

THE COLBY ECHO.

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CALENDAR.

- April 18—Cantata rehearsal 7.30 P. M.
April 19—Colby vs. Bowdoin at Brunswick.
April 22—Musical Recital, Baptist Church.
April 22—Meetings of Y. M., & Y. W. C. A., 6.45 P. M.
April 22—Cantata rehearsal, 7.30 P. M.
April 24—Fast Day. Holiday.
April 24—Colby vs. Lewiston A. C. college field.
April 25—Cantata rehearsal, 7.30 P. M.

OFFICERS OF Y. W. C. A.

The annual business meeting of the Y. W. C. A., was held last Tuesday, at which the following officers were elected: Jennie June Dunn, President; Evaline Alice Salsman, Vice President; Jennie Belle Heath Chase, Corresponding Secretary; Elizabeth Pierce Blaisdell, Recording Secretary; Ethel May Higgins, Treasurer. Committees: Reception, Edith May Watkins, Betsy Adams Nichols, Bertha Cary Whittemore; Membership, Eva Estelle Clement, Effie May Lowe, Nellie May Worth; Prayer-meeting, Ella May Tolman, Mildred Jenks, Jennie May Cochrane; Bible Study, Edith Cena Bicknell, Gertrude Belle Moody, Bertha Emma Clough; Finance, Ethel May Higgins, Mary Melona Ward, Sarah Estelle Gifford; Room and Library, Ethel Lenora Howard, May Lucille Harvey, Blanch Viola Wilbur; Missionary, Grace Eloise Warren, Eva May Johnson, Rose Mary Richardson; Northfield, Mary Helen Caswell, Alice Elmira Towne, Clara Louise Martin.

CAPTAIN ATCHLEY.

C. W. Atchley, '03, is the new Captain of the Colby second baseball team. Mr. Atchley entered Colby in the the class of 1902, graduating from Hebron, and has taken an active part in all college athletics. He has played on the football team, is a good man in baseball behind the bat, and has served very acceptably as Manager of the basket ball team.

A good schedule is being arranged, and Captain Atchley will have an opportunity to show how good a team can be developed from the candidates for the second team.

RICHARDSON MANAGER.

P. G. Richardson, '03, has been elected manager of the Tennis team. The new manager has been interested in tennis during his course, and will put that enthusiasm into the management of the tennis interests of the college, which is necessary to a prosperous and successful season. New nets will be procured, the courts will be put in first class condition, and interest in the game will soon be as high as it always is during the spring term. There are several good players in the freshman class who will form a valuable addition to the corps of asperants for honors with the racquet.

PRIZE FOR BATTING.

Manager Church has informed THE ECHO that Forrest Goodwin, Esq., '87, of Skowhegan, Ex-Captain of the famous championship team of 1887, has offered a prize of ten dollars to the Colby man who has at the end of the season, the highest batting average, the only condition being, that such man shall play in five of the eight championship games.

'00. Chas. F. Towne is Principal of the high school in Farmington, N. H.

ASTRONOMICAL REFERENCES IN COMUS.

I have found in Milton's *Comus*, a number of references to Astronomy in its different branches, and have been interested to pause, in reading the masque, wherever the poet has alluded to the "Star-studded heavens," and to try to grasp the full meaning of the lines.

In the very opening lines, we read: "Before the starry threshold of Jove's court my mansion is." I suppose Milton pictured to himself an olympian palace where Jove reigned as king,—a palace so placed in aerial space that one could look from the court-windows off into infinite space, where countless millions upon millions of stars appeared not to form a mighty vault, as they do to us, but to form an endless expanse of diamond pavement, surely and truly, a "starry threshold."

In line 82, we see these words: "But first I must put off these my sky robes, spun out of Iris' woof;" Homer has sung of "robes of saffron hue" that "dropped ambrosial sweetness," and Vergil could think of no grander costume than one spun by fairy hand in a fairy woodland home, but I like Milton better than either when he conceives of clothing his attendant spirit in a dazzling rainbow robe.

