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TEACHING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

To the Editor of the Echo—Sir:

As perhaps you will remember, I was one of the thousand teachers who went to the Philippine Islands to teach the natives to say "good morning" instead of "maayan aga." Perhaps some of the experiences which I had while there will be of interest to the readers of the Echo.

For the first few days out from San Francisco the weather was rather rough, and, while it caused me no discomfort, it was interesting to go back aft over the propellers or forward to the bows where there was the most motion and find a throng of deathly sick mortals from the Middle West, not one of whom had ever seen the ocean before, and with them some good samaritan who would be telling them that they must stick closely to these positions, if they wished to get along with as little trouble from seasickness as possible. This kind soul would tell his victims how the people amidsthips were suffering from *mal-de-mer* and what they were escaping by following his advice.

After a few weeks at Manila we were assigned to our various stations, and some twenty or thirty of us who were to teach on the Island of Panay sailed for Iloilo, the capital of the island and the second largest city in the Philippines. We had rather a stormy trip, in which we made new discoveries of the villainy of Spanish cookery. One day, however, we found something we could eat—a sort of sweet cake called lady fingers. A plate of these was placed on the table and went rapidly till we neared the bottom of the dish which we found to be covered with a kind of maggot—then we felt the need of fresh air. On our arrival at Iloilo Mr. Brink, the superintendent, took care of the women teachers, telling us men that we were to bunk in the Governor's Palace or Palacio, as it is called in Spanish. We had gained a little knowledge of the language by this time, and supposed it would be an easy thing for us to find so important a building as the capital of the island, and I was chosen by our party to inquire the way. I sought information of a small boy who was delighted to guide us and who led us straight to the Palace Saloon. My friends said he had sized me up, but I insisted that it was the party I was leading.

After a short stay in Iloilo I was sent to Leon, a town some 25 miles from Iloilo. Leon was at that time a garrisoned town, and the officers were very kind to me and helped me in many ways. One of them took me over to visit my new school, where I found the boys studying the church catechism under the instruction of two native teachers. Each pupil was reading aloud some passage that pleased him while one of the teachers marched about with a bamboo stick, which he vigorously applied to the head of any boy who was not yelling at the top of his voice. As they all seemed to wish to show off before the new teacher, however, I do not think that any of them needed chastisement for not reading aloud while I was there. It was simply pandemonium.

As soon as I got settled I took charge of the school, which I discovered to be entirely destitute of books, with the exception of about a dozen I was forbidden to use. Not only were there no books, but there were no blackboards, slates, paper or pencils, nor in the year I was there did I succeed in getting any of

these things, with the exception of some advanced histories, geographies and arithmetics, which were of little value in teaching children who had no knowledge of the English language. I beg to assure those who complain of the difficulties of teaching in our Maine schools that they have no conception of the possible difficulties of teaching. If they do not believe this, let them take a school of 200 chocolate colored youngsters, half of them squatting on the floor because there are no seats for them to sit on, with no books, paper or pencils, and then attempt to keep order and hear recitations. Even then they would experience only half of what I had to undergo, for when I went there I did not speak a word of their language, and they did not speak a word of mine.

Two of my classes were bright and learned readily, and when I left them could converse very well in English. It was really a pleasure teaching my first class of boys. Notwithstanding the difficulties of having no books I gained their interest, and after I moved the school into rooms adjoining my quarters I have known nearly twenty of them to get round at five o'clock in the morning although school did not begin till eight. This was hardly an unmixed blessing as I wanted to sleep about that time, and they seemed to be about as noisy as Maine boys. But what trials I had with my two lowest classes! Four times each day I called up each member of those classes to count from one to ten, and, when I left, half of them had not sufficiently mastered that feat of memory to feel sure whether the number following four was five or eight. The only method of teaching open to me was by conversation, and when I finished my day's work I was about played out both physically and mentally. I am afraid that my temper, too, was pretty badly frayed, because I could not get the equipment necessary to make the work easier. There were school supplies enough in the islands but the department was too busy sending out blanks asking how large a percentage of our pupils could read English to take time to get any books out to us.

Finally the troops were withdrawn from Leon, and I was alone. There were about 12,000 natives in the town, but if I wanted to see a white man, even a Spaniard, I must go to Tigbauan, eight miles away to do it. One can readily imagine that the situation was not entirely delightful, though it was not nearly so bad as that of some of the teachers who had been dumped into such a town without knowing a word of the language. I had managed to gain a little knowledge of the vernacular and of the people before the troops left.

