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## AN INTERESTING LETTER.

MY DEAR MR. ECHO:—

It was fully two months ago that I started to write a letter to you for the benefit of the Hebron boys and girls down at Colby. I wanted to tell them the news and to assure them that we have not forgotten them up here, but time has not hung very heavily on my hands so I have let the news accumulate. Mr. Dooley says, "Hist'ry was a-all news wantst," so if any of my letter seems like history you will accept it for what it used to be.

One of the most noticeable things about Hebron this year is its size. If you stand on the bridge at chapel time and watch the school filing in or out you will wonder how such a small circle of buildings, big as some are, can accommodate so many "real live's." There are two hundred and five in actual attendance now and our total registration for the term would number some two hundred and fifteen, but the little circle of buildings does accommodate them all comfortably, though we wonder at it ourselves. A peep into the dining hall at the Home would remind you of the five thousand, the loaves and the fishes—especially if you took your peep on Friday. And then the classes—they all have to be divided and re-divided until our teaching force can hardly handle them all. There is actually one class with eighty-seven in it, and it has to recite in three divisions.

But after all, size is not the essential thing, even if it does make show. The character and bearing of the students are vastly more important. I have heard it said of former President Champlin of Colby that one good student and "old Champ." made a college to be proud of. So I sometimes feel that one right-minded student and Mr. Sargent could, if necessary, maintain the name and fame of Hebron Academy. It has always been the desire of the authorities here that the school should be filled to the limit of its accommodations, which is really about two hundred, so that the drift-wood could be cast aside every fall and the real timber saved for the year's work. The present condition of the school means the realization of that desire. The first few weeks of each term serve to cast aside the drift-wood which inevitably washes up on the shores, and to sort out the timber, which is all saved, rough promising or ready. The good results are very apparent, I think, for the moral tone and the earnestness of the student body have never been better than they are now. The school is ready for work and is working; *do* in the English language means more than *say*.

And as for doing, people know that we do a great deal more than merely study our books up here. The condition of all the school societies is most encouraging, especially that of the time-honored literary societies. I do not know that we have so many brilliant members as we have had sometimes, but there seems to be an unusually good number of workers and stayers and that is the kind of material to which Hebron has always trusted for victory.

It was the very same kind of material which composed our football team this year. There was not a "Star" upon the eleven, but there were some twenty-five sturdy fellows who came out night after night and took their medicine on first

eleven, second eleven or side-line. You can find out the kind of football they played, if you do not remember, by looking at the files of any Maine daily or by asking any team which had the pleasure of bumping up against their corners. So much for athletics, and it's about the same old story year after year. Our peculiar position makes our athletics so much a part of our life that good consistent work in them is as necessary as it is in our studies.

Thus far in my letter I have kept largely to our everyday life, and I should still be obliged to keep to that if the Fates had not kindly vouchsafed us a couple of fires to test our courage and our fire extinguishers. The first one came on the night of Nov. 1st, and but for the promptness and efficiency of the boys' brigade would have left Barrows' Lodge in ruins. Some of us lost property and comfort but none lost home or life, and we had that to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day—by the way, I meant to say that this is a Thanksgiving letter. Some few lost their heads and one native of the town, spitting tobacco juice rather less deliberately than usual, advised moderate movements, as "The old thing was goin', anyway"; but it didn't go, and so I repeat that we are thankful. I think the second fire came on the next Sunday at dinner time. The chimney at View Cottage caught and threatened serious damage, but the brigade with a bag of fine salt and a fire extinguisher again turned danger away. I believe that there has been nothing else in the sensational line, except that the so-called "Grand Socials" have been changed so as to come on Friday instead of Wednesday night; and that, having been done with the consent of the student body, was nothing sensational, anyway. I think I have run dry on sensations, Mr. Echo, and you will have to wait till next term.

I believe I have run dry on everything else, too, and I will merely say in closing that we had a grand good dinner, last Thursday, and that there isn't a live turkey within ten miles round now—nor a dead one either. We always plan to keep them in respectful awe of this place. And now I wish to send the greetings of the school to the old Hebron students, to the college and to the readers of THE ECHO, and finally to sign myself,

Yours sincerely,  
George W. Thomas,  
Colby, '08.

