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## MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.

Several important matters were acted upon at the recent meeting of the Trustees, a meeting which seems to mark the beginning of a new era for Colby. Perhaps the most important step taken was the vote to establish a separate college for women under the oversight of the same board of trustees. A committee, composed of members from faculty and trustees, was appointed to work out the necessary details and to make a report at the annual meeting next June.

Of almost equal importance was the establishment of two new departments, one of Biology in charge of Associate Professor Webster Chester, with an assistant who will also act as director of the gymnasium; and a second of Applied Science under the direction of Associate Professor Arvid Reuterdaahl and including courses in Mechanical Drawing, Civil and Electrical Engineering. The establishment of these new departments made necessary a readjustment of the other scientific departments which resulted in abolishing the present Department of Geology, much to the regret of the trustees. The courses in geology in the future will be given under the direction of Dr. Parmenter, of the Department of Chemistry. This will necessitate an assistant in that branch of college work, and he will begin his duties with the new college year.

It was further voted to offer two prizes of twenty-five dollars each for excellence in debate; and to place at the disposal of Professor Roberts the Freshman Reading prizes which were not awarded last year.

## UPSILON BETA INITIATION.

On Monday evening, Jan. 30, at the home of Lewis Dunn, '07, Sheldon Place, occurred the third annual initiation of the Upsilon Beta Society. Previous to this, for several days the candidates had been compelled to do a few "stunts" such as carrying umbrellas and going without neckties; and on Friday evening of last week occurred the preliminary initiation at which the candidates were admitted to the first degree.

When all had arrived at Frater Dunn's about eight o'clock the candidates were instructed in the unwritten work and declared full fledged members of Upsilon Beta. Then followed an hour of social pleasure at which salad, sandwiches, ice cream, punch and other palatable things figured very prominently. These, mingled with popular college songs, made the whole evening bright with goodfellowship and cheer. At a late hour the whole company gathered in the street, gave three cheers for 1907, 1906 and 1905, and then for Upsilon Beta.

The initiates were; Emmons Parkman Burrill, Arthur Winslow Libby, Ernest William Loane, Augustus Coolidge Thompson, Howard Arthur Tribou, Charles William Bradlee, Jr., John Cameron Hetherington, James Robert Nichols, Clifford Henry Libby, John Tracy Mathews.

H. B. B. '07.

Hon. Walter L. Gray, '05, a member of the House of Representatives from South Paris, was present at the chapel exercises Monday.

Word has been received that Thomas A. Smart, '07, who has been sick for some time, is improving and will soon be able to take up his work in college again.

## DR. WASHINGTON SPEAKS.

The students of Colby had the rare privilege of hearing Dr. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, Alabama, at noon on Thursday in the college chapel. Dr. Washington spoke of his own struggle to obtain an education, referring with gratitude to the training he received from Dr. G. M. P. King, Colby '57, formerly President of Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C., now at Virginia Union University, Richmond.

Dr. Washington went on to tell in an interesting way of the use to which he had put his education, in the uplifting of his race, and urged the students before him not to make a selfish use of their mental training, but to use it for the benefit of their fellow men, especially in helping to solve the race problem.

Dr. Washington is a ready, forceful speaker, with a fund of amusing anecdotes at his disposal, which he knows how to use to the best advantage. He held the attention of the audience throughout, and was frequently and heartily applauded. At the close of his talk the students had the opportunity of clasping hands with this truly great American citizen.

## LECTURE ON BURMA.

Friday evening, Jan. 29, a small group of students assembled in the chapel to listen to a lecture on Burma by Rev. John E. Cummings, Colby '84. The speaker treated the history, topography, and social conditions of that country in a thoroughly instructive and interesting manner. During the lecture he referred with much praise to the work of the courageous and learned Colby men who have left monuments which will endure in a purer religion and a better civilization for Burma. After the lecture we gathered around the speaker to look at some pictures and relics of the Orient. Mr. Cummings very kindly answered many questions and showed us specimens of the hand writing and class work of a Burma student. We left feeling well repaid for the short time we had spent in listening to one who is devoting himself to a work so unselfish.

