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## TWO INTERESTING LETTERS.

The two letters which we print below were received from Francis S. Hesselstine, too late for publication in the last issue of the fall term. We present them herewith, feeling sure that there is in them much of interest to the student body. That of Mr. Hesselstine contains some sound advice, and it is quite possible that it is needed. Men who are out in the real battle of life are surely fitted to speak of what constitutes a proper preparation for that battle. The second letter, that of Mr. H. W. Richardson, gives a most interesting picture of college life back in '61. Such a letter brings home to us almost with a shock, the strain and tension of those days of storm and stress.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ECHO—*Sir*:

I have listened again and again for the echo of some intelligent literary note rung out by the students of Colby but I listened alas in vain.

When I was at Waterville in 1859 and '60 there were literary societies there where we met and discussed topics of interest; for which we prepared and read essays. Was it called The Literary Fraternity? I have almost forgotten the name. What societies exist now at Colby devoted to the study and discussion of subjects of great interest to prepare the students for the places in life where they may be called on the moment to debate the great questions which they are sure to meet? I do not find in THE ECHO any report of any literary meetings or discussions. Among the many students of Colby are there not some who occasionally write some treatise, poem or story which would interest the graduates? I don't know but that it would be wise to offer a prize for the best poem or for the best treatise on some great subject, Peace, Imperialism, Tariff, etc. This might excite some of the young men or women to the reading, study and exercise of their best literary gifts. I am aware it is true that the most prominent feature of student life in our colleges today is the study, preparation and strife in athletic sports. While it is true that young men should be trained physically as well as mentally, I believe that the young men who are at college fitting themselves for usefulness in some profession in life ought not to devote themselves to sports and games at the expense of their preparation mentally for those contests where knowledge and mental training are most necessary to them. The college authorities should establish a high standard in all studies as necessary to membership on a base or foot ball team. Brains not brawn should count in college.

I can not stop now to write all I have thought on this subject. From my experience in life I believe that young men in college can not devote themselves too assiduously to the study of books and mental training by writing, thinking, extemporaneous discussion of practical, important subjects which will fit them for active public life. "Art is long and time is fleeting" and foot ball is not our goal.

My best wishes for the highest literary standard at Colby and that its graduates may prove themselves the most honest able statesmen, lawyers, teachers and preachers of righteousness.

I send you for THE ECHO a copy of a letter written to me from college the day after the battle of Bull Run, by Tutor Richardson. I preserve at home the Bowie Knife which he presented me

when I left college for the front and carried with me through the battle of Bull Run. He thought it was necessary to fight the South with their own weapons. I will bequeath this to the Museum of the college.

Very truly yours,  
FRANCIS S. HESSELTINE.

Waterville College, July 22, 1861.

CAPT. F. S. HESSELTINE—*Dear Sir*;

Your letter of the 8th inst. came with the rumor of the advance into Virginia. Day by day the growing mass of details confirmed and explained the rumor, until we began to realize it. We heard that Col. Howard commands a brigade composed almost wholly of Maine volunteers; and the newspaper correspondents asserted that this brigade held an honorable position near the front. Then came the Fairfax *races*; and our last authentic intelligence, up to Saturday night, left us in the midst of the affair at Bull's Run. The position of the Maine brigade was no longer known. So we held our breath and waited.