## THE COLLEGE PLAY.

The annual play of the Dramatic Club was presented at the Opera House, Monday evening, Nov. 21st. The play was very well rendered and well received by the rather small audience present.

It was feared that on account of the loss of so much clever and experienced material that the play might fall flat this year. But these fears were far from being realized. Although there were no stars yet the piece seemed to go along all the smoother for that reason. There was not a single break during the evening, which speaks well for the work which has been done by the cast and by Mr. Edgecomb. To the latter belongs a good share of the praise for bringing their work up to its excellent standard.

One title part, that of Royal Manning, was handled well by Gilman, '05. He carried out his part well, especially in

those scenes with his wife after she had sent Winsor away.

The other title part, Matt Winsor, was taken by Pugsley, '05. In his impersonation of the drunk he made a decided hit. His later work was also excellent and all in all was one of the features of the evening.

Hammond, '05, very excellently took the part of Marcus Graves towards whom the finger of suspicion is pointed but who is later exonerated and all ends well. Hammond is one of the old men, this being his third year, and his experience stood him good stead.

Coombs, '06, as Simon Stone, "Jack of all trades" furnished the fun of the evening. The part seemed to have been made expressly for John. There was never a dull moment in his courting Nancy from the time he was presenting her with candy until he, as a member of the "Ring," was offering her rings.

The part of May Manning, Roy's wife, was taken by Lincoln. It was a rather difficult part and exceedingly well done. His work was fully as good as any that was seen during the evening. The scene in the last act between Matt Winsor and May Manning just before Matt announces himself as her father was one of the best acted parts of the play.

Ross, '06, as Bessie Bradley, a young and sprightly girl, had a very hard part to act. In spite of the difficulties the part was well rendered.

Nancy Nipper, the independant "help," who was continually finding fault with Simon, was well acted by Bonney, '07. The part was a comedy one and well taken.

The cast and executive staff are as follows; cast:

Royal Manning,..... Joseph A. Gilman  
Matt Winsor..... John B. Pugsley  
Marcus Graves, in love with Bess,.....  
..... Walter J. Hammond  
Simon Stone, "Jack of all trades,".....  
..... John W. Coombs  
May Manning, Roy's wife,.....  
..... Elliot C. Lincoln  
Bessie Bradley, in love with Marcus,....  
..... Linwood L. Ross  
Nancy Nipper, "help," Harry C. Bonney  
Executive staff: President, W. J. Hammond; vice-president, E. C. Lincoln; manager, J. B. Pugsley; assistant manager, A. K. Stetson; stage manager, W. J. Hammond; master of properties, E. P. Craig.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held Saturday afternoon, the 19th, in Coburn Hall. Hall, '05, as the extra Senior member and Dunn, '07, in place of Shepard, '07, who has left college, were recommended. The following committee was nominated and will be voted upon Saturday, the 3rd. Seniors, A. L. Tillson, A. L. Field, R. L. Hall; Juniors, H. L. Pepper, E. C. Lincoln; Sophomores, Burr F. Jones, Lewis W. Dunn; Freshmen, Oscar W. Peterson, John T. Matthews. The following officers were recommended: President, Elliot C. Lincoln, '06; Secretary, Burr F. Jones.

The election of Willey O. Newman as basket ball captain was approved. Upon the recommendation of the base ball sub-committee, Malcolm D. Smith, '07, was chosen assistant base ball manager. The recommendation of H. H. Bryant as manager of the Tennis Association was also approved. The association will ask the college to put in condition a third tennis court in order that there may be sufficient room for the intercollegiate tennis tournament which is to be held here next spring.

