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## CALENDAR.

- Jan. 31. Masquerade Sociable in Chemical Hall.  
Feb. 3. "The Private Secretary" by Colby Dramatic Club.  
Feb. 11. Banquet of Colby Club at the Elmwood.

## A WORD ABOUT THOSE PRIZES.

In the first place remember you have just four weeks more to get in those stories and poems. They go to the judges, Monday, March 3. Be sure you get them in on time. Try, everybody. In the next place, there has been some question raised as to who is eligible. Are the members of the Board in the contest? Yes, and no. The precedent has been set that all are qualified—in fact a good proportion of the prizes have in previous years gone to the Board. But there seemed to be some feeling against this method so the present has taken a different attitude, that of challengers. They are not in the race for a prize as far as any announcement in THE ECHO goes, but to get a prize anyone must excel any story or poem passed in by a member of the Board. When the Oracle comes out, the best story will be printed under "First Prize," regardless of the author. In a word then, the editors are not in line for the prizes or any honor from THE ECHO announcement, but are eligible for anonymous renown in the Oracle. This combination course is taken for just one reason. While the editors are only ambitious to be good servants, they don't care to have the second or third best story presented to the public as the best. All that the student body has to do, is to beat the Board and relieve the complication. To your task now with a will! Four weeks will fly fast. Begin today, and don't stop.

ORACLE.

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

On Monday evening, January 27, President and Mrs. White gave the first of the college receptions to the students, alumni and friends of Colby. Lew Clyde Church and Sheppard E. Butler presented the guests to the reception committee which consisted of President and Mrs. White, Dr. and Mrs. Pepper, Professor Beck and Miss Mathews, the Dean of the Women's division.

During the evening, refreshments were served in the dining room, the tables being presided over by Mrs. A. J. Roberts and Mrs. Merton W. Bessey, assisted by Misses Ethel Pemberton and Hope Davies.

The reception was wholly informal and was very largely attended. The number of friends of the college, living in the city who attended was especially noticeable.

If the college receptions which follow are as delightfully informal and pleasant as was this one, the number of those who consider it a privilege to attend will certainly not grow less.

The delegates to the Toronto Convention have been chosen, and are as follows: From the Junior class, Staples, from the Sophomore, Smith and Gould, and from the Freshman, Cotton. One of the delegates pays his own expenses in full, and the others are sent at the expense of the college. Two young ladies are to go from the women's division.

Dr. White has been away this week to attend a meeting of the Brown Alumni.

## WATERVILLE AND A Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

To a casual observer it might appear somewhat inappropriate to discuss the needs of a city Young Men's Christian Association building in the columns of this paper, but the interests of the students are so closely allied with those of the towns people that whatever seems for the good of the city will usually to some extent be to the advantage of the students.

By reason of the excellent educational advantages offered by the High School, Institute and College and also because of the employment to be secured in the mills and the car shops, Waterville has a larger element of young men whose homes are not in the city than do many cities of its size in Maine, and for this reason do we stand in imperative need of good Y. M. C. A. rooms.

The majority of these young men after their day's work is done, have no place in which to spend the evening except in their rooms, too often cold and uninviting, and so are induced to seek other means of amusement.

Most cities in Maine of the size of Waterville have made special provisions for their young men in the shape of pleasant and attractive Y. M. C. A. reading rooms where they can go and spend a profitable as well as pleasant evening. Among its accessories are usually a gymnasium with baths, a well equipped reading room, and other rooms supplied with various games and usually a piano. Often talks and lectures are given by prominent men.

Waterville has nothing of the sort. We have what we call the "Reading Rooms" down town but it seems to be a dismal failure. It consists of a small room in the rear of a building, having a fair supply of papers and an out of tune piano and that is about all. This does not present very strong attractions to our young men. It seems that in such an up-to-date and enterprising city as this we ought to afford something better than we now have.

Our Y. M. C. A., instead of being a practically dead organization, ought to be alive, active and vigorous; having as its headquarters, if not an entire building, at least several comfortable rooms, well furnished and lighted.

It ought to be, as its nature implies, one of the most important organizations in the city, always devising means to keep the young men interested. If the present organization is so nearly dead as to be incapable of resuscitation immediate steps ought to be taken to form a new association, for Waterville has been without one long enough.