To-day startling news comes over the wires—that the Federal army, driving in the enemy from Bull's Run after hard fighting, has penetrated to Manassas Junction and been completely out! There are no recitations at the College this afternoon; but the flags are flying once more. "A patriot," says Motley, "never dispairs of his country." He is speaking of William of Orange in the darkest hour for the Netherlands. This telegram is garnished with various suspicious statements—one, that Beauregard has a numerically larger force at Manassas Junction than the whole army of the United States. For my part I believe it quite possible that after selecting and fortifying their own ground, the rebels have driven us back with loss— heavy loss perhaps. Beyond that my faith refuses to expand. But of one thing I am quite certain: that even if that dispatch were literally true, it would hardly delay the certain issue of this war. The wrath of a nation is terrible. The questions between the people and politicians, whether kings or senators, have always been characterized by a sublime simplicity; and the people have always been successful in the end. The "plain people," as President Lincoln calls them, have never moved all together without sufficient reason. Conspiracy is impossible for a nation; and if by *populus* you understand something more than *populace*, *Vox populi, vox Dei* is a truism. When the Roman *plebs* almost twenty-four hundred years ago demanded the right of representation through tribunes, they carried their point. The hand of Providence shines through all history in just this way. The truth prevails; and the people prevail, because as a people, they can be moved by nothing but the truth. Are we one nation, or thirty-four? Englishmen tell us we are thirty-four. Is this right? "No," says My Lord from his seat in Parliament, "but you are always wrong." But we shall not be satisfied with that answer. If we were always wrong, which is not admitted, we see what is right now, and we mean to do it. God has made this great nation one of the first powers of the world; and it will no more move backward than the sun, however cloudy the day, will sink back into the East.

So we sit here at home, anxious for our friends but not for the event.

Prudens futuri temporis exitum  
Caliginosa nocte permit deus,  
Ridetque si mortalis uttea  
Fas trepidat.

says Horace; and Martin has spoiled his translation here by rendering *deus*, "Jove." All this speculation of events in which you have participated, all this discussion of a question which you have settled, pledging your life to maintain the decision, would be superfluous, if it were not at the same time the most faithful picture of our life here at home. Our duties are here, and we try to reconcile ourselves to this comparative inaction by that reflection, but our hearts are with you.

Meanwhile one to whom this undercurrent of feeling were unknown, would discover in our midst only signs of profound peace. The fields are green with the ripening harvest; the sweep of the scythe is audible to those who listen; the college bell rings at the regular hours; and Commencement approaches. The news which you would most care to hear from college is that which I am least able to give you; but you will get that from other sources. The Prize Declamation of the Sophomore class was some time since. Thomas, and perhaps some others appointed, did not speak. Meader and Scammon received the prizes. It is proposed to waive Hatch's examination on this term's work and give him his degree. Of course there have been some cases of discipline; but you will not expect me to comment upon them. As was to be expected, it has been difficult to keep alive the interest in books; but the term has been fairly successful.

In town, nothing of great interest has occurred, except a temperance meeting last Friday evening. A growing sense of outrage in the almost public sale of liquors culminated in a very energetic manifestation that evening, to be followed by prosecutions.

Do you find your theory of the superior endurance of educated men borne out by the facts? And will you write to me again at your earliest convenience? I hope so, and remain

Sincerely yours,  
H. W. RICHARDSON.

## THE A. T. O. CONGRESS.

The 19th bi-ennial Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity occurred Dec. 28, 29 and 30th at Hotel Astor in New York city.

By special arrangement the delegates from New England were to meet the Tufts' chapter at the South station in Boston, Tuesday evening Dec. 27, and finish the journey together, taking the boat at Fall River. Through some mistake or on account of other plans there were but a few, however, who undertook the stormy passage to New York, and these delayed by the fog, reached the assembly hall after the exercises had begun.

It was fitting that the largest and most successful Congress of the fraternity should be held in the "Mocca of the world." And although Wall street had no different walls than other streets and the Flatiron building was no flatter than the rest, the sight of these famous places, of China town and the Bowery, of Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty by no means lessened the enthusiasm of the delegates.

The exercises were held in the large Banquet Room and the College Room of Hotel Astor, one of the most modern and efficient hostleries of the city. The New York Alumni Association, having a roll call of about two hundred, acted as hosts, and in every way looked out for the comfort and enjoyment of the delegates and visiting brothers.

The session was opened by the Worthy Grand Chief, George H. Lamar, and it was found out that 40 out of 52 Chapters were represented. In all 250 of the brothers placed their names upon the

register. The reports of the grand officers of the fraternity were first read and were found to be very encouraging. Following these were the reports of the delegates of the various chapters and alumni associations. In the evening a "smoker" was given by the New York alumni in the large banquet hall of the hotel. Here the pleasure of listening to some of the most eminent and witty fraternity brothers was given the delegates, while the clinking of dishes as the waiters passed the salads and the smoke-laden air did not lessen the enjoyment.