## BASKET-BALL.

In the second of the Fairfield-Colby games, Colby lost by a score of 29 to 20. The first half was all Fairfield's as the score of 18 to 5 shows. But in the last half every man braced up and got into the game with a determination to pull out of the hole if possible. Colby excelled in the second half by the score of 15 to 11. The game was fast and rough as was shown by the large number of fouls called against both teams, eleven being chalked up against Fairfield and seven against Colby. The first half started off with a rush, Phelan making several good throws and keeping his man guessing. Spencer had hard work to keep track of him as Phelan was all over the floor. During this half Phelan shot the ball into the basket six times on goals from the floor. The second half opened with Flood, '08, in Phinney's place. Flood was up against a hard man but did good work. During this half Fairfield was repeatedly forfeited for holding and on these fouls Coombs threw three goals. In this half the Colby men were all over the floor and by brilliant passing managed to get six goals. Willey and Coombs both made star plays and did the best work. If the Colby men had taken the brace earlier in the game the score would have been rather more favorable to them. The summary:

FAIRFIELD LOCALS	COLBY
Flood, r f.....	1 f, Coombs
Phelan, l f.....	1 f, Willey
Smith, c.....	c, Newman
Allen, r b.....	r b, Spencer
Gibson, l b.....	l b, Phinney, Flood
Score, Fairfield, 29; Colby, 20. Goals from floor, Phelan, 6; Flood, Fairfield, 4; Allen, 1; Smith, 3; Willey, 2; Newman, 2; Spencer, 1; Phinney, 1; Flood, Colby, 1; Coombs, 1. Fouls called on Fairfield, 11; on Colby, 7. Goals from fouls, Coombs, 3; Newman, 1; Phelan, 1. Referee, Warren. Umpire, McVane. Time, 15 min. halves.	

The preliminary game was between the Fairfield seconds and Colby seconds. The game while not so fast was one where the Colby boys showed good passing and a skill in throwing the goals. The first half was close. Tilton was always on hand to get the ball and try for the basket. He made one clever throw from almost the center of the floor. Peterson also did good work. For Fairfield the best work was done by Estes. During the second half both teams played a good game, Colby, however, succeeding in scoring the most goals. The summary was:

COLBY 2ND	FAIRFIELD 2ND
Estes r f.....	r f, Morse
Smith l f.....	l f, Farrar
Reed c.....	c, Kennison
Keyes r b.....	r b, Tilton
Richards l b.....	l b, Peterson
Score Colby 2nd 15, Fairfield 2nd 8. Goals from floor, Peterson 4, Kennison 1, Farrar 1, Tilton 1, Estes 2, Smith 1, Reed 1. Fouls called on Fairfield 6, on Colby 3. Goals from fouls, Tilton 1. Referee, Drew of Fairfield. Time, 15 and 10 minute halves.	

The management of the Commons has been fortunate in securing the services of Cornelius Harris and his sister to take charge of the culinary department at the commons. Mr. Harris comes well recommended and with considerable experience. He began at the Commons Dec. 1 and will doubtless make many beneficial changes in the workings of the commons.

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## ONCE MORE.

Once more THE ECHO takes pleasure in calling attention to a contribution from one of our alumni. The letter from Mr. Thomas, '03, in another column is one which will be read with interest not only by Hebron men but also by all friends of the college and its fitting schools. We want more of these communications from the "old grads," and the more recent graduates as well. The editor cannot always take the time to personally acknowledge such contributions, but THE ECHO is glad to receive them and give them a place in its columns. They add much to the interest of its pages, and no doubt there is many a Colby man who has something to say to his fellow alumni to which they would be glad to listen. Do not forget that THE ECHO is your paper as well as our paper, and feel it your duty to aid in keeping its columns bright and interesting.

## CAPTAIN HOBSON'S LECTURE.

Last Tuesday evening the students of Colby were given an opportunity of hearing one of America's most famous and talented speakers in the person of Captain Hobson, who lectured at the Baptist church. THE ECHO understands that only a small number of the college men availed themselves of this privilege, and it may not be amiss to give a word of caution. As college students we are prone to cut ourselves off from the world at large, to make a little community of our own, and to confine ourselves to its narrow round of activities. This is a grave mistake. The college man should aim at the broadest possible culture, and should come in contact with every available influence to that end. It is only occasionally that these opportunities are given us here in Waterville to listen to world famous speakers, and it should be our purpose to miss none of them. Plan your work so that you can attend such a lecture; it will do you good even if you don't cram quite so much history and science into your head as usual. The broadening influence will be worth more than the few facts which you may neglect because of your evening spent in the company of some bright and inspiring speaker.

