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## SHAW UNIVERSITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ECHO—Sir:

When I was at Colby last term I used frequently to be asked about Shaw University, and the readers of THE ECHO may be interested in a brief history of this school, which has become one of the first institutions of the South for the training of the hand, head and heart of the Negro.

Shaw University was established in a humble way as a Baptist mission station in the suburbs of Raleigh, North Carolina, in the autumn of 1865, by Henry Martin Tupper, of Wales, Massachusetts. The University derives its name from Elizabeth Shaw of Massachusetts, one of the earliest and most generous benefactors of the institution. The first school-house and residence were not much better than the hen-house which Booker T. Washington appropriated when he founded Tuskegee. But the work grew and a larger equipment was needed. The making of bricks, the erection of buildings, and all of the varied work pertaining thereto, were directed and largely carried on by Mr. Tupper himself and his students, with the aid of his supporters. During the first few years only men were admitted but it soon became evident that something must be done for the colored women as well, so in 1874, a girls' department was established, called Estey Seminary, after the name of its founder. About six years later, through the liberal donations of numerous friends of the institution, and especially of Judson Wade Leonard of Hampden, Massachusetts, a medical department was founded, called the Leonard Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy. Thus through the self-denial of noble men and women Shaw University has gradually grown until at the present time the campus covers about thirteen acres of ground upon which have been erected six large brick buildings and several of wood. Perhaps no one is more worthy of mention as a prominent factor in the rapid growth and high standing of the school than Charles F. Meserve, who for the past ten years has been president. Dr. Meserve is a graduate of Colby College.

There are nine different departments, Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, Theology, Law, Missionary Training, College, Normal and Industrial. Considering the large population of colored people in the South, in many places outnumbering the whites, the need of colored physicians is evident. No one can do more to improve the daily life of the masses of colored people than the consecrated, skilled, Christian physician. The Leonard Medical School has no denominational boundaries. Its students represent nearly all denominations. It also recognizes the fact that nearly all colored young men are poor and unable to meet the ordinary expenses of a medical education. The faculty is composed of the white doctors of the city of Raleigh. It is now Dr. Meserve's desire to raise funds for a new building in connection with this department to be used as a Hospital and Nurse's Training School. There has been in use for several years a hospital building containing four wards where patients unable to pay hospital charges are cared for free, but this has become inadequate to meet the demand. Here is a field for relieving untold suffering among the very poor colored people. With a larger hospital building and the free dispensary estab-

lished last year, a great missionary work could be done; for not only do the unfortunate ones who come to Shaw Hospital receive physical help but in many cases spiritual as well. There are few occupations in the South open to colored women whereby they may earn a livelihood and at the present time there seems to be a desire on the part of the whites for colored nurses. It would mean much to the colored women could they be trained to meet this demand.

The great aim of the Theological Department is to build up and strengthen the Christian ministry and thus furnish the colored churches of the South with godly men well equipped for their work. We who are privileged to listen every Sunday to the gospel message from well educated men perhaps need to be reminded that within the boundaries of our own United States are men preaching the gospel who cannot intelligently read a verse in the Bible. A large number of the colored ministers have little or no education. Not only are they so poorly educated but they are few in comparison to the number of churches. In the state of North Carolina there are eight hundred churches for colored people which have a sermon only once a month. There is much need then that it be something more than an uneducated man can give. Such instruction as the Shaw Theological department offers is at present an urgent need.

Industrial work was made prominent at Shaw from the beginning, and when the girls' department was established, in 1874, industrial work for young women was also added, and has been carried on to the present time. The young men receive instruction in manual training, carpentry, the preparation of plans for buildings, and the making of estimates for material and work. A black-smithing department gives employment to a large number and in the machine shops instruction in lathe work is given in both wood and metals. The young women receive instruction in general housework and sewing,—a four years' course in plain sewing and an elective dress-making course. A cooking school has just been opened where the girls can receive individual instruction such as is adapted to meeting the needs of their home life. The industrial work has been carried on with great success, and there is now a demand for larger quarters for industrial work for both the young men and young women.