I. A. B., '06.

## PRESIDENT WHITE'S TRIP.

On Wednesday, January 25, President White was present at the semi-annual meeting of the Trustees in Portland. A full account of that meeting is given elsewhere. On Thursday evening, the 26th, he represented Colby at the gathering of the Maine Society of New York at the Aldine Club. President Hyde of Bowdoin, Commander Peary, President Fellows of the University of Maine, and President White, were the principal speakers on this occasion. Saturday evening, the 28th, the President and Professor Roberts were present and gave addresses at the tenth annual reunion and dinner of the New York Alumni Association, held at St. Denis Hotel. On Sunday morning President White addressed the Sunday School class of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church.

Miss Hattie Drake, ex-'06, returned to her home in this city recently, after holding a position as stenographer in Cherryfield for some months.

Miss Bessie Merriek, ex-'05, returned to Waterville last week from Concord, N. H., where she had been visiting at the home of her brother since October.

## BASKET-BALL.

The basket-ball games in the gymnasium Tuesday resulted in a defeat for the Colby 'varsity team by Taconnet by a score of 25 to 20, and a victory for Colby Second over the Coburn Second by a score of 24 to 21. Both games were well played and were hot from start to finish.

The first game to start was the Colby Second and Coburn Second, and the youngsters made it lively. The score was close all of the time and the outcome was in doubt until the last few minutes, as a goal would have turned the score. Finlayson, Welch and Stetson played the best game for Coburn while Libby and Flood excelled for Colby Second. The big game was called between the halves of the first one, and it was the fastest game ever seen on the gymnasium floor. Colby put up a great game and with a little more practice ought to develop one of the fastest teams in the state. S. Hurd played a fine shooting game for Taconnet while Willey and Petersen did most of the goal throwing for Colby.

The scores:

COLBY SECOND.	COBURN SECOND.
Tilton, lf.	rg., Stinson
Flood, rf.	lg., Finlayson
Libby, c.	c., Webber
Morse, lg.	rf., Morton
Bryant, rg.	lf., Mower

Score, Colby Second, 24; Coburn Second, 21. Goals from floor, Welch 6, Stinson 2, Libby 4, Flood 3, Morse 2, Tilton 1, Welch 1. Fouls called, on Colby Second 7; on Coburn Second 9. Referee, Cook. Timer, McLellan. Time, 20 and 15 minute periods.

TACONNET.	COLBY.
Libby, lf.	rg., DeWitt
J. Hurd, rf.	rg., Tribou
Grindall, c.	c., Thompson
Murray, lg.	rf., Willey
S. Hurd, rg.	lf., Peterson

Score, Taconnet 25; Colby 20. Goals from floor, Grindall 3, S. Hurd 4, Murray 2, Libby 2, J. Hurd 1, Willey 3, Peterson 3, Tribou. Goals from fouls, Willey 6, S. Hurd. Fouls called, on Taconnet 8; on Colby 8. Referee, John Taylor. Timer, McLellan. Time, 20 minute periods.

J. W. C., '06.

## COBURN, 18; COLBY, 17.

The newly organized 'varsity team lost its practice game played with the Coburn team in the Coburn gymnasium, Monday afternoon, by the narrow margin of one point, the score being 18 to 17. The college team little expected such a result from a preparatory school team, but the hard practice of the Coburn team showed itself in the superior playing, which was exceptionally fast. The college boys hope to make up for the defeat when they meet the Coburn team again later in the season. Willey and Tribou did good work for the college team while Dodge did excellent work for the opponents.

