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THE STUDENT AND THE LIBRARY.

What does a Colby student of five and twenty years ago still remember of his college? My first and fondest recollection is of the walks and talks, noctes *diesque* deorum, with dear and honored friends, two of whom are now mine beyond the possibility of earthly estrangement; next arise golden hours passed in the library under the marble approval of Milton; and lastly there come back other hours, not always golden, spent in the class-room. This is, of course, only to enumerate the three influences that are, or should be, strongest in a student's life: the society of his fellows, his private reading, and his studies. Of these three factors of culture the first and the last are fairly constant, but the second is apt to vary in the experience of any small group of students from the foremost place without a rival to no place at all. It is of this varying element in the student's conduct of life that I have been asked to write.

Unless student intercourse has an intellectual basis, such as reading furnishes, it has nothing to distinguish it from any other good-fellowship, and can hardly escape triviality. The little groups of students at Cambridge which included such members as the three Tennysons, Hallam, Spedding, Fitzgerald and Thackeray, while they were no doubt jovial enough, were first of all intellectual associations, where

Thought leaped out to wed with Thought
Ere Thought could wed itself with Speech.

In such companionship men not only share and correct the culture which they have acquired in private, but they are stimulated to higher and wider attainment. The class-room at its best is hardly equal to a good book; from its very nature it must address an abstract average rather than the individual, while a good book startles us with the intimacy of its revelation to ourselves. The student goes to college to study; he has his name thence. But while the class-room is busied patiently, sedulously doling him out silver, he discovers that there is gold lying all around, which he may take without asking. Twenty-five years after he finds that the silver has grown black with rust, while the gold shines on untarnished. Librarians are often besought for a guide in reading, a set of rules, a list of books. But what is really needed, and what no mentor can give, is a hunger and thirst after what is in books; and this the student must acquire for himself or forego the blessing. Culture cannot be vicarious. This is not to say that a list of books may not be useful, or that one set of books is as good as another, but only that reading is the thing, and, given the impulse to read, the how and the what can be added to it; but, without this energizing motive, no amount of opportunity or nurture will avail.

But, having not the desire to read but only a sense that he ought to have it, what shall a student do? There are two practicable courses, perhaps equally good. One is for him to sit down and take account of stock, to map out his knowledge, his previous reading, and so find the inner boundaries of the vast region yet to be explored. This process can hardly fail to suggest not one alone but many points of departure. The other method is, without even so much forecasting, to set forth in any direction, take the first attractive unread

book at hand, and let that lead to others. Suppose the book happens to be Don Quixote. This is a work written primarily to amuse. But the reader will not be content with the mere mention of the romances of chivalry which turned the poor knight's brain. He will want to read about them and to read some of them actually. He will be curious as to Charlemagne and his peers, Arthur and his knights, and will seek to know their true as well as their fabulous history. Then he will wonder who the Moors were, why they were banished, and what was the result to. Spain of this act in which even his liberal and kindly author acquiesced. He will ask if antiquity had its romances, and if any later novelists were indebted to Cervantes. The answer to the last query will bring him to Gil Blas in French literature, and to the works of the great English romancers of the eighteenth century. Fielding will lead him to Thackeray, Smollett to Dickens, Dickens to Bret Harte, and Bret Harte to Kipling. If he reads Cervantes in English, he will have a choice of translations, and he will not fail to mark the enormous difference in language, literary style, and ideals of rendering between the three versions of Shelton in the seventeenth century, Motteux in the eighteenth, and Ormsby in the nineteenth. If, like many another, he becomes so interested in the great romance as to learn Spanish for the sake of coming into direct communication with his author, a whole new literature will be opened to him. Furthermore, in the cognate languages which a mastery of Spanish will make easy for him, a group of literatures will be placed at his command; and, while he began with Cervantes, who threw open for him the portals of the Middle Ages, we may leave him with Dante, looking before and after over all human achievement and destiny.

All this the student will not do in one term nor in one year, but he will have found himself in the library, he will have acquired a bond to culture that will not break as he steps out of his last recitation, that will not yield when time and distance have relegated his college friendships, with his lost youth, to the Eden or the Avilion of memory. And, if afterwards he comes, with Emerson, to find the chief value of his college training in the ability it has given him to see its little avail, he will speak thus disparagingly only as an older student, looking back upon the stupendous revelations of his Principia, likened them to so many pebbles or shells picked up on the shore of the illimitable ocean of knowledge.

HARRY LYMAN KOOPMAN, '80.

