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THE GYMNASISTIC EXHIBITION.

For the first time since 1893 an indoor athletic exhibition was given by the men of the college last Tuesday evening at the City Opera House. The last one was held March 8, 1898, at the armory, and up to that time the exhibition had been given regularly for several years. The eighth one, given this week, was a decided success and deserved a larger patronage, though the audience was very appreciative and called repeatedly for encores. Great credit is due Professor Sorensen for his painstaking and tireless work in preparing for and presenting the exhibition. He has aroused a real interest in indoor gymnastic work and is admirably qualified for the position which he has so well filled for the last two years.

The fellows who took part showed careful preparation and in several instances did some remarkably clever work. The specialties throughout the evening by Professor Sorensen were, of course the best, but Ross and Cotton, '08, also did some unusually good stunts, especially on the horizontal bar. On the whole the horizontal bar work was probably the best part of the exhibition. The parallel bar work of Cotton, '08, and Rideout was excellent as was also the work of a team composed of Kennison, Knowles, Hunt and Craig.

Starkey's Indian Club swinging was a feature of the program and called forth the hearty applause of the audience. One of the interesting numbers was the exciting boxing match between Grant and Rideout. Kilgore gave a splendid exhibition of the wonderful possibilities of the striking bag as a means of exercise and training for the hand and eye. The Sabre duels were interesting and showed careful work, that between Pepper and Upwall being especially good. The representation of a modern French duel with Pepper and Lincoln as principals was very effective and much appreciated. In the tumbling Ross and Cotton, and Professor Sorensen and Ross did some very clever and difficult "stunts."

The song "College Days" by the Glee Club quartet was well rendered and added much to the pleasure of the evening. The monotony of the program was relieved by some effective and laughable clown work by Betts and McCombe, who were rigged out in "stunning" suits of red, white, and blue patched and striped in the usual fashion. Their tumbling and other work deserves especial praise. We give below the program of the exhibition.

Part I.

Overture Orchestra
March
Indian Club Swinging G. W. Starkey
Horizontal Bar Class and Special
Duel (sabres)
Upwall and Coy.
Pepper and Dodge.
Upwall and Pepper.
Horse Class and Special
Boxing Rideout and Grant
A Modern French Duel
Principals: Lieut. Pepper, Sergt. Lincoln.
Seconds: Upwall, William Dodge.
Physicians: Whittemore, Starkoy.

Part II.

Overture Orchestra
Song College Glee Club Quartet
Parallel Bars Class and Special
Pepper, Upwall.
Whittemore, William Dodge.
Starkey, Lincoln.

Sabre Drill
Striking Bag
Tumbling
Pyramid

H. L. Kilgore
Class and Special

SENIOR EXHIBITION.

Last Friday evening at the Baptist church occurred the Senior Exhibition with Junior Parts. Owing to other attractions in the city, the attendance was not very large. The majority of those present were students and they seemed to enjoy the exercises as each speaker was heartily applauded. The Senior articles were strong and well presented and the Junior parts were all given in a most pleasing manner. The programme was as follows:

Music Prayer Music
The Influence of Popular Government upon Civilization

Guilford Dudley Coy

*French Version of the German of Zschokke

Charles Phillips Chipman

Some of the Women of Longfellow's Poems

Ida Phoebe Keen

†The First American Novelist

Ezra Kempton Maxfield

Music

Burne—Jones and His Art

Addie May Lakin