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The proposed athletic exhibition does not seem to arouse as much interest among the students as was hoped for. Instead of having several contestants for each place, as there should be. Dr. Frew has been unable to get even enough men for the different parts. Accordingly he has adopted a plan which he hopes will be successful. He has appointed leaders for the ten divisions. These men and their divisions are:

Dumb bells, Cotton; Indian clubs, Fogg; Fencers, Taylor; Wrestlers, Hawes; Boxers, Thomas; Broad swords, Upwall; Horizontal bar, Workman; Parallel bars, Cowing; Pyramids, Knapp; Tumblers, Lord.

Each man is to organize his class with

the help of Dr. Frew, and see that it works faithfully. It seems a pity that our exhibition should not take place when we have so much excellent material, and we hope that the present method will bring about the exhibition, for the money taken would certainly be a very material help to the Athletic Association.

## SMOKER AT THE D. K. E. CLUB ROOMS.

The club rooms of the D. K. E. fraternity on College Avenue, last Friday evening, were the scene of a very pleasant assemblage. The Dekes of the active chapter tendered a smoker to the alumni members of the fraternity residing in the city.

The rooms were brilliantly lighted; a bright fire was crackling in the fireplace, while Deke designs and escutcheons were in evidence on all sides, from rugs on the floor and pillows in every nook of window-seat and sofas. In one corner stood a table holding a large punch bowl surrounded by drinking glasses, and on the mantle were cigars with appurtenances for smoking them, of which everyone was expected to partake, whether he had ever smoked before or not. And as early as half-past seven all the active members were collected.

The alumni brothers began to arrive soon after this, and a good number of them in the course of the evening were present. The younger men spared no pains to see that the guests of the evening were well waited upon, and the punch and cigars did not fail to meet their appointed office. There was nothing in the least formal or constrained, everyone was at his ease, and did his best to insure that both he himself and those about him should have a good time.

As the light, billowy clouds rose more and more thickly towards the ceiling, brothers young and old moved freely from room to room and gathered here and there in ever changing groups for conversation. The center of each group was usually some alumnus surrounded by his interested listeners.

The piano was not long silent, and soon several of the more musically inclined of the brothers gathered about it rendering at first some of the late popular songs, but these were later followed by some of the old Fraternity songs in which all voices joined. When the air of Phi Marching Song was begun, the brothers of the active chapter joined in lock step Indian file and tramped slowly back and forth around chairs and tables and out through the hall. Finally after passing several times through the rooms the tortuous chain surrounded the center table, formed into a compact circle and then as each fell into his neighbor's lap, the twenty-five men were soon in a heap on the floor.

Some time after ten many of the older and some of the younger members felt obliged to leave. Those who remained, however, gathered about the hearth in the south parlor and, in the gleam of the dying embers, stories, old and new, were bandied. It was well on towards midnight when the party finally broke up and the lights were extinguished. Everyone was glad that he had come, and the new club rooms had become as much endeared to alumni as to undergraduate members they already were.

M. P. P.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION AT TORONTO.

As the date for the fourth Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, to be held at Toronto, February 26 to March 2, draws near, preparations are being rapidly hastened, both at the Toronto headquarters and at the Volunteer office. So general is the interest in this gathering, that the utmost resources available are sorely taxed. Colleges and other institutions of higher learning from the Atlantic to the Pacific are taking steps to appoint large and influential delegations in cases where this has not already been done.

Interest in the city where the Convention meets is most natural. Its architectural beauty, its high reputation as a scholastic center, and its dominating influence in the evangelical life of the Dominion combine to make it an ideal gathering place. To this may be added, in the case of delegates from the States, the charm of the transplanted English life as affected by early French traditions. It is a bit of England with something of the Sabbath atmosphere of Scotland, mingled with the spirit and enterprise of America. The student life of Toronto is likewise a unique composite of British and American ideas and customs, with which it will be most interesting to become acquainted.

Interest in the coming convention is further justified by the acceptance already received. These include the leading missionary advocates of the United States and Canada, missionaries from all the great fields, many of them with a world-wide reputation, and persons whose fame is in every mouth in connection with the recent uprising in China—the falsely defamed and rightly lauded Dr. Ament, and Prof. Camewell, defender of the legations, both of Peking, being among them. Young people's society leaders, whose names are household words, will be present, as will men and women of spiritual power, some of whom are already known to students, Mr. Speer and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, for example. Editors and educators of influence and wide reputation will constitute an important part of the personnel. Best of all, Mr. Mott, whose five months' tour among the students of Japan, China and India has been a prolonged experience of remarkable successes, will preside. His words will alike inspire and empower all who hear him.

