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THE CALENDAR.

- Dec. 8. Reception to members of the Women's Division of the College by alumnae, at the residence of Mr. Purinton, Pleasant street. Evening.
- Dec. 13. The Dean and Members of the Palmer House will receive invited guests, 4 to 6 P. M. Meeting of the Faculty at the President's House, 7.30 P. M.
- Dec. 15. Term examinations begin and continue until Tuesday Dec. 19, inclusive.
- Dec. 20. Winter vacation begins. College exercises will be resumed Thursday, Jan. 4, 1900, with chapel at 9.00 A. M.
- Dec. 26. Meeting of the Central Maine Theological Circle, Room C. Chemical Hall.
- Jan. 4. Senior articles due.

STANDING APPOINTMENTS.

- Second Monday. Meeting of Prudential Committee at 8 A. M.
- Last Monday. Meeting of Conference Board of Men's Division 7 P. M.
- Last Tuesday. Meeting of Conference Board of Women's Division 7 P. M.
- Tuesdays. Meetings of Christian Associations 6.45 P. M.
- Wednesdays. Meeting of Faculty 7.30 P. M.

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GRADUATE NOTES.

'68. Rev. N. H. Clark, who has recently closed his labors at Charleston, will sail Feb. 3, on the New England for a tour through Egypt and Palestine. He will also visit Constantinople, Athens, and Rome, and return to this country in April. Meanwhile, till February, he will serve some of our Maine churches.

'81. Rev. J. H. Parshley has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Lawrence, Mass., to accept the call recently given him by the Baptist church at Moncton, N. B.

'84. E. H. Pratt was on the campus one day during the recess.

'96. H. W. Foss passed through Waterville last week.

'98. N. K. Fuller, who has finished his duties as principal of Freedom Academy for the fall term, will continue his law studies in the office of Hon. C. F. Johnson until February.

'99. Miss Maud L. Hoxie is teaching in one of the public schools of Revere, Mass.

The first part of the prize entrance examinations was held Wednesday afternoon under Prof. J. D. Taylor. Those who are trying for the prize are Messrs. Brunell, Butler, Thomas and Watts, and Misses Garland, Hoxie, Moody and Warren.

President Butler delivered a lecture to both divisions of the English class Thursday morning in Chemical hall. His subject was Julius Caesar.

JAPAN.

Rev. John L. Dearing '84, Gives Two Interesting and Eloquent Addresses.

Colby students were accorded a rare privilege this week in listening to Rev. John L. Dearing, an honored graduate of '84, who has been doing grand work as a Christian missionary and teacher in Japan. Mr. Dearing gave two addresses the principal one being in the College chapel, Thursday morning where he held the close attention of the students for nearly an hour.

Mr. Dearing gave some humorous college reminiscences in beginning this address, and then paid a warm tribute to his Alma Mater saying: "I do not believe that there is an institution in the world where students receive truer mental culture."

"There has been," said Mr. Dearing approaching his subject, "Japan," "a decided change in all American thinking. We are thinking along world lines. We are no longer provincial."

He then related a personal incident which happened during his first days in Japan. He had noticed the magnificent men of war stationed there, of the European nations, and on asking for the American warships was referred to an old side-wheeled steamer, regarded by all with derision and contempt. "Warships in a foreign port," said Mr. Dearing are the criterion of a nation's greatness." He referred to our new navy, and the added power and prestige it has given the United States among foreign nations. "America is coming more and more to be represented among the nations of the world."

"Japan has been making marvelous progress among the nations of the world. Her rise is due in no small way to the influence of our own Commodore Perry. Japan knocked at the door of the nations and has been granted admittance. The China-Japan war showed her real strength. Nothing has done so much to bring her into prominence as the killing of Chinamen. But this was not done by the former barbaric methods, but according to the international code."

Mr. Dearing next dwelt upon the social and educational development of Japan. "Formerly a feudal system prevailed, the castle towns were the headquarters of the nation. A certain education was formerly obtained and there was a civilization during the middle ages."

"The new education began in 1868. A board of education was established. Up to that time education was limited. Great importance was attached to writing poetry. In 1872 the emperor issued a rescript regarding education. Education has received constant encouragement from the emperor and government.

In 1873 the schools enrolled 1,180,000 pupils between the ages of 6 and 14. These included 40 per cent. of the boys and 15 per cent. of the girls of school age. In 1897, 4,168,000 pupils were enrolled, 80 per cent. of the boys and 50 per cent. of the girls of school age. The schools of Japan are of four kinds, the common schools, academies, higher institutions, and the University. There are also normal schools of a higher and lower grade. The system is very like the German. The Imperial University is manned by graduates from the leading universities of the world, and these are magnificent men. A very few of these professors are Christian men, but

very few. The position of the majority of Japanese students is agnosticism."

