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LETTER FROM COLBY BASSETT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ECHO—Sir:

When an alumnus writes to the boys still in college he entertains himself in one of two ways,—by singing of things as they used to be, or by stating with a certain degree of authority how things ought to be; and generally speaking, the question whether the letter shall be amusingly reminiscent or somewhat oracular depends upon the age of the graduate writer. Bearing this foreordination clearly in mind, no further apology is necessary for what I may say, as the intelligent reader will see that I am trying to keep this letter in the class to which it belongs. If it rambles, it is because of a slight uncertainty I myself feel as to its exact status.

The particular sermon which I have in mind relates to a subject which was not emphasized to any great extent in my day, but in the belief that the time for emphasis has arrived I take this occasion to make a few remarks. If conditions have changed, they will be even less germane than I originally anticipated, but upon the theory that conditions are only slightly different, I will proceed to say my say.

When I was an undergraduate most of the fellows in college had the idea that all the educational equipment needed for anything would be obtained when the work which entitles one to the degree of A.B. should be completed. In fact, there was some question if more time than was necessary was not spent in going that far. It was easy to point to successful men who had received no college education whatever, to some with hardly a common school education; their attainment could not be questioned, and their accomplishment seemed to justify the query. Perhaps a fairer statement of the usual mental attitude is to say that it was assumed that the college course was the completion of preparation for the life work, and the important matter to decide was how much less than that would equip a man to play his part in the world game. Some few had in contemplation a post graduate career, as it was called. They were regarded as specialists who were to follow paths not trodden by their associates, and like the monks of old, obliged to serve a long novitiate before they were qualified to come into their estate.

I want to begin by admitting that the conclusions reached, based on conditions as they had been, were sound. Men with comparatively little equipment, but with great natural ability, by diligence and perseverance became ably successful, and filled many, if not most, of the prominent places. Why shouldn't the same rule continue to obtain? In answer, it seems to me that one thing which enabled them to realize their ambitions was the fact that this was comparatively a new country. There was a demand for men to fill positions, and the demand had to be supplied from those at hand. Inevitably those who had strong qualities would gravitate to the front. For example, in the law, men who earned a living by manual labor, days, and learned what law they could, nights, "on the side," so to speak, were admitted to the bar and became leading members of the profession, because the men who had such habits of industry and perseverance, and such ambition, had qualities which were bound to make for success, other

things being equal, and other things were equal.

But matters have settled down on to more of an old-world basis, and nowadays the question of competition must be considered. All these years these men who have succeeded have been raising sons to whom they have given every advantage of education, and with the opportunities for obtaining an education multiplied, the very men who once would have had to struggle have been able to gain a magnificent equipment. The result is inevitable. With the same natural ability at the outset, their additional equipment has enabled them to surpass the men who had as much natural ability but not as much training. There are enough qualified men to supply the demand nowadays, and mental training as well as natural ability has become a factor in winning out against competitors.

The time has come to present to every Colby boy not only the possibilities but also the necessities of latter day success. The demand is now for thoroughly trained men. The field into which most Colby men go is the professional field,—teaching, law, ministering, medicine. I am not prepared to say that the university training is not an essential for the most successful business career, but for present purposes I am considering the professional man's work. To win the first place, or among the first—and I assume no Colby man starts for less—the university training is becoming more and more a requisite, and just as the need for university training has increased the opportunity to get it has become easier. The Cecil Rhodes scholarships is a ready instance, and all the universities of the country offer such advantages that it is as easy, if not easier, to get a university training as it used to be to get a college education.

Colby does admirably her proportionate part of the work in educating a man. The rank attained by Colby men at John Hopkins, Harvard, Yale and Chicago is all the evidence that is needed to justify this remark, but the boys should be taught that the work at Colby is not the last step,—that there is still another step to be taken; that is to say, the graduate school. The boys should think about it, the professors should talk about it, and while particular cases are governed by particular circumstances, the general feeling should be cultivated that the university training is to follow the college course, and make the educational hold. Colby besides giving her boys all her own admirable teaching, should suggest and emphasize that she hopes and expects her students to complete their equipment by a university training, and the latter is as much a part of her mission as the former.

It must be admitted that it looks as if this were coming to be realized by the increase of the number of men at the various graduate schools that I know of. The one nearest at hand is Harvard Law School, and I see by the last catalogue that five Colby men are in attendance there. In my day there were three, and I can remember when there was only a single pioneer. It may be interesting to note that of the other Maine colleges Bowdoin has twenty-one in attendance, Bates has four, and the University of Maine two.