The next day, Thursday, was devoted to more chapter and committee reports, and in the afternoon public exercises were held in the Banquet Hall. First was an address of welcome by Hon. Homer Folks of New York city which was responded to by Rev. Paul R. Hickok of Delaware, Ohio. Then came an oration by Hon. Walter H. Page of New York and a poem written by Mr. C. Coatsworth Pickney of Richmond Virginia. After the program there was an informal reception. Among those receiving were several Southern ladies, including Mrs. Glazebrook, wife of the founder of the fraternity, who wore upon her breast the first Alpha Tau Omega badge with the proper insignia upon it.

Thursday evening was devoted to a theatre party at Wallack's theatre, given by the New York Alumni Association. The play partook of the nature of a satire on New York life and manners and was of a unique and interesting character, especially to those who were unused to a play of its kind.

The business of the Congress was continued Friday, to be interrupted at noon by lunch and a trip over town where a photographer had been engaged to take the Congress picture.

Shortly after five o'clock the business session of the Congress was adjourned to be resumed again two years hence at Birmingham, Alabama.

At nine in the evening about 175 of the brothers were seated at the Congress banquet at the conclusion of which were the following toasts; "Principals of Alpha Tau Omega," Otis A. Glazebrook, D.D., New Jersey; "The Crossing of Mason's and Dixon's Line and our Victories," N. W. Thomas, Ph.D., Penn.; Silent Toasts, "Our Immortal Dead," "The Nineteenth Congress," F. A. Fall, N. Y.; "Centres of Commerce and of Learning, The Hotel Astor and the Parish House," J. B. Groons, Virginia; "The Palm," H. P. Simpson, D. C.; "The Hoosier Infant," F. J. Meldram of Purdue University, Impromptu toasts.

More than one eye was moist as Dr. Glazebrook, the great founder of the fraternity spoke the thought of his heart. Overcome with a powerful emotion impossible to repress, he spoke of his tender love for the fraternity, and in words eloquent with feeling prophesied the future of Alpha Tau Omega. No brother but must have taken away with him that night a new insight into and appreciation of the noble ideals and principles of his beloved brotherhood.

When the day had long since had its end and a new day had dawned with its new duties and obligations, when toasts were finished, and when song and yell had died away in echo, each brother rose, and with hand unsteadied by the emotion of parting clasped the hand of the other, then passed silently and thoughtfully on his way.

F. L. H. '00.

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## THE NEW TERM.

Another vacation period is over; another term of our college course has begun; and those of us who were not snowed under are again hard at work. The winter term is supposedly the time when every man does his best work. There are fewer out-of-door attractions than during the other terms of the year; athletics are almost at a standstill, and "plugging" is supposedly the occupation of each and all. It may not be necessary to warn the college man against too much study, but is there not a tendency to neglect the social side of our college life during the winter? We shut ourselves up to the narrow circle of our little world and become more self-centered than ever. Is it not a mistake? Right here is where our fraternities fail in their mission—they do almost nothing to develop our social natures. Indeed this is perhaps the weakest point in our college life. Yet it is a condition that can be easily remedied if we will. Again, there may be during the term opportunities for hearing famous speakers. Such opportunities are in reality a part of our college education, and it is for our good to make the most of them. Study is not our sole aim in coming to college, though it is the most important. Everything that will broaden our horizon and make us better fitted for doing our work in the world has a part in our college training.

## A JUST CRITICISM.

Mr. Francis S. Hesseltine in his letter given elsewhere, makes a just criticism on the present lack of interest in debate and literary work here at Colby. As he intimates, the old Literary Society seems to have no true successor. The various fraternities give a meager training in these lines, but it is not what might be developed by a getting together of the entire student body for such purposes. Mr. Hesseltine's views on athletics may be extreme, but there is a truth there which is worthy of the consideration of every thoughtful college man. A college training is supposed to make a well-founded, cultured man. Too much athletics or too much study, either will mean failure in attaining the ideal. Let each have its due proportion of attention, and let the study not be confined to books alone. Widen the horizon, train all the faculties.

