite in a union service thus bringing the college and the town in closer relation. The spirit of harmony and friendliness existing between students and citizens is a source of congratulation. We doubt whether there is a college community in the country in which the relations between "town and gown" are so pleasant and harmonious.

The sermons will be of great spiritual value to the college. Truths are presented to us in a new and convincing way by earnest men who are leaders in religious circles. No persons look upon this with more favor than the ministers of the city. It gives them as well as their parishioners a chance to hear outsiders. *The Mail* pertinently remarks upon this subject:

"However earnest and logical and eloquent a pastor may be, in time his parishioners get so accustomed to him and his ways that just for a change they enjoy listening to some other man."

The sermons have an educational value as well. The preachers whom the President has been so fortunate in securing are progressive and scholarly men, capable of bringing to us all that is best and newest in current thought and interest.

The series of sermons are, to some extent, to take the place of the Thursday night conferences. However, the conferences are not to be entirely done away with, as the President will from time to time give talks to the student body. As arranged now the sermons will occur every three weeks. While this is an innovation at Colby, Harvard, Yale and many of the leading colleges and universities have had special preaching for some years. This preaching has always been attended by the most gratifying results.

Never was the progressive spirit of President Butler better shown than by his introduction of this new feature into our college activities. He has always realized that the duty of the

college does not stop with providing suitable class-room instruction. He has made every effort to make our education broader along spiritual and social as well as along intellectual lines.

## THE READING ROOM LIGHTS.

There are certain kinds of petty nuisances that would be too contemptible to notice if it was not for the annoyance they cause to the rest of the community.

Such are those who deliberately puncture bicycle tires, and such too, are those who steal the lights from the reading room.

The lights were stolen sometime ago and the President made some remarks in chapel that were very much to the point. The old silly excuse of "thoughtlessness" cannot apply to the case of these thieves for the lamps have not been returned since; and worse yet, one of the new lamps put in their place has already been stolen. The lamps in the reading room are for the use and convenience of the entire college, and such stealing is above all stealing, contemptible. We hope that everything will be done by students and authorities to put a stop to this nuisance at once.

## INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS.

C. C. Hughes, delegate at large, Amateur Athletic Union, states that the Paris Exposition officials, with the support of the French Government, will give amateur athletic sports in every branch official recognition and financial encouragement at the Paris Exposition in 1900. The French Government will encourage Olympian games, and athletes of the United States are now making preparations to go to Paris in 1900 under the Amateur Athletic Union auspices.

A resolution will be offered at the meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union, to be held at New York on the 21st of this month, for the appointment of a general committee of ten or more from each of the eight district associations of the Amateur Union, and one or more from each of the allied associations. This general committee will appoint a small committee to handle the active work.

Every section of the United States will be represented in the amateur athletic program at the Paris Exposition. There is no question that football will be one of the features at the Exposition in 1900.

## Y. W. C. A.

The Bible classes, which have been held by the women previous to this time, have been this term discontinued and are superseded by Bible talks. These are given every Sunday morning at Ladies' Hall before all the women. Those who have already kindly aided us in this way are Prof. Elder, who for three successive Sundays talked upon the Bible as the Book of Books, Prof. Roberts upon the Bible as a Biography, Miss Koch who gave a Bible Reading, Prof. Lane, of the Coburn Institute, who spoke upon the Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ, Prof. Warren upon Paul in Rome, illustrated by photographs, and Pres. Butler upon The Songs of Solomon. All these Bible Talks have been very largely attended and have been full of interest and profit.

A missionary class has again been organized among the women with Miss Tozier as leader. The study and work of the class will centre for some time about China.

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## PHI DELTA THETA CONVENTION.

The twenty-fifth biennial convention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was held with the Ohio Zeta chapter at Columbus, Ohio, during Thanksgiving week when over two hundred enthusiastic Phis from all over the Union met to enjoy the far famed hospitality of the Buckeye state.

Two meetings of the delegates to the convention were held on Monday the 21st, at the House of Representatives Hall in the state house. In the morning addresses of welcome were made by Governor Bushnell, Mayor Black and Hon. Cyrus Huling. Professor H. T. Miller made a happy response to the words of welcome and the report of President Palmer was read. The afternoon was devoted to routine work. Business sessions were held in the forenoon and afternoon of each day, with the exception of Thanksgiving, while the evenings were devoted to social pleasures.

The first event of the week was a reception and dance given at the Chittenden ballroom by the local alumni of the fraternity in honor of the delegates. The hall was beautifully decorated with the colors of the society, and all present pronounced it an unqualified success. On Tuesday evening the visitors attended a smoke and lunch at the Ohio Zeta chapter house and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. The whole house was thrown open and it was crowded. Sixty-two of the sixty-six chapters were represented, and two of the three living founders were present.