Miss Treat, '08, passed the Thanksgiving recess with relatives in Portland.

## PHI DELTA THETA CONVENTION.

The twenty-eighth bi-ennial convention of Phi Delta Theta was held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Nov 21-28. Over three hundred delegates and visiting brothers were in attendance, the seven chapters of Indiana all having large delegations present. The opening session was called to order by President Brown at 10.30 Monday, Nov. 21st and sessions were held daily thereafter at 10. a. m. and 2 p. m., the final adjournment coming at 7.45 p. m. on Friday. A large amount of routine business was transacted and the policy of the fraternity for the next two years was determined. No new charters were granted, although there were numerous applications.

The social functions were five in number and were all of a most enjoyable character and very successfully carried out. The first of the series was the Buffet Luncheon given on Monday at 1.30 by President Brown to official delegates and the local committee at the Columbia Club, of which Benjamin Harrison, Miami '52, was the first president. The reception and dance occurred on Tuesday evening in the Assembly Room of the Claypool Hotel, which was very attractive with its decorations of palms, college banners and the fraternity colors—blue and white. On Wednesday evening came the theatre party at English's Opera House. The attraction was Frank Daniels. The entire lower floor was reserved for the delegates and visiting friends, and the building was decorated with the colors of Phi Delta Theta. The 28th Biennial Banquet was given on the evening of Thanksgiving Day and was an occasion long to be remembered by all who were present. The principal speakers were Hugh Th. Miller, Butler, '88, Lieut. Governor of Indiana, Addison C. Harris, Butler, '62, ex-U. S. Ambassador to Austria, and John W. Lindley, Miami, '50, sole surviving founder of the fraternity. The closing feature of the convention was the Smoker and Vaudeville at the Columbia Club on Friday evening. All in all the Indianapolis Convention was one which will leave a lasting impression on all who were so fortunate as to attend, and which brought home to each one as never before the true significance of fellowship in a college fraternity.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

Invitations are out for the wedding reception of Miss Edna M. Owen, '02, and Mr. Edward C. Rice, '01, at the home of the bride's parents, 7 Sheldon Place, next Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ruby Carver, '05, who is teaching in Gould Academy, Bethel, is in town this week.

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## THE EDUCATIONAL ABBEY OF MAINE BAPTISTS.

Under this title was presented a very able and comprehensive article before the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention last month by the Rev. Fred M. Preble D. D., who is well known as a loyal alumnus of the college. We shall be pleased to print a fuller account later but present in this issue a portion which will be of historical interest.

And what today is Colby College first took dim, even though indefinite shape in the mind of a country minister. To me it is one of the divine water-marks in the page of our educational history that the thought of an education higher than the academy, germinated in the heart of the man, who should give to the college its first and one of its foremost sons. In the Circular Letter prepared for the Bowdoinham Association, and read September 23, 1807, Rev. Sylvanus Boardman referred to the ministers of Christ as "laboring under many inconveniences from their own ignorance, not understanding their mother tongue," and compelled to devote their time to the study of the English language in order to acquire knowledge in logic, mathematics and philosophy.

To this Circular Letter, written by the father of missionary Boardman, I trace the beginnings of our college in Waterville. The associated meetings were held that year in Brunswick under the lengthening shadows of Bowdoin College, then but five years old. Returning from such a place and under the influence of pastor Boardman's words, one can well imagine that the delegates would be keenly alive to the necessity of better educational facilities for the Baptist ministry in Maine. However no definite action was taken until 1810. This year the Bowdoinham Association met in Livermore. Besides the usual business a committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing in the District of Maine an institution for promoting literary and theological knowledge.

