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## COMMUNICATED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ECHO:

I read with much interest the entertaining contribution to your last week's number from the pen of Colonel Hessel-tine. Both his own and the accompanying letter were of the sort that ECHO readers are glad to see.

There may, however, be ground for doubt as to the possible loss sustained by THE ECHO in the lack of the kind of matter Colonel Hessel-tine says he would be glad to find in its pages. It must be confessed that the publication at present is essentially a newspaper concerned with Colby affairs; yet such a newspaper dealing somewhat minutely yet broadly with college interests, both inside the college walls and out, can hardly fail to be of more value as well as more entertaining than THE ECHO of years ago, which seems to have been largely a sort of dumping-ground for literary matter sometimes of merit but often of no merit at all. Much of that matter bears the marks of having been done in rather a perfunctory manner and could have had no great interest for anybody.

We venture to say that the great majority of ECHO readers prefer the new style of college publication to the old, and we may observe in passing that they would like it still better if the editors could more often secure from alumni contributions dealing with Colby matters as frankly and entertainingly as does Colonel Hessel-tine's letter.

Another word as to the Colonel's complaint of a lack of literary tone at Colby. It may be that in his day the case was different but I think it would now be generally conceded by those acquainted with the undergraduate body at Colby or at other Maine colleges that it is exceedingly rare to find a student able to write upon the subjects named in Colonel Hessel-tine's letter matter that would have either interest or profitableness for any wider circle than the writer's own family and perhaps his instructors in English. In the very nature of the case it is impossible for the average youth, busied as he has been with fitting school and college work, to have given to such subjects the investigation and the reflection without which his essay, though it be done with much labor and with much zeal, is yet nothing more than a more or less clever restatement in perhaps somewhat brilliant verbal garb of somebody else's thought. What an ordinary college undergraduate would, or could, write upon the Tariff would be happy in its escape from being regarded as amusing both by the man who after a lifetime's consideration of the subject finds himself often confused and baffled by its intricacies and by the man who only knows enough about the matter to be able to judge between the real word regarding it and the chatter of the ill-informed.

What Colonel Hessel-tine says of the value of college debating ought to sink deep into the heart of every Colby undergraduate. It is pleasing to know that something is done at this work under the auspices of the Greek letter fraternities but there should be also inter-class debates, while every year a team of debaters should meet a similar team from one or more of the other Maine colleges. Debating, and the habit in general of thinking while on one's feet, may safely be reckoned as one of the most valuable acquisitions of a college

course. A great deal more ought to be made of this branch of work at Colby.

I had intended, Mr. Editor, to express a thought or two suggested by Colonel Hessel-tine's reference to college athletics but I fear I have already written at too great length.

Sincerely yours,  
ELWOOD T. WYMAN.

## ZETA PSI CONVENTION.

The 59th Annual Convention of Zeta Psi was held in Boston, January 5th, 6th and 7th with head-quarters at the Parker House, in the large convention hall of which the business sessions were conducted. It was the largest Convention which has been held in recent years, there being present besides the delegates from each chapter, a large representation of elder brothers from all over the eastern states.

The convention opened on Thursday night with a "smoker" at the fraternity house of the Kappa chapter at Tufts. The evening's program included speeches by prominent Zeta alumni but was chiefly spent in renewing old friendships and forming new ones among the alumni and members of different chapters. Friday morning was occupied by registration and a short business session at which committees were appointed and other preliminary work cleared away, the session being resumed after a brief noon recess. For Friday evening, the Kappa had arranged a "smoker" and entertainment by some vaudeville stars at Copley Hall at which Bro. Morrison of the Tufts Glee Club assisted with readings and a violin solo.