Late Wednesday afternoon a reception was tendered the visiting Phis by the ladies' society, Kappa Alpha Theta, and it proved to be one of the most charming features of the convention. At the Chittenden on this evening, the golden anniversary was observed. It was very nearly an all night affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present from first to last. The orchestra had an easy time of it on account of the disposition of the boys to occupy the spare time with their college yells. The delegates from the southern colleges favored the banqueters with the old rebel yell when the orchestra struck up "Dixie" and turned in and yelled with the boys from the North when "Yankee Doodle" was played. All joined together in cheering the flag and singing America.

No business session of the convention was held on Thanksgiving Day. In the morning the delegates went on carriage drives about the city and at noon the convention photograph was taken on the Capitol steps. In the afternoon they attended the Ohio State University-Ohio Wesleyan University football game on the University field.

After attending a delightful reception given by the ladies' fraternity; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Thursday evening, the work of the convention and sessions continued until Saturday noon, when, with a rousing Phi yell, the meeting was closed, and with a parting hand clasp we left the hall each a better and more enthusiastic Phi.

## THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT.

A large number of shelves and cabinets have been put into Prof. Black's office to accommodate the increasing collection of curios and to make room for additions in the historical library. A fund which has been collected for this purpose is to be expended in much needed books on historical and economic subjects. Prof. Black has spared no pains in making the material equipment of his department as complete as possible. Few colleges in the country of the size of Colby have such excellent facilities for work in the two important branches of History and Economics.

The first professorship of history was established at Oxford in 1724.

## GRADUATE NOTES.

'55. Hon. Reuben Foster, of this city, died suddenly on October 19th. He was prominent in state and city affairs. He was president of the Maine Senate in 1871, and has filled other important positions.

'76. Prof. Albion W. Small, of Chicago University, was one of the principal orators at the recent Convocation when the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon President McKinley.

'78. Miss Emily P. Meader has recently added another song to the several already published by her. This latest composition is the music to Richard Watson Gilder's little poem, "The Wide World," which appeared in Harper's Magazine some time ago.

'79. Elizabeth Matthews, aside from her duties as teacher of Latin and Greek in New York Normal College, is teaching Latin in an evening High School.

'84. Shailer Matthews, of the University of Chicago, was one of the speakers at the recent Baptist Congress at Buffalo, N. Y.

'90. Mr. Ernest G. Walker, who studied at Colby for three years and then went to Harvard, was the groom at a brilliant home wedding in Washington, D. C., this fall, the bride being Miss Romaine Mannix, daughter of Capt. Mannix of the Marine Corps. The maid of honor, Miss Ruth Merriam, was the daughter of Capt. Lewis Merriam, United States Army, retired, and a niece of Major Gen. Henry C. Merriam, commander of the Columbia. He graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1892 and immediately went to Washington where he has been engaged in newspaper work ever since. He now represents the Washington Post at the national house as well as several eastern and Canadian newspapers.

'93. Lucia Morrill has a position in the Ricker Classical Institute.

'94. Fannie Chutter is at present travelling in Europe.

'94. Clara Morrill is preceptress in Hebron Academy.

'94. S. A. Burleigh, sub-master of the Danforth High School, visited in Waterville recently.

'95. Carrie True is teaching in the Waterville High School.

Fred Bryant of the Harvard Medical School, who received such high rank in his examination last summer before the Maine Board of Medical Examiners, has recently been appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of house physicians, at the Boston City Hospital. This position is obtained only on actual merit and is an honor coveted by many.

'96. Sara Matthews is in the West for the sake of her health which has become somewhat impaired.

'96. Gertrude L. Illsley has resigned her position in the Higgins Institute and is finding needed rest in the sanitarium at Clifton Springs, N. Y.

'97. Mercy A. Brann is taking a course in English at Yale University.

'97. Clement has secured a fine position in the Hamilton School at Philadelphia. This school is one of the leading preparatory schools for U. of P.

'98. Pike is teaching in Everett, Mass.

'98. Ely is working in Springfield, Mass.

'98. John Stevenson has entered McGill Medical School.

'98. J. R. Nelson is canvassing in Aroostook County.

'98. E. E. Hall is at Baring, Me.

'98. H. S. Brown is at his home in Waterboro.

Miss Cook is teaching at York, Me.

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## OF INTEREST.

E. K. Guild '99, is to teach at Fort Fairfield this winter.

Miss Stella M. Jones, formerly of 1900, is teaching in Winslow.

Rhena L. Clark '01, spent the Thanksgiving recess in Deering.

Miss Hutchinson '00, visited at her home in Skowhegan recently.

McCombe '02, has been elected secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the city.

Miss Alice Chase '99, spent Thanksgiving Day with friends in Augusta.

Miss Bray of Skowhegan was the guest of Miss Holbrook '02, over Sunday.

Miss Annie Maddocks of Skowhegan has recently joined the class of 1902.

A meeting of the Oracle board was held at the Palmer house on Saturday last.

Miss Eva Guptill, was a guest of Miss Allana Small '02, during the Thanksgiving recess.

Miss Julia Leavitt, a teacher at Good Will Farm, visited Miss Richardson '02, a few days last week.