This action of Bowdoinham Association was the spade with which ground was first broken for the foundations of a Baptist College in the State of Maine. Three years later, with the co-operation of other associations, a bill was secured from the General Court of Massachusetts authorizing the establishment of "The Maine Literary and Theological Institution." Deciding to locate in Waterville, the so-called Vaughan lot was purchased, for which nearly \$1800 were paid.

More than seven years had passed since the action of the Bowdoinham Association lifted the first shovelful of earth for the building of higher learning among Maine Baptists. Slowly had the foundations been laid and now the time had come for putting in place the corner stone. In a house then standing where the present Elmwood Hotel now stands, Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, professor of theology, began instruction July 6, 1818. And thus was laid the first stone in "The Maine Literary and Theological Institution." In its temporary home the school remained until the completion of Mr. Chaplin's residence on the lot of land now occupied by Memorial Hall. The District of Maine became an independent state in 1820 and one of the first acts of the new State legislature was to authorize the trustees of "The Maine Literary and Theological Institution," "to confer such degrees as are usually conferred by universities established for the education of youth." By this act the young institution of learning on the banks of the Kennebec became Waterville College.

### SOMETHING NEW.

The current issue of *The Tech* contains an interesting account of the Cabot Medals for improvement in Physical Training which have recently been completed and are hereafter to be awarded each year. The ideal is a novel one, and may interest those desirous of seeing a revival of gymnasium work at Colby. The account is as follows:

In 1900, Mr. Samuel Cabot, a member of the corporation, offered medals for students who should make the greatest gain during the school year in physical development.

The medal has just been completed. It is of French bronze, and is three inches in diameter. It was designed by

Mr. Henry H. Kitson, the noted sculptor.

On its face is the figure of an athlete holding in his right hand a winged victory bearing a laurel wreath and in his left hand a palm. On the reverse of the medal, between two flaming torches, is a miniature of the Rogers Building, with the following inscription underneath:

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In May, 1901, the Committee on award made the following recommendations:

First. That prizes be presented at the beginning of each school year to those students, who in the judgment of a committee appointed by the President, have made marked improvement from attention to physical training during the preceding year.

Second. That these prizes consist of bronze medals which shall be known as the "Cabot Medals for improvement in Physical Training," and that no distinction of rank be made in awarding them.

Third. That the number to be awarded each year be left to the discretion of the Committee of Award, and be determined by the number of men whom the Committee shall consider to have made sufficient improvement to entitle them to the honor.

The medals have been awarded each year, since the gift was made, but the long delay in obtaining the medals has prevented the presentation until the present year. Although this is to be regretted, every one who has been awarded a medal will receive one in the near future, and will be well repaid for waiting.

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Edward H. Cotton, '05, preached at Leeds Sunday.

Miss Carter, '08, began a term of school in Fairfield Monday.

Basil Morrill of Monson was visiting friends at the Bricks Monday.

Miss Donnell, '06, spent the recent holidays with friends in Westbrook.

Miss Colby, '08, returned Sunday from a week's visit at her home in Topsham.

Miss Anne Roberts, '08, returned Monday from a visit with friends in Dexter.

Professors Hatch and Black spent a part of their Thanksgiving recess in Boston.

Miss Lamb, '05, returned on Monday of last week from a short stay in Boston.

Miss Hill, '08, spent the recess with Miss Ross, '08, at the latter's home in Corinna.

I. J. Burton, '96, was visiting his brother, John A. Burton, '07, at the Bricks Tuesday.

W. O. Newman, '07, has been secured by the Co. H Basket-ball team to coach them this winter.

Miss Lowe, '05, and Miss Walker, '08, spent the holidays at the latter's home in Mechanic Falls.

Miss Holway, ex-'06, who is teaching in Thorndike, was in town from Wednesday till Saturday.

Miss Hall, '07, and Miss Teague, '08, returned Tuesday night from spending the recess in Warren.

Misses Caro and Rose Beverage, '07, returned Monday night from a trip to their home in Camden.

Miss Wilson, '06, was a guest at the home of Miss Lamb, '05, in Sangerville from Wednesday till Saturday.