In his next speech, *Comus* says: "The star that bids the shepherd fold Now the top of heaven doth hold; And the gilded car of day His glowing axle doth allay In the steep Atlantic stream: And the slope sun his upward beam Shoots against the dusky pole, Pacing toward the other goal Of his chamber of the East;"

which lines translated, mean that the evening star, at whose rising the shepherds fold their flocks, had now reached the zenith, and the sun having concluded his wearisome day's journey, was making his way around by the Atlantic's cooling paths, ready to leave his "chamber in the east" when it became time to make another day's ascent up the steep and rugged side of the sky.

In line 195, Milton writes: "Else, O thievish Night, Why shouldst thou, but for some felonious end, In thy dark lantern thus close up the stars, That Nature hung in heaven, and filled their lamps, with everlasting oil."

And I wonder if it is not so that a veil of cloud is thrown over the face of the star-lighted sky in just such a way as the slide shuts off the light from a dark-lantern.

Later on in the masque, *Echo* is addressed with the words: "Canst thou not tell me of a gentle pair That liketh thy Narcissus are?" "O, if thou have Hid them in some flowery cave, Tell me but where, Sweet Queen of Parley, Daughter of the Sphere!"

So might thou be translated to the skies, And give resounding grace to all Heaven's harmonies!"

Along with the story of *Echo* and *Narcissus* there goes the same story of envy and pride that is associated with the myth of *Cassiopeia* and the Sea Nymphs, and Milton means that even as "the starred Aethiop queen" was translated to the skies, so might *Echo* be given immortal fame by being placed

among the stars, and I doubt not that the author of *Comus*, when he wrote the beautiful song to *Echo*, really regretted that the pretty story of which he sung was not commemorated in the language of the stars, by a constellation as striking and as stately as that one in the northern heavens familiarly known as *Cassiopeia*.

In line 341, the words: "And thou shall be our star of Arcady, or Tyrian Cynosure," refer to the fact that the few constellations immediately surrounding the polar star, since they never drop below the horizon, were often made to serve as guides for ancient travelers: The *Cynosure* referring to the Lesser bear or as we know the constellation, the little dipper, in the end of the handle of which, is the north star *Polaris*.

These few allusions to astronomy go to show that Milton is accustomed to read again and again the story told by Nature's galaxy of the skies, and no one denies that the poet made use of his knowledge of astronomy with great effect in embellishing his beautiful poetry.

"THE WALKS WALKED."

Last Monday evening, the campus paths were still covered by the board walks which had been doing good service all winter. Tuesday morning, the boards were gone. It was only an occurrence—simply one of those things which nobody can explain but which are sure to take place in every more or less well-regulated college community, about once in so often.

When the sun was rising over the hills across the river, Janitor Sam came down College Avenue from his Oak St. home only to find the entrances to the campus securely barricaded.

Whoever had a hand in removing the planks from the walks, evidently not only wished to clear the paths of the unseasonable boards, but wished the boards and other debris to be removed from the campus altogether. So with keen foresight, and superior generalship, the head of the reform bureau arranged for different sections of the walk to be left in conspicuous places along the campus front, so as not to evade the notice of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

Wherever there is a junction of the campus paths, a board section was planted on end against a tree, and upon the broadside of the section was placed a neat placard announcing whereto led the path.

In the middle of the lawn, in front of South College, a platform was raised, and the entire contents of one of the sleeping rooms was transferred to this platform. The occupants of the bed were still slumbering peacefully when *Than.* pulled the eight o'clock bell.

The various tableaux in this mid-campus scene were observed by a good sized audience attracted by the pretentious sign suspended over the platform "Model College Room."

It took Sam but a short time to clear the entrances to the campus, so that everybody went to breakfast and came back in time to go to chapel and hear the President spring the pun of the "walk of the board walks."

'00. Simon Peter Hedman is in town in the interests of the Chautauqua Desk, for which he is one of the most efficient general agents in the employ of the company.

THE ORACLE PRIZES.