Saturday morning concluded the business of the convention; an important item of which was the re-establishment of the old Gamma chapter at Syracuse University. The afternoon's program included a luncheon at the Kappa Chapter House and public exercises commemorating the semi centennial of the founding of the Kappa, held in Goddard chapel. Many of the brothers availed themselves of the respite from active sessions to visit some of the Boston theatres but nearly all reassembled at the banquet held in the evening at the Hotel Somerset. Cloudy weather at noon had prevented the convention from sitting for a picture at that time as had been scheduled, so the photographer was brought to the banquet hall and a picture of all there assembled was secured. This over the brothers proceeded to discuss the feast with all due form and ceremony and songs, cheers and speeches held sway until a late—or perhaps better—an early hour, bringing the convention to a most pleasant close.

C. N. M. '00.

Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., of which Charles F. Moserve, '77, is President, is having the most successful year in its history. The enrollment is already 400 and many students have been turned away for lack of accommodations. A gift of \$13,000 has been made for enlargement of the equipment on condition that the colored people of North Carolina raise \$5000 additional. They have heartily accepted the proposition and have already placed Dr. J. A. Whitted in the field as financial agent. A spacious wing of brick will be added to Estey Hall, the girls' dormitory, and a large brick industrial building erected on the West side of the campus fronting on Wilmington street.—Boston Transcript.

## THE STORY TELLER.

Several summers ago I served as time-keeper for a large crew of masons who were rebuilding one end of the immense dam on the lower Messalonskee. In the course of the work it was necessary to make a deep digging for some distance into the clayey bank. The men met with much trouble from frequent cavings-in of the damp soil and this together with the fact that the expiration of the contract time was near at hand, often made night work necessary.

One evening when this was the case most of the masons were "laid off" for an hour or so while the part of the dam built during the day was being "grouted." This interesting process consists in filling the interstices in the stone work with a liquid mortar which is made of cement, sand, and water and is about the consistency of rich cream. In the construction of dams the stones are placed in position with mortar only on the outside edges of the different courses and the spaces in the middle of the wall are filled in with small pieces of rock. When the mortar on both faces of such a course of stone is dry enough to withstand the pressure, the liquid mortar, or grouting, is poured in until every space has been filled with it. The dam is thus made a solid piece of masonry. But to return from my digression.

On this particular evening during the lull in the work the men gathered in the rude shanty and sat about on piles of cement sacks, smoking their pipes and jabbering away in French, for all the crew of about thirty men were French Canadians, from the foremen and engineers down to the shovellers. I stood around watching them but of course taking no part in the conversation which gradually began to flag. Finally someone called upon one of the older masons, Phillip Perry, a very quiet and unassuming man, to tell them a story. Others seconded the request but the old man was obdurate in his refusals. They were, however, so persistent in their coaxing that he at last consented. All fixed themselves comfortably upon the bags of cement and became still. Old Phillip leisurely knocked the ashes out of his short, black pipe and carefully put it away. He then began a long story, which held the closest attention of his audience. I could not understand a word of the French but by his manner and tone I was sure that his first words were "Once upon a time."

The picture before me was weird and fascinating and one that I shall hardly forget. A lantern, hung from the low sloping roof of the shanty, shed a dingy light over the scene, in the centre of which was old Phillip perched upon a bag of cement with one leg over the other and his hands clasping his knee. Around him were his audience lying or sitting in lazy attitudes and silently puffing away at their pipes, but with eyes fixed upon the story-teller. Never was there a quieter or more interested audience than this. The old man told his tale in a most musically monotonous tone with now and then an impulsive gesture. All was still save for the occasional panting and puffing of one of the donkey engines outside. So keen and fixed was the attention of the little group that it seemed to me they were charmed by old Phillip's eye.

After listening for a little while I quietly slipped out and asked one of the engineers to catch a bit of the old man's

story for me. He did so and said it was a sort of fairy story like one of Hans Andersen's I should judge from what he said. This was rather surprising, for it seemed incredible that grown men should be so intensely interested in such a tale. In the shanty old Phillip, who, by the way, could neither read nor write, held his audience charmed for a good half hour and at the conclusion of his story the men were clamorous for another. But this time all coaxing was in vain, for, filling his pipe, the old man arose from his seat and sauntered out into the open air to watch the men at work grouting.