Difficulties to be feared in case of a late appointment of representatives are suggested by the fact that at a number of remote colleges delegations twice as large as were sent to the Convention at Cleveland in 1893 have been appointed, and also by the plans of large institutions like Cornell University and Yale, where the remarkable record of 1893 is likely to be exceeded. Since the delegates are to be entertained by the hospitality of the people of Toronto, it has been necessary to limit the total attendance to 2,500, of whom 2,000 will be students. From present indications, it is apparent that this number of men and women from fully 500 institutions will easily be reached—undoubtedly the greatest student religious gathering the world has ever seen.

Miss Sarah Roberts, '02, and Miss Grace Warren, '03, have been chosen as delegates by the Y. W. C. A., to attend the Student Volunteer Convention at Toronto.

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Mention is made in another column of the effort now being put forward to secure full classes in the preparatory work for the proposed athletic exhibition. The interest thus far shown has not been as gratifying as those interested could wish for. Leaders have now been appointed for the various divisions and these leaders will have the responsibility of organizing their own classes. It is to be hoped that this plan will have the desired result, and that before this week is over the classes will be well filled with squads of men eager to make the coming exhibition one of the best yet held. Dr. Frew has shown a great deal of interest in this matter and the only thing now necessary to success is a manifestation of interest on the part of the students in some degree approaching the earnestness of the gymnasium instructor.

## GRADUATE NOTES.

'81. Charles B. Wilson has been appointed by the Smithsonian Institute to classify the government crustaceans that are parasitic on fish.

'82. W. E. Perry has a Bible class of one hundred members in one of the churches of Chelsea, Mass.

'98. Rev. Joel B. Slocum is pastor of the First Baptist church at Concord, N. H. The following notice of a lecture given by him in the Walker course of that city will be of interest to his friends in this vicinity. "In introducing the speaker in the Walker lecture course last evening Dr. Walker voiced the unanimous sentiment of the immense audience by saying that it afforded great pleasure to hear Rev. Joel B. Slocum give his lecture on his trip to Japan. Coming to us only a few years since a complete stranger to accept the pastorate over a church which was having some dissension within itself at the time, Mr. Slocum has won for himself a warm place in the hearts not only of his own denomination but of all denominations, and the large and enthusiastic audience which assembled to hear him last evening was a fitting testimonial to his popularity. The views were very beautiful, and tastily arranged, and the stereopticon worked with smoothness. "The best Walker lecture I ever went to," was the unanimous verdict heard on every hand as the large crowd wended its way home.

## THE OBSERVER.

The Observer has noticed a certain restlessness among many of the students during the past few weeks, and this restlessness has furnished material for considerable thought and study. This spirit of uneasiness is manifest in many different ways, and serves to emphasize the characteristics of those college students whom The Observer chooses to call the Restless.

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The Restless are the sort of human beings who go into the newspaper business and make one other addition to the ranks of yellow journalism. They get the idea into their heads that the world and the people in it are eager to get hold of every bit of information going to show that something has happened abnormally out of the ordinary. Hence they take pains to disseminate such information.

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But the Restless are not content with mere dissemination of the sensational; the news which they have just heard from their uneasy neighbor must be told to their friend across the way, but it will not be news unless the disseminator adds to it something still newer; so the stories grow newer rather than fewer.

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To the Restless, the two expressions "rumor has it," and "we get it on good authority," mean one and the same thing. To them, any gossip is good authority and every authority should be freely quoted, allowing the quoter to modify the quotation according to his knowledge of the person quoted.

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These far-seeing and farther-talking people are necessary evils in the college world. They may do some good incidentally, but they also do a great deal of harm. They can not be eradicated without wholesale extermination; they must be tolerated just as a kicking mule by a man who owns only one.

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Sometimes they reform, but it is not often; they take too much enjoyment in watching the results of spreading their fantastic tales of imaginary situations. They never heard the modern proverb, beginning "It's better not to know so much, -etc."

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The Restless are practically incurable. The disgusting symptoms of their ailment might be reduced to a minimum if they could be translated into Paradise of some Utopia of their imagination, and even then, The Observer believes they would mourn and whine because they didn't know about it before.

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# A STORIETTE.

Mary was studying by the window, looking dreamily out into the darkness. Her sweet, young face looked a little sad, to-night; there was a far-away expression in her eyes; there were traces of tears round them, too.