The harp of one string plays a rather monotonous tune, and enough has

probably been said for the time being, but I am sincere in what I say, and I should like to have it considered in the spirit in which it is offered. After all, I feel that in closing I should assume the same mental attitude as the Down East minister, who closed a somewhat startling prayer with, "We do not presume to dictate, O Lord, but merely to suggest," for my object—like his—is intended to be nothing—if not praiseworthy.

Boston, Apr. 21. J. COLBY BASSETT.

INTER-CLASS MEET.

The twenty-fifth annual Field Meet or, as it is more commonly called, Inter-class Meet, was held on the campus last Wednesday afternoon. A good-sized crowd including most of the students of both divisions and a great many from Coburn and the town gathered to watch the events and considerable class enthusiasm was shown. The track was in excellent condition and the weather, though rather cold, was favorable. The first event was run off a little after two o'clock and the program was carried out without a hitch through the efficiency of the officials.

The meet was won by the Sophomore class which captured 52 points. The Freshman class was a close second with 44 points and the Seniors and Juniors came third and fourth with 18 and 11 points respectively. Coombs, '06, bore off the palm for individual honors, winning 20 points in five out of the six field events. Newman was second with 14 points and Ross third with 13 points, while Hunt and Winslow each won 10 points. That there is much good material in the Freshman class is evidenced by the fact that they won more firsts than any other class, not excepting the Sophomores. Newman of that class broke two records in the shot put and the discus. Hunt surprised every one by easily winning the mile and half-mile, though it is only fair to Tolman to say that had he not run the first quarter too fast in an endeavor to break the record the result might have been different in the latter event. Morse, also of '07, did well, coming in second in three events and Betts won the high jump without difficulty. Rideout finished very prettily in the two mile and should be an exceptionally fast man with more training.

The meet opened with the trial heats of the 100-yards dash. This race like all the other sprints was run in slow time, 11 1-5 seconds.

The mile was a pretty race and it was uncertain who the winner would be till the end of the last lap. In the last half of this lap, however, Hunt sprinted rapidly away from the others and finished in excellent form.

The first lap of the half-mile was very fast with Tolman leading all the way, but it soon became evident that the pace was too fast to keep and there was a perceptible falling off in speed in the last lap, Hunt finishing well in advance of Tolman.

The two mile race was hotly contested by Rideout and Emery. Hoyt stayed with them till the seventh lap, but it then became evident that the pace was too much for him and he finished considerably behind the other two. Rideout finished splendidly, but Emery made a mistake in regard to the location of the finish line and lost ground in that way.

In order to make room for the baseball game which had been scheduled between Colby and Coburn, the field events were run off in advance of their regular order.

Considering the fact that the meet was held earlier than usual and that the inclemency of the weather has allowed only eleven days' practice so far this term the results of the meet are on the whole very encouraging, and there is no doubt that our team this year will be the best that has represented Colby for some time.

The following is a summary of the events with the points won by the four classes:

100-yards dash, trials—Morse, Leighton, Robinson. Time, 11 1-5 seconds. Winslow, Maxfield, 11 1-5 seconds.

One mile run—Hunt, Kennison, Joy. Time, 5 minutes, 7 3-5 seconds.

440-yards dash—Dodge, Bowdoin, Whittemore. Time, 61 3-5 seconds.

100-yards dash, finals—Winslow, Morse, Leighton. Time, 11 1-5 seconds.

880-yards run—Hunt, Tolman, DeWitt. Time, 2 minutes, 18 3-5 seconds.

120-yards hurdles—Ross, Morse, Bean. Time, 19 2-5 seconds.

220-yards dash—Winslow, Dodge, Robinson. Time, 25 1-5 seconds.

Two miles run—Rideout, Emery, Hoyt. Time, 11 minutes, 7 2-5 seconds.

220 yards hurdles—Ross, Morse, Kennison. Time, 29 3 5 seconds.

Throwing 16-pound hammer—Coombs, 90.55 ft.; Newman, 88.40 ft.; Cowing, 81.75 ft.

Putting 16-pound shot—Newman, 35.40 ft. (Previous record 33 ft. 10 1-2 in.); Coombs, 34.55 ft.; Cowing, 33.90 ft.