I afterwards learned that this custom of whiling the time away with long stories told by some old man especially gifted in this art, is very prevalent among the French Canadians. The stories are handed down from generation to generation, never losing their charm though they are often but simple fairy tales.

R. '06.

## COLBY MAN HONORED.

The *New York Globe* of December 30th contained the following account of the organization of the Graduates Club of New York City, of which Dr. Clarence E. Meleney, '76, was elected first president.

By the election of officers the Graduates' Club of New York City has taken the last step to complete its organization. Since the University club of the city reached the limit of membership and was compelled to form a waiting list many college graduates anxious to identify themselves with a club composed of college men have discussed the advisability of forming a second organization which shall rival the University club in a thoroughly friendly spirit. With this object in view the Graduates' Club of New York was formed, and last February the articles of incorporation were granted.

Since then the necessary steps to complete the organization have been taken, and at a dinner given at the Hotel Manhattan this week Dr. Clarence E. Meleney, associate city superintendent of schools, was installed as the first president. The three vice-presidents associated with him are George B. Cortelyou, Capt. Nathan Appleton and Verne M. Bovie. The membership of the club has been rapidly increasing, and at a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, at the Aldine Club, 111 Fifth avenue, announcement will be made of the location of the club-rooms.

Applicants for membership must be graduates of selected institutions, and until the resident membership reaches 500 the representation of any one institution shall not exceed 8 per cent. of such number, and, thereafter not more than five such representatives in each additional 100 new members shall be elected. The resident membership is limited to 1,500, and is open to men whose residence or occupation is within the city.

Dr. Clarence E. Meleney, the first president of the club, was born in Salem, Mass., and is a graduate of Colby University. He taught in several academies and high schools in Massachusetts and Maine, and was later elected superintendent of schools in Patterson, N. J. His first call to New York was as the principal of the School of Practice in Teachers College, and his work then led to his election as an associate superintendent. He is a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity and was one of the founders of the New Jersey Council of education.

Charles A. Henrickson, who was for so many years the proprietor of what is now Berry's bookstore, died at his home Dec. 28 after a lingering illness. Mr. Henrickson left college in his freshman year to enlist in the 3d Maine Regiment. He was taken prisoner at Bull Run and soon after his release from Libby prison was made an officer in the navy.

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For the second time since the opening of the college year THE ECHO has to announce the resignation of the editor-in-chief. Owing to the press of college work, Mr. Roscoe L. Hall, '05, has felt obliged to lay down the duties of the editorial chair. His successor has not yet been chosen, but it is probable that there will be several changes in the editorial board in the near future.

On the evening of Wednesday the 18th the students of Colby will be given another opportunity to hear a speaker of national reputation in the person of Dr. Josiah Strong, president of the American Institute of Social Service. Dr. Strong is doing a noble work which has the endorsement of President Roosevelt and other prominent citizens. His lecture next Wednesday evening at the Armory will be on the live problems of modern city life, and should be of interest to every thoughtful man in college.

## OLD COLLEGE RULES.

We give below a few of the rules at one time in force at the University of Vermont, as recently set forth in the Boston Transcript. These are certainly interesting when compared with the freedom of today. Perhaps some of our older alumni will be able to inform us whether any such rules were in force at Colby in the good old days.

Someone, probably the college historian, Professor Goodrich, copies for The Cynic, from an old pamphlet copy of the laws of the University of Vermont, printed by Samuel Mills of Burlington in 1810, the following made at a time when students were fewer than they are at present and when other ideas of college government prevailed.

"If any person shall be guilty of lying, prevarication or falsifying, he shall be punished." "If any scholar shall profanely curse, or swear, or take God's name in vain . . . he shall be punished." "Playing at cards, dice, billiards, or any game of hazard, (or at any game for money, or any valuable thing) is very strictly forbidden." "No student shall go into any tavern or victualling house in Burlington, to eat or drink there, unless in the presence of his parent or guardian, without leave from the president or one of the tutors." "No scholar shall be an actor or a spectator of any stage plays, interludes or theatrical entertainments in the town of Burlington." This law, however, was not to "extend to any exhibition under the authority of the immediate (college) government."