Chapel exercises are held daily before the beginning of recitations. This exercise is not considered by the students as a part of the enforced daily routine but their hearty singing and orderly conduct show a spirit of devotion. On Sunday all departments of the school meet in the chapel at 9 A. M. for the opening exercises of the Sunday School and then retire to the various recitation rooms where they spend a half-hour with one of the teachers in the study of the lesson. Regular vesper service is held in the chapel at 4 P. M. and a general meeting of prayer and praise at 7:30 P. M. Department prayer meetings are held every Wednesday night. There are also Temperance and Missionary Societies which give public meetings once a month. The Y. M. C. A. is a prominent feature at Shaw and has many strong workers among its numbers. Bible study is taught twice a week and besides this there are several volunteer

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## MIDWINTER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The annual midwinter meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Portland, Wednesday, Jan. 27th. The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Henry S. Burrage. Hon. Percival Bonney occupied the chair and in the absence of Secretary Leslie C. Cornish, George K. Boutelle served as Secretary pro tempore and it is through his kindness that we present this report to our readers.

The following members of the board were present:—Rev. A. R. Crane, Hon. Percival Bonney, Hon. W. J. Corthell, Rev. Henry S. Burrage, Rev. John H. Higgins, George K. Boutelle, Esq., Rev. Charles E. Owen, Wilford G. Chapman, Esq., Rev. Francis W. Bateman, Dr. Alfred King, William H. Snyder, Rev. Geo. Bullen, Dr. Joshua W. Beede, Dudley P. Bailey, Esq., Rev. Charles L. White, Rev. William H. Spencer, Hon. Geo. C. Wing, Albert H. Davenport, Esq., Geo. O. Smith.

Rev. Henry S. Burrage presented his report in behalf of the committee appointed to procure a portrait of the late Josiah H. Drummond, showing the entire cost of the same to be \$253.33.

Pres. Charles L. White presented his report in behalf of the Prudential Committee covering the period from May 1st. to Dec. 31st., 1903, inclusive. It was voted that this report be received and placed on file.

The following recommendations were adopted:—

1st. That the sum of \$24,281.18 be charged to the Profit and Loss Account as the sum expended for extraordinary repairs and the rebuilding of North College; that the sum of \$125.00 per year received for rent of furniture in North College be transferred to the Profit and Loss Account, and that this course be pursued annually until the \$745.00 transiently charged to this account be met.

2nd. That the Gymnasium be repaired according to plans submitted by Mr. John Calvin Stevens; the estimated cost of which is in the vicinity of \$300.00 and charged to Profit and Loss Account.

3rd. 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.

7th. 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.

8th. That if notes are received by the Treasurer, they shall be secured by one or more satisfactory names.

10th. That payment in advance, at the beginning and middle of each term, be required of students patronizing the boarding departments of the college, and that at 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.

11th. That the expense of collecting pledges secured by our Financial Secre-

tary, consisting of clerical work, postage, etc., and charged by the Prudential Committee this year under the head of Financial Secretary be charged from May 1st., 1903, and hereafter, to the Profit and Loss Account.

The recommendation regarding the putting of the Women's Division on a separate basis was referred to the committee on the Women's Division with power to act in the matter.

A special committee consisting of Pres. White, Hon. Percival Bonney and Horace Purinton were chosen to consider the question of heating the college buildings in the most economical way.

The recommendation in regard to an independent water supply was referred to the Prudential Committee.

The recommendation concerning scholarships was referred to the Committee on Scholarships and this committee was requested to draw up a set of rules and regulations covering the granting of scholarship aid, to be submitted to the trustees in June.

A Prudential Committee was elected consisting of Pres. White, Horace Purinton and Horatio R. Dunham.