## NOTES OF A RHODES SCHOLAR.

We print below extracts from articles in the November and December numbers of the Goodwill Record in which David R. Potter, ex-Bowdoin '06, now Rhodes scholar from this state, tells of his experiences in England. The party of thirty-five of which he speaks left Boston September 27, on the Cunard liner Ivernia.

On account of the fragmentary newspaper announcements in America there seems to be a general misunderstanding as to the circumstances and conditions under which these Rhodes scholarships were given so I am to explain them very briefly. Under the famous Rhodes will one hundred and seventy-one scholarships were founded at Oxford University. Of these, fifteen were given to German students, sixty to the British colonies and ninety-six were assigned to the United States. As the working out of this plan of Mr. Rhodes must be wholly experimental at first, the trustees of the Rhodes Trust Funds decided to fill only one half of the American scholarships the first year. Under this arrangement forty-eight scholarships were assigned, one to each of the states and territories with the exception of Alaska and Indian Territory, for the year of 1904. Next year one more scholar will be sent from each of these districts, but as the scholarships are tenable for three years there will be no American appointments in 1906, and thereafter one year in every three will be passed over. It will be seen by this how the common error arose of supposing that two men were to be sent each year from each state. After the first year two men from each state will be in residence at Oxford, but each will be allowed to remain there three years.

This year examinations for the Oxford Responsions, which are the same as examinations for entrance to the University, were held in every state and territory with the exceptions mentioned above. About half of the applicants passed these papers but it is rather a peculiar state of affairs that five of our American commonwealths failed to qualify anyone and twelve only qualified one man each. In the states where more than one passed Responsions a committee of selection chose the one who should represent the state, basing their judgment on conditions of mental, moral and physical abilities as suggested by the late Mr. Rhodes.

It may be well to state that the rather poor showing in all the states at the examinations was because it was very difficult to get definite information early enough in regard to the work required, as the trustees had an almost impossible duty in putting into practical shape Mr. Rhodes's theoretical wishes. At present it seems very probable that next year the competition all over the country will be much keener.

Of the forty-three students who go from America this year, thirty-five were in our party on the "Ivernia." State-rooms were reserved in a section and the trip across offered a fine opportunity for becoming acquainted with each other. Some statistics in regard to this party of first year Rhodes students are interesting. All of them were between twenty and twenty-five years of age; seven had taken the Master of Arts degree from American institutions; twenty-eight, the Bachelor of Arts degree; nine were Phi Beta Kappa men. Thirteen graduated in the class of 1904, five were members of the class of 1905 and one had just finished his Sophomore year. On a political basis the division was interesting to one who wishes to watch the outcome of this whole experiment; there were one or two prohibitionists but the rest were about evenly divided in their favor of the two great American parties. Exactly one-half of our party had taken an active interest in the Christian Associations of the institutions which they had last attended. As may be seen from this and expected from the conditions governing the election of these scholars, our party was a representative body of American college men—not merely students but men of broad interests, as was shown by some creditable musicians and capable athletes who were numbered among us.

In fact so many pleasant and profitable events were arranged that it is hard to realize that in a few hours our journey shall be over. As I write these words we are just looking out upon our first view of the soil of Ireland. The irregular little fields separated always by the

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hedge rows, are some green and some reddish brown and some yellow, and from our channel beyond the cliffs they give a suggestion of a great "crazy patch-work" quilt spread out over the low hills. We realize that we have a new life before us and that the days at sea have been a good preparation in fitting our minds for days that are to come.

The next day the American students began early to find their places among the twenty-one colleges which composed the University and to make any possible arrangements in regard to beginning residence. Nearly every college took a delegation of Rhodes scholars this year, varying in number from one to seven. Early in the day I called at Trinity to which I had been elected but found I could not see the President till later in the day, to be admitted to my rooms, so I improved the opportunity to see something of the city.

