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CALENDAR.

March 5, Third College Assembly at Thayer's Hall at 8 P. M.

Concert by the Musical clubs March 8, of the College at Guilford, Me.

Mar. S. Students' Conference in the chapel. Address by Rev. Geo. D. Lindsay, Pastor of the local Methodist church.

March 9, Concert by the Musical clubs of the College at Greenville, Me.

March 13. Annual Indoor Athletic Exhibition by the students at the City hall. Evening.

April 17, College Dramatics at the City Hall.

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABSENT:

Tuesday, March 6, to deliver an address in the interests of the college at the Free Street Bap tist Church, Portland

Wednesday, March 7, to lecture before the Women's Club at Fairfield.

Thursday, March 22, to deliver an address in the interests of the college at the Court street Baptist church. Auburn.

Sunday, April 8, to preach at South Berwick, Maine.

STANDING APPOINTMENTS.

Last Monday. Meeting of the Conference Board of the Men's Division, 7 P. M.

Last Tuesday. Meeting of Conference Board of Women's Division 6.45 P. M. Tuesdays.- Meetings of Christian As sociations 6.45 P. M.

Wednesdays. Meetings of the College Fraternities, 7.30 P. M.

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The pext issue of THE ECHO will appear Friday, March 16, a double number. It will contain a large cut of the Musical Clubs and an account of their trips, Order extra copies early of Mr. Gilbert.

The foot-ball schedule with the Maine Colleges has been arranged as follows: Oct. 18, U. of M. at Orono.

Oct. 27, U. of M. at Waterville. Nov. 8, Bowdoin, at Brunswick. Nov. 10, Bates, at Waterville.

SPECIALISM IN MEDICINE.

An Address by James F. Hill, M. D.

On Monday evening, February 19th. Doctor Hill, at one time a member of the class of '82, delivered an address before the Waterville Clinical Society at their annual meeting and banquet at the Elmwood Hotel. President Butler and Mrs. Butler and Professor Stetson and Mrs. Stetson were the guests of Doctor Hill, who is President of the society. President Butler made an eloquent speech which met with hearty applause.

Doctor Hill, after thanking the society for the honor they had conferred upon him and reviewing the history of the society, spoke as follows:

I desire to invite your attention to the subject of Specialism in Medicine. Hitherto, the general practitioner has considered the specialist somewhat as the small boy regarded the arrival of his baby brother, when he remarked that "a little dog would have been much better." But as the small boy soon learns to love his baby brother, so the progressive general practitioner must come to recognize his brother specialist as an important factor in medical life. Specialism in medicine has become an established fact. In these days, when competition enters so largely into the affairs of life, and the medical practitioner, like the businessman, raiely succeeds in attaining all that he desires, the tendency is for each one to "hold fast that which he hath," lest perchance it be taken away. This may be good business policy, but it will not do in our professional transactions, where duty to our patients must supersede all other considerations. Although the adage "Honesty is the best policy," may not tend to develop the true spirit of morality, yet it is as applicable to the practice of medicine as to other walks of life..

fore, when the best interests of his patient demand special skill, he not only owes it to the patient that this skill be forthcoming, but by furnishing it he adds materially to his own dignity and to his own professional reputation. In the long run, that which is best for the patient is best for the physician; and so it pays to be honest, even if there were no other higher motive.

Modern specialism in medicine may be said to date from the period when the French schools in the early decades of this century took up seriously the question of pathologic anatomy. This was the basis upon which the work of division began. The Germans zealously followed the example of their more progressive neighbors, with the result that, today, the great profession, north of the Rhine-through the influence of specialism-has attained a dignity and a distinction which it never before enjoyed. In Great Britain, the division of work, scientific and practical, began at about the same time.

During the earlier decades, the profession in the United States was largely controlled by European influence, at first French, then German, and latterly English. Today, she is thinking and moving for herself, quite independently of foreign initiative, along the lines which make for progress. But in estimating the growth of specialism in this country,

should be considered. The immense strides which have been taken during the past twenty years, are a strong indication that we have entered upon a period of exceptional development. The awakening of the profession in the United States to a consciousness of their responsibilities and opportunities, has caused unparalleled changes, which have given an impetus to specialism that has already borne a rich harvest.

The limitation of time at my disposal all of the organs of sense. I shall, therefore, take up briefly the birth and growth of Otological Science.

