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THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE.

The President's Conference, for the Young Men's Christian Association, for colleges in the eastern states was held this year at Schenectady, N. Y., on invitation from the Association of Union college. It has become an established custom for the newly elected president of our Association to attend this Conference, and so it was my privilege to represent Colby this year.

Schenectady is a city of 40,000 inhabitants, about 15 miles from Albany. It is of special interest, because it is there that the celebrated Locomotive Works and the General Electric Works, the largest plants of the kind in the world, are situated. It is not a city, however, of remarkable beauty. Here it is that the second college founded in New York state is located. At one time in certain sections of our country, the idea became very popular of founding non-denominational colleges or colleges representing a union of all denominations. Union was one of these colleges, and from this derived its name. Although many colleges, thus founded, at first experienced a remarkable growth, yet in the end, none of them have been a great success. So Union, although one of the oldest colleges in the U. S., and located in the very heart of the Empire State, is one of the small colleges.

The meetings of the Conference were all held in Silliman Hall, the college Y. M. C. A. building, the gift of an Alumnus. This building was built only last year, and it is acknowledged by every one to be one of the finest of its sort in the country. Year by year as the Student Movement progresses there is seen to be a greater need in every college for a building specially adapted for Association work. All the larger colleges already have these buildings and besides many of the small colleges. Why can't Colby be next in line to build an Association building?

The Conference was well attended, but only Bowdoin and Colby of the Maine colleges were represented this year. Out of 101 Associations that are included in the eastern section, there were about 75 delegates. Of course some of the Associations sent more than one man.

All the meetings were informal and we were all brought into very close touch with each other. Different topics and different phases of Y. M. C. A. work were brought before us by leaders in College Associations and Secretaries of the Movement. All topics were presented in outline only, and opportunities were given to ask questions, at any time, concerning the topic. There were very few set speeches. The purpose of the whole Conference was simply to talk over the different problems of the work in the various colleges, and the to plan together how to meet these problems.

The topics discussed were all in regard to Association work. Only once during the Conference was any topic touched upon which did not directly concern the work of the new presidents, but this was a subject so vital to our Association work that it seemed almost essential. This was when Mr. Mott explained the history, objects, and achievements of the World's Confederation of Christian Students. That we are bound not only by the Association of our own land, but also by the Christian Students of the whole world to accomplish all in

our power for Christ, was strongly emphasized.

Besides Mott, Anderson, Turner, Beaver, Carter, and Williams,—men whose names are familiar to all connected with Association work—were present. Many undergraduates were there who are leaders in their college Association and who are bound to be leaders in the Student Movement in the near future.

It is safe to say that progress is being made in all the Associations which were represented. The membership in most of them is steadily increasing and the amount accomplished in Christian work is much greater compared with that of two or three years ago. Especially is this true in College Settlement work in large cities and the foreign Missionary Movement.

The Conference accomplished its purpose if it did no more than to make the new presidents see their responsibility. But it did much more than this, for it is impossible to be with a band of 75 college men who are laboring to advance Christ's Kingdom, without getting broader vision and greater strength.

The Presidents Conference will always be held in my memory as one of the rare treats in a life time.

LEON C. STAPLES, Pres. Y. M. C. A.

BENJAMIN ELDEN PHILBRICK.

Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the home on College Avenue, were held the quiet services in memory of Benjamin Elden Philbrick, a graduate of Colby in the class of 1900. To the majority of the students now in college, Mr. Philbrick was well known, and by all who knew him he was certainly highly esteemed. He entered Colby in 1896, graduating from the Waterville High School in that year, and from the time of his entrance, took an especially active part in the intellectual, athletic, and social life of the college, holding various offices of responsibility. In his Freshman year, he was initiated into the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, of which he always remained a most loyal member, expressing only a short time before his death, an especial interest in the affairs of the chapter. In his Christian life, while his nature was not at any time demonstrative, he was earnest and consistent, and in his later years—the years of his illness—his Christian life was especially beautiful. In his first year at the High School, he became a member of the First Baptist church of this city, and while in college he took a prominent part in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

During his later years at college he began to feel the effect of the illness which never left him, and the two years after his leaving college were one noble fight for life. Everything that was possible was done, but, although there were periods of hope, he faded rapidly, and early last Sunday morning, in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he spent the last months of his life, Ben passed away. The remains were immediately brought to Waterville for the funeral and burial.

The services at the house were simple. They were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Spencer of Skowhegan, and the Rev. Mr. Whittemore of this city. Dr. Spencer, Ben's first pastor, spoke very touchingly of his intimate acquaintance with, and interest in, the deceased. After the pronouncing of the benediction, the family and near friends proceeded to the cem-

tary, where the members of the Xi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, who had acted as a special body-guard, joined hands around the casket and softly sang a dirge as the last remains of their brother were lowered into the grave. No further ceremony was performed.

To all who knew "Ben"—as he loved to be called,—his death comes as a deep personal loss. He had many staunch friends in the college, both in and out of his fraternity, who have watched his fight for life with admiration, and who unite in extending to the family a heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take to a higher life, our beloved brother in Delta Kappa Epsilon, Benjamin Elden Philbrick of the class of 1900. And whereas, the members of Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon deeply feel the loss of a loyal and devoted brother, be it Resolved: That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the father and mother, and our brother, Herbert Shaw Philbrick, in their great affliction. And be it further Resolved: That we drape our badges for the period of thirty days, and be it Resolved: That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of our brother, and that they be published in THE COLBY ECHO, The Kennebec Journal, The Waterville Mail, and The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.

ALEXANDER HENRY MITCHELL,
JOHN PERLEY DUDLEY,
JOHN BLAKE ROBERTS,

For the Chapter.
Hall of Xi of Delta Kappa Epsilon,
April 8, 1902.

BASEBALL OUTLOOK.

Although it is yet early to make predictions, yet every indication points to a very prosperous season in baseball. Thirty-five men have reported to Captain Teague for practice, a larger number than has ever reported before in any previous year. There seems to be more interest shown by the baseball men than was shown at the same time last year, when a championship team was in process of development. Only three of last year's team are lost by graduation or otherwise and though the places of Newenham, Rice and Allen will be hard to fill, yet from the excellent material at hand, the prospect is exceedingly bright.

There will be at least four men available for pitchers. Saunders, '02, who pitched in fine form last year, gives promise of doing still better box-work this season. He is a man of long athletic experience in school and college, and is in better condition today than ever before.

Aside from Saunders, the greater part of the pitching will probably fall upon Pugsley, '05, who entered Colby this year. He has some good curves and an abundance of speed, and is giving the impression of being a valuable man. He can also hold down any position in the infield, and do it well.

Cowing, '04, has also been pitching in the gym and can twirl the ball in much better than amateur fashion if circumstances should require. But Bill's reputation is already made behind the bat, and it is there that he will be found the greater part of the time.

Atchley, '08, can handle the mit in good shape, and has caught considerably

in his baseball experience. There is no harder worker on the team and the boys would feel safe to see Atchley behind the bat.

Smith, '04, is also developing fast as a catcher, and with experience may prove a good man in that position.

Captain Teague, '03, seems to be the only man in sight for first base, but he is just as good as ever in his position. He is working hard as Captain, and thus far, his success in developing the team has been unquestioned. It will be no fault of his, if the pennant fails to remain at Colby.

For second base, Pike, '02, who played the position last year will make a good bid this year.

Buck, '04, is playing well in this position and will give "Bunny" a good race for the place.

For the positions of short stop and third base, there is a much closer rivalry. At short, Palmer, '03, is showing up well; he fields the position in good shape and has a good throw.

Humphrey, '05, comes with a good reputation and will give somebody a close rub for the team.

Hathaway, '02, is another candidate. He is a clean fielder and has played considerably. Knapp, '03, is doing good work and may crowd his opponents hard before the season closes.

At third, Pugsley is a tip-top man, and will probably play there when not pitching. Lord is a strong man on third bag, quick, careful and sure; he will make a strong bid for the position.

For the outfield positions the most promising candidates are Meserve, '04, Leighton, '04, Keene, '04, and Allen, '03. Allen played last year, and showed up well both fielding and batting. He is also a good man in the box. Meserve was considered pretty nearly perfection at center last year and will look well in the same position this season.

Keene is a good man at the bat and an excellent man in the field, with a good throw and a good eye. Leighton was one of the pennant winners last season, and may play the same position this year.

There are other good men working hard, and from these, an excellent second team will be chosen to aid the first team in practice. Manager Church has arranged one of the best schedules Colby has ever had, and a prosperous season is confidently expected.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

Manager Church has announced the following schedule of games for the baseball team for the coming season:

- Apr. 19—Bowdoin (exhibition game) at Brunswick.
- Apr. 24—Lewiston Athletic baseball club, Waterville.
- May 2—New Hampshire College, Durham.
- May 3—Harvard, Cambridge.
- May 5—Tufts, Medford.
- May 6—Exeter, Exeter.
- May 10—University of Maine, Waterville.
- May 17—Bates, Lewiston.
- May 21—New Hampshire College, Waterville.
- May 24—University of Maine, Orono.
- May 28—Bowdoin, Brunswick.
- May 30—Bates (exhibition game), Lewiston.
- June 4—Tufts, Waterville.
- June 11—Bowdoin, Waterville.
- June 14—Bates, Waterville.

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A new term has begun and the work of the last half of the year is well under way. The college welcomes back to the regular work a number of students who have been out for a term or a longer period, and with very few of last term's register who are not back, the term begins under particularly auspicious circumstances.

Every student of Colby takes a great amount of pride in our splendid campus, and it is doubtless this fact which makes him regret any laxity in keeping the lawns free from leaves and rubbish, and the walks in clean, neat condition. During the past few days, THE ECHO has been repeatedly reminded by the men of the college, that the time of year has come when the campus is sorely in need of attention, and we hope this expression of the college sentiment will result in bringing a landscape gardener to do the sort of work for which Mr. Furlong has been so sincerely praised by many succeeding classes.

In a recent issue of the *U. of M.*, *Campus* appeared an editorial commenting upon THE ECHO's account of the last basket ball game between Maine and Colby. That particular editorial may or may not deserve notice here, but we can hardly refrain from a brief consideration of some of its more striking features. The first part of the instrument contained some good truths in regard to the "collegepaper" becoming a "power for good," and with these statements of fact we heartily and unqualifiedly agree. But when the writer forgets his ability to write calm and sane English, and tries to get as near the other extreme as possible, the least we can do is to politely liken the inconsistent editorial to a mixed metaphor. It strikes us that in an article purporting to plead for clean journalism, the lines quoted below are somewhat out of place. "When Maine plays 'rotten,' say so like a man instead of gathering a collection of slurs and writing them up in a flowery 'gush' like some of the high school papers edited by juveniles. While this article

probably represented the ideas of a single fanatic we feel that it is a disgrace to the editor who allowed it to be run." We must express our regrets if the editorial writer of *The Campus* finds it impossible to praise the literary style of our reporter and we are inclined to recommend a wider range of reading, and shall send a copy of the 1902 *Oracle* to *The Campus*, so that its consumer of editorial space may have a better opportunity to pass judgment upon more "flowery gush" of our "juvenile fanatic." In the meantime, THE ECHO editor refuses to admit that the article was a shameful "disgrace," and we shall continue to publish matter from the pen of our much-discussed "fanatic." In the course of this hot-headed editorial of *The Campus* it is remarked that Colby has no reason to complain of the treatment she "has always had through the columns of *The Campus*." In reference to their report of the game in question, this argument of *The Campus* is unanswerable, for their report was copied verbatim from the correspondence of the Waterville reporter of the *Kennebec Journal*.

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"DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND."

It was the second week of the fall term. I. Noah Tall, sophomore, was perched on the top of a step-ladder giving the finishing touches to his so called "Rose Gallery," nothing less than a collection of pretty girlish faces.

A door slammed. In the lower regions of the room a sigh ending in a heart-rending groan was heard. No response from the now exceedingly busy young man on the ladder. Another sigh. How busy! His fingers actually flew. In a moment something else flew floorward, impelled by a well aimed sofa pillow.

"What! you here?" said Tall rising from his lowly position and gazing with well feigned astonishment at his visitor, Hall Wheaton, likewise a sophomore.

"No its my ghost futurus," moaned Wheaton, a look of deep gloom settling down over his face.

"I say, Nory, tell a fellow what to do, can't you."

"Oh yes, free gratis, for nothing. Fire away."

(A dead silence)

"Well," after much twisting among the cushions, "I've asked two girls to go to the 'hop' with me tonight, and they've both accepted."

"Whew! well you are—but who are they?"

"Miss Dinsmore, the nicest girl in our class and Miss Thompson, that pretty little Freshman. You see I asked Miss Dinsmore the last of last term and told her to be sure not to forget it and then, just now, when I was walking up with Miss Thompson, we began talking about the 'hop'. The first thing I knew I said, 'I wish I were going with you,' and she said with a charming smile, 'You may for I have no other engagement.' Oh Lordy! 'I wished she had forty, but I just couldn't tell her.'"

"There's just one girl," hummed Tall, his eyes fixed on the ceiling.

Again the blond head went down among the pillows and a muffled voice said, "I know I'm a confounded chump and I ought to be kicked to death by bumble-bees. But what can I do? I really couldn't tell her then, and I can't now. It would make her feel well, wouldn't it?"

Tall grinned in a most annoying fashion, then settled himself to think a way out of the dilemma. Suddenly his face cleared and he explained his plan to his friend, "I'll get a wig and moustache, you take me round and introduce me to Miss Thompson as your friend from Harvard, to whom you feel it your duty to give up the nicest partner in college. See? I'll manage the rest and we'll have no end of a lark."

"Nory! Nory! Nory! Brick and sweet potato!" sang Wheaton, as he waltzed out of the room.

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It was the last dance. "Are you going to be in town long?" Hisped the pretty little Freshman.

"No" the tall Harvard man replied, with a wink at his friend who had just come up with Miss Dinsmore on his arm, "I go back on the Pullman, which is due here in about half an hour."

"Why I'm going to that train to meet my mother and Harriet," she said, turning to Miss Dinsmore, "won't you and Mr. Wheaton come with me and we'll all bid Mr. Brown good-by there."

They went to the train, I. Noah Tall thinking that he could easily slip away in the crowd or off the rear of the train. But his luck was against him he decided, as only when the porter slammed the door and shouted all aboard, did the admiring ladies leave his window where they had kept up a steady string of questions and gay chatter.

One o'clock found him whizzing away on a through train to Boston, with a

dazed expression on his face, while a little doubt of his remarkable sagacity crept into his heart.

But perhaps his chagrin was not so great as that of Mr. Wheaton when the pretty little Freshman said to him with her usual charming smile. "Good night, Mr. Wheaton, I've had a delightful time. There is just one favor I wish I dare ask you. Will you ask your friend when he comes back, if I may have his picture to put in my collection for his face is so striking I have actually remembered his name ever since I first met him at the Freshman reception."

P. S., '04.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

The meeting of the New York Colby Alumni Association at the St. Denis Hotel on Saturday evening, Mar. 8th, was a notable one. Seated at the head table were, Dr. McArthur, Pres. White, Pres. Meleny, Dr. Lorimer, Rev. Mr. Owen, Mr. Prescott, '55, Dr. Conant, and at a long table, stretching the length of the hall opposite the president, twenty-five of the alumni, ranging all the way from '60 to the present. During the progress of the dinner, Dr. McArthur assured the writer of this, that the meal was as good as a five dollar feast at the Waldorf. You are safe in ordering your banquets at the St. Denis.

At 9 o'clock the president rapped for order, and called for communications. The secretary, Hanson, '83, read letters of regret from Dunnell, '49, Washington, and Foster, '55, Philadelphia, and their hearty expressions of loyalty to the college, called forth enthusiastic applause.

With some well timed, preliminary remarks, the president then introduced Pres. White. Not more than one man in the audience had ever met Pres. White before, and you may be sure his listeners were attentive and eager, and they were not disappointed. The presentation of his efforts to put the college on a paying basis and his plans for its future development, met with the heartiest approval, and his pleasant and cogent manner won the hearts of all. Dr. Butler had been so popular, that many thought his place never could be filled. But they are satisfied. Often and often it was remarked, "How much he looks and appears like his predecessor!" Yes, the Great Disposer of events seems to be on the side of Colby, and has directed the right man to the right place. Thanks to the trustees and all who were instrumental in the work.

Dr. McArthur made a rousing address and his eulogy of his old college president, Martin B. Anderson, was most forceful and touching. Anderson left Waterville in '51, to become president of Rochester University. In his view, the great trio of college presidents was Hopkins, Nott and Anderson.

Dr. Lorimer roused the enthusiasm of his auditors by his admirable appeal in behalf of the so-called "small college." "Don't send your boy to a college where, after four years of faithful work, he only knows the president by sight."

Mr. Owen's report of the financial situation was most gratifying. The New York Alumni Association helped along the recent endowment of \$180,000 by not less than \$10,000.

A sort of "experience meeting" closed the affair. The boys were in a happy mood, and every one pronounced the meeting of 1902 a grand success.

The following officers were chosen for the coming year: president, C. T. Prescott; vice-president, T. R. Melcher; ex-committee, C. S. Estes, D. G. Munson, and E. T. Concord; Secretary and Treasurer, F. H. Hanson.

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THE ECHO has had a pleasant vacation, have you?

C. W. Steward, '03, returned to college Wednesday.

Marion Webber, '05, spent her vacation in Wilton.

Eva Salsman, '04, returned to college last Saturday.

Marion Stone, '04, spent her vacation in Charleston.

Mae Stuart, '04, has left college on account of ill health.

Addie Lakin ex-'04, will not continue her college work this term.

Clara Martin and Marion Stover, '03, returned to college Tuesday.

Edith Watkins, '04, spent the vacation visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Lois Hoxie, '03, spent part of her vacation visiting friends in Boston.

Marjorie Elder, ex-'02, is at home from Smith college, on a short vacation.

L. G. Saunders, '02, spent his vacation with Colby Kitchen at Presque Isle.

C. F. McCoy preached in Gardiner at the First Baptist Church last Sunday.

Alice Hope Davies, '04, spent the vacation visiting friends in Brookline.

Marian Hall is taking charge of the library during the absence of Dr. Hall.

Eleanor Stone, '05, passed her vacation with relatives in Bangor and Charleston.

Miss Elder and Miss Putnam, both of Smith college, visited chapel Wednesday morning.

Miss Louise Putnam of Salt Lake city is visiting Miss Elder, her classmate at Smith college.

L. G. Saunders, '02, is in Gray for a few days, coaching the baseball team at Pennell Institute.

A sophomore track team has been organized with J. B. Roberts, manager and A. G. Smith, captain.

A. H. Pierce, '04, has returned to continue his college work, after teaching a successful term of High School in Maple.

With the exceptions of Misses Lakin and Stuart the class of 1904 can boast of its full number of girls for the ensuing term.

Alice Towne, '03, during the vacation, visited her brother, Charles Towne, '00, who is Principal of the High School in Farmington, New Hampshire.

President C. L. White with his two little daughters made a brief visit last week to Miss Viola M. White of the Normal school faculty at Gorham.

Meserve, '04, has returned to college. Everyone is glad to see Ollie, "and it will soon be three times three" when he knocks the ball out of the lot.

L. C. Staples, '03, returned Monday from Schenectady, N. Y., where he has been attending the Presidents' Conference of the college Y. M. C. A.

We are indebted to Mr. C. T. Prescott, the newly-elected President of the New York Alumni, for a report of the last banquet which we give in another column.

L. G. Saunders, '02, and A. W. Palmer, '03, soloists, with C. M. Daggett, '03, accompanist, provided a part of the program at a musical entertainment at Fairfield Wednesday evening.

A detailed account of the recent fire in South college is crowded out of our columns this week on account of space. A spasm by Lautenspiel is also left in M. S., for the same reason.

The Freshman delegation of Sigma Kappa were entertained by one of their number, Eleanor Hardy Stone at 49 Elm St., Thursday evening, April 8. After tea had been served, the remainder of the evening was spent in true sigmaesque fashion, and each of the seven girls went home with a dainty souvenir by which to

remember one more pleasant event of sorority life.

"THE COLY ECHO comes to us regularly, and is a most welcome exchange. Mr. Dooley's and Lautenspiel's articles on current events and prominent men are very interesting. THE ECHO, on the whole, is a paper of which any college might well be proud."—NAUTILUS.

Mr. Dooley cut his hands severely during vacation, nearly ruining one of them. He was devising a lung-tester for the purpose of seeing whether Hennessy did not have consumption. Hennessy may be induced to tell the story in the columns of THE ECHO later. Dooley will say "niver-r a-wur-rd."

Baseball is in the air, Manager Church has a swell schedule and Captain Teague reckons on winning nigh about every game on it. The diamond has been rolled, and is in fine shape. There are more candidates for the team than for years, and at least two nines of them are first class material. When Billy gets his team picked out the other Maine colleges will have to step lively.

Dr. E. W. Hall, Librarian, has returned from a trip to Washington and vicinity, where he met many acquaintances and through them, made many new ones among the public men at the Capitol. Dr. Hall originally had a lucrative and promising position in the employ of the Government which he was finally induced to leave to take up the work at Colby, to which so much of his life has been given.

The Y. M. C. A., meeting Tuesday night was well attended, and was a very impressive and helpful one. Two men took a new, firm stand for Christ; and Messrs. Teague, Saunders and Chipman were received into membership. The meeting was led by C. F. McCoy, and he gave a splendid talk on "Why I Am A Christian, What it is to be a Christian, and How to Become One." Remember the meetings are at 6.45 every Tuesday evening, and every man in college is earnestly invited to attend.

A couple of bed-bugs in the South Division of South College went off by spontaneous combustion one morning last week. The fire gutted part of one room and a piece of another one. There were a few impromptu hootchee coochees and a robe de nuit" parade. The fire company played the accompaniment on the hose, while a couple of fire extinguishers devoutly gave thanks that they had been of some use at last. There was some loss of property, a little loss of sleep and none of life. The fire company enjoyed the exercise and the onlookers enjoyed the fun.

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