Throwing discus—Newman, 102.20 ft. (Previous record 90 ft. 1 in.); Coombs, 88.20 ft.; Cowing, 79.10 ft.

Running broad jump—Coombs, 18.45 ft.; Ross, 18.20 ft.; Bean, 17.25 ft. (not counted because under qualifying distance.)

Running high jump—Betts, 5.08 ft.; Bean, 4.88 ft.; Newman, 4.79 ft.

Pole vault—Hoyt and Coombs tied at 8.45 ft. Ames was third with 8.25 ft.

Points won by classes:

	'04.	'05.	'06.	'07.
Putting 16-lb shot	1	0	3	5
One mile run	0	1	3	5
Throwing 16-lb hammer	1	0	5	3
440 yards dash	0	1	8	0
Throwing Discus	1	0	3	5
100 yards dash	6	0	0	3
Running high jump	0	3	0	6
880 yards run	3	0	0	6
120 yards hurdle	0	1	5	3
Running broad jump	0	0	8	0
Two miles run	0	1	3	5
220 yards dash	5	0	4	0
Pole Vault	1	4	4	0
220 yards hurdle	0	0	6	3
Totals	18	11	52	44

ALUMNI NOTES.

'98. Rev. Charles M. Woodman has accepted a call to the Oak Street Church in Portland.

'90. The Echo is glad to congratulate Mr. J. E. Burke upon his recent election as Supervisor of the Boston public schools. Mr. Burke has been acting as Superintendent of Schools at Lawrence.

The new clock seems to be attracting considerable attention. "It is one of the best jokes the boys have played yet," is the universal opinion. We are sure it is what Dr. Warren would have called a "wholesome joke". Let us hope that it will be the means of placing a real clock in the tower where it is sadly needed.

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The ninth annual banquet of the New York Colby Alumni Association occurred at the St. Denis Hotel, corner of Broadway and 11th street, on Thursday evening, April the twenty-first. It was well attended. On the back of the menu card was a winter scene of the campus.

After two hours of most delightful conversation and refreshment, President A. P. Marble, Ph. D., made a very interesting opening speech and introduced President White, who told the story of the year's work and outlined a future policy. His reference to the new woman's dormitory called forth three cheers for the unknown Christian lady whose beneficence is to be enjoyed.

The following gentlemen made addresses: Rev. Joseph F. Elder, D. D., of the class of '60, C. E. Meleney, A. M., '76, Chas. S. Estes, Ph. D., '84, George Otis Smith, Ph. D., '93, Daniel G. Munson, Esq., '92, Richard A. Metcalf, Esq., '86, Mr. Frank H. Hanson, A. M., '83, Hon. Harrington Putnam, '70, Harry T. Jordan, Esq., '93, Rev. Drew T. Wyman, '78, Jacques Gallert, Esq., and Edwin A. Daniels, Esq.

Dr. Wight, an alumnus of Bowdoin College, and head master of the Wadleigh High School of New York City, was a guest of the evening and made a very brilliant address.

Professor E. W. Hall, LL. D., gave a very interesting report of the growth of the library and encouraged all by the announcement of valuable gifts which the library had received this year.

The New York Colby alumni are intensely interested in the college and stand high in the financial, social, intellectual and religious life of the metropolis. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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Through some inadvertence both the Inter-class Track Meet and the game with Coburn were scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. For this reason it can never go down into history as an unusually enthusiastic opening of the baseball season. The track events seemed to take precedence and it was four o'clock before the field events were out of the way enough to commence the ball game.

When the game finally commenced it was a strange looking team that went onto the field. Cowing decided to stay on the bench and give Burton a show as catcher. Coombs was still busy winning the track meet, so Pile came in from left field to pitch and Getchell played left. Pugsley was away coaching Freedom Academy, so Reynolds shifted from second to short-stop and Tilton covered second. Dunn held down third in the place of Craig who is sick with the measles. Shorty's absence will be greatly felt in the Massachusetts' trip on which the team starts today. He has been playing a brilliant game at third base and also aids greatly in keeping the team steady. In filling his position the choice lies between Dunn and Tilton, and to the average man who follows the game there is very little choice. Dunn is faster on his feet, but Tilton seems steadier, while both are batting about alike. Burton showed up well and hit the ball every time. Pile pitched a good steady game and used his head to good advantage. Five men fell victims to his "cork-screw" delivery while only five hits were registered off him in as many innings. Newman and Willey did the best batting for Colby, while Cole had a clean record of two hits in two times up for Coburn.

