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voted to the interests of the movement and that a large grandstand with a seatfor building a new grand stand and ing capacity of at least 1,000 be erected making necessary changes in the athletic parallel to the running track and partialfield. A full account of what has been ly upon the ground now occupied by the done and what is to be done'is given for the information of the friends of the ly graded, and such other improve-. .college.

THE PLAN:

Its Origin, Progress and Purpose.

At the December meeting of the Colby ~Club, at Waterville, Pres. White brought to the attention of the members the fact that certain improvements must be instituted on the college athletic field early the coming spring, and asked the club to assume the responsibility of making these improvements. The discussion which followed his remarks showed to the minds of those assembled that these needs were very real, and a -committee, consisting of J. F. Hill, A. F. Drummond and Archer Jordan, was appointed by President F. C. Thayer of the club to estimate the cost of the proposed improvements and outline a plan to be carried through to completion at the earliest possible date.

At the January meeting this committee reported approximately as follows:

The athletic field as at present arranged is entirely inadequate to meet the growing demands of the college. The small grandstand, recently deestroyed, was built many years ago when baseball was the only sport indulged in by Colby students. It has been far too small to accommodate the crowds which have of late desired to attend our intercollegiate baseball games, and thus the the financial returns of these contests have remained within the narrow limit of 15 years ago.

track athletics have rivalled baseball in at Colby for all athletic sports. (3) The popularity at Colby. A quarter-mile Association is now confronted with the cinder running track has been built and immediate probability of being obliged, a football field has been laid out within it. The location of the old grandstand, however, was such as to render it absolutely useless for the accommodation of spectators at football and track athletic contests. Moreover the roughness of the field has made it impossible to lay out the football ground in the most satisfactory manner.

A grandstand must be built at once to replace the old one, which had outlived its usefulness and has been torn down, in order to accommodate those who wish to witness the baseball games and the Maine Intercollegiate Track games which will probably be held in Waterville this season. If it is erected on the site of the old stand, the former unsatisfactory condition of affairs will continue to exist, necessitating a change in the near future and involving a waste of considerable money.

It was further considered that the Hersey House in its present site impairs the symmetry of the campus, while the smoke and sparks from the constantly passing locomotives render it undesirable for its present use, as College Commons, and in constant danger of fire.

The committee therefore recommended as the only way of satisfactorily solving the problem that the Hersey House be moved to some other spot to be de-

This week's issue of THE ECHO is de-cided upon by the college authorities house. Further that the field be properments made as will put it in first-class condition in all respects.

A suggestion that the Athletic Association assume a portion of the financial obligation involved was dismissed by the committee as impracticable after considering the following facts.

(1) The Association has just succeeded in paying off an indebtedness of \$300 which it assumed when the track was built nine years ago. (2) With our small number of students, the Association is decidedly hampered by lack of funds in its rivalry with other Maine colleges. Both Bowdoin and the University of Maine spend more money annually for and means have already been taken to

seem wise.

The committee met at an early date and voted to add to their number Prof. A. J. Roberts, Prof. W. S. Bayley, E. T. Wyman and F. W. Alden.

The following petition was prepared to be presented by Pres. White to the Trustees of the college at their midwinter meeting.

To the President and Trustees of Colby College:

GENTLEMEN: -At a recent meeting of the Colby Club, a committee was appointed to consider the matter of improving the condition of the athletic field of the college. This field, as is well known, is entirely inadequate to the needs of the college at the present time. In accordance with the desire of the club, the committee has formulated a plan which, if carried out, will give the college an athletic field that will serve all the needs of Colby athletics for many years. The cost of the improvements contemplated is estimated at \$2,500.

It is purposed to raise most of this fund from the Alumni of the college,

their number to such an extent as should ing statement from Leslie Cornish, secretary of the board of Trustees, has been received.

> "At the mid-winter meeting of the trustees of Colby College held in Portland Jan. 27, 1904, the communication from J. F. Hill, A. F. Drummond and Archer Jordan, in behalf of the committee of the Colby Club, was presented and after some explanation of the matter by Pres. 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 se-Signed,

> > LESLIE C. CORNISH, Sec.

The Prudential Committee took immediate action as follows:

The Prudential Committee of Colby College fully approves the plans of the Alumni for the improvement of the Athletic Field and will gladly cooperate to the largest extent possible.

C. E. WHITE. H. PURINTON, H. R. DUNHAM.

Feb. 19, 1904.

Much encouraged by the interest already manifested by the Trustees and Alumni the committee began at once to formulate a plan for raising the required funds. It was decided to publish a special number of THE Echo, explaining the movement, which should be sent to every alumnus of the college, and to select a member from each class graduated since '62 who should be requested to commence soliciting funds from the members of his class immediately after THE ECHO had been placed in their hands, and to choose a special committee to canvass the earlier graduates of the college, the money to be turned over, as soon as possible, to Prof. W. S. Bayley, treasurer of the committee and also of the Colby Athletic Association.