"There are 1677 private schools in Japan, and 125 of these are Mission schools. The government desires to stamp out the private schools. Students in the government schools are exempt from military conscription during their school life. This does not apply to the mission and private schools. Mr. Mott has organized Y. M. C. A. clubs and these are doing splendid work."

Of Colby men there are in Japan, besides Mr. Dearing, Yagora Chiba, who at one time was a member of the class of '97, and Col. Alfred E. Buck '59, U. S. minister to that country. Mr. Dearing spoke in glowing terms of the administration of Col. Buck and said that just as he was starting for America he received a message from him requesting him to take his warmest greetings to friends at Colby.

Wednesday afternoon from five to six Mr. Dearing talked in a most interesting manner to the college women and invited guests upon the women of Japan. He referred to the two very popular ideas about the Japanese women, the one that she is a gay butterfly, with no character, a mere toy or plaything, the other that she is an immoral creature with no civilization, to be looked upon with pity but not with love. Ten years of life in Japan had proved to the speaker that neither view is correct. In the eighth and tenth centuries inclusively the highest culture existed in Japan and in no part of the world at that time did woman occupy so high a place as there. The literature of Japan is very meagre but by far the greater part of what has been produced has been written by women. Some of the finest literary productions of that country have been by women. In other departments, too, was woman conspicuous in those early ages. At one time a Japanese empress led her army against a foreign foe, the only one in fact which ever succeeded in making a landing there, and banished them from her country. Since those times the women have degenerated. One of the causes of the change is the change in religion. The early religion of the country was Shintoism, a religion which cherished, a high regard for women, (though immoral in other respects), for its highest deity was a goddess. This religion lived for a long time and has not yet died out. Buddhism was the next religion, and this gave woman little place, and a still lower rank was given to her by Confucianism. This last religion especially enjoins obedience upon woman, obedience first to her father, second to her husband, and then to her son. From the time that Confucianism became a power this law of obedience has governed the Japanese women and because of it, degradation and suffering has come upon them. In the Christian lands woman's highest ideal is purity but in Japan obedience ranks far above it, and only as Christianity is introduced there and becomes a living power will a change of ideals be brought about. Woman has been a mere chattel. She could not inherit property, could not adopt a child and could not be the guardian of her child after its father's death. Another sad element in the woman's life is the frequency of divorces. Divorce can be obtained by the husband on the slightest pretexts, such as talking too much, disrespect to husband or to her husband's mother.

A sad picture can be drawn of the life

of these Japanese women, but Christianity and education are gradually changing their lot. There are many schools for the boys, but only a few for the girls. In the Christian Schools the girls are taught not American or European ways but the polite forms of their own country. Only the inner life is changed, but this is producing a wonderfully quiet but effective influence upon the country.

Mr. Dearing in closing cited many cases to illustrate the character and condition of the Japanese women, and to show how their position is being slowly improved. His talk was full of enthusiasm and left upon the hearers a feeling that the women of Japan were worthy of the deepest interest and sympathy.

ZOOLOGY AT COLBY.

For the past few years interest in biological studies has been growing at Colby, and this year the class in Zoology is the largest since the course has been offered to the students. The course comprises two terms, one in Invertebrate and one in Vertebrate Zoology. A large number of specimens of these classes is dissected by each student. The course is in charge of Merton W. Bessey, M. D., one of the physicians of the city. He spent the last summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl, Massachusetts, collecting specimens for the museum and also getting material for dissection. The college has purchased compound microscopes so that each member of the class of twelve has one for his use, and now it is possible for a class to do very satisfactory work in this study.

Dr. Bessey believes in creating a desire in his students to carry on original investigation in the study, and with this in view, has given each member a thesis to write upon some subject that will call for original work. The subjects are as follows: Bacteria, their Relation to the Diseases and Industries of Man; The Development of the Cell; Phylogeny and Ontogeny; Zoological Evidences of Evolution; Communism in Animals, Analogy and Homology; Classification of the Trilobite; Instinct and Animal Intelligence; Animal Reproduction; Corals and their Work; and the Comparative Myology of the Cat. These theses are expected to be at least thirty minutes in length, and will be read at intervals during the course. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when the course in Zoology will be lengthened and this thesis work made of greater value to both the student and the college. This will be done by giving the student several months time in which to prepare his thesis which will be upon some one of the forms of animal life found in the state.