It is no longer than the present generation that Otology was entirely an adjunct to ophthalmology. Less was known about the ear than of any other organ of sense—than, in fact, of any other organ of equal importance in the human body; and the laity soon found it out. The drop the clue which a casual observabedside practitioner had no respect for the aurist. True, he carried his syringe, but when he reached the tympanum, he paused, as did Cæsar "upon the brink of the Rubicon," but unlike the Roman, he never crossed.

Toynbee is generally acknowledged to be the father of modern otology; but we must go back some thirty-four hundred years, to the then flourishing country of Egypt for its birth. For Professor Roosa, in his excellent treatise, refers to a certain ancient papyrus (called after its discoverer, the Papyrus Ebers), on which is written a monograph on "Medicines for ears hard of hearing" and "for ears from which there is a putrid discharge."

In spite of its early birth, however, Otology, except with regard to its anatomy and physiology, did not make itself of great importance until the second half of the present century. It is true that here and there a surgeon might have been found who had turned his attention, to some extent, to this subject; but speaking generally, we may safely assert that aural surgery continued to be more or less in the stage of infancy until One man cannot do everything. There-between the years 1840 and 1860, when the study was vigorously taken up by Toynbee, who thus gave a fresh impetus to the study of pathology and treatment of diseases of the ear.

Otology had, indeed, a hard battle to fight before it could be said to have won honorable recognition among men of standing in the medical profession. So far as the anatomy and physiology of the auditory apparatus are concerned, comparatively little has been added to the store of knowledge already gained, although a more intimate study of its parts has made that knowledge more complete and concise.

In pathology there has been considerable advancement. Although our knowledge of changes in chronic middle-ear catarrh and sclerosis has greatly improved, yet much here remains to be done. The effect of pathologic conditions of the nose and naso-pharynx, more especially adenoid vegetations, upon the organ of hearing has been practically discovered in the past thirty years.

The world has yet to learn what it owes to Dr. Hans Wilhelm Meyer of Copenhagen, Denmark. In 1808, a young girl consulted him for deafness. Her voice was most peculiar and the expression of her face was almost idiotic. Treatment directed to the ears. and throat failed, and it was not until the puzzled observer one day introduced his finger into the space between the nose

the future, rather than the present, and throat that an unexpected solution was met with. Instead of penetrating into an open cavity, the finger was arrested by a large, soft, easily bleeding mass, a condition, the existence and nature of which in those days formed a terra incognita. Meyer succeeded in removing this mass by operation, with the result that the deafness was materially improved; the voice became natural, and the idiotic expression of the face disappeared. Gratifying as this result was in itself, it was, however, only then that tonight will not permit me to deal with Meyer's real merit commenced. If he had regarded this experience in the light of a mere pathological curiosity, years and years might have passed before the importance of the subject had been realized.

> But with the true instinct of the scientific observer who develops what is ultimately to become an important truth from small beginnings, Meyer did not tion had placed in his hands. He'began to study the subject in all its bearings. He examined the masses he had removed. with regard to their structure; he investigated the results which obstruction of the space between the nose and the throat exercised upon hearing, articulation, facial expression, general, mental and bodily development. He examined 2000 Copenhagen school-children with regard to the frequency of this affection. He made himself the apostle of his own teaching by proclaiming it not only in his own country, but also all over the world. In one word, to such an extent did he realize the true significance of his discovery, that he left to his successors merely the addition of more or less important details, while the foundation of the edifice erected by him has remained unchanged from the time of his own first publication on the subject. A monument in his honor was erected about two years ago in his native city by international subscription. A monument in honor of a physician, in itself is a very rare occurrence. To be immortalized by the sculptor's art in brass or marble in a public place, has usually been reserved from times of old to some few classes of the community onlygreat rulers, benevolent or warrior princes, distinguished statesmen, victorious generals and admirals are the privileged mortals in honor of whom most frequently monuments have been erected.

Great improvement has been made in our methods of diagnosis. The study of the tuning fork has made the diagnosis between affections of the conducting apparatus and the auditory nerve, which was formerly often confused, much more easily defined. Methods of illumination have been greatly improved, to the immense advantage of the aurist.

Bacteriology has done much, and in all probability will do even more in the future, to help us in our diagnosis. Unfortunately, the essential apparatus is enclosed in such dense bone that the Roentgen Rays have been of but little assistanco.

In treatment, there have been immense strides. Even in chronic middle-car catarrh and in sclerosis—those diseases which hitherto have baffled our most strenuous efforts—a distinct advance has been made. Ouretting of carious spots and the removal of ossicles-so important in the treatment of many cases—has only recently been introduced.