It is hoped that a portion of the new grandstand can be erected early in the coming spring to furnish accomodations for the baseball season and that the Hersey House can be moved directly after commencement in order that all the contemplated improvements may be completed before the opening of the fall.

The local alumni have been untiring thus far in their effort to make the movement a successful one, yet much hard work remains to be done before the desired end can be attained. Perhaps no one else is in a position to realize as they can the great need of the improvements suggested. No one else can appreciate as they do the fine spirit and loyalty of the students who year after year accomplish so much under very adverse circumstances. The one thing needed to make them as loyal after graduation as they are now as students is a keen realization that those who have gone before are loyal to Old Colby.

Ten years ago the four Maine colleges had baseball fields which fulfilled the simple demands of that period very satisfactorially and which were very nearly alike in plan and scope. Since that time the alumni of three of the colleges have established entirely new athletic fields at an expense of from four thousand dollars to forty thousand in the case of Bowdoin, while the Colby field remains unchanged except that a running track was built in 1805 at an expense of about nine hundred dollars which was contributed almost entirely by the students then in the college or who came later.

The effect of these conditions upon

Plan of Changes of the North Campus Scale 1 inch to 450 ft. 1 Hersey House (to be removed)
2 Proposed Grand Stand 3 Coburn Hall 5 Stone house

Within the past 10 years football and football alone than is appropriated solicit subscriptions to this end. It is on account of lack of funds, to abandon at least one branch of sport, and this, it is believed, would entail great loss of prestige to the college.

> The cost of the improvements will be at least \$2,500, a sum which could be raised among the alumni, in case no aid be received from the Trustees, by an average subscription of about five dollars from every male graduate of the college.

It was recommended, therefore, that the funds necessary should be raised by subscription among the alumni.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that the recommended improvements would increase the amount of money annually available for the promotion of legitimate sport and thus enhance the reputation of the college, which results must appeal to all loyal alumni.

The report of the committee was received by the members of the club with great enthusiasm, and after an interesting discussion participated in by chairman Dunn, Pres. White, Messrs Whittemore, Wyman, Drummond, Bonney, Eaton, Prof. Bayley, Dr. Hill, Dr. Jordan and others, the report was accepted and the original committee was instructed to take immediate measures to raise the necessary funds and carry out the and that "the Trustees approved of the proposed plan with power to add to action of the Colby Club." The follow-

not expected, however, that the entire amount needed can be raised in this

Since the contemplated improvements will add to the value of the college property and will increase the inducements offered by Colby to men entering college life, and, in this way, will tend to add to the number of Colby students and thus to increase the college income, it has been thought proper to ask you to give your approval to the plan as proposed by the Colby Club, and to aid the club financially by assuming such a portion of the cost of the improvements referred to above as is, in your opinion, proper and

It is suggested that you agree to assume the responsibility of moving the Hersey House to a position outside the athletic field immediately after the next college commencement; and to contribute directly to the cost of the new grand stand, which it is proposed to build, a sum not exceeding \$300 in case the club is not able to raise the entire amount needed for all the improvements

It is understood that the club will not ask for any financial aid from your body, other than that involved in the moveing of the Hersey House, until it has exhausted every effort to raise the necessary money from other sources.

> Respectfully, J. F. Hill. AROHER JORDAN. A. F. DRUMMOND.

January 20th, 1904. For Committee.

Pres. White reported that "the petition was received with great pleasure,"

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In their efforts for the betterment of our campus by the remodeling of the athletic field and the erection of an adequate grandstand the Colby Club deserves the praise and active financial support of every member of the college, of every graduate of the institution and of every friend of Colby. It is not possible for us to ascertain the temper of the graduates, but of the spirit of the undergraduates we are assured. One and all receive the scheme with the utmost enthusiasm and although from their condition many are prevented from offering such substantial financial aid as they would wish, yet all that is in their power they will do towards the accomplishment of the proposed plan. And it is meet that it should be so. It is to them and their successors that the full fruits of this movement will accrue. All realize this fact and recognizing the noble purpose of the Colby Club, pray that deserved success may crown their endeavors.

CLASS SOLICITORS.