The course is primarily intended for students who intend to take up the study of medicine or engage in other scientific work, and indeed is limited to such. This is kept constantly in view, and lectures are frequently given by the instructor which treat of subjects connected with the study of medicine. In addition to this, much time is spent in the study of Histology. Each student is required to mount specimens of tissue and be able to recognize them under the microscope. Such work as this can only be of great benefit to the student who is to make the practice of medicine his life work.

'94. O. W. Pierce, was visiting college friends last week.

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THE "BILLBOARD."

In order to prevent misunderstanding it seems necessary to make a statement in these columns regarding the character, purpose and aim of that department of THE ECHO which appears under the heading "The Billboard." It has been brought to our attention that fear is entertained in certain quarters—gravely reflecting upon the character of THE ECHO in view of this innovation—fear that THE ECHO will sink to the level of that Sophomoric publication, *The War Cry*. To us the comparison seems odious, and we hasten with some indignation to assure our readers that it is altogether unfortunate.

The "Billboard" column has its existence as the answer to a somewhat general complaint among the students that THE ECHO has lacked interest. It has been objected that the news of a weekly paper is stale on the day of publication, moreover, that it is news with which the students are themselves already familiar.

We had endeavored to make THE ECHO a faithful chronicle of all college happenings. But however well we might succeed in doing this the fact was evident that the paper was little read, and that little interest was manifested in its appearance. What criticism came to our ears, was for the most part adverse and disheartening.

The problem how to give greater interest to the college paper was one hard to solve. Owing to straitened financial circumstances, to increase the number of our so-called "literary" editions was found to be impracticable. Moreover, it is no easy matter to induce those students, who have literary ability to contribute to "THE ECHO. That such talent exists in the college there can be little doubt, but to all in-

tents in the majority of cases it appears to be buried in the proverbial napkin.

In view of these conditions and in answer to the appeal for matter of greater interest, it was decided to devote one column of the paper to topics of a lighter vein, and "The Billboard" was made a regular feature of THE ECHO.

That it has justified its existence we cannot doubt. That the popularity of the paper has increased with this innovation, we firmly believe.

The Oracle has long held privilege in this peculiar province of college journalism and no fault found. Why may not THE ECHO present in its columns matters of the same character with equal propriety?

From those who fear the publication of items of too pungent a nature, we only ask a little confidence in the discrimination of the individual who subjects every line that appears under this heading to a rigid censorship based on a due regard for personal feelings, high moral standards, and the "eternal fitness of things."

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

The reception given by President and Mrs. Butler on Nov. 28, to the members and friends of the college was another of those charming events which have done so much to promote the social life of Colby, and which are anticipated with so much pleasure each term. This is the first time that the members of the college as a whole have enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Butler in their new home, and the occasion was in every way thoroughly enjoyable.

Nearly all the faculty and students attended and many of the friends and alumni of the college were also present. The Mandolin and Guitar Club furnished music for the occasion and played finely. The guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Mathews and Dr. Hull. In the dining room, which was very prettily decorated with potted plants, chocolate and coffee were served, Mrs. F. W. Johnson and Miss Minnie Gallert presiding at the tables.

LONG DISTANCE RUN.

The annual Colby long distance run was won Saturday, Nov. 25, by J. Frank Moody, 1900. The course was from the "gym," out the main gate and up College avenue to Fairfield, returning over the same course. Moody, '00, Doughty, '00, Hodman, '00, Severy, '00, Withee, '01, and Haggerty, '02, started. But three of them finished. The time was: Moody, 31 3-4 min.; Doughty, 34 1-2 min.; Haggerty, 36 1-4 min.

Moody set out with a very hot pace and kept it up for the entire course. He came to Colby with a reputation as a runner and his running Saturday showed that he can live up to a good reputation. He has a fine long stride, good wind, and will make the men in the Maine Colleges hustle next spring.

The judges, Dr. Frew and Prof. Stetson, and Messrs. W. J. Abbott and L. G. Saunders, '02, accompanied the runners to Fairfield in a buckboard, in which the men, who dropped out of the race, rode back.

'90. M. A. Pillsbury has a position in a National bank at Hallowell.

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Delegates Right Royally Entertained at Springfield, Mass.

The Fifty-third Annual Convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity was held Nov. 15-18 in Springfield, Mass. The Sigma chapter of Amherst College had the arrangements for entertainment in charge and proved a royal host. On Wednesday afternoon Dekes, delegates and others, began to swarm into Springfield. A large flag of red, old gold and blue, on which were the letters D. K. E., hung high above the street from a window of Hotel Worthy and proclaimed to all that here were the headquarters of D. K. E.