Coburn was first at bat and went out in order. Newman opened with a clean hit and scored on a passed ball and Tilton's hit. Coburn got in two hits in the next inning but could not score. Dunn scored on a combination of errors. In the third Coburn scored her only run on a hit and an error. Cole contributed a two-base hit for Coburn but could get no further. Colby scored two on a hit and several errors. Coburn went out in order in her last turn at bat and then the avalanche started. Pile drew a base on balls, stole second and went to third on an error. Tilton was out on a fly to right field. Burton got a clean hit and Dunn did the same. In trying to head Burton off, Ware threw over third base and both men scored. Cowing, who was batting for Getchell, and Willey both singled and Leighton sent a fly to second base. Willey came to the front with a rattling two-bagger and Reynolds followed with a hot one through the pitcher's box while Newman scored. Reynolds stole second. Then followed the sensation of the day. Reynolds started to steal and at the earnest exhortation of Captain Cowing slid about two-thirds of the way but came up from beneath the bag all safe. Pile struck out leaving the score 10 to 1.

The summary :

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	ab	r	hh	po	a	e
Newman, rf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Reynolds, ss	3	0	1	1	0	0
Pile, p	3	1	0	0	1	0
Tilton, 2b	2	0	1	1	0	1
Burton, c	3	1	1	5	1	0
Dunn, 3b	3	3	1	0	1	0
Getchell, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Willey, 1b	3	2	2	5	0	0
Leighton, cf	2	0	0	2	1	0
*Cowing,	1	1	1	0	0	0

Totals,

*Batted for Getchell,

COBURN.

	ab	r	hh	po	a	e
Finlayson, ss	3	1	2	1	1	1
Hopkins, 2b	2	0	0	2	3	1
Tibbetts, p	2	0	0	0	4	0
P. Ware, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cole, 3b	2	0	2	0	0	3
Dodge, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
E. Ware, 1b	2	0	1	10	0	1
Mower, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Linscott, c	2	0	0	1	1	0

Totals,

Stolen bases, Reynolds 2, Pile 1, Tilton 2, Dunn 1. Two base hits, Newman, Cole. Double play, Hopkins and E. Ware. Bases on balls, by Tibbetts 3. Struck out, by Pile 5, by Tibbetts 2. Passed balls, Linscott 2. Wild pitch, Tibbetts.

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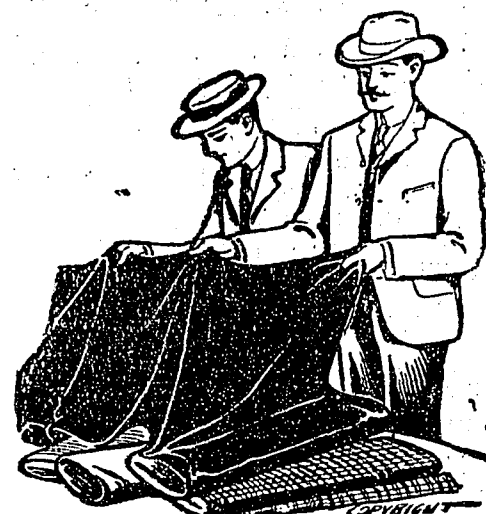
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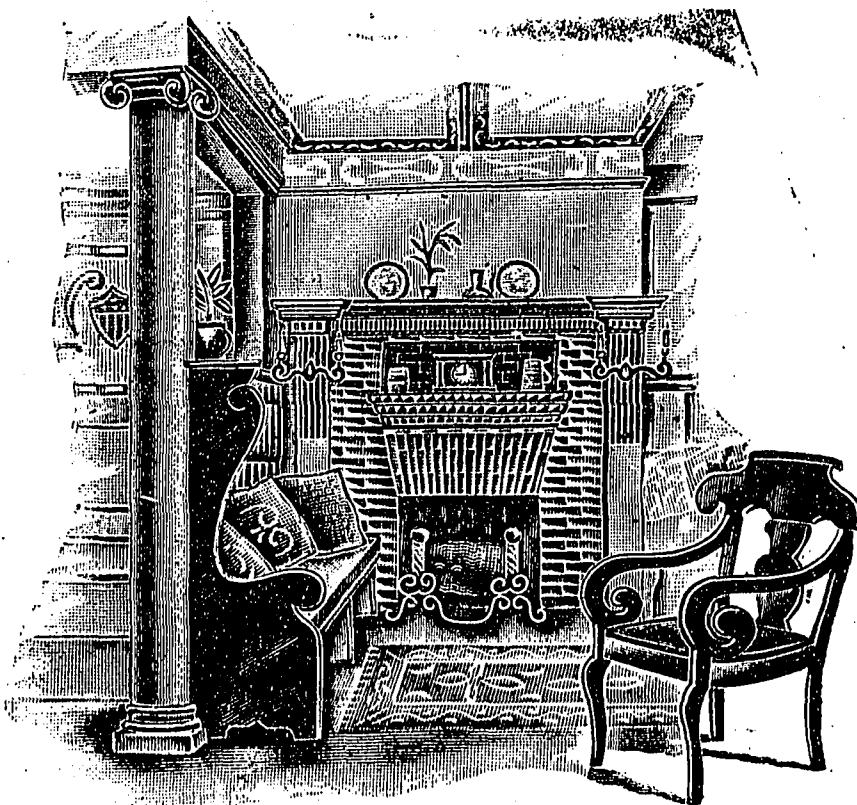
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CAMPUS CHAT.