The lineup and score:

COLBY.	COBURN.
Tribou, rg.	lf., Blake
McVane, lg.	rf., Dodge
Thompson, c.	c., McLellan
Flood, Phinney, rf.	lg., Smith
Willey, lf.	rg., Stinson

Score, Coburn, 18; Colby, 17. Goals from floor, Dodge 4, Smith 2, Tribou 2, Willey 3, Phinney, Flood, McVane, McLellan. Goals from fouls, Willey. Fouls called, on Coburn, 3; on Colby, 5. Referee, Phelan. Umpire, Newman. Timer, Pendleton. Time, 15-minute halves.

Rev. Geo. F. Merriam, '70, pastor of Bethany church of Skowhegan was a visitor at chapel Monday.

## A GENTLE HINT.

"A word to the wise is sufficient;" But some are plainly deficient In wisdom, for they were not able To grasp the point of my fable. With a monstrous tax on my brains, With most careful labor and pains, I evolved a kind admonition To better th' existing condition. But, alas, for my fond expectation I failed to help th' situation, And again the sinner offended— Though no sin may have been intended— By reading in chapel the version On which I cast such aspersion. Once again I issue a warning, And let none its value be scorning, For surely there is due some deference To our most decided preference For

the  
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## LE CERCLE FRANCAIS.

During the fall term plans were laid for the formation of a society, consisting of the men and women who are taking Senior French, for the purpose of practicing conversation. This society was to meet occasionally at Professor Hedman's home on College avenue and the members were to carry on their conversation entirely *dans la langue de Moliere*. In accordance with this plan last Friday evening found a company of young people gathered at the appointed time and place. The novel experience of a conversation in a foreign tongue was very enjoyable.

To be sure a Parisian standing in some retired spot might have shuddered at such wonderful combinations of words and might have felt something like awe at their wholesale coinage. He might likewise have thought at times that this peculiar species of Frenchman was practicing the principle that "*silence est d'or*."

It could not be expected, however, that anything approaching perfection would be reached on this first evening, and realizing that all joined bravely in the conversation. Professor and Mrs. Hedman proved delightful hosts, and the evening was most enjoyably, as well as profitably, spent.

E. L. H. '06.

## COLBY SECOND VS. FAIRFIELD HIGH.

The second team played a game of fast basket-ball with the aggregation representing Fairfield High in the Fairfield Opera House Saturday evening, losing the game by a score of 30 to 24. The game was nip and tuck throughout the first half, each team fighting for the lead. The score ended in that half in Colby Seconds' favor 17 to 11. During the last half the High School team played all around the Colby team scoring 28 points to Colby 7. Superior work in passing and skill in throwing baskets giving the game to the High School team.

Score was as follows:

COLBY.	FAIRFIELD HIGH.
Phinney, lf.	rg., Drew
Peterson, rf.	lg., Gibson
Libby, c.	c., Lawrence
Morse, rg.	lf., E. Gregory
DeWitt, lg.	rf., F. Gregory

Score, Fairfield High 30; Colby Second 24. Goals from floor, F. Gregory 6, Lawrence 4, Drew 4, Peterson 5, E. Gregory 3, Morse 2, Phinney 2, Libby 2, Gibson 2. Goals from fouls, Peterson 2, F. Gregory 1. Umpire, Newman, Willey. Time, 15 minute periods.

H. S. Philbrick, '07, and wife attended chapel exercises Monday morning. Mr. Philbrick is a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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## A GREAT MISTAKE.

"Last year when the Rhodes scholar appointment rested with Bowdoin the examinations were publicly thrown open to the graduates and students of all of the four Maine colleges. This year when the appointment rested with Colby none but Colby men were permitted to take the examinations. No comment is necessary."—Bowdoin Orient.

And no one regrets the unfairness of the course taken more than the Colby students themselves. Who was at fault, THE ECHO cannot say, but some one certainly made a great mistake. The very spirit of the Rhodes scholarship fund is against such a restriction. And it was not just to the Colby men who competed. They were not afraid to pit their brains against those of any college man in the state, though the closing of the examinations to outsiders would give the contrary impression. It was a most unfortunate attitude to take, and the Orient is justified in condemning it.