It was voted that the Prudential Committee be authorized to erect a single dwelling house on the so-called Palmer House lot on Gatchell Street at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

Mr. Albert H. Davenport presented \$1,200 to the college to be applied in meeting the interest which had accrued upon the pledge of \$20,000 for Higgins Classical Institute.

A letter from Professor William S. Bayley to President White, under date of January 1st, 1904, presenting his resignation as a member of the College Faculty was presented, and after some discussion it was voted to refer the same to the Committee on Professorships with power to act in the premises.

A letter from W. Porter Beck addressed to the Committee on Professorships, under date of January 22nd, 1904, asking for one year's leave of absence with an allowance of \$300 in lieu of his regular salary, was presented for consideration. It was voted that the said request be granted and that the matter of filling the temporary vacancy during his absence be referred to the Committee on Professorships with power to act in the premises.

It was voted that Professor George F. Parmenter receive the full Professor's salary during the next academic year.

A letter from J. F. Hill, Archer Jordan and A. F. Drummond in behalf of the Committee of the Colby Club, under date of January 20th, 1904, was presented, and after some explanation of the matter by President White it was voted to refer the requests and suggestions conveyed therein to the Prudential Committee with power to proceed in accordance therewith if the necessary funds can be secured.

A series of social functions are to be given by the upper classes. They are to be held in the college buildings and the college will furnish the refreshments, the class providing the entertainment. The senior class will inaugurate the movement, holding an entertainment and reception in about two weeks. The following entertainment committee has been appointed: Vernon S. Ames, John S. Tapley, Edward B. Winslow, Edith M. Watkins, Eunice C. Mower and Evaline A. Salsman.

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The series of class functions which are to be held in the near future are a step in the right direction. During the present winter Colby has had almost no social events of her own, but has depended upon the townspeople for her amusement. Not even a reception has broken the tedium of college work and, although pink teas have never been popular with the men's division, these class entertainments should be of sufficient interest to break the lethargy into which we have fallen.

## SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF COBURN.

The *Zion's Advocate* for February 3, contains the following article which we take the liberty of copying:

Coburn Classical Institute at Waterville is completing the seventy-fifth year of its history, a history honorable and widely beneficent. The fiftieth anniversary was celebrated in due form with an oration by the Hon. Nelson Dingley, a graduate of the school, and with historical reminiscences by Wm. Mathews, LL. D., the famous essayist. Dr. Mathews was a member of the first class in Waterville academy in 1829. The work done in the school has been so remarkable in quality as to receive the highest recognition. The great work of that eminent teacher, James H. Hanson, LL. D., is remembered with the more enthusiasm because that under his successor, Professor Franklin W. Johnson, A. M., the same grade of thorough work is secured in broader fields and with additional courses.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Institute held recently in the office of Mayor Cyrus W. Davis, who is himself a trustee of the institution, it was voted to observe the seventy-fifth anniversary with appropriate exercises.

A committee consisting of Dr. Frederick C. Thayer, Prin. Franklin W. Johnson and Dr. Edwin C. Whittemore was appointed to make full preparations for the celebration of the anniversary of an event which is certainly memorable in the educational annals of Maine. The celebration will occur in connection with the commencement exercises next June.

A joint meeting of the above mentioned committee with the executive committee of the Coburn Alumni Association of which E. T. Wyman is chairman, will be held in Mr. Wyman's office next Monday afternoon to make further arrangements for the occasion.

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The summary:

COLBY.	RICKER.
Spencer, rf	lg, Hammond
McVane, lf	rg, Robinson
Coombs, c	c, Goode
Bryant, rg	lf, Higgins
Cowing, lg	rf, Smith

Score:—15 to 11, Goals—thrown by Spencer, 2; McVane, 2; Coombs, 2; Hammond, 2; Bryant, 1; Higgins, 1; Smith, 1; Goode, 1. Fouls called—on Colby, 4; on Ricker, 3. Goals from fouls—Bryant, 1; Higgins, 1.

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## ALUMNI NOTES.