Miss Grace Warren, '03, visited college friends, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lamb, '05, returned to college last Saturday, after an illness of several weeks.

A number of students went to Augusta, Tuesday evening, to see "The Silver Slipper."

Dr. Blackburn of Salem addressed the student body at chapel exercises, Tuesday morning.

Miss Helen Norton of Portland was the guest of Miss Salsman, '04, several days last week.

Mitchell, ex-'06, is visiting friends on the campus. He expects to be able to return to college next fall.

Drew, '02, Supt. of schools at Fairfield, was on the campus, Wednesday afternoon, to witness the track meet.

President White will deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of Anson Academy, Sunday.

Wood, '04, returned Monday from Portland where he has been taking the civil service examinations or the Philippines.

Dean Berry entertained two of her Mt. Holyoke classmates, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Burt, from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. P. H. Greeley of Farmington, N. H., who is visiting relatives in Waterville, was the guest of Miss Pinkham, '05, Saturday.

The work on the grandstand is now well under way. Now that the foundations are laid the work will progress rapidly. According to the contract it must be finished in time for the inter-collegiate track meet, May 14.

Since the Inter-class meet there has been a diminution in the size of the track squad which is now only about half as large as it was. This is an advantage rather than otherwise for it allows the Coach to concentrate his attention on the most promising men.

Burton, ex-'03, has returned to college to finish his course. Mr. Burton was a substitute on the star team of 1900 and since he has been out of college he has had considerable experience and will probably put up a good fight for a position on the first team this spring.

LECTURE ON LINCOLN.

Those who attended the lecture on Abraham Lincoln at the Baptist church, last Monday evening, were well repaid for venturing out in the disagreeable weather. Dr. Blackburn proved to be a most pleasing speaker, and his address was one worthy of the careful attention of every American. He commenced by telling how he, when still a boy, had first met Lincoln. He then proceeded to sketch rapidly the outline of Lincoln's life, bringing into vivid relief the strong personality of the man, and showing that his qualities of greatness were coming to be better understood and appreciated with each passing year. Anecdotes illustrating the martyred President's originality and humor were freely used, and Dr. Blackburn held the closest attention of his audience to the very end. The lecture was deserving of a more liberal patronage than it received.

BOSTON COLBY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual re-union of the Boston Colby Alumnae Association was held at Hotel Berkeley, Saturday afternoon, April twenty-third at two o'clock.

After a brief business meeting at which the President, Grace Gatchell '07 presided, a luncheon was served in the private dining rooms. After returning to the reception rooms, the President introduced Professor Roberts, who needed

no introduction, since almost every one present had had at some past time, the privilege of being a member of his classes.

Professor Roberts then spoke feelingly on the college: its needs, and its opportunities for good. He emphasized the apparent need of stimulating the intellectual life in all possible ways.

Echoes from women of the various classes, and a social hour followed. With three cheers for Colby, past, present and future the program ended. The Nominating Committee reported the following as officers for the ensuing year:

Mary Farr Bradbury, '88, President;
Dora Knight Andrews, '92, Vice President;
Linda Graves, '95, Secretary;
Helen Hanscom, '97, Treasurer.

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