'87. The sum of \$20,000 voted by the trustees of the Kennebec water district to Harvey D. Eaton for his services as counsel to the district has been amply earned. For several years Mr. Eaton has allowed nothing else in the line of professional work to stand in the way of his zeal in serving the water district, and such service should be fairly recompensed. As a matter of moral justice, several other Maine communities ought to pay Mr. Eaton a liberal fee for having enabled them to do what we have done here in getting control of a water system that would have been otherwise quite out of their reach. But none of them is likely to pay for something they could get free and so they reap without cost of the fruit of Mr. Eaton's legal skill and of the Kennebec Water district's enterprise.—*Waterville Mail*.

STATE CONFERENCE OF THE Y. M. C. A. AT BOWDOIN.

The state conference of the Y. M. C. A. opened with an informal reception at the magnificent new library building, Hubbard Hall, followed by an address of welcome by president Burpee of the Bowdoin Y. M. C. A. His speech was followed by inspiring addresses from Mr. Charles Gilkey, Harvard, '03, now national secretary for preparatory schools, and Mr. J. R. Albertain, a young Boer from South Africa who is now studying at Princeton in preparation for Y. M. C. A. work among the colleges of South Africa. The other sessions of the conference were presided over by Mr. A. B. Williams, Yale '98, secretary for the eastern colleges of the country.

The strictly business sessions of the conference were held Friday forenoon and afternoon and Saturday forenoon. The first devotional meeting was conducted by Rev. H. A. Jump, pastor of the First Parish Church of Brunswick, who is a young man and very popular with the students at Bowdoin. Friday afternoon we had the pleasure of listening to Dr. H. L. Chapman, professor of English Literature at Bowdoin, on the need of Bible study. The devotional meeting on Saturday morning was conducted in a helpful manner by President White of this college. Saturday evening Mr. Williams set forth in an interesting manner the work, world-wide in its scope, carried on by the Y. M. C. A., with especial reference to its bearing upon college life. The three meetings on Sunday, one just before church, one at 4:30 after the regular Sunday chapel service of the college, and one at 7:30, were of a more spiritual character than the other sessions and formed a fitting close to the conference. On Friday evening the routine of the program was pleasantly relieved by a minstrel show given by the Bowdoin students. Most of the delegates attended and heartily enjoyed the Bowdoin Minstrels. Saturday afternoon was given over to sight-seeing and recreation.

The business sessions of the conference dealt with questions of vital importance to all Christian associations and were extremely practical. Points of especial interest were thoroughly discussed and, altogether, the different associations represented ought to be greatly stimulated to larger work.

At the first meeting of the conference the interesting fact was brought up that, on the very days of our conference here in Maine, a Y. M. C. A. movement was being inaugurated among the students of Italy gathered at Rome.

The total attendance was eighty-one, a gain of about twenty-five over last year's conference. The University of Maine was represented by twelve men; Bates, by eleven; and Colby, by seventeen. Eight sitting schools were represented and, altogether, sent twenty-three men. The following men went from Colby: Ames and Tolman, '04; Cotton, Coy, Hoyt and Knowles, '05; Bowdoin, Dodge, Emery, Keene, Kennison and Robinson, '06; Betts, Davis, Dunn, Masterman and Winslow, '07.

The greater part of the delegates were entertained at the different fraternity houses, where they were generously provided for. The Bowdoin fraternity houses are very nearly ideal homes of their sort and it was no small kindness to throw them open to the visiting dele-

gates, but the Bowdoin men extended their heartiest welcome and left undone nothing that would contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests. During the whole conference the visitors were much impressed with the gentlemanly bearing of the students at Bowdoin.

The past conference is the second held by the college associations and was a decided success from every point of view. A. G. R. '06.

COLBY VS. HEBRON.

On Friday evening, Jan. 22nd, Hebron was defeated in her own Gymnasium by the narrow margin of one point. The game was remarkably clean, most of the fouls being called for coaching from the side-lines. Hebron has a light, fast team and it turned out to be more than a practice game.

The summary:

COLBY.	HEBRON.
Dunn, rf	lg, Jackson (Gardner, Flood)
McVane, lf	rg, McFarlane
Coombs, c	c, Robinson (Jackson)
Bryant, rg lf	Tribou (Richardson, Kellock)
Cowing, lg	rf, Green

Score: 16 to 15. Goals thrown—by Coombs, 3; Bryant, 2; Green, 2; McVane, Dunn, Tribou, Richardson, Kellock, Flood. Fouls called—on Colby 2; on Hebron, 5. Goals from fouls—Bryant, 2; McFarlane. Referee, Fogg, Colby, '00; Umpire, Laperie, Bowdoin, '00.