And this brings us to the wonderful

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Some evil deeds are too small and mean to deserve mention, yet when they are perpetrated continually, righteous indignation must find expression in words. Not many years ago the interesting weekly publications, comic, and illustrated news sheets and literary papers were to be found in the reading room, but the pernicious habit of taking them by stealth to the individual rooms caused them to be removed to the library. But even the daily newspapers are not respected. It is certainly exasperating to find whole columns cut out of a paper that has not been in the room an hour and sometimes to find the entire paper missing. It is seldom that the papers are found entire on the rack where they belong. The reading room is for the benefit of the entire student body, not for a few. Each individual is taxed for its support and he who mutilates or steals its contents is benefiting himself at the expense of others. This despicable meanness finds expression in yet another form, namely, the stealing of text-books from one another. fellow lost about six dollars worth of books in one term. This sort of thing has gone on for so long that some people have an idea that it is allowed by custom. Not at all. It is bad business. The contemptible selfishness of some people is nauseous.

This is a Christian country, nearly all of the student body are from Christian homes, many of them are church members and this college is supported by a Christian sect. Yet if a stranger should enter the rear door of the Chapel some morning when the usual devotional service is going on, he would be surprised by the disorderly conduct and lack of reverence shown by a large number of the students. A degenerate half-breed from the wilds of Mexico would at least respect the worship of others, even if he took no part in the ceremony. One of the marks of a gentleman is decent behavior in a place of worship.

A SUGGESTION.

It so happened that I had the good fortune to be chosen as one of the commencement ushers last commencement and for my labors I had as recompense a most excellent dinner, and an opportunity of hearing some very polished and loyal toasts. When these exercises were over I honestly felt that the college had amply repaid me for the few days of work I had done for her.

But, how about the other fellow who had paid his commencement tax, as I, had been refused the excellent dinner of which I have spoken above and had been debarred from the honored privilege of hearing what the graduates had to say, and how well they could say it? I warrant you he was chafing a bit while the dinner was in progress. If he was a little dissatisfied that he had paid his money and received nothing in return, I think we are all of one opinion that there was some cause for his discontent.

Possibly it would not be advisable to admit the undergraduates to the annual Alumni Dinner, yet the ushers are admitted and there seems to be no impropriety in that. I would not be one who would advocate that the ushers be debarred from attendance upon this Dinner, but rather one who would urge that all others who pay the tax be also invited, or least of all concessions, that they be allowed the privilege of hearing the enthusiastic exercises that always characterize this] yearly gathering of Colby's sons and daughters.

To shut out the undergraduates from these exercises cannot be just the right thing to do. Why? There is, or there should be, to every college a distinctive college spirit. We have one at Colby, though not as enthusiastic as we would wish. This distinctive college spirit, or love of Colby, is crippled, for one reason because we are not permitted to hear these loyal speeches delivered by our men, graduates who have gone out from the college home, gained position and renown and have come back to tell us how to make the most out of our college course, show we ought to love the institution that makes men who would help make themselves.

The speeches I heard from Colby men last year caused me to have double the love for the College I had ever had before. There, and there only, do we find the enthusiasm that goes to "make a half of College Life."

Governor Powers, for instance, spoke on the State of Maine, the Spanish-American War, and as a Colby man; Robert Fuller, of Boston, made a bright speech, gave Sam a degree, pledged \$1000 to the college and so showed what he thought of Colby as an educator; Lyford, '79, spoke on the matter of Trusts, and of course of Colby; Dr. Matthews gave a loyal toast, as did Drummond, Spencer, Dunn, Dalton, and Johnson. Surely a list of Colby speakers, that every man and woman in the college should have heard, and, doubtless, would like to have heard.

What other place, what other time, have we to hear these lively, patriotic Colby sentiments than at the Alumni Dinner? The Hall is not large enough to admit the undergraduates. Why would it not be an excellent plan to hold the Dinner in the City Hall and have the galleries reserved for the undergraduate body?

I make the suggestion for what it is worth, feeling certain that by permitting the students attendance upon the after-dinner exercises, not only would the yearly discontent that I know to exist among the students be removed to a great extent, but the dormant spirit of old Colby would be awakened and enhail with joy.

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SPECIALISM IN MEDICINE.

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strides made in the treatment of autrum and mastoid disease, for which we have chiefly to thank Professors Schwartze and Stacke, although many others have contributed to the advancement. How much agony has been relieved? how many lives have been saved by these operations. This advance of surgery has carried us still further, for by the joining hands of general surgery and Otology, inter-cranial suppuration has been robbed of many of its victims.

How is it that formerly our surgeons were unable to cope with those intercranial conditions? How is it that now we are able to operate on the tympanum and mastoid, practically with impunity? It is largely due to antiseptic surgery.