Two thousand additional copies of the Constitution of the Colby Alumni Association are being printed for distribution among the alumni. A list of nominations for alumni trustees will soon be submitted to the graduates of the college by the nominating committee which met in Waterville some time ago.

THE ECHO is glad to report to the graduates and friends of the college that Ex-President Henry E. Robins is recovering from his recent severe illness.

'78. Rev. W. G. Mann, late pastor of the Warren church, Westbrook, has been elected general secretary of the Maine Missionary Society to succeed the Rev. Charles Whittier, lately retired.

'90. Dr. Charles W. Averell has recently begun the practice of medicine at North Reading, Mass.

'97. E. E. Noble, who graduated from the law school of the University of Maine last year is practicing at Blaine with good success.

'02. Married, Jan. 27, 1904, Leon Gambetta Saunders and Miss Edna M. Rogers at Nyack, New York. Mr. Saunders is an instructor in the military school at Nyack on-the-Hudson.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Under this heading will appear from time to time items of news from other colleges which may be of interest to the readers of THE ECHO.

McGill University is to have a \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. building with dormitory accommodations for fifty students.

By a new system the degree of A. B. may now be obtained in three years at the University of Pennsylvania.

The students at the University of Missouri have petitioned the faculty to serve two instead of three meals per day. They would not have done so had they boarded at the Colby Commons.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at U. of M. is to erect a fraternity house this coming spring.

A club for the accommodation of American college men in the Philippine Islands is to be established at Manila. The project is under the direction of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania.

The committee on athletic sports appointed by the Harvard faculty to inquire into the advisability of discontinuing football has made its report. It finds "that in its opinion the present situation in intercollegiate athletics does not appear to render advisable the discontinuance of intercollegiate football at Harvard." It goes on to state "that the consensus of opinion was to the

effect that the game had improved in many of its features in recent years, that the feeling between the teams was of a friendly nature, and that an effort should be made to modify certain apparently objectionable features."

Mr. Steve J. Farrell, a former assistant trainer at Yale, has been secured to coach the University of Maine track team. Mr. Farrell has the reputation of being an excellent man for the position.

## WHEN PATTY WENT TO COLLEGE.

The Y. W. C. A. will this evening present "When Patty Went to College," with the following cast:

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## SHAW UNIVERSITY.

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Bible study classes. Colored people possess great natural talent for music, and for the cultivation of this talent excellent facilities are afforded. This training cannot fail to be of great service as an auxiliary in promoting their elevation, and especially in its attractive and refining influence in connection with the Sabbath School work and religious worship in their home towns.

The number of students enrolled in the different departments last year was five hundred. This number is not all who come under the influence of Shaw, however. The teachers and students of the Missionary Training department have Mothers' meetings, sewing schools and Sunday schools in different parts of the city, taking in all who wish or who can be persuaded to come, from the oldest to the youngest. Last year over one hundred children were enrolled in these schools. Dr. Meserve had observed for several years that there was a great need for education on the part of a large number of men and youth in Raleigh and vicinity who were obliged to work during the day. This idea took such strong hold upon him that he broached it to his friends in the North, and a sufficient sum of money was at last obtained to fit up the basement of Shaw Hall with schoolrooms of sufficient size to accommodate several hundred pupils, if necessary. The doors were opened November 3, 1899, and rarely, if ever, has there been a more needy, grateful, and struggling aggregation of old men, young men, and boys. The Shaw Night School is now an established feature of the institution and were you permitted to look through the windows you would see gray-headed men struggling with their A, B, C's, and little boys, weary with their day's work, sound asleep, with head on desk.

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## CAMPUS CHAT.

Bryant, '04, is confined to his house by illness.

Grant, '07, is confined to his room by a severe cold.

Dunn, '07, has been confined to his home by a severe cold.

Miss Nead, '07, is out again after an illness of several days.

Miss Worth, '03, was the guest of Miss Richardson, '05, last Saturday.

Prof. Sorenson preached at the Baptist church in this city, Sunday morning.