## GOOD NEWS AND BAD.

The announcement that the Trustees had voted to establish two new departments at Colby was hailed as a forward step. But the pleasure thus aroused was quickly banished when the further news came of the abolishing of the Department of Geology. Instinctively each one thought: "That means the loss of Dr. Bayley!" And a great blow it will be to the college to lose this strong man from the faculty. In all his years of service, Dr. Bayley has proved himself a wise and loyal friend of Colby. To the Athletic Association especially has he been a tower of strength. And now that the college is to lose him, every under graduate feels a keen sense of personal sorrow. It is a great pity that the readjustment of courses makes his departure necessary.

## UNLOCK THE DOOR.

Not a little inconvenience has been occasioned of late by the new custom of locking the north door of the library at 5 o'clock, instead of allowing it to remain open until 5.30 as heretofore. Students coming from the Bricks are now obliged to make the circuit of the building in order to enter by the south door, and these extra steps could be saved by returning to the old custom. The hours during which the library is open are short at best, and no obstacles should be

put in the way of any who wish to enter at these hours. Reforms should rather be in the direction of easier access and longer hours. It is a small thing to arrange for the opening of the north door, and the matter should be attended to at once.

The clock in Chemical Hall has been repaired at last, thanks to a public spirited member of the student body. The ECHO extends to him the hearty thanks of his fellows.

THE ECHO is making arrangements to give in the next issue a complete account of the annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association. It was impossible to secure such a report in time for this week's paper, hence the delay.

## STILL ANOTHER VIEW.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 29, 1905.

To THE EDITOR OF THE ECHO:—

As I note that something is being said as to what the THE ECHO should be, please allow an old graduate and a former Echo editor to assure you that in his opinion THE ECHO is just what it should be, namely, a strictly Colby College "newspaper." Publish the news of the college and all information possible as to doings of the alumni. Then you are doing all and just all you should do. There can be—and there should be—just as much literary merit in a news article as in a dissertation on Pope's "Essay on man" or "The Pleasures of the Imagination." Save the latter until Commencement, when we "grads" are willing to submit gracefully. But at other times just keep us posted as to what the college—students and alumni—is doing.

When you find a graduate who desires a long literary article have some one of the boys forward him his Junior article for inspection, but don't inflict it upon the whole body of us.

Your last issue was a college paper, and I hope the others will be like it—just for the students and alumni.

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## FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

The following extracts are from a letter recently received by a member of the college from H. E. Walker, ex-'05. Mr. Walker is now in charge of one of the government schools at Tagbilaran, Bohol, P. I.

I have finished reading the letters and all the papers. Everything was six weeks old, but it was all news to me. I was very much interested in the college news, especially the account of your first "Colby Day." I am glad Colby's prospects for winning teams this year are so bright. I am especially pleased with the interest shown by the alumni in the new "Colby Day."

Don't forget for an instant, though, that Colby has just as loyal sons among those who are not alumni, but who have been fortunate enough to dwell in her halls for a time, as among those who hold degrees from the college. There are many such scattered throughout the world; some, as myself, many miles from the dear old buildings and the beautiful town. But our thoughts often turn thither, and our most fervent wish is that the college may ever march onward to the success and prosperity which it so richly deserves.

Now for the Philippines. I have just drunk the water from a coconut and feel better. It is almost suicide to drink unboiled water and my boy forgot to boil any before he left this morning. It is a great country here, on the other side of the world, over which the "stars and stripes" float; but it is one of which the great majority of Americans have as little knowledge as they have of the hereafter. It is a country immensely rich in natural resources and has never been made to produce an atom of what it might in agriculture. The virgin forests that cover the hills and contain the richest cabinet woods in the world have never yet seen the scientific lumberman or modern machinery. Except in isolated instances the methods of conducting agriculture and lumbering are the same as those in use three hundred years ago.