Such, ladies and gentlemen, is the brief—and therefore necessarily inadequate-record of the progress of Otology. We have seen that this nineteenth century, which has brought to the world so many wonderful blessings in other directions, has not been unmindful of this branch of medical science. For, whereas at the commencement of this century the ear was an unknown world, scarcely worth consideration except as the seat of one affection only—that which was generally known as a deafness, now at its close is fully explored ground; and been proved well worth exploration.

Otology has been raised from the rank pseudo-quackery to the honorable position of scientific surgery, and its importance and bearing upon the body as a whole is now fully recognized.

To trace successfully the development of Specialism in Medicine would, indeed, require the hand of a master, one who could combine the capacity for patient obervation with philosophic vision. 1 recognize the limitation of my fitness and am not unaware that in my ignorance I have overlooked much which might have rendered less sketchy a sketch necessarily imperfect.

Never before in the history of human activity has specialization reached its present degree of refinement. Happily the present period of civilization is characterized by the operation of forces which found no exemplification in the earlier plays on the great stage of the world. Today, responsive to the edict of the gentle Nazarene, neither cloister, halls, factory, shop, college, school family, nor profession, witholds its modicum of knowledge that may make for the common weal. The proclamation of love, heralded from the Mount, today reverbeates through the world. In conformity to natural law, love itself has separated into emulation, generosity and beneveo-

There is not a day but that the general medical profession is made richer in resources and potentiality by the accretions derived from specialism. It would seem that in this way one specialty after another must sooner or later lose its distinctive characteristics and return to the great body of the profession from which it was derived. What with our colleges, universities, clinics, hospitals, journals and societies, the connection between the specialties and the general profession is always close and intimate. The characteristic of the present era-one that distinguishes it from former civilizations—is that the process of specialization is never carried to the point of complete separation. Each speciality, however assiduously cultivated, remains an integral part of the great general profession, the masters of which must ever stand as our ideals.

ZOOLOGY CLASS ENTERTAINED

Tuesday evening the members of the Zoology class were entertained at the home of Dr. Bessey, the class instructor. A part of the evening was pleasantly

spent in listening to impromptu songs and recitations by the members of the New Figs and Nuts. class. Much amusement was afforded the young ladies when it came to the selection of partners. Each gentleman was given a card bearing the name of some branch of the animal kingdom, with the order and class of the branch. The young ladies had cards with the name of some individual animal of the different branches. After frequent references to the dictionary and Packard's Zoology the gentlemen found their partners.

Refreshments were served in the dining-room, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. After examining some specimens of infusorians through the microscope and singing college songs, the company broke up at a late hour, having spent a very pleasant evening.

GRADUATE NOTES.

'72. Rev. H. W. Tilden, D. D., of Livermore Falls, preached at Augusta, Sunday and called on friends at the College Monday.

'79. Rev. C. E. Owen, of Houlton has been visiting his daughter, Miss Edna Owen '02.

'93. Chas. N. Perkins is principal of the High school in No. Brookfield, Mass.

'94. Wm. B. Tuthill is at present pastor of the First Congregational church at East Hartford, Conn., where he was called last fail. Mr. Tuthill was formerly pastor at Kensington, Conn.

'96. Miss Evelyn Whitman is teaching in Beverly, Mass.

'97. Fred E. Taylor, who graduates at Rochester Theological Institution this year, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Moscow, Idaho.

'98. N. K. Fuller resumed his duties as principal of Freedom Academy this week.

'99. Miss Jennie Buck, assistant in the Cherryfield High School, spent Sunday at her home in Waterville.

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Miss Turner, of Portland, visited Miss Warren '03, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. J. B. Mathews, of Newton, Mass., was the guest of his daughter, Miss Mathews, at Ladies' Hall, last Thursday.

Mr. Frank Knight, Bowdoin '94, and N. T. Gehring, Bowdoin '99, called on friends in the college Sunday and the ed into a snow-drift by it. One of the party took dinner at the Elmwood.

The engagement of Annie Rhodes Maddocks '02, to Archer Lewis Grover of Orono is announced. Mr. Grover is an instructor in University of Maine.

The high wind of Sunday morning dislocated the roof of the transit house and got into the dome of the observatory, tearing off part of the slide which covers the circle.

A union meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. was held in the Y. W. C. A. room Tuesday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to arouse interest in the Japan missionary work.

On the eve of the anniversary of Washington's Birthday the three lower classes each held parties given by the ladies of the respective classes, the Freshmen meeting at Dunn House, Sophomores at Miss Gray's, Fairfield; and the Juniors at Ladies' Hall.