By Thursday morning about one hundred and fifty men representing all but one of the 37 chapters of the Fraternity had registered, and the hotel offices were filled with college men wearing the neat button upon which was stamped the escutcheon and from which hung the colors of the fraternity.

Wednesday evening the Nayassett Club of Springfield tendered the delegates a smoker and punch in their tastily appointed club rooms. Formal introductions were ingeniously done away with by each writing his name and chapter letter boldly on his shirt front, the Deke grip did the rest. The evening was spent very delightfully in social chat, getting acquainted, and in singing jolly songs of D. K. E.

On Friday morning, at 9.30, the convention went into its first session in the convention hall at Hotel Worthy and remained behind closed doors till 11.45, when adjournment was made and all went to the Springfield City Hall where the convention photograph was taken. About one hundred and fifty were in the group. After the picture was taken all joined lock-step in single file and marched 150 strong down Main street to the Worthy, all the while singing Deke marching songs, punctuating each verse with a rousing Deke yell.

The many words of cordial greeting and good will flung at the tramping line showed that Springfield enjoyed the presence of her college visitors. Even the motorman of a street car held up by the passing throng smiled pleasantly and refrained from clanging his gong in annoyance.

The afternoon was occupied with another business session at which one action was taken which may be made public. A charter was granted for the establishment of a chapter in the undergraduate department of the University of Pennsylvania.

In the evening special reserved seats at the theatre were at the disposal of those who cared to spend the evening there. And for those who preferred to pass the time in a more social way there was a smoke talk and sing at Hotel Worthy. Quite a number including Xi's representatives attended both.

At the adjournment of Friday morning's business session the convention took special electric cars for a beautiful ride across the Connecticut river and up the valley to the house of the Springfield Amity Club where a dainty lunch was served. After time had been given to enjoy the extensive view which the club house commands of the Connecticut valley and the mountains beyond, the party took the cars back to Springfield and went immediately into session for the transaction of the remaining business of the convention.

At eight o'clock the doors of the dining hall of Oooley's House were thrown open. Covers had been laid for one hundred and sixty and every place was filled.

No pains had been spared in decorating the hall. Red, old gold and blue bunting in quantities was artistically

draped all along the walls and from the ceiling. At one end of the hall high over the head table hung a design of the Deke pin emblazoned with white and red electric lights. On each of the twenty tables were several vases filled with magnificent cut flowers. The whole produced a delightful effect.

At intervals through the banquet, delegations from the different chapters would rise and give the college or chapter yells or sing a verse of a favorite song. Seldom was the time that not one chapter yell was ringing through the hall. In an adjoining room an orchestra contributed its share to the enjoyment of the occasion.

After the last course had been removed and appropriate toasts had been responded to by our older brothers, in bright speeches full of loyalty to D. K. E., with rousing Deke cheers we left the banquet hall.

On Saturday morning a special train took the delegates to Amherst where at the Sigma chapter house we lunched and were very pleasantly entertained.

In the afternoon in a body we attended the Amherst-Wesleyan football game, during which the Deke yell was heard nearly as often as any other.

A special train took the delegates back to Springfield from where they departed to their colleges, filled with a stronger love than ever for their loved fraternity

THANKSGIVING RECESS.

Many of the students partook of the traditional turkey under the paternal roof. Of the men who remained at "The Bricks," several were invited to the tables of warm-hearted friends living in the city, while some receiving boxes from home gave informal spreads in their rooms. Since only a few women remained over the recess at the Hall, the company received there was much smaller than usual. Thursday evening, the Senior women gave an informal party and candy pull to the Senior men in town at the Palmer house, and this was much enjoyed. On Friday evening, Miss Elder, '02, entertained the members of her class in town in a most charming manner.

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OF INTEREST.

H. A. Barbour, '02, preached at Hartland Sunday.

L. E. Dudley, '02, will teach for the winter at Portage, Maine.

Jas. H. Hudson, '00, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Greenville.

Misses Pike and Tozier, '00, who were ill last week, are now able to attend recitations.

Roberts, Hebron '00, spent Thanksgiving day with his sister, Miss Sarah Roberts, '02.

The freshman class now have "gym" work from 5 to 6 as the former hour interfered with Latin.

A. D. Howard, '01, went to Canaan Monday where he will conduct a term of ten weeks at the High School.

W. A. V. Wiren, '00, accompanied Winslow friends to Albion, partaking there of the Thanksgiving turkey.

Mrs. Pratt, of Pishon's Ferry was the guest of her daughter, Miss Pratt, '05, at Ladies' Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The Colby orchestra has organized with Richard Sprague, '01, manager, and J. H. Hudson, '00, leader. The orchestra will probably go with the glee club on its trip.