Oxford is situated on the River Thames at its confluence with the Cheswell about sixty miles northwest from London. Its population is a little more than fifty thousand. It is chiefly known as the seat of the great University and in fact the interests of the University really make the city, but in the early days of English history the town held a prominent place as base of military operations and center of the King's court. It was here that the famous "Mad Parliament" met, and it became the regular meeting place of Parliament during the Plague in London. At every turn one keeps stumbling over reminders of these historic days. The architecture of the buildings, the scarred and time-worn materials of which they are composed, the wonderful lawns which only years of care have brought to their present perfection, all these tell their own tales of the past. I think I shall never forget and never be able to describe my first walk down High street. Probably all Europe cannot exhibit such a stretch of architecture as does this thoroughfare. Such stately spires, domes, and towers rising above the ivy-covered walls and gateways, seem almost to exclude the thought of comparison. High street has often been called the most famous street in Europe. Surely there can be none more beautiful.

I believe it is Andrew Lang who suggests that an old town is like a palimpsest, one of those ancient parchments which has been written on several times. Many generations have left their hand-writings legible in Oxford and I doubt if a lifetime spent here could acquaint one with all the remnants they have left. Generations of scholars, warriors, tradesmen, and statesmen have used Oxford for their own purposes, and learning, war, commerce, and politics have left their imprints on the town. It is true that its streets are now partially awakened by a casual tram-car or an automobile, but the inner spirit of the place seems to resent these intrusions and somehow a daily paper seems out of place here. In its first history Oxford was the natural home for religion and learning, and although these interests have been often interrupted they have come back to their own again long ago, and now hold a dignified authority over all their subjects.

Although I enjoyed getting a hasty exterior view of Oxford, my first day there was not wholly satisfactory. All my companions had secured their college rooms at once and as the afternoon drew to a close I found myself wandering alone along the unfamiliar streets without seeing a face that I knew. I returned to the hotel but the chamber in which I had spent only one night seemed dreary, offering no place for memory to hang itself about the four walls. Outside the fog-rain had settled down again and for a time I fear I thought myself a stranger in a strange land. At least I was glad when the hour arrived for me to again call on the officials at Trinity. I should have been doubly glad if I had known what the next few hours had in store for me.

I was cordially received by the President and after my first tea with him I was introduced to the porter and shown to my rooms. Freshmen of America, who still feel the caustic recollections of first college days among strangers, and in bare rooms, listen to this: My first glance within my home for the year showed me furniture all selected and in order; an open fire already burning in the grate; the bedroom all arranged for me by the thoughtful "scout" who had

borrowed linen from some other man. In a few minutes it was time for my first dinner "in Hall," where I met several of the men who were up for early examinations.

That first evening as I sat in an easy chair before my fire, with some of the souvenirs of home about me, what mattered it that the other men were scattered away from me, or that the rain was now coming down in earnest? Could there be anything added to give more auspicious promise of the days to come, or anything to put me in closer touch with the days I had left behind? Perhaps an answer to this question satisfactory enough to me just then came from a real hurdy-gurdy just beyond the garden wall which struck up "In the Good Old Summer Time."

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### CAMPUS CHAT.

The last of last term the Dramatic Club came out with some very neat blue stickers for their dress suit cases.

Manager Kennison has an extensive trip arranged for the Musical clubs, which they will take the last of February.

John E. Humphrey, formerly of '05, has a position in the Massachusetts General Hospital, which he expects to give up soon for a position at Keith's theatre.

Linwood Ross, '06, went through the city Tuesday in charge of a carload of Aroostook potatoes for Boston, where he made a short visit before returning to college.

Parker Craig has been elected one of the two doorkeepers of the House of Representatives at Augusta, which held its first session Wednesday morning. He will not return to college this term.

Among others who came before the Examining Board of the National Guard of Maine last Tuesday were Frank Walden, '98, First Lieutenant-elect, and Harold L. Pepper '06, Second Lieutenant-elect of Company H, both of whom passed the examinations most successfully.