COLBY VS. TACONNET.

Once more Colby has been defeated by the Taconnet Club at the Club-house. This time it was in what will probably be one of the closest games of the season. The first half was fast and clean. Coombs had his eye with him and the score stood 15 to 8 in our favor. The second half was marked by a great deal of unnecessary roughness. The Taconnet team gradually crawled up and at the end the score was 25 to 25. The extra period had been under way about three minutes when Grindall threw the deciding goal.

The summary:

COLBY.	TACONNET.
Dunn, rf	lg, Grindall
McVane, lf	rg, S. Hurd
Coombs, c	c, Phelan
Bryant, rg	lf, J. Hurd
Cowing, lg	rf, Libby

Score:—27 to 25, Goals thrown—by Coombs, 6; Grindall, 5; Phelan, 5; McVane, 3; Dunn, 2; Libby, J. Hurd. Fouls called—on Colby, 10; on Taconnet, 11. Goals from fouls—Bryant, 3; S. Hurd, 3. Officials—Pugsley and Newenham.

'08. John Blake Clough died Jan. 13, at Roxbury, Mass., after an illness of two and one-half years. Mr. Clough was a native of Danbury, N. H. and prepared for college at Colby Academy. After his graduation from Waterville college he taught school for a year or two and then entered the law department of Harvard University. Having accomplished his legal studies and been admitted to the bar, he became in 1873 an assistant in the United States Marshal's office at Memphis, Tennessee. From 1885 until his death he served as clerk of the U. S. District and Circuit Court of the western district of Tennessee.

'02. Born at Norridgewock, Jan. 12, 1904, Helen Ernestine Drow, daughter of William Winter and Marion Stuart Reed Drow; both of the class of 1902.

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The present term is remarkable for the complete lack of interest which students are showing in nearly all of the ordinary college activities. The college play is hardly under way as yet, and the musical organizations appear to have died a natural death, though perhaps it is only a trance from which they may awaken with renewed vigor. Basketball alone seems to hold its own. In past years we have had our debating teams, our law clubs, our assemblies, our receptions, our class clubs, our Epicureans, and a thousand and one other interests which did none of us any harm and were of incalculable benefit to many. Has college reached a state of intellectual stagnation? Such seems to be the case but we trust that it is not so. Do our courses absorb all of our energies? Then times have indeed changed from the good old days when it was considered almost a crime to be caught "plugging." But hold! We have the explanation. In the past few weeks we have noticed with painful anxiety the frantic though fruitless efforts made by many of our fellow-students to raise large and hirsute appendages. Horrible to look upon has the result been in many cases. A few weaklings dropped out in the first round but others, with perseverance worthy of a better cause, are still at work. But such woeful perversion of the course of nature cannot last. Even the worm will turn and we fear that some fine morning will find these venturesome lads suffocated by the luxuriant growths which they have cultivated with so much care or that they will fall an easy prey to some fell disease induced by exhaustion caused by their great endeavors. Let them take warning before it is too late and devote their energy to a better cause.

The report of the trustees' meeting, on Jan. 27, has not been received in time for this issue, but next week's number will contain a complete account of the proceedings at that meeting, written by one of the most prominent trustees.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom hath seen fit to take unto himself the husband of our sister,

Sophia May Pierce, be it resolved: That we, her sisters in Sigma Kappa, extend to her our heartfelt sympathy, and be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our sister and published in THE COLBY ECHO.

EDITH M. WATKINS.
PAULENAH SIMMONS.
ADDIE LAKIN.

Sigma Kappa Hall, Jan. 27, '04.

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom hath seen fit to take unto himself the father of our beloved sister, Mary Philbrook, be it resolved: That we, her sisters in Sigma Kappa, extend to her our heartfelt sympathy, and be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our sister and published in THE COLBY ECHO.