Her head was resting tenderly upon a locket which she wore at her throat. She had just opened it, a moment ago, and looked at the tiny picture within. Such a boyish, lovable face, she thought. It made her feel dreamy, as it always did, and now she was living over in her mind that memorable evening—just four years ago—when the locket had been new and the picture had been placed in it so carefully. "You'll think of me when you wear it, won't you, Marie?" Tom had said to her. Ah, yes! How many times since then had this locket made her think of him!

In the fall Tom went off to college. He was a great favorite among his classmates and entered into all the activities and sports with his whole soul. But at the end of the winter term, his health, which had never been especially strong, broke down entirely and he was obliged to leave college and go immediately to California.

Mary heard from him often during the next summer, but after that, the letters grew shorter and less frequent; they seemed unnatural, too, she thought, and so unlike the frank, boyish notes he used to write. But now it was over two years since she had received Tom's last letter. She tried to answer it, but somehow she could not write what she wanted to say, and at last she gave up trying. The locket, however, she still continued to wear.

The years passed on. Tom's words, "You'll think of me, Marie," kept echoing in her ears, but she heard not a word from California.

Today a newspaper came to her, addressed, "Miss Marie Stone." It was from Tom, she knew before she opened it. Inside, marked with a blue pencil, she saw the announcement of Tom's engagement to a beautiful society queen of Los Angeles. Mary read it through, went to her room and took from its case the tiny heart-shaped locket. She clasped it around her throat—"for the last time," she whispered. Then she walked to the window and stood there lost in thought.

The clock struck eight. Mary sighed. She took the locket off and put it back in its leather case, with the words, "Good-bye, Tom." She had just closed the drawer when the door-bell rang. How bright and pleased her face grew suddenly. A pretty pink flush suffused her cheeks. "It is Edward," she said, "dear Edward—I'm so glad he has come to-night." And she ran merrily down the stairs and greeted him with her sweetest smile, while all thought of Tom and the locket vanished completely from her mind.

## CONCERNING DEBATING.

Now that the question of debating in Colby is being discussed, we are glad to print the following letter from Hon. Albert W. Paine, '92, the oldest living graduate of the college:

Bangor, Jan. 27, 1902.

PRESIDENT WHITE:

Dear Sir:—I have been very much interested, in perusing a late copy of THE COLBY ECHO, to read the editor's remarks suggestive of the college students forming a debating club for the discussion of various subjects which it may select. I was indeed surprised to learn from the article that none such already existed. Indeed no such important addition to the practice of the students ought to be omitted.

When it is considered that of the large class of citizens that as members of Con-

gress and other Legislative bodies and as members of the legal and clerical professions are called upon to discuss important subjects, the very largest part are college graduates, and that public speakers generally are of that class, it would seem that no doubt can exist for a moment that the proposed improvement should occupy a large and important place in college exercises.

The only answer to THE ECHO's suggestion that can be made must indeed be in the affirmative.

The subjects for discussion should be and embrace those of all kinds, physical, mental, financial and political and all others such as the business and the character of the people from time to time suggest. Such as now agitate the public mind, like those of the Philippines, the Boers, Cuba, the Tariff, the Isthmian Canal and Chinese Exclusion, all naturally form a part of the list of subjects to be discussed, to which may be added the question whether the United States "is," a question apparently very simple but yet involving principles of the greatest importance.

Such clubs should be composed of members of all the classes, so that the wisdom of the Seniors may be enjoyed by the Freshman, while the female may profit by the teachings of the male fellow student and the reverse. The club should hold meetings as often as once a week and discussions take place accordingly.

I hope Mr. President these views may meet your approval and consequent action.

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Ven ve haf got tired uf der laboriousness uf der untetaking, ve vill chose for an antipode either laudanum or nitroshus glycerine according as vich kind uf shleep seems preferable in der desperashun uf der moment.

Ven a shmall poy, he vent to school on Elm Shstreet, and since he vas graduashuned, id has been called Coburn in considerashuning uf der many tings our hero did for der institushun.

Some uf my fellow biografers haf claimed dot der school vas named in honor uf von of der guvornors uf Maine dot lifed in Skowhegan, but ve can prove beyond der shadow uf a dubiousness dot Meester Perkins has did more for der school in der few years since he left id, that der venerable shentleman above menshuned has did either before or after his death. Und therefore accordingly, from der nature uf der case, our hero must begifen votever credit accrues from being der greatest benefactione is living or dead, uf any institushun uf higher and lower learning. He came to Colby as soon as he heard uf der place, and he vill probably leave here as soon as he hears uf anoder von.