Previously I had had one native servant, but after the departure of the troops I had to employ another and live on the products of the land, for it was twenty-six miles to a can of condensed milk or a pound of tea. I had chickens, rice and eggs, and I could vary that menu by making it eggs, rice and chickens, or I could have these articles in any other order I chose. The chickens and eggs were usually of indefinite age. The natives seemed to like a combination of chicken and egg, that is, an egg which had not hatched out a chicken but which would have done so if given a few more days. No doubt this is quite a delicacy, but native cooks do not, as a usual thing, set this

dish before an able bodied American the second time; at least, mine did not. Unfortunately it was not a grasshopper year so I was unable to sample that especial delicacy of the Filipino, and I did not feel sorry, though the natives informed me that it was very fine.

F. D. SAWYER, '00.
Gray, Me., Jan. 9, 1904.

NEW COURSES.

Two new courses have been instituted this term, a course on Trusts and a course in Biology, an extension of the former course in Botany.

The course on Trusts is offered to students who have such familiarity with the elementary concepts of Economics as may be obtained in a thorough introductory course involving some discussion of American economic history and contemporary conditions. The first work of the course will involve such an orientation in the transition from the domestic economy of the middle ages and beginning of the modern period to the present capitalistic system as shall give the student the necessary background for the consideration of the economic, social and ethical problems of readjustment necessitated by the present centralization of industry, combination of capital, and tendency toward monopoly. The latter part of the course will be devoted to a more specific study of the formation of the pool, trust, and corporation, emphasizing more particularly the normality of the present situation when considered from the genetic viewpoint. The more recently proposed methods of legislative control will be considered in connection with the theoretical discussion of the principles of competition and co-operation.

To the former course in Botany have been added two important features.

First: two terms are devoted to the subject.

Second: a preliminary course in Biology is a prerequisite to it.

Before a student enters upon the subject he is supposed to be somewhat acquainted with the fundamental processes so common to both plants and animals. This acquaintance he gains from the study of general Biology. The course in Botany then introduces him to the study of such forms as Water Silk, Rockweeds, Slime Moulds, Bread Moulds, Toadstools, Mosses, Ferns, and the like. The life histories of some of these forms are taken up; then their methods of reproduction and their economic importance are noted. To the study of the flowering plants is given the greater part of a single term's work. The general form is emphasized and the methods of growth and adaptation are outlined. In the laboratory the student is made to see for himself the structure of the forms and to make careful records by drawings and by notes. The time devoted to such a broad subject as the study of plant life is much too short to give more than the barest outline. The plan of the course, however, is to try to do a little and to do that little well.

'70. The report of the Mass. Hospital for Epileptics of which Dr. Everett Flood is Superintendent, shows the affairs of the institution to be in a very prosperous condition. A large number of new buildings and general improvements in the plant provided by the State of Massachusetts shows a confidence in Dr. Flood which is well deserved.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'44. Albert Winslow Paine, a cousin of Albert Ware Paine, Colby '22, died at his home in Bangor, Dec. 29, 1903. Mr. Paine was born in Unity, Maine, Dec. 24, 1824. After his graduation from college he taught school for a time and then practised law until the breaking out of the Civil War. After a short term of service in the army, Mr. Paine became a clerk in the U. S. Treasurer's office at Washington, where he remained for thirty-seven years. During the last years of his life Mr. Paine lived with his sister, Mrs. Sarah W. Norton of Bangor.

'76. At the reunion of Newton Alumni in Boston, December 4, the presiding officer was Rev. A. C. Woodsum, Colby '76. Several tributes were paid to the Newton class of '79, which included more distinguished men than perhaps any other class for half a century. Colby contributed to that class Mr. Woodsum, Prof. A. W. Small, Dr. E. F. Merriam of the *Watchman*, and the loved and lamented Rev. T. F. White.

'80. Rev. J. E. Cochrane is to spend the coming year in Evangelistic work under the direction of the Maine Baptist Convention.

'82. THE ECHO is very glad to congratulate Mr. William C. Crawford upon his promotion to the mastership of the Washington-Allston school district in Boston.

'86. Richard A. Metcalf has recently been made manager of the interests of Allyn & Bacon, for the Middle States and the South, with headquarters at 153 Fifth Ave., New York.

'87. Married, Dec. 30, 1903, Maurice Herman Small, Colby '89, and Miss Lillian J. Cox of Rutherford, N. J. Mr. Small is Chairman of the Department of Pedagogy in the Wisconsin State Normal school at Oshkosh. The institution has a faculty of about forty and a student attendance of almost one thousand.

'92. A recent number of the *Watchman* contains a high commendation of Rev. C. A. Merrill, who has just removed from Castile, N. Y. to a pastorate at South Framingham, Mass.