Wednesday evening, December 21, the dramatic club presented "Comrades" at Madison and scored a great success. The parts were all the same as when given here the middle of last term with the exception of that of Marcus Graves, which Willis Getchell '07 took in the absence of Walter Hammond.

The following members of the Glee Club went to Athens on the evening of December 20 and gave a concert at an Oddfellow anniversary: first tenors, Bean and Betts; second tenors, Mr. Keniston and Smart; first basses, Mathews and Thompson, '08; second basses, Kennison and Coy. Mr. Bean also gave a very pleasing mandolin solo and Mixer '08 gave two interesting readings. Thompson, '08 rendered a vocal solo, which was very well received. The boys report a good time and a very neat little sum was netted for the club.

### ALUMNI NOTES.

'80. Dr. J. T. McDonald of the class of 1880, who has been government pathologist and bacteriologist to the Hawaiian Board of Health, has been lately elected President of the Hawaiian Territorial Medical Society. At the meeting and banquet of the society held at Honolulu in November Dr. McDonald took a prominent part and was given the highest honor in its power to bestow. Last year he published a monograph upon the diagnosis of leprosy which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and was widely copied throughout the United States and Great Britain. Mr. McDonald was editor-in-chief of THE ECHO in his senior year and was very enthusiastic in this work, arranging a banquet for the editorial board. At the Junior Prize Declamation he took first prize and won the Senior Prize for excellence in composition.

'81. Rev. J. M. Wyman has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church in Marlboro, Mass.

'81. Frank K. Shaw has been renominated by Governor Hill for judge of the Waterville municipal court.

'82. Last Sunday at the home of Hon. W. D. Philbrook, '82 occurred a very delightful little reunion of several members of the class of '82. Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook entertained at dinner the following members of that class. Mr. Herbert S. Weaver of Boston, a teacher in the Mechanics Arts High school; Mr. W. C. Crawford, principal of the Grammar school at Allston, Mass.; and Rev. George Dana Sanders, the newly chosen

pastor of the Unitarian church of this city.

'83. Rev. M. S. Howes, lately from the Pacific Coast has been called to the pastorate in Brentwood, N. H.

'86. Mr. H. R. Dunham, '86, and family of this city, left Tuesday, December 27 for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the remainder of the winter. They expect to visit Niagara Falls, Chicago, and the Grand Canon of the Colorado on their way out and return by way of New Orleans and Washington, in time to witness the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

'90. A. P. Wagg, until recently connected with the Teachers' Exchange, Boston, is now teaching at Newport, Perry County, Pennsylvania.

'93. Samuel D. Graves was recently elected president of the Knox club of Boston which is made up of former residents of Knox county in this state, who are now living in Massachusetts. T. Raymond Pierce '97 was chosen a member of the auditing committee.

'99. Monday evening, December 19, Miss Josie A. Toward '99 and Mr. William O. Davis of Winslow were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, 269 Main street by the Rev. C. W. Bradlee pastor of the Methodist church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Hazel Toward and W. M. H. Teague '03 was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for a short wedding trip to Boston and New York, after which they will make their home in Winslow. Mr. Davis is a machinist in the Hollingsworth and Whitney pulp mill.

'00. In the issue of the Waterville Evening Mail for Dec. 24 was a very interesting letter from Edward D. Jenkins, '00, who is in southern California recuperating his health.

'02. Mrs. William Elder, wife of the late Professor William Elder, recently announced the engagement of her daughter, Marjorie Louise, to Mr. G. S. Stevenson. Both Miss Elder and Mr. Stevenson were at one time members of the class of 1902.

The total enrollment at Tufts this year is 1004. These are divided among the various departments as follows: College of Letters, 354; Divinity School, 21; Medical School, 409; Dental School, 200; Summer School, 22, and Bromfield-Pearson School, 19. There are 191 professors, assistant professors, demonstrators, instructors, lecturers, assistants and laboratory assistants, engaged in the work of instruction, which is sixteen more than there were last year.

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