Dr. Wilson, Brown '73, and pastor of Free street Baptist church, Portland, was in chapel Tuesday morning and gave a most interesting and practical talk. Dr. Wilson is an easy pleasing speaker and conferred a favor on the student body by giving earnest remarks on the practicality of religion.

er floor, formerly occupied by Prof. Elder, have been entirely remodelled and turned over to Dr. Bayley's and Dr. Bessey's work. Dr. Bayley occupies the entire eastern half of the floor, using the south room as an office and the northern room as a recitation room. Dr. Bessey uses both the western rooms for dissecting rooms while the north room in the centre of the floor is to be used by both professors for apparatus and mineral cases. The entire second floor will sent from out of town. The music was probably be used as a display room for the large collection of rocks and minerals now in the possession of the college.

The concert given by the Glee Club at Skowhegan, Friday evening secured much favorable comment. The club will give a concert followed by a ball at Oakland, Friday evening, March 2. The two concerts at Guilford and Greenville, March 7 and 8, will close the engagements for the term. The trip arranged | majority of those invited were present. for in vacation is an extended one in which the club makes ten appearances. The dates are: March 21, Island Falls; March 22, Caribou; March 23, Presque Isle; March 24, Houlton; March 26, Patten; March 27, Bar Harbor; March 28, Cherryfield; March 29, Jonesport; March 30, open. After a rest of four days the club will start another trip through Franklin and Cumberland counties. The trip includes concerts at Winthrop, Livermore Falls, Farmington, Wilton, Portland, Yarmouth, Warron, Rockland, Vinalhaven, Camden, and Belfast. This trip, with a concert later at Fairfield, will close the season for the club which so far has had a most successful year.

'98. F. A. Robinson is acting as general agent through Minnesota and Wisconsin for a well known Boston firm. At present he is making his headquarters in Minneapolis.

'98. George A. Wilson, jr., has engaged with the Wood-Norris Co. of Portland as traveling salesman. He will handle acetlyne gas generators.

The Bill-board.

The word "rubber," in its new significance has not yet been accepted by the Century dictionary, but it is on every tongue. I do not pretend to be a scholar, so I shall use it until the faculty tells me not to. It is a powerful word, for one of the freshmen was recently dumpco-ords also is much interested in the word, for she keeps a list of all those that use it in its full significance. Don't ask who she is or you'll get your name on the list.

I have been censured for using the word "co.ord" in speaking of a member of the Women's Division of Colby College, Waterville Maine. My only apology for so doing is that life is too short to say all that every time I am obliged to mention the young ladies. I might add that it is good usage in college journalism, for every co-ordinate publication uses the short term rather then the lengthier one.

COLLEGE ASSEMBLY.

After several postponements on account of blizzards and conflicting engagements, the second in the series of assemblies took place last Monday evening at Thayer's Hall. It was an ideal night for dancing, for the contrast between the cold outside and the prettily decorated hall within was very noticeable and pleasant. The floor was in excellent condition, so much so that one or two found it uncomfortably slippery. It was by all odds the largest number that has The rooms in Coburn Hall on the low- attended any of the college dances this winter and the floor was at times almost too crowded to make the dancing comfortable. A new plan was put into operation, making the dances a trifle shorter and the intermissions only a couple of minutes in length. Consequently the order of seventeen dances was finished by half past eleven. Besides the regular college subscribers, there was a larger number than usual from the city people. There were also some young ladies prefair, with the exception of one two-step. Hall's orchestra of five pieces rendered the selections. The patronesses were Mrs. Butler and Miss Mathews.

WASHINGTON PARTY, 1902

Last Thursday evening, Miss Gray '02, entertained about twenty of her classmates at her home in Fairfield. Although the weather was unfavorable the

The decorations for the evening were appropriate and tastefully arranged. Large pictures of George and Martha Washington, festoons of bunting in our national colors and flags prettily draped adorned the parlors. The guests were received by the hostess in Martha Washington costume.

After a short period of brisk conversation, cards were passed around on which were dates of events occurring in the life of Washington. Prizes were awarded to gentleman and lady guessing largest number of events correctly. Icecream and cake were served in the dining-room. Partners for refreshments were found by means of little flags which were given to each person. These flags bore the name of either a president or his wife. The remainder of the evening was spent in guessing Washington conundrums, games and singing. The party broke up by giving the class yell. and cheers for the charming hostess who had made the evening one of genuine

'98. J. L. Dyer, visited friends at the college Friday.

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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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