'94. Samuel A. Burleigh has been elected superintendent of schools in Rumford and Mexico.

'95. J. Colby Bassett, formerly associated with Powers, Hall and Jones, at 101 Milk St., Boston, continues his association with the new firm of Powers and Hall.

'96. Harry W. Dunn, who, since his graduation from the Harvard Law school, has been in the office of Heman W. Chaplin, Esq., has become associated with Powers and Hall, 101 Milk St., Boston.

'96. Married, Dec. 26, 1903, Everett Lamont Getchell and Miss Maud A. Johnston of Limerick, Maine. Mr. Getchell is principal of the Kelly school, Cambridge, Mass.

'98. Married, Dec. 31, 1903, Harrison Sanborn Allen and Miss Annie D. Burleigh of Vassalboro, Maine. Mr. Allen is teacher of Sciences in the Waterbury, Conn., high school.

'98. John E. Stephenson has been appointed assistant postmaster at Butte, Montana.

'00. Alfred S. Goody, who has been teaching in the Philippines, is soon to return to the United States.

'03. Miss Alice E. Towne has accepted a position as teacher of English and History in the high school at Maynard, Mass.

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A new year has begun, and with it a new term. The winter term has always been held sacred to study and it is well that it is so. In the winter, few are the allurements to draw one from his books. The enticing Messalonskee is cold and cheerless, and smoke-talks on the steps of old South College are decidedly out of date. It is an interval, a breathing space for most, between all-absorbing football and baseball and the other interests of the springtime. Basket ball there is, but its devotees are comparatively few. Social duties are not exacting here in Waterville, and, perforce, one must study from sheer ennui. And again, the fall seems always most prolific of cutouts and many are they who, saddened by a glaring E, resolve to turn over a new leaf and never, never, get below B again. The subject of deficiencies leads us to remembrance of the fact that, in the past, many of our best athletes have been lost to us through failure to keep above the danger line in their studies. Colby is a small college and can ill afford to lose valuable men for such a reason. Perhaps there are some now who are none too strong. If such be the case, let them take a brace during this term of quiet and pull themselves up beyond reach of trouble. And not only to these would we speak, but to others as well, and among them some of the brightest minds in college. It is a lamentable fact that many who should gain an enviable rank and the honor of Φ. B. K. allow the opportunity to slip through their fingers because of pure laziness and indifference. To the willing worker who has not the requisite mental ability to maintain high rank we can grant indulgence, but for the brilliant dunce there can be no excuse. Colby has an enviable reputation for scholarship, and it is the duty of every man who has natural ability to help to maintain this reputation, not for his own sake alone but for his college as well.

The subscription-list of THE ECHO is now larger than it has been for many years, but there are still a considerable number of the Alumni and a few of the students whose names are lacking. To these we would say a few words. This

year a determined effort is in progress to make THE ECHO the representative organ of the College, not of the student body alone, for they are but a part, though a very considerable part, of the whole institution, but of the Alumni and Faculty as well. In pursuance of this object the literary portion of the paper has been somewhat slighted, but we feel that our readers care more for news of the college than for hashed-up book reviews. Does the fact that you are not a subscriber to THE ECHO mean that you are no longer interested in Colby? The accounts of college activities published in the daily papers are, at best, unsatisfactory and incomplete, and oftentimes they are unreliable as well. Do you wish to receive news of the College, fresh, original and trustworthy, every week? If you do, subscribe to THE ECHO. During the remainder of the year twenty-two issues will appear and the price of subscription will be \$1.00. We do not ask you to subscribe "to help us out." We are well able to pay all our bills. But we do wish to increase the sphere of usefulness of the paper and to disseminate more widely news of Colby's activities and Colby's needs. You must admit that this is a laudable ambition and one that deserves your aid if you are still loyal to your Alma Mater. We trust that this may be the case.

We are glad to announce that Rev. E. C. Whittemore, Secretary of the Colby Alumni Association, will contribute to next week's Echo a letter giving an account of the movement of the Alumni for representation on the Board of Trustees and the success with which it has been crowned.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas: Our loving Father in his Divine wisdom hath seen fit to call to his Heavenly home the brother of our classmate, Fred E. Hutchins, therefore be it Resolved: That we, the class of 1906, do hereby extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his sorrow, and be it further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to him and that they be inserted in the columns of THE COLBY ECHO and of the 1906 Record.

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For the Class.