This is a country in which only a very small per cent. have the slightest idea of the creature comforts which are deemed necessities by the poorest at home. Stoves for cooking are unknown; all the cooking is done over an open fire. The food consists of boiled rice, fish and the native potatoes, all of which are eaten with the fingers from a common dish as the family squat around it upon the floor.

All the clothes are washed, (generally in sea water and without soap,) by being pounded with a flat paddle on the rough rocks of the sea shore. Plowing is done with a wooden plough which hardly scratches the ground. There are no agricultural tools, the "bolo" answering all purposes from the building of a house to the killing of an enemy. A man will build a house with a bolo as his only tool and there will not be a nail in the whole building; all the joints of the frame will be wrapped with rattan. For the houses of the rich the boards are sawed with a "whip-saw," such as was used in America two hundred years ago.

These are only a few illustrations of the antiquated methods of doing things in Uncle Sam's new possessions, and yet I know Americans who are making money raising sugar and grinding the cane in a mill much like some of the old cider mills in Maine. What could they do with improved machinery and modern methods?

As regards education, less than ten per cent. of the native population can read and write. The government now has about 850 American teachers scattered through the Islands, and about 250,000 pupils are enrolled in the schools. This is about one-half the number that there should be, according to the popu-

lation. The schools are now over-crowded and here in my town I have more than 1300 children in the first three grades, seventy seven per cent. of whom were in attendance last month. All these pupils are crowded into four school houses, two of them built of bamboo and less than 50 by 20 feet. Benches around the walls to sit on—no desks. What do you think of that?

H. E. WALKER, EX-'05.

## THE PREACHER.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,  
The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"  
—Maud Muller.

"If you let slip time, like a neglected rose  
It withers on the stalk."—Comus.

A prominent English divine made the statement not long since that, in his opinion, there were other books which contained as much inspired truth as the Bible, and that these books would one day be used as the holy scriptures are now used. The Preacher believes this view to be rather heretical, but nevertheless he is willing to take his text from the profane writers upon occasion.

There is, perhaps, no place where the temptation to waste time is so great as in college. A thousand and one pleasures and outside attractions draw the student's attention from his books. Some of these are legitimate. No fellow should make a recluse of himself. The mingling in student activities is one of the most important parts of a college man's training. Intercourse with one's fellows is a necessary preparation for the real life which is to follow the school days.

But these are not the thieves that steal away the students' time. Rather it is the unnecessary things—the hours idled away in aimless tattle, or spent in ways still more unproductive of good. Many a bright and promising youth loses in such senseless ways whole days in the course of a single term, and with them the honors that seemingly lay within his grasp on entering college.

This is an age when life is hard and strenuous. Success is the goal of many, the attainment of the few. Application and ability to use well the moments are requisites for a fighting chance in the battle of existence. How can the man who has allowed golden opportunities to slip through his fingers during his college course, how can such a man expect to win success in after years? The formative periods ends with, perhaps even before the close of our college days. Habits once learned are hard to break. Learn to seize the moment and wrest from it its utmost possibilities. Thus saith the Preacher.