There has not been time to hear from all whom the committee asked to act as solicitors for their respective classes but the following have answered affirmative-

Richard C. Shannon, '62. Dr. F. C. Thayer, '63. Rouben W. Dunn, '68. Rev. H. R. Mitchell, '72. Leslie C. Cornish, '75. Edwin F. Lyford, '77. Rev. E. C. Whittemore, '79. Rev. Fred M. Proble, '81. W. C. Crawford, '82. Asher Hinds, '83. W. H. Snyder, '85. H. R. Dunham, '86. Harvey D. Eaton. '87. A. F. Drummond, '88. Charles W. Spencer, '90. Eranklin W. Johnson, '91. W. L. Bonney, '92. Dennis E. Bowman, '93. Erancis B. Purinton, '94. Harry W. Dunn, '96. W. E. Titcomb, '97. Justin O. Wellman, '98. Henry W. Spencer, '00. James H. Hudson, '00. Harry E. Pratt, '02.

ALUMNI ATHLETIC FIELD.

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fitting school boys who come here yearly to our invitation interscholastic contest is unfavorable as compared with the impression made by the up-to-date, wellappointed fields of the other colleges. Thus the attempt made by the undergraduates at considerable outlay of time, effort and expense to interest prospective students proves too often unavailing, with the result that many good scholars as well as athletes whose environment and tendency would naturally direct them toward Colby, are drawn to other colleges.

Never was there so strong an effort made among the Maine colleges to interest pupils of the various fitting schools as now, and the college which offers the finest equipment for the promotion of all branches of college activity has a great advantage in its effort to attract

Colby graduates have left a splendid record in athletics as well as scholar ship; Colby graduates have made and are making splendid records in the world, but prospective students in most instances know little of these men and look only to what the college has to offer

The equipment of Colby is undergoing improvement and enlargement as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Many urgent needs must be met as soon as possible but to the minds of the Colby Alumni of Waterville there is no need more pressing to-day than that of improving the athletic field in the manner proposed by the Colby Club.

These plans can be consummated only by the cooperation of the entire alumni body, with the individual members of which rests the success or failure of the undertaking.

ARCHER JORDAN, '95.

APPROVAL OF PLAN.

The committee has received from well known graduates and friends of the college a large number of letters expressing approval of the plan for improving the athletic field. Extracts from some of the letters follow:

The movement which has been launched under the auspices of the Colby Club to raise a fund to provide Colby students with better facilities in sympathy of every alumnus of our col- college. lege. I have already had occasion to note the remarkable showing of our boys in athletic contests during recent years, and it seems to me they are fairly entitled to expect that showing to receive, from our alumni, some practical recognition at this time.

My own subscription to the fund has this day been forwarded to Prof. Bay-

Hot Springs, Ark. R. C. SHANNON.

I heartily approve of the plan of improving the athletic field, as suggested, and shall be very glad to do my part towards the same." FORREST GOODWIN.

Skowhegan, Me.

Since leaving college I have kept in pretty close touch with the athletic situation at Colby, and have realized what disadvantages the athletic in-terests of the college have had to con-tend with. More recently at the meetings of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletie Board, in comparing notes with the members from other colleges, it has been very plain that our earnings from athletic events suffered from some handicap.

With the increased accomodations it is fair to assume that part of the handicap, at least, will be removed, and if building a grand-stand and grading the field is the helping hand that the students at present desire, most certainly the alumni should contribute to this support of teams which have represent ed them so successfully.

I am desirous of helping the move- Let's give the boys a good field and the faculty.

matter for '95. J. COLBY BASSETT. 101 Milk St., Boston, Mass.

I am glad to express my interest in the plan for lending encouragement to athletics at Colby. It seems to me that there is something which borders on the heroic in the achievements of the Colby men in this line, in spite of their very slight financial basis. I shall be glad to do my part in raising a fund to carry out the proposed changes. I think the Colby athletes deserve all the encouragement that the alumni are in a position to give. A grandstand that would give them a revenue would be in every way a good investment. It seems to me also desirable to secure if possible a better location for the Hersey House, entirely apart from the relation of that building to the athletic field. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the situation, however, to know whether it is feasible to move the house. It is more important to move the alumni to take

hope they will rise to the occasion. ALBION W. SMALL. Chicago, Ill.

hold with the undergraduates, and I

I heartily approve of the undertaking. The students deserve better facilities, and merit the co-operation of the alumni in obtaining for them the most suitable evidence of their appreciation of the good work done by Colby students in the popular branches of their athletic sports. I will add that I will, in accordance with my ability, do more than express my approval of the plan.

FRANK H. EDMUNDS. 25 Broad St., New York City.

I have read with great interest the circular, a copy of which you sent me, in reference to the movement to provide Colby students with better facilities for conducting their outdoor athletic sports. I think that no one can appreciate more distinctly than I the importance of what you are contemplating in this movement. It is perfectly true, as you have recited in the circular, that Colby students have made a brave and almost unaided fight in this matter and have won glorious victories in spite of great and at sometimes discouraging obstacles. I know of nothing that should appeal more directly to the Alumni of the college than the purpose described in this circular. It would be hard to name any interest of the college that would not be promoted by the accomplishment of what you have in mind. I shall be glad to be counted in among those who are ready to do their utmost to bring this to pass.