The Oracle has spent no little time in trying to untangle the stories and poems contributed, and the judges have done their best, but there is still great doubt about the stories. There have been eight judges instead of three, and out of six stories which seem eligible five have, by one judge or another, been given first place, and six have been by different ones regarded as unworthy of being printed. The man who prefers entertainment, puts "The Substitute" first, one favoring a didactic story, "A Celebration," one who makes his criterion a purely college story gives preference to "Tangled Threads," by Lois Aletta Meserve. "The Romance of the Shadow Angel" by Eva Estelle Clement was given first place by some, on the ground that it is more a literary production than the others; while "Lost or Won" found favor, as a more typical story.

Altogether it seems hardly advisable to award any prizes for stories, as it depends more on the taste of the judges than on the merits of the stories. Lest there be any dissatisfaction, I will state that from mathematical average the prizes would both be awarded to members of the *Board*. But as the stories are of such different natures, and since the opinions from two more judges might entirely change the result, *The Oracle* prefers to give no prizes rather than to award them to the *Board* on such doubtful superiority.

For the poems, first prize is awarded to "The Trysting Song," and second prize to "Living and Dead" and a further prize to "At the Crossing of the River."

THE ORACLE.

SPECIAL INITIATION OF ZETA PSI.

A special meeting of the Chi Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity was held Thursday evening, April 17, at which John Butler Pugsley, '05, of Somersworth, N. H., was initiated into the mysteries of the Fraternity. After the rites were concluded, and full fellowship had been conferred upon the candidate, a substantial collation was served in the hall, cigars were passed, and what remained of the evening was pleasantly spent in short speeches by alumni and undergraduate members.

Several alumni brothers were present, also Brother Dennis M. Bangs, of the Lambda Chapter at Bowdoin, who is a past officer of the Grand Chapter of the Fraternity.

The evening will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of the Chi.

BASKET BALL ELECTIONS.

The Basket Ball team has made its choice of officers for another season. The newly-elected manager is Walter L. Glover, '03, who was the popular and successful captain of the 1902 team. Glover is a graduate of Hebron, and his principle interests in athletics are centered in basket ball into which game he brings especial enthusiasm, and all the qualities of a star player.

W. A. Cowing will succeed Manager Glover as Captain. Cowing played guard this year, and will be assured of a place on next year's team. His reputation in baseball and football is well known, and in basket ball, he plays a strong, hard game, looking well after his opponent, and keeping under his eye the movements of the whole team. Cowing is a graduate of Higgins.

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The adoption by the Athletic Association of the resolutions formulated by the delegates from the four Maine colleges, puts Colby on record as being heartily in favor of promoting and perpetuating clean college athletics. The resolutions were put in final form after very mature deliberation among the representatives of the different colleges, and it seems to us that it would have been expressive of a very narrow policy, under the circumstances, to fail to adopt the regulations as formulated. We commend the cool-headedness of the mass-meeting which voted the adoption of the entire set of regulations by the Colby Athletic Association.

There probably has never been a night-time celebration or occurrence of the nature of the "robe de nuit" parade in the history of the college up to the present term, which has not resulted in more or less expense to the college in making reparation for the thoughtlessly inflicted damages. But the happenings of last Monday night, so far as we can learn, resulted in practically no damage at all. And when it is taken into consideration, the proneness of college boys to carry their fun too far, and the ease with which a great deal of trouble can be made in a few minutes, it seems to us worthy of favorable comment, that some degree of common sense and judgment can enter into an annual festival of college pranks.

With a few weeks, several Sophomore heads will get together, and in accordance with an ancient custom, will plan and carry out the various features connected with the annual spring "robe de nuit" parade. When that event comes, and it will come as sure as Commencement does, we sincerely hope that those who take a part will individually and collectively bear in mind two things,—the disgraceful and destructive "parade" of last year, and the comparatively clean and careful proceedings of the night of the taking up of the board walks. The first was no less than disgraceful and should never be repeated. The second

event ought to prove that students can celebrate in an original manner without incurring needless expense for wilful or thoughtless damage.

THE OBSERVER.