It is reported that an epidemic of measles has seized the Woman's division. Several cases have already been reported.

Miss Allen, '05, substituted in the ninth grade at the Myrtle Street School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

A jolly company of nineteen "left-overs" sat down to a most excellent Thanksgiving dinner at Ladies' Hall on Thursday.

The work on the new dormitory is progressing very satisfactory. The carpenters and electricians are rapidly pushing their work.

Miss Cummings, '07, was able to be around the the house Tuesday after suffering from a severe attack of indigestion since Sunday.

Fred E. Hutchins, ex-'06, has been visiting friends at the Bricks during this week. He is under treatment for his eyes by Dr. Hill of this city.

Albert W. Austin, ex-'07, is visiting for a few days at the "Bricks." He has just finished teaching the fall term of the High School at Paris Hill.

Joseph H. Leighton stopped at the "Bricks" Monday on his way from his home in Cherryfield to China where he is teaching in the High School.

At the last meeting before the Thanksgiving recess, the final rites of initiation were given by the Zeta Psi fraternity to Cyrus E. Blake, '08.

Rev. A. B. Lorimer, '88, of the Second Baptist church, Bangor and Rev. Fred M. Proble, '81, were visiting recitations one day shortly before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Ross and Miss Vaughan, '08, are detained at their homes this week by measles. Miss Caro Beverage, '07, has been ill with the same disease since Tuesday.

The friends of W. E. Gould, '08, will be glad to learn that he has undergone a

successful operation for appendicitis at the Eastern Maine General hospital, Bangor. He is still in the hospital and although very weak is gaining rapidly.

Miss Berdena Trafton, ex-'04, returned to college Monday to continue her studies with the class of 1906. Miss Trafton has been teaching near her home in Hartland.

The placing of a row of electric lights in Foss Alley last week was a much-needed improvement. The inmates of Dutton House can now go and come with less peril to life and limb.

At a meeting of the Oracle Association in the chapel Thursday morning, the resignation of Arthur Field as manager was read and accepted. Glenn W. Starkey was chosen to fill this vacancy.

Miss Drake, ex-'06, spent Thanksgiving with her parents in this city. Miss Norton and Miss Purington, '06 took dinner at her home on Silver street Thursday. Miss Drake has a position as stenographer in Cherryfield.

Several of the college students are busy with their parts in the play to be given by Co. H the fifteenth of this month. The play is "A Soldier in Petticoats." Lincoln, '06, Stevens, '06, Dodge, '03, have leading parts.

Some forty or fifty of the students from both divisions of the college gathered at the Commons Friday for a social evening. Various games, corn-popping, candy-pulling and such amusements made the time pass quickly and very enjoyably.

The baseball squad for next spring is already at work in the gymnasium. Professor Sorenson will train the boys from now on, giving work in the gymnasium each afternoon from 4.15 to 5.15. About thirty-five men have already reported. A track squad will be organized and be given special work during the winter also.

Miss Farwell, '06, returned last week from New York City, where she had undergone a very delicate operation on her left eye. She has been in Waterville since Saturday, but the last of the week she goes to Oxford to teach a term of school. Thus far the operation, which was performed by the well-known specialist, Dr. George Stevens, has proved very successful and Miss Farwell expects to resume her college course next year.

Just before the Thanksgiving recess a "weeding out" of the men in the Glee Club was made. There had been about thirty men trying for the club; of this number the following eighteen were selected for the club: first tenors, Bean, '05, Betts, '07, R. Jones, '08, Seaway, '08; second tenors, Upwall, '05, Smart, '07, George Gould, '08, Bradlee, '08; first basses, Rideout, '07, Winslow, '07, Keyes, '08, Mathews, '08, Thompson, '08; second basses, Coy, '05, Dunn, '07, Kennison, '08, Osborn, '08. Several men are trying for the position as reader and the trying out contest will be held at once. Manager Kennison has several dates already made the first of which is at Oakland in the course of two weeks.

Miss Edith Williams '02, a teacher in Freedom Academy, spent a part of her Thanksgiving vacation with friends in Waterville.

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