The plan of the Colby Club is an exconducting outdoor athletic sports cellent one, and should receive the deserves in my judgment the heartiest hearty approval of every alumnus of the H. WARREN FOSS.

Chicago, Ill. NATHANIEL BUTLER.

Bar Harbor, Me.

I heartily approve the effort you are making to increase athletic facilities and athletic spirit among the students of the College. I hope the Alumni will respond to your call. I have just written to Mr. Wyman promising to do what I can for the movement, among the members of the class of 1882.

W. C. CRAWFORD. Boston, Mass.

I wish to heartily endorse the plan proposed to raise money for the support of athletics at Colby, outlined in the circular letter sent out by the Colby

We are all aware that the need of funds for football and baseball has been a great drawback in former years.

College athletics are so conducted today that a first-class coach is absolutely necessary for a team's success. The students have always done and are still doing, their part and it is high time that we alumni should give them some financial support.

Give Colby students the necessary funds to obtain the proper training and they will do the rest.

Lthink that when the alumni understand, the situation as presented by the Committee of the Colby Club in their circular letter, every member of every class which has graduated from Colby will feel it not only a duty but a privilege to subscribe liberally toward the proposed improvements in the athletic

ment in every way possible, and I shall then make it possible for them to have be glad to hear from the members of my a first-class coach every year and they class who will have charge of the will keep up the Colby students' selfmade reputation on the athletic field. Fort Fairfield, Me. H. F. KALLOCH.

> I am in favor of the plan your committee proposes. The grounds need all the improvements suggested in your circular. We do not wish to have Colby behind the other colleges in the matter of an athletic field. Nor is it necessary if every man will do his part. Hebron, Me. E. C. TEAGUE.

COMPARATIVE INCOME

Of the Athletic Associations of Maine Colleges.

In the foregoing communications the following three points are made: 1, That the Colby students are doing more: proportionately in the way of furnishing the means of carrying on athletics than are the students of any other college in Maine; 2, That Colby alumni are furnishing less aid to the undergraduates of their Alma Mater than are the alumni of any other Maine college; 3. That the receipts from the games played in Waterville are smaller than those received in the other Maine college towns.

In order to substantiate these statements there is presented below a brief comparison between the sources of the income received by the athletic associations of Bowdoin, Maine, and Colby. The corresponding data from Bates are not now available.

Before presenting these figures, however, a summary of the income and expenses of the Colby Athletic Association for the year 1903 is given. From this summary several items of extraordinary expense and income are, however, omitted, since their introduction into the account would give a wrong idea as to the average annual resources and expenses of the Association.

INCOME.

	Received from Alumni (net,)	\$84.00
	Received from Faculty and Students,	988.00
i	Gate Receipts, Basket-ball,	82.86
	Guarantees, Basket-ball,	32.75
	Gate receipts, Baseball,	710.18
	Guarantees, Baseball,	230.00
	Gate receipts, Football.	172.50
	Guarantees, Football,	450.00
	Proceeds College Play,	54.00

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EXPENSES '

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Cost of Basket-ball,	\$105.10
Cost of Tennis,	48.65
Cost of Track Athletics,	82.48
Cost of, Baseball,	1208.79
Cost of Football,	1252,28
Ecno subscriptions,	
administration, etc.	84.62

The essential points in the above summary are: 1, That the men students of Colby contributed toward college athletics about \$7.70 each; 2, That the five hundred, or more, alumni contributed to the same cause but \$84; 3, That the association has no available resources for the development of track athletics or tennis; 4, That the total gate receipts for baseball, football and track games amount to \$882.62, or only about one-third of the income.

The comparison between the three colleges, Bowdoin, Maine and Colby, with respect to sources of income, follows:

*Bowdoin, Maine, Colby, Subscribed by students, \$1,548.40 \$2,367.26 \$ 908.00 Number of male students, 369 518 118 Average per student, \$,430 \$ 4.00 \$ 7.70 Average per student, Subscribed by alumni, Number of alumni, Gate receipts and guarantees, baseball, Gate receipts, etc., football, 1,471,00

The receipts from the grandstand alone at Bates have averaged \$383.00

*The figures for Bowdoin are exclusive of baseball.

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In the above summary gate receipts and guarantees have not been separated because of the impossibility of securing the proper data far so doing from the published reports of the other Maine colleges. A comparison of gate receipts alone would show a much greater divergency than is indicated by the figures given above, as the number of games played away from home is practically the same for all the colleges, as is also the amount received as guarantees.

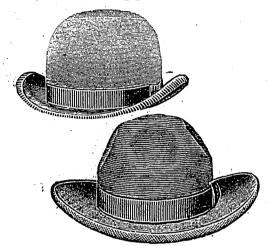
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