Cotton, '05, preached to the students of Kent's Hill Seminary, Sunday morning.

Dean Berry was confined to her room the greater part of last week on account of illness.

Sec. Atchley, '03, and Roberts, '04, are at Hebron Academy on business for the Committee of Twenty.

Miss Cleveland, '04, received a visit from her cousin, Mrs. H. C. Judkins of Clinton, last Thursday.

Miss Farwell, '06, accompanied by her friend, Miss Daisy Dixon, of Bethel, took dinner at Ladies' Hall, Saturday.

Goodwin, '02, was about the "Bricks" yesterday. Mr. Goodwin expects to enter the Harvard law school next year.

Washburn, '03, took dinner at the Commons Sunday. Mr. Washburn is sub-master at the high school in this city.

Miss Howard, '05, received a visit Monday from her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Keith of Somerville, Mass.

Chipman, '06, has returned from his home in Damariscotta, where he has been recuperating from an attack of the grip.

E. E. Morse, now editor of the *Millinocket Journal*, was the guest of his brother, Morse, '07, the first of the week.

Professor Roberts will address a union meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening in the college chapel.

Rev. G. E. Witters, a missionary to Burmah, addressed the students after chapel this morning in a very interesting manner.

Charles B. Kimball, '06, who is now taking a postgraduate course at the University of Maine, was on the campus the first of the week.

Miss Townsend, '06, was visited by her sister, Miss Ethel Townsend, a commercial student at Oak Grove Seminary, from Friday till Monday.

Dean Berry and Miss Clement, '04, left Waterville Thursday morning to attend the New England convention of the Y. W. C. A. at Holyoke, Mass., which will be in session from Monday till Sunday night.

Dr. Black was called to Baltimore, Sunday, by the sudden illness of his father who died on the following Tuesday. Dr. Black will remain in Baltimore for the funeral and will probably return next Sunday.

Tuesday evening a very pleasant time was enjoyed at the Commons. About twelve couples participated. Fling, Pitt, and other games were played. Refreshments were served consisting of fudge and molasses candy.

The basket-ball team from Westbrook Seminary defeated Colby 2nd in the college gym on Friday of last week by the score of 20 to 18 in a close and exciting game. Colby 2nd won from Coburn on Tuesday afternoon by a score of 35 to 27.

Cowing, '04, has charge of a boy's class and a girl's class in physical culture, meeting at the Taconnet Club House on Wednesday nights. The classes

already number 28 and 22 respectively and the young ladies in particular are pleased with Mr. Cowing's work.

Tuesday noon when Prof. Beck was conducting the sophomore class in Physics the smell of smoke was noticed and upon investigation it was found that an electric switch in one of the lower rooms had set fire to the woodwork. The blaze, which had made considerable headway, was promptly extinguished.

Bean, '05, is holding a dancing class in Thayer's Hall on Monday evenings. Winslow, '04, is serving as pianist and twenty members of the men's division are taking lessons.—Tapley, Roberts, L. A. Hammond, Tarbell, Cowing, Perkins, '04; Pugsley, Hall, Gilman, Thompson, '05; Ross, Leighton, Meader, '06; and Austin, Powers, Blackburn, A. K. Stetson, Winslow, Rideout and DeWitt, '07.

The repairs on the gymnasium will be commenced Monday, February 15th. They will be more extensive than was at first supposed and will require at least two weeks during which the gym cannot be used by the students for any purpose. This will interfere seriously with basket-ball practice and the regular gymnasium work and will probably prevent the holding of any athletic exhibition this year.

The senior class has elected the following officers:—

President, Roberts; vice-president, Ames; secretary, Tarbell; treasurer, Winslow; orator, Perkins; marshal, Hammond; statistician, Tarbell; poet, Wood; chaplain, Tolman; historian, Soule; prophet, Tapley; parting address, Cowing; executive committee, Leighton chairman, Bryant, Partridge; ode committee, Gould chairman, Tapley, Clark.

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