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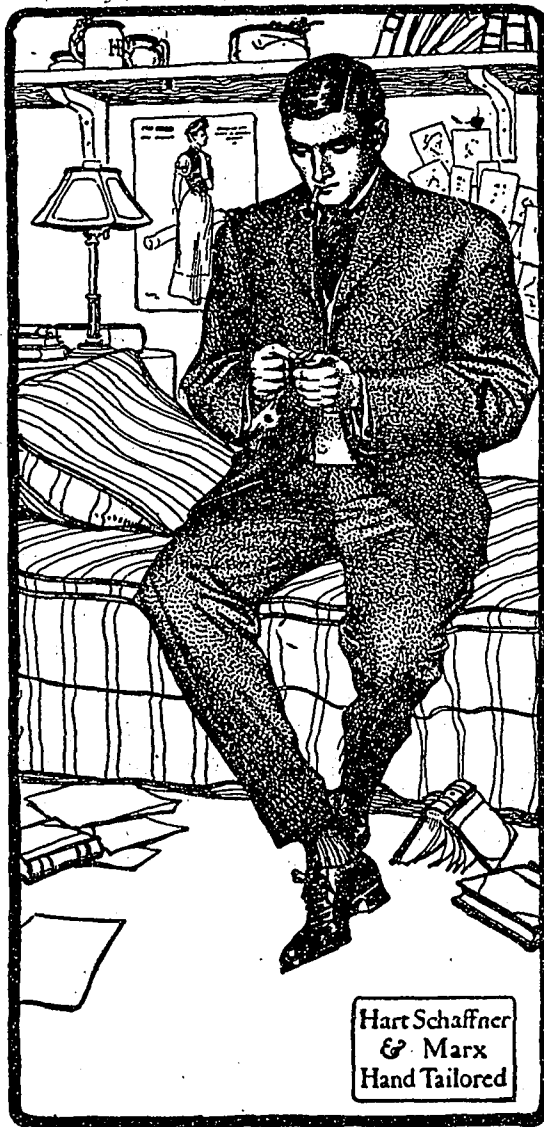
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The Hon. Chester W. Kingsley died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 1st, 1904. Mr. Kingsley was born in Brighton, June 9, 1824. When he was four years old his father died, and from the age of ten he was dependent upon his own resources. He was at first a carpenter, but soon became messenger in the old Brighton Bank. In 1851 he was chosen cashier of the Cambridge Market Bank. Later he entered the wholesale provision business, and finally became treasurer of an anthracite coal mining company; in which position he accumulated a large fortune.

As a citizen, Mr. Kingsley was called to fill many responsible stations in life. He ably served in both branches of the Massachusetts legislature, and for many years was a member of the school committee and water board of the city of Cambridge. The present water supply of this very progressive municipality was secured under his leadership, and Mr. Kingsley has been called the father of the Cambridge water works.

In early life he became a Christian, and was for many years an influential and devoted member of the North Avenue Baptist Church. His Christian influence was exceedingly strong in all his varied activities. His many gifts and honors never caused him to forget his devotion to Christ. Although his time was unusually occupied with his business cares, he nevertheless devoted much of his energy to missionary and educational interests.

For many years he was a trustee of Colby College and gave to our institution \$25,000. In addition to this, he gave an equal amount to the American Baptist Missionary Union or American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Publication Society, the Newton Theological Institution, Brown University, and Worcester Academy. His largest benefactions were to the last mentioned institution.

It is said that he carried in his pocket-book printed helps to daily inspiration for well doing, one of which is as follows:

"I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again."

Rev. R. J. Adams, D.D., in a very appreciative article, recently published in the *Watchman*, says of our friend: "He was a man of unswerving integrity in all his business and social relations. He bore the 'white flower' of a blameless life." The secret of his strength was in Christ. He had complete trust in Jesus as his friend, and Saviour, and Lord. He has gone, to be with us no more in the affairs of life, but his influence has not departed. A man who serves God and his generation as he did, cannot die out of the world. Being dead, he yet speaketh, and he will continue to speak for the good of the living as the years go by. When we think of the many positions of prominence and usefulness which he filled in the religious and educational world, we involuntarily ask who will rise to take his place in valiant and useful service to mankind?"

In 1840 Mr. Kingsley was married to Miss Mary Jane Todd of Brighton. Of the seven children born to them only one survives, Mrs. M. Clinton Bacon.

The funeral service was held at the residence in Cambridge on Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, and was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Marble, Ph. D., pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church. A public Memorial Service was held at the church in the evening; a large congregation was present. Eulogies were pronounced by the following distinguished gentlemen:—ex-mayor J. M. Hall, representing the city; Gen. W. A. Bancroft,

representing the commonwealth; Rev. F. E. Marble, Ph. D., representing the church; Principal D. W. Abercrombie, LL. D., of Worcester Academy, representing the American Baptist Publication Society; and Rev. H. C. Mabie, D. D., representing world missions.