He haf taken some part, prominent or otherwise in all der debates vich haf come off in Coburn und Colby, and in some vich did not come off, but vich might haf, if he had not been on dem.

He drives a horse vich is der color of a rat, und a shleigh mit vich he makes der girls vich he knows und some girls vich he knows only twice, late to der recitashuns, und mit vich he takes der professors to ride und tells dem dot ten is der lowest number dot looks vell behind his name.

He vas sometime ago der organizer uf der Sofomore dramatic club vich produced der t'rilling farce comedy mit four acts und vun apocalips, entitled, "Der is no Other Class Egsept Ours." In der midst uf der agonies uf der first und final rehearsal, der whole company vas arrested on complaint uf Manager Chipman uf der Colby troupe, on der charge uf infringement uf der copywrote. Der Sofomore club died a violent death mid der lamentashuns uf nopoty in particular und nopoty survived egsept Meester Perkins und some uf der costumes.

He is reader uf der glee club, und agonizes der audience between der actions uf Meester Saunders show. He made der Freschman reading on five minutes notice mit a piece vich he wrote himself, und vander commettee of avard sent in der report, he vas gifen "honorable menshun." Dis vas because he did not shpeak.

He is a politician uf der shlampuf Makiavelli und vill go to der legislature as soon as he gets his credentials und other necessary documents. His choice for President in 1904 vill be der mann vich seems mosd likely to succeed Rosefelt. To all intenshuns und purposes he is a republcan, but his politics always agrees mit der men in power.

K. LAUTENSPIEL.

Baseball practice has begun in the gym, under the direction of Capt. Teague and Mgr. Church. Here's to another championship in the spring.

### CAMPUS CHAT.

Miss Warren, '03, is unable to attend recitations.

A. H. Pierce, '04, is teaching a high school in Maple, Me.

Miss Roberts, '02, spent Sunday at the home of Miss Balentine.

Miss Reed, '02, has returned to college after a prolonged absence.

Misa Richardson, '02, went to her home at Castine to spend Sunday.

Blanche Pratt, '02, violated her usual custom and remained in Waterville over Sunday.

Francis Haggerty, formerly '02, is studying law with Cook and Small of this city.

Miss Alice Smith, '03, received a visit last week from her father, H. T. Smith of Norway.

Miss Lakin has recovered from her serious illness and is able to attend recitations once more.

George T. Sweet, '03, was in Atkinson the first of this week, on business connected with the schools of the town.

There has been a great rush in the sale of tickets for the college play, and the financial success seems as well assured as the dramatic success.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association it was voted to extend a vote of thanks to Ex-Manager Fogg of last year's football team, for the efficient service he rendered as manager.

Within one hour and twenty minutes from the time the seats for the college play went on sale at Dorr's, over three hundred seats were checked. Manager Chipman was on hand to see that all had a fair chance with his equally eager neighbors.

Rev. H. W. Hale, Colby, '67, is expected soon to return from Burmah, where he has been engaged in missionary work for many years. He will make his residence in Waterville in the future. Two of his sons graduated from Colby in the class of '01.

The Sixes and Sevens were beautifully entertained at the pleasant home of Miss Meserve on Union St., on Tuesday eve, duplicate whist and refreshment being the order of the evening. While this is only the second offence other occasions of similar nature are assured.

Everything except college work is now being set aside by those who take part in The Private Secretary. Rehearsals are being held at all hours of the day and night, and the public are confidently expecting a rare treat in amateur theatricals when the curtain goes up Monday evening. The sale of seats has been remarkable, and is still going on while the few remaining seats are rapidly being spoken for. The indications are that by Monday night there will not be an available seat in City Hall, and that those who put off their buying of seats until they reach the box-office will find themselves negotiating for standing room.

### Y. M. C. A. TOPICS.

Y. M. C. A. topics and leaders for the remainder of the winter term.

Feb. 4. Christ's Words to His Disciples. John 15: 18-27. A. A. Towne.

Feb. 11. Indifference to God's Message. Luke 14: 16-20. P. G. Richardson.

Feb. 18. Third Person in Every Friendship. Luke 24: 18-19. W. T. Morse.

Feb. 25. Incomplete Service. Phillip 2: 19-30. S. E. Butler.

Mar. 4. Secret Prayer. Matt. 6: 5-15. Wm. R. Cook.

Mar. 11. Sowing Seed. Eph. 6: 7-10. J. W. Bartlett.

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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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