"The evening preceeding and succeeding the Lord's day shall be regarded with religious respect. All diversions are to cease. On the Lord's day each student shall diligently apply himself to the duties of religion. Unnecessary business, visiting, walking in the streets, being in the fields, and diversion or disorderly conduct are considered as profanations of this holy day." On those

days "Every member of the institution" was to "seasonably and constantly attend morning and evening prayers in the chapel." "Every evening, Sunday and Saturdays excepted, one or more (students) in rotation, shall declaim in the chapel before the governors, and all the students, immediately after prayers. Lectures on subjects of mathematics, natural philosophy and astronomy shall be given as often as may be consistent with the other duties of the professor." Examinations were to be held each term "to animate the students in literary fame to discountenance idleness, to prevent ignorance and to give to all the means of knowing the exact proficiency of the scholars."

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Of the Treasurer of the Colby Athletic Association.

Dec. 17, 1904.

To the Executive Committee,  
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GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit an abstract of my accounts for the current year just ended.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

#### Receipts.

From Subscriptions	\$132 50
Special subscriptions	25 00
Active Members	89 00
Alumni Members	76 00
Term Bills	1,188 22
Proceeds of Play	65 98
Cash on hand Dec. 15, 1903	7 02

\$1,583 72

#### Expenditures.

Paid to Finance Committee	\$76 22
“ “ Athletic Committee:	
For Basket Ball	\$22 92
For Tennis	57 64
For Track	306 67
	387 23
Paid to Base Ball Committee	53 57
Paid to Foot Ball Committee	659 72
Paid on Notes	155 00
Paid on Special Subscription	15 00
Paid Bills of 1903	189 73
Cash in Bank	47 25

\$1,583 72

### ACCOUNTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

##### Expenses.

Interest	\$21 85
Alumni Subs. to Echo	7 00
Printing	9 50
Postage, etc.	2 40
Expense, Junior League	2 95
Cost Base Ball Pennant	13 25
Expense Arbitration Board	6 34
Incidentals	12 93

\$76 22

##### Receipts.

From Treasurer	\$76 22
	\$76 22

#### ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.

##### BASKET-BALL DEPARTMENT.

##### Expenses.

Guarantee, Ricker	\$12 50
“ Hebron	15 00
Expense, “	5 00
“ Orono Trip	23 30
	\$55 80
Supplies	35 70
Printing	1 50
Incidentals	1 14

\$94 14

##### Receipts.

Gate Receipts, Ricker	19 35
“ “ H. & W.	7 07
“ “ Hebron	27 40
Guarantee, Maine	10 80
	71 22
From Treasurer	22 02

\$94 14

Net Cost of Basket Ball \$22.02

#### TENNIS DEPARTMENT.

##### Expenses.

Repairing Court	\$31 50
Supplies	8 80
Dues I. C. T. A.	5 00
Entry Fees	4 00
Incidentals	8 25
Special Expenses	15 00

\$72 04

##### Receipts.

Special Subscription	\$15 00
From Treasurer	57 04

\$72 04

Net Cost of Tennis \$57 04

#### TRACK DEPARTMENT.

##### Expenses.

Salary, Coach	\$125 00
Supplies	152 00
Repairing Track	14 05
Surveying Track	10 00
Incidentals	30 52

\$388 23

##### Receipts.

Dividend, M. I. A. A.	31 50
From Treasurer	300 07

\$338 23

Net Cost of Trask \$300 07

### BASEBALL SUB-COMMITTEE.

#### Expenses.

Guarantee, Tufts	\$ 25 00
“ Maine	25 00
“ Maine	50 00
“ Bowdoin	40 00
“ Bates	50 00
“ Oakland	25 00
“ Mem. Day	35 00
Expense, Mass. Trip	247 95
“ Brunswick	31 80
“ Harvard	97 75
“ Orono	39 75
“ Lewiston	36 00
Umpires	47 65
Police	7 00