A few days ago, when the Messalonskee was still high from the heavy rains, a boat shot out from the landing and turned its course upstream. At the oars was a student, upon whose face was an expression of contentment and satisfaction, pure and simple.

This expression of satisfaction was due alone to the fact that the student at the oars was the first to open the season in that favorite sport of Colby students. His boat was the first to navigate the stream this spring, and he remembered that he had also been the first to do the same thing a year ago.

Here then, was an example of deriving the keenest pleasure from the simple fact of knowing oneself to be the first to do a thing, and The Observer stopped to think how general was this desire to set the pace in some particular line.

To christen a great vessel, or to break the battle of champagne on the bow of a graceful yacht of more than ordinary promise, is an honor never to be forgotten by the lady upon whom the distinction is conferred. When the site of a great cathedral or public building has been decided upon, a man of distinction is invariably chosen to break the earth and turn the first sod.

When the machinery of the World's Fair at Chicago a few years ago, was set in motion, the electric button was pressed by the President of the United States. Connected with the taking of the first steps of all great enterprises, then, there is a considerable distinction, and it is a reflection of this custom which makes the student eager to set the pace in any activity.

And it occurred to The Observer that possibly it was right here in college that this desire to "lead the procession" is most carefully fostered. Certainly no one says, "I did it first," with more enthusiasm than the student in telling of his being the first to swing a golf club on the campus, or first to enjoy a confidential talk with the new President.

The American student seems not to desire proficiency in that form of Parisian politeness which makes the irrepressible Alphonse say, "I beg you to go first, my dear Gaston."

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The following appointments have been made for the Sophomore declamations: Men, Vernon S. Ames, Frank H. Leighton, Alton I. Lockhart, Carroll N. Perkins, Arthur G. Smith, Albert A. Towne; Women, Ruby Carver, Eva R. Clement,

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W. H. Rockwood is at his home in Winthrop over Sunday.

Miss Maddocks, of Skowhegan, visited Miss Merrill, '02, at Ladies' Hall, Tuesday.

On two mornings last week chapel services were conducted by pastors of the city.

Miss Maddocks and Miss Morrison of Skowhegan, attended chapel on Tuesday morning.

Miss Alice Smith, '03, has been obliged to discontinue her studies this term on account of illness.

Kappa Alpha enjoyed one of its sumptuous spreads at the home of Miss Owen, '02, on Friday evening.

The Deke boys recently appeared in brand new caps of red stock with the letters A. K. E. in white on the front.

There is still a possibility that the date of the Centennial of the city of Waterville may be changed, so as to avoid any conflict with Colby's Commencement.

It must seem like spring to the old diamond these days, with the Colby, Coburn and High School teams practicing upon it, it ought not to complain of ennui.

The lawns in front of the A. K. E. chapter house are being put into shape for the spring, when these grounds will present a very neat and attractive appearance.

Spreads and rumors of spreads are keeping the Epicureans busy now a days. What a time it will be when these sons of the ancient Saint have to select the few best men from 1903.

The planks took up their beds and walked Monday night, and one could see their tracks on Tuesday morning's dew. The "Professor" was all smiles and said, "I told 'em so." Professor knows the boys.

It was voted during the same meeting to ask the great Frantz of Harvard to make a visit of a few days here at Colby. Frantz is a famous baseball player, a magnetic leader among his fellows, and an earnest whole-souled Christian man.

THE ECHO is glad to congratulate the baseball team of the University of Maine upon the splendid record made in their recent trip. It begins to look as if the settlement of the question of the Maine college pennant would be even more complicated than was at first supposed.

At the Y. M. C. A., meeting Tuesday evening, Pres. Staples gave an interesting report of the Presidents' Conference at Schenectady, N. Y. The good work begun in the Y. M. C. A., is still going on, and during the meeting another man took an open, firm stand to begin a new life.

Two embryo doctors of the college took the open air cure Monday night. They went back to Nature and slept in an improvised room out under the elms. They induced a credulous dog to sleep with them, and they report themselves and him as being entirely cured (of all desire to do it again.)