Colby College has lost a wise and generous friend, who loved the institution because he believed it was perpetuating the influence of the Christian religion. Mr. Kingsley steadfastly obeyed the rule to give as God prospered him, and his uniform prayer was: "Lord, give me a hand to get and a heart to give." Let every Colby student search for the "hiding of his power" and emulate Mr. Kingsley's noble example.

C. L. WHITE.

EXAMINATIONS FOR ENTRANCE PRIZE.

The Entrance Prize examinations were held the Tuesday and Wednesday before the opening of the term, and on last Monday afternoon. The contestants from the Men's Division were Myron E. Berry, Roscoe C. Emery, Millard C. Moore, and Arthur K. Winslow; from the Women's Division, Miss Rena M. Archer. The examinations were given in the following order: Latin, Mathematics, Greek and French, English, Greek and Roman History, English and American History. This year for the first time, French, and English and American History were offered as substitutes for Greek. In ranking the contestants the point system was made use of, as outlined in the catalogue, according to which Latin counts eight points, Greek six, etc. Arthur K. Winslow won the first, and Roscoe C. Emery the second, prize for the men's division, and Miss Rena M. Archer won first prize for the women's division.

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BRUNSWICK, ME., July 24, 1903.

CAMPUS CHAT.

Miss Stover, '06, is not in college this term.

Thompson, '05, has left college for the present.

Keene, '06, is playing the chapel organ this term.

Wright, '07, will not return to college this term.

Miss Mower, '04, spent the holiday recess in Boston.

Keene, ex-'04, was on the campus the first of the term.

Miss Haywood, '07, has not returned to college this winter.

Miss Lakin was a guest at dinner at Ladies' Hall, Tuesday.

Ames, '04, was the guest of friends at Seal Harbor during recess.

Vail, ex-'06, is attending Davidson College, North Carolina.

Miss Drake, ex-'06, took dinner at Ladies' Hall, Friday evening.

It is reported that Teague, '06, will not return to college this term.

Prof. Hatch preached at Livermore Falls during the Christmas recess.

Smith, '07, is teaching school in Eastport, and will not return this term.

Kimball, '07, will not return to college. He is at present at work in Boston.

During the recess the rooms in North College have been papered throughout.

Miss Watkins, '04, spent the Christmas recess with friends in Boston and New York.

McLellan, ex-'06, was the guest of friends at the "Bricks" the first of the week.

Newman, '07, has been engaged to coach the Coburn basket ball team this winter.

Watkins, ex-'06, has left college and intends to enter the Lawrence Scientific school.

Miss Florence Priest of Vassalboro visited her sister, Edith Priest, '07, the first of the week.

The Y. M. C. A. work opened with an excellent meeting led by Miss Lakin, '05, Tuesday evening.

The catalogues for 1903-1904 are now out and are in the library for distribution among the students.

Long, '06, is employed in the Bean Ship Yard, Camden, and will not be back to college this term.

Dean Berry was able Monday to leave her room to which she has been confined by illness since Friday of last week.

Miss Ethel Townsend of Fort Fairfield spent a few days in Waterville, last week, with her sister, Miss Townsend, '06, before going to Oak Grove Seminary.

The Colby quartette, consisting of Clark and Winslow, '04, Bean, '05, and Dodge, '06, furnished music for the Odd Fellows' installation on Tuesday evening.

Miss Holway, '06, went to Fairfield Monday morning to teach school this winter. The Sophomore girls gave a party at Ladies' Hall Saturday evening in her honor.

Two rooms on the second floor of Coburn Hall have been equipped with tables, lockers, sinks and other apparatus, to accommodate the biological work of the new B. S. course.

Miss Linton, '06, started Thursday morning of last week for Raleigh, N. C., to resume her former position on the faculty of Shaw University. It is doubtful whether she returns to Colby another year.

The visit of the Patrons of Husbandry netted the Oracle Association a little over \$80. Although not quite as much as was expected this is a good substantial sum and will prove of much benefit to the Association.

Miss Cochrane, '04, has left Ladies' Hall and is now living with her father in their residence on Silver Place. Rev. Mr. Cochrane was recently appointed State Evangelist, and has moved his family to this city from Springvale.

Work in the gymnasium began Tuesday. It has been found that the repairs necessary on the building are too extensive to be undertaken at present, but temporary supports for the roof have been put in place so that the regular work will not be interrupted.

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