Expense of Games	\$757 90
Supplies	169 68
Care of Diamond	20 00
Printing	20 10
Incidentals	43 15

\$1,010 83

#### Receipts.

Gate, Maine	\$119 45
“ Bowdoin	134 70
“ Bates	231 10
“ Oakland	26 65
“ Mem. Day	51 93
Guarantee, Mass. Teams	225 00
“ Brunswick	40 00
“ Harvard	100 00
“ Orono	50 00
“ Lewiston	50 00

\$1,028 83

Less Colby Club share 71 57

From Treasurer 53 57

\$1,010 83

Net Cost of Baseball, \$53 57

### FOOTBALL COMMITTEE.

#### Expenses.

Guarantee, N. H.	\$100 00
“ Kent's Hill	42 80
“ Maine	85 00
“ Bates	65 00
Expense, Brunswick trip	53 65
“ Providence	209 60
“ Ricker team	6 30
Umpires	40 00
Police	11 00

\$613 35

Salaries, Coaches 350 00

Expense “ 25 47

Supplies 316 07

Training Table 10 00

Traveling Expenses 18 31

Printing 14 50

Doctor's Bills 30 00

Incidentals 29 52

\$1,407 22

#### Receipts.

Gate Receipts, N. H.	\$ 43 20
“ Kent's Hill	21 55
“ Maine	161 90
“ Bates	179 80
Guarantee, Bowdoin	75 00
“ Brown	200 00

\$681 45

Less Colby Club share 28 62

Receipts from games \$652 83

From Subscriptions 5 00

“ Treasurer 659 72

Unpaid bills 80 78

\$1,407 22

Net Cost of Football \$742 01

### CONDITION OF ASSOCIATION.

The Liabilities of the Association are as follows:

Notes	\$275 00
Unpaid Bills (estimated)	95 00
Due Special Account	10 00

Total \$380 00

As an offset to this, there is due the

Association:

From members \$500 00

From Ticonic Nat'l. Bank 47 25

Total \$137 25

The Balance of \$242 75 is partly covered by uncollected dues on Term Bills.

Respectfully,

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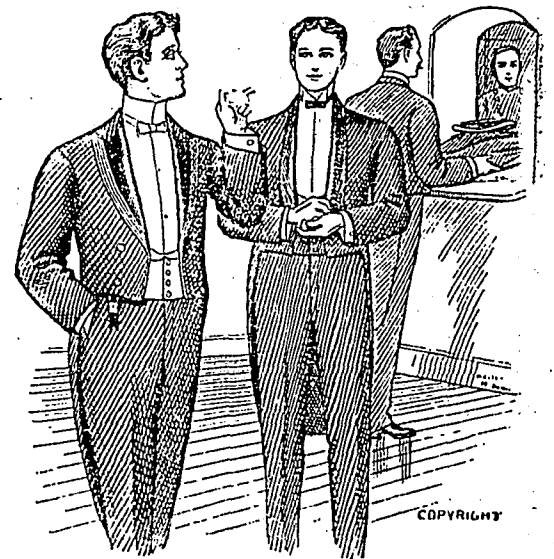
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Miss Lamb, '05, visited friends in Pittsfield last Saturday.

Miss Lakin, '05, was out again Monday after an attack of the grip.

Miss Harthorne, ex-'07, has re-entered Colby in the Freshman class.

Miss Wilson, '06, is detained at her home in Houlton by measles.

Miss Lamb, '05, has been confined to her room since Sunday with measles.

Edward H. Cotton, '05, preached at the People's church in Shawmut Sunday.

Dean Berry was able to take up her work Monday after an illness of two days.

Herman Betts, '07, preached at the Congregational church in Winslow Sunday.

Frank Kanaly, who coached the track team last year, is now coaching the team at Tufts.

Miss Laura Prescott, '08, of Lawrence, Mass., has entered Boston University in the class of 1908.