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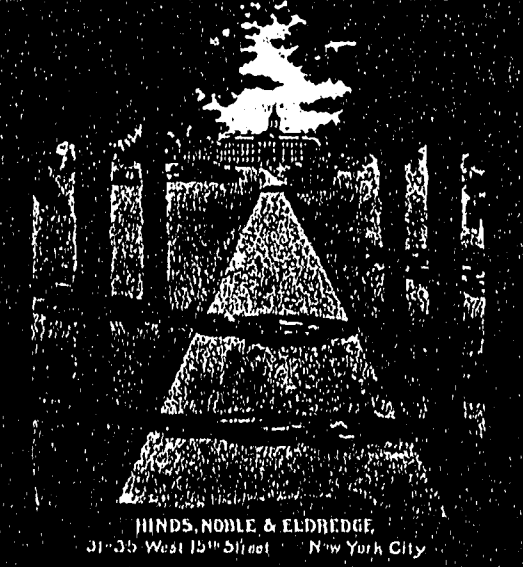
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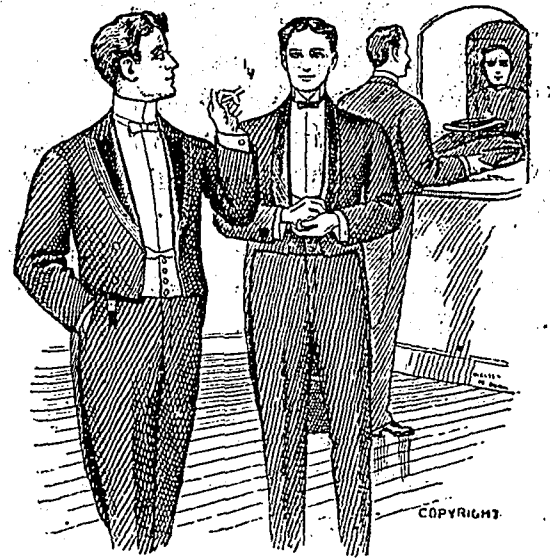
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### CAMPUS CHAT.

Rev. H. S. Ryder, '03, called on friends at the Bricks on Wednesday.

Booker T. Washington was the guest of President White during his stay in Waterville.

Allen Clark, '04, now in the insurance business in Augusta, was visiting friends at the Bricks Monday.

Miss Marion Mayo, of Fairfield, took supper with Miss Winslow, '07, on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Burton H. Winslow, of Saco, was the guest of her daughter, Miss Winslow, '07, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Miss Priest, '07, has been at her home in East Vassalboro over a week on account of the serious illness of her sister with nervous prostration.

The Y. W. C. A. will give an old-fashioned party at the Baptist vestry, Friday evening, February 3rd. "The Courtship of Miles Standish" will be presented.

On his return from his trip to New York President White found awaiting him a letter containing a pledge for \$500 to be used in the equipment of the new department of Applied Science.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Philbrick, of Boston, are visiting Mr. Philbrick's parents in this city. Mrs. Philbrick was formerly Miss Grace E. Mathews, Dean of the Women's Division of Colby.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held Wednesday morning after chapel. Percival W. Keene, whose name was proposed by the executive committee, was elected president for the ensuing year.

Miss Anna Roberts, '08, is receiving a visit from her mother, Mrs. Blake Roberts, of Caribou. Since the Christmas vacation Mrs. Roberts has been visiting her sons, John and Fred, at Harvard Law School and Tufts College, respectively.

The students of the college had the pleasure of hearing short addresses by President Meserve of Shaw University, Colby '79, and Rev. John E. Cummings, '84, of Burma, at chapel on Saturday. Both men gave brief interesting talks which were much enjoyed by the students.

A meeting of the Colby Dramatic club was held Saturday afternoon to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: Manager, Arthur K. Stetson; Assistant manager, J. B. DeWitt; master of properties, E. P. Craig. The club is planning to present the play entitled "Damon and Pythias" some time about the close of the present term.

A week ago last Wednesday night the different secret societies at the request of the Oracle board elected two members to serve on a committee for the reorganization of the Oracle Association and to draw up a constitution which shall be submitted to the different societies for adoption. The original constitution has been lost and the Oracles for the past few years have been published on the responsibility of the business manager and the editor-in-chief. This has been very unsatisfactory to all concerned and it is hoped that with the new constitution and organization the Oracle will be a distinct credit to the board and college. The committee, which has had several meetings and is now working on the constitution, is made up as follows: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Rex Dodge and Arthur Robinson; Zeta Psi, Neely Jones and Leslie Getchell; Delta Upsilon, Cecil Clark and Glenn Starkey; Phi Delta Theta, Charles Chipman and Isaiah Bowdoin; Alpha Tau Omega, Fenwick Holmes; Sigma Kappa, Hope Davies and Addie Lakin; Beta Phi, Rose Richardson and Beulah Purlington; Alpha Upsilon, Beatrice Caldwell.

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