President Butler passed Thanksgiving day in Boston, where he addressed the Massachusetts Teachers' Association on "Education," and attended the memorial exercises in honor of the late Dr. Larkin Dunton.

Mrs. J. D. Mathews, of Newton Center, has been visiting her daughter, Miss Grace Mathews, at Ladies' Hall. Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 5, Miss Mathews gave an "At Home" in her honor to friends in the city.

The Australian Pen, advertised in another column can be obtained of C. A. Henrickson, the bookseller. They are made by the Spencerian Steel Pen Company of New York City, which is a guarantee of their superior quality.

The first ducking of the season on account of thin ice was that taken Thursday forenoon on the river back of the colleges by Crawshaw, '02, who pulled himself out without serious approach to drowning. It won't do to press the season.—*Waterville Mail*, Dec. 1.

The course of Sunday evening lectures by Rev. E. L. Marsh on "A Spiritual Interpretation of Great Characters in Literature," is proving very popular, being attended by nearly all the students. Mr. Marsh will speak next Sunday evening on "The Redemption of Jean Valjean," from Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables."

Hamilton, '02, manager of the second eleven, got a card from the manager of the Bangor High team cancelling the game for Thanksgiving. This is the second game Bangor has cancelled with Colby second this year. Manager Wellman in his letter says the Bangor team is demoralized and intimates that it does not have the support of the people of Bangor.

The Men's Conference Board held its first meeting at the President's house, Nov. 27. Furbush '00, was elected chairman of the Students' Committee and Stearns '03, secretary. Matters of minor importance were discussed. Owing to the absence abroad of Mr. Hedman, Dr. Butler and Prof. Taylor were the sole faculty members present. The representatives from the classes are Furbush, 1900, Thayer, 1901, Workman, 1902, Stearns, 1903, Sanborn, 1900, from south division of south college; Saunders, 1903, from north division of south college; Wiren, 1900, from south division of south college; Bakeman, 1901, from north division of north college, and Jenkins, 1900, from the students in town.

The Bill-board.

A strong wind last week blew all the notices from the Bill Board. One notice however, was recovered and is as follows:

No notices for *The War Cry* or *Oracle* are to be tacked up here. The Bill Board is reserved for matters interesting both divisions of the college.

Notice to Under-classmen.

For over three years I have been a student here and now feel competent to instruct any member of the lower classes in all branches of college work. References, the Faculty and *The Business Manager*. P. E. G.

Tutoring in Music.

Pupils wanted on any musical instrument—the clarinets excepted. R. W. SPRAGUE.

Debating Society.

The next public debate will occur December twentieth in Dr. Elder's Lecture Room. Subject for discussion, Resolved, "That Blackburn is a Sophomore." Affirmative: Mr. J. P. Dudley, Mr. Withee; negative: Unannounced.

Prize Poem.

The Society for the Promulgation of Poetry hereby offers a prize of five dollars for the best poem of four stanzas, four lines to each stanza. Subject, "Warner's Moon." For further particulars address

P. S. PERCIVAL, Chief Scribe.

Dramatic Club.

The next rehearsal will be full dress at the chapel, 8 A. M., Monday, December 11th. No spectators allowed.

The Query Club.

This is the only society at Colby outside of the Dramatic Club admitting both divisions of the College. It is conducted on the principle that "A fair exchange is no robbery." At present there are very few members from the Men's Division, but for the sake of furthering the unanimity of the college the men are urged to join at this time. Any news of interest is readily exchanged for other news, and in this way it is hoped that the members of the college will come to understand each other more perfectly. Mr. Rice is on the membership committee.

Skating.

Mr. Crawshaw of the Sebasticook committee, by mistake wandered upon the Kennebec on Thanksgiving Day, and consequently found things a bit uncongenial. Nevertheless, he will continue to instruct on the other river during the winter.

New Rule.

Adopted by the Conference Board of the Men's College: "No so-called musical instruments are to be played or used in any of the college buildings or about them, after 11 P. M. or before 6.30 A. M."

A series of college assemblies are being arranged, one to be held this term and five next. They will be held at Thayer's hall and Hall's Orchestra will furnish music. The expenses will be met by the cooperative plan. The subscription list is with Philbrick, '00. The patronesses will be announced as soon as the list is completed.

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The Library contains 34,000 volumes and is always accessible to students. The college possesses a unique Physical Laboratory, a large Geological Museum, and is the repository of the Maine Geological Collection. A new and thoroughly equipped Chemical Laboratory was opened in September, 1899. Physical training is a part of the required work. There is a gymnasium with baths, and an excellent cinder-track.

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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