Miss Cook, '07, returned to college Monday, an earlier return being prevented by illness.

Francis L. Searway, '08, has a position in Fort Fairfield and will not return to college this term.

Mrs. C. L. White and children returned Monday from a visit to relatives in New Hampshire.

The recent storms prevented many students from returning in time for the opening of the term.

Miss Whenman, '06, is remaining at her home in Houlton this winter, but will return to college next term.

Miss Teague, '08, will remain at her home in Warren a part of this term on account of her mother's poor health.

Miss Philbrook, '08, was called to Pittsfield Friday by the illness of her mother. She returned to college Monday.

Professor Hatch gave a very interesting and helpful talk at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Tuesday evening on the subject of missions.

"Bill" Cowing has resigned his position at Ricker and is doing reporting in Fairfield and Oakland for the Waterville Morning Sentinel.

Last term's victims of measles are back at college and studying again, though some are having considerable trouble with their eyes.

Charlie Fogg, '00, was visiting friends in the Bricks, Monday. He was on his way to Hebron where he will act as gymnasium instructor during the winter.

Miss Norton, '06, has been ill with tonsillitis at her home in York Beach since the close of last term, and will not be able to return to her studies for some time.

Pugsley, '05, Meador, '06, and Gatchell, '07, returned Monday from the Zeta Psi Convention held in Boston with the Tufts chapter. They report a very enjoyable time.

Merle R. Keyes, '08, during the gymnasium work Monday afternoon, slipped and sprained his ankle very badly. No bones were broken but he will be confined to his room for some time.

The Glee Club rehearsals have commenced again. The boys are looking forward to making an extensive trip about the second week in February. The schedule has not been definitely arranged as yet.

It was with shocked surprise that students and faculty learned on Monday of the suicide of Daniel Ford Flanders, ex-

'08, at his home in New Haven, Conn. Mr. Flanders entered college with the freshmen class, but remained only a short time.

The marriage of Miss Clair M. Rideout, Colby, ex-'04, to Harold Trickey was solemnized last Saturday night by Rev. Sumner Bangs, at the home of the bride in Charleston. Mr. Trickey is a graduate of Bates in the class of 1901 and is engaged in merchantile business in Charleston.

## THE PREACHER.

"Going to the dogs is going to the dogs, no matter who goes."—Rob.

Solomon hasn't written an appendix to Ecclesiastes, or if he has it hasn't been sent back to this world for publication; but with so many parsons-to-be in college it would be strange if there wasn't a little preaching done once in a while. As THE ECO gives him an opportunity of reaching a large audience with a small expenditure of lung power the Preacher makes haste to avail himself of the privilege.

The text given above isn't from the Bible, but it's just as true as if it were. Cassie said to us once that we were not to believe a thing is true because it is in the Bible, but to believe that it is in the Bible because it is true. According to that view our quotation ought to be included in the scriptures, for never was a truer word uttered by any man. At any rate one can preach a little sermon from it with the greatest of ease.

When a fellow comes to college he breaks loose, in a measure, from all home restraints, especially if he has not previously attended a boarding school. He wants to sew a few wild oats, the wilder the better in many cases. And there is no lack of opportunity. College life is full of temptations. Even the man who has good intentions soon finds himself drifting into ways he doesn't care to sit down and meditate upon very often. In short, it's easy to go to the dogs in college.

Now here's where the application comes in—it's just as bad to go to the dogs in college as to go the dogs anywhere else. Because a fellow is bright and up-to-date doesn't make the folly any less. Not that every young man has got to be a saint; but every young man should strive after a clean, honest record. When the ordinary street-frequenting youth goes wrong people are inclined to say: "What a wretch." But when a college man sows the wind he isn't expected to reap the whirlwind. Oh, no! he's only a "jolly good fellow" "having a little innocent fun." Now, be sensible for a moment, fellow student, and admit that Rob was right—going to the dogs is going to the dogs, even if it's you who go. Think how the folks at home would feel, and don't do it!

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