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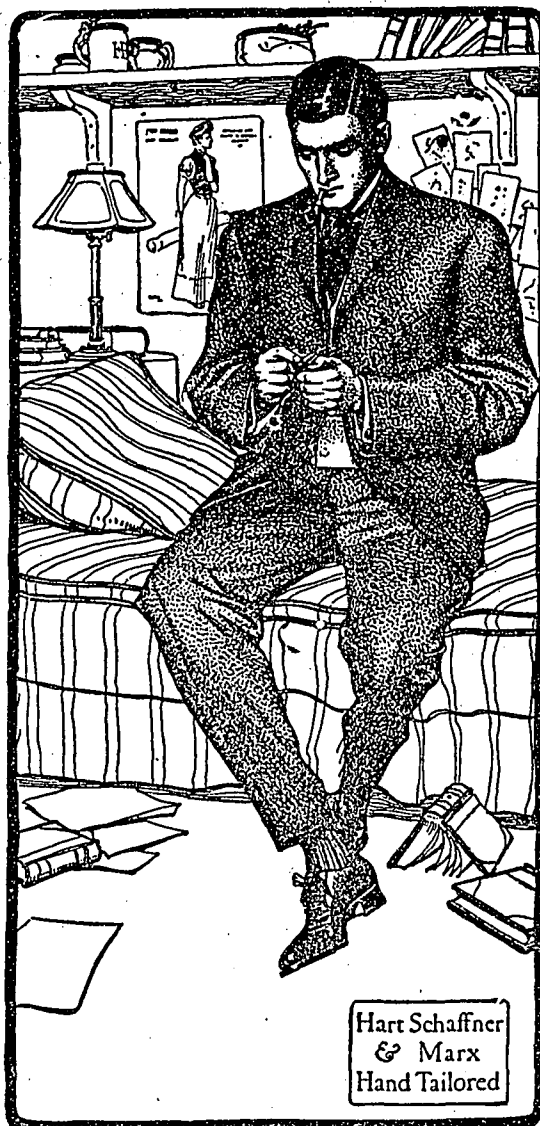
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REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The report of the prudential committee from May 1st to Dec. 31st has just been issued, and a brief abstract may be of interest to the readers of THE ECHO.

The extensive repairs and alterations which have been completed during the past six months are enumerated, and their cost is itemized. The total cost of rebuilding North College is found to have been \$17,133.77. The alterations by means of which the Hersey House was changed into the College Commons cost \$1,763.91. The extent of these alterations is shown by the fact that "The cellar was supplied with a store-room, a large refrigerator and two store-rooms were arranged, a kitchen was furnished with two ranges, a hot water system was installed, an additional bath-room was provided, hardwood floors were laid in several rooms, electric lights were placed, the roof of the stable was shingled, an extensive piazza was put in first-class condition, the grounds in front and beyond, in the athletic field, were leveled, the house was painted. To this was added the cost of furnishing five dining-rooms with tables, chairs, dishes, shades, silver, etc., the fitting of the matron's department, a reception room for the students, and screening the windows and doors."

"The gift of \$500 from the Hon. R. C. Shannon, LL. D., for additional apparatus for the department of physics has greatly strengthened the hands of Professor Beck. This new equipment, coupled with the additional courses which have been offered in physics, made necessary the rearrangement of the first floor of Shannon Observatory. The matter was carefully studied, and four rooms have been made out of the space which was formerly used by Professor Rogers for his experiments. One of these will be used as a class room, another as the developing room, the third as a machine shop, and the fourth for keeping delicate instruments."

Recitation Hall and South College have been painted inside and out, and a steel roof has been placed upon the latter building. Recitation Hall has been further transformed by remodeling the second story so as to furnish the Greek department with two rooms in the south-east corner and render the room in the south-west corner suitable for a women's dressing room.

The chemical department has been furnished with new sinks and other conveniences.

A separate dressing room for the women has been provided in the Gymnasium and has been fitted up with lockers. The biological department has been furnished with lockers and sinks.

This completes the list of the principal alterations and repairs during the past six months, but others must soon be carried out.

"Several interiors need to be varnished, the trimmings of Ooburn Hall and Memorial Hall will require painting, six new radiators will probably have to be inserted in Chemical Hall to suitably heat the building and a new roof must soon be provided for Recitation Hall, but these improvements can be scattered over a period of three years."

It may be of interest to note that the college buildings and their contents are insured for \$112,400. Insurance to the amount of \$50 is carried for students at 25 cents per year.

From the report it would appear that the college is in a prosperous financial condition. To quote from the report:

"The probability - - - - of closing the year with happy results is very strong."

At the end of the report several recommendations are presented, the most important of which are the following:

"That the Gymnasium be repaired according to plans submitted by Mr. John Calvin Stevens; the estimated cost of which is in the vicinity of \$300 and charged to Profit and Loss Account.

"That the appropriation for Prudential Committee after this year shall close shall not include the cost of maintaining the boarding departments, but that a separate account be kept of the boarding departments of the men and women and reports made each year by the Treasurer.