Many of the students were delayed on returning from the Thanksgiving recess owing to the severe storm.

The Conference board has not yet been obliged to meet to discuss "personal topics." It speaks well for the college.

Mr. N. K. Fuller '98, visited friends at the college recently. He has recently finished a successful term of school at Buckfield.

Of the Senior women, Misses Small, Foster, Ward, Bowman, Stetson and Purington spent the Thanksgiving recess at their homes.

The Zeta Psi fraternity boys are wearing their new caps. They are dark blue with the letters of the fraternity worked in white silk in front.

May E. Blaisdell '01, spent a few days last week with Grace Farrar '01. Miss Farrar is at present teaching in Ripley, Me., but she will rejoin her class here at Colby next term.

The Women's Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club have chosen the following officers for the coming year: Manager, Miss Low; leader, Miss Ward and treasurer, Miss Hoxie.

Miss Sawtelle, Dean of Women's college, was elected chairman of the educational committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs at its recent convention at Brunswick.

H. W. Foss, '96, principal of Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston, passed through Waterville last Thursday on his way to the northern Maine woods where he will make a hunting trip.

Dr. L. E. Warren and Dr. J. William Black of the Colby faculty attended a banquet in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Fraternity Club of Portland, on Monday night last, at Hotel Sherwood.

The sophomore girls gave a chafing dish party to the men of the sophomore class at the Dunn House, Friday evening, Nov. 18. Twenty-eight were present. A candy pull followed and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

Prof. Taylor announced at the Latin recitation Tuesday morning, Nov. 20, that the highest rank in Latin among those trying for the entrance prize was taken by Geo. S. Stephenson and the next highest by Ralph C. Bean. The class demonstrated their approval of the announcement.

Kappa Alpha has been sumptuously banqueted this term. Tuesday night, Nov. 8, Misses Holden, Tozier, Diver and Harlow gave a midnight feast at the Palmer House, and Thursday evening, Nov. 10, Misses Philbrook, Russell and Pike gave a spread at Miss Russell's room in Center Place.

Several men of the class of '02 have secured positions in some of the rural districts to teach and will be absent from the college nearly the whole of the winter term.

The following officers have been elected by the women of '00: President, Harriet Harlow; vice-president, Ethel Russell; secretary, Wilma Stubbs; treasurer, Carrie Tozier; exec. committee; Florence Diver, Emma Hutchinson, Evelyn Brackett; poet, Gertrude Pike; historian Mary Philbrook; ode committee, Grace Chaney, Marion Osborne, Grace Holden, Lulu Ames.

The women of '99 have elected the following officers: President, Alice Lowe, vice-president, Alice Purington; treasurer, Etta Purington; secretary, Josephine Ward; executive committee; Rachel Foster, Josie Toward, Alice Chase; poet, Helene Bowman; historian, Agnes Stetson; address to undergraduates, Elevia Harri-man; prophecy, Maude Hoxie; statistician, Jennie Buck; ode committee, Jennie Buck, Annie Hull, Josephine Ward.

The women of '02, who remained at the college houses, during the Thanksgiving recess, were very pleasantly entertained November 26th, by Miss Marjorie Elder, at her home on Elm street. Each young lady very reluctantly complied with the request to extend an invitation to a gentleman friend. The feature of the evening was a novel journey to the "Fir Grove Picnic Grounds," where the guests were served in genuine picnic style. Those present pronouncing it the most enjoyable of Freshman gatherings.

The second debate in the chapel which was to have come off Dec. 16th, has been postponed until a later date. The question and debaters are: Resolved, that the world owes more to navigation than it does to steam railroads. Affirmative, Long and Libby 1902; Negative, Koch and McCombe 1902. It is understood that the disputants will request a change of question claiming the present one uninteresting. If the executive officers entertain the spirit that "any old thing" will do, like Bates, the boys won't get anything much more modern.

At Ladies' Hall on Dec. 9, Miss Sarah Cone Bryant will lecture on Heine to the women of the college. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore says of her: "I can commend Miss Sarah Cone Bryant of Melrose unreservedly. She is a young lady of much native talent, graduated from Boston University and in a competitive examination won a scholarship which gave a year's study in Berlin under the most eminent professors. She has lectured on German subjects in and about Boston to clubs, college societies, and classes of students very extensively and has won enthusiastic plaudits."

## IMPORTANT CHANGE.

At the faculty meeting last night, it was voted to make important changes in the method of conducting examinations. Instead of the regular three and two hours written examinations the regular recitations will be continued until Tuesday. The last three or two recitations, according as the studies come four or three hours a week, may be spent in examinations. However it is optional with each professor whether he shall hold examinations or not. This is a change that will be gladly welcomed by all of the students.

One of the first steps toward the Americanizing of Cuba will be the education of the young men. Mr. Gilbert K. Harroun, treasurer of Union College, has charge of the matter. He has written to over 300 colleges, and of the 100 replies so far received, all have agreed to give two or more scholarships to men passing the necessary examinations.

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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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