Colby defeated Coburn in an interesting game of baseball Wednesday afternoon, by a score of 7 to 2. Coombs pitched for Coburn and gave promise of being a strong man in the box. For Colby, the batteries were, Saunders and Cowing, and Pugsley and Atchley. Both pitchers showed up well, having plenty of speed and good control. The prospects for a winning team are growing better every day.

Rev. Judson W. Shaw, Field Secretary of the Young Citizens' Loyal League, spoke twice in the city last Sunday, on the work he represents; in the morning at the Congregational, and in the evening at the Baptist church. The Rev.

Mr. Shaw is an old Colby man and has accomplished a work of which his Alma Mater may well be proud. He expects to come to revisit her at Commencement time.

The Y. M. C. A., officers for the ensuing year are: President, L. C. Staples; Vice Pres., A. G. Smith; Secretary, Coy; Treasurer, Bartlett. Committees: Bible Study, Coy, Ames, Hoyt; Hand Book, Butler, Tolman, Frye; Membership, Smith, Thomas, Towne; Religious Meetings, Brunel, Cook, Cowing; Northfield, Teague, Tolman, Clark; Missionary, Watts, Cotton, Morse; Finance, Ames, Kitchen, Knowles.

THE CANTATA.

Rehearsals for Queen Esther are being held twice a week, and the soloists meet once a week to go over their parts, giving the greater part of the main rehearsals to the chorus. Mr. F. L. Edgecomb, who is too well known in Waterville and Colby, to need introduction now, has been engaged to train the cast in the acting parts. It is understood that Mr. Edgecomb will be present at the rehearsals next week. The date has been practically settled upon for the production of the Cantata about the middle of May, but will not be announced until definitely arranged.

FRESHMAN READING.

The appointments for the Freshman reading are as follows: Edward H. Cotton, Guilford D. Coy, Cecil W. Clark, Alfred M. Frye, Ezra K. Maxfield; and from the women's division, Mattie M. Shaw, Effie May Lowe, Lala M. Smith, Ethel L. Howard, and Ethel M. Higgins.

LITERARY NOTES.

GLORIFICATION OF GOLD.

We smile complacently at the Hottentot whose pride is centered in the tawdry ring he wears in his nose, yet how much are we raised above this savage, we who prostrate ourselves before the minted gold of the millionaire? In our absurd money-worship, we have reached a stage where a golden calf, instead of a royal eagle, might well be the symbol of our national spirit. We are holding the Almighty Dollar so close to our eyes that we are obscuring Almighty God. In our old catechism we were asked, "What is the chief end of man?" The up-to-date reply would be, "The chief end of man is to glorify Gold and to enjoy it forever."—Edwin Markham, in April "Success."

BASKET-BALL FOR WOMEN.

The game of basket-ball, combining as it does the exercise of both the mental and physical powers, found instant recognition among the directors of the physical training schools for women, and it may be said to mark the introduction of the true athletic spirit in women's colleges. Basket-ball supplies a long-felt want and combines the beneficial results obtained from the rope, bar, running, jumping and other gymnasium exercises and has the additional interest and spirit of competitive sport. The May *Delineator*, in the fourth article in its series on athletics for women, fully describes this game, which is so interesting to both participants and spectators, and shows some especially fine pictures.

GRADUATE NOTES.

'00. W. O. Stevens is taking undergraduate work in Yale.

'00. Miss Alice Furlington is passing her vacation at her home in this city.

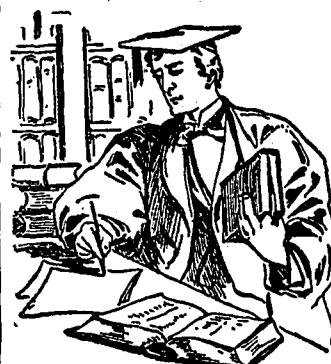
'01. Adonis Dow Howard, is at present located in Oil City, Pa., where he is employed in a lucrative position.

'02. Herbert C. Libby wrote a very interesting article on Student Life at Harvard, for the current W. H. S., Nautilus.

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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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