"That the Women's Division be placed on a separate basis for the three years, from May 1st, 1904, that the charge for board and room be kept separate from other college income, and that the cost of maintaining the boarding department, heating and lighting the three women's houses, and service and incidental repairs, be charged to the Women's Division. This recommendation is made in view of the conviction that the Women's Division is maintaining itself financially.

"That the payment of each term bill be required before a student is eligible for his examinations, or to receive his term rank, and that all students paying the term bill within ten days after the opening of the college year shall receive a discount of 3 per cent.

"That payment in advance, at the beginning and middle of each term, be required of students patronizing the boarding departments of the College Commons, an increase of 25 cents per week be added if payment for board be not made within one week of the time specified, namely: the beginning and middle of each term; and that any student owing the college for board shall be ineligible for examinations or to receive his term rank."

SUGGESTED BY "SUNNY JIM."

This afternoon as I was turning the pages of a late number of the "Outlook" I came upon an advertisement of "Force" with the usual picture of "Sunny Jim." I must confess that this picture always arouses within me a very un-Christian feeling, not from any special dislike for the radiant James, but because he is to me a living embodiment of all the patent foods. These latter I heartily detest, and for several reasons.

First, as is natural, because not one of them is agreeable to my palate. I could devour a plate of fine chips or a saucerful of sawdust and shavings with as great a relish as an equal amount of "Force" or "Shredded Wheat," and with quite as much benefit to my digestive apparatus. For, in the second place, I am convinced from my own experience and from the testimony of reputable physicians that there is as much nourishment in a given quantity of these so-called "concentrated foods" as in a like portion of bran or middlings. And, in truth, I once heard of a man who ate a teaspoonful of bran with every meal and believed himself benefited thereby.

A third reason for my aversion to these viands is the fact that they are inseparably connected with certain parsimonious individuals of my acquaintance, whose chief diet is "Shredded Wheat" and faith, with a consequent asperity of disposition quite charming to contemplate. All these considerations plunge me, on seeing a picture of the ubiquitous James, into a state of mind equal to his own when he was known as "Jim Dumps."

C. P. C. '00.

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BRUNSWICK, ME., July 24, 1903.

CAMPUS CHAT.

Allen P. Soule, '79, was in the city the first of the week.

Cotton, '05, supplied the pulpit at Hartland, last Sunday.

Starkey, '05, has been confined to his room by a severe cold.

Miss Knight, '05, is again attending her classes after an illness of more than a week.

Miss Lowe, '05, has been confined to the house this week on account of a severe cold.

Dean Berry was in Portland from Friday to Monday attending the meeting of the Women's Clubs of Portland.

The date of the banquet of the Boston Colby Alumni Association has been fixed for Monday, February 22nd.

Pres. White left Wednesday for Portland where he will attend the annual meeting of the trustees of the college.

S. O. Glason of Bowdoin Medical College was about the campus during the past week securing agents for canvassing.

Dr. Alfred King of Portland, one of the trustees of the college, was the guest of Pres. White the first of the week.

Miss Shackley gave a "finch" party at the Commons last Friday evening. Seven couples participated in the evening's enjoyment.

Manager Bryant has succeeded in making arrangements for a basket-ball game with the Portland Y. M. C. A. team at Portland on Feb. 13th.

Mrs. Arthur Curtis of Fairfield favored the Y. W. C. A. with a delightful, informal talk on missionary work among the Hindoos, last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Curtis returned from the missionary field in India last May.

Carpenters have been engaged during the past week in raising North College where it had slightly settled. The steam heat in the building had caused the new timbers to shrink so that in some places the floors had settled. It was easily remedied.

Several college students took part in the play "Brother Against Brother," given by Company H, on Tuesday evening. In the cast were Leighton, Tapley, '04, Thompson, '05, and Pepper, '06, and the success of the play was largely due to their efforts.

A very pleasant birthday reception was tendered Miss Harriet Drake, ex-'06, at her home on Silver street, Saturday evening. The affair was a complete surprise to Miss Drake. Many of her college friends were present together with her friends in town. She was presented with a beautiful brooch by her former classmates.

A new cup has been added to the collection in the library. It is a handsome sterling silver loving cup and bears on one side the inscription: "Maine Inter-collegiate Tennis Association—Doubles Cup." On the other side is the list of winners, the last of which were McFadden and Shannon of Colby, who won the cup in '08. In that year the association dissolved and the cup has been reposing for several years in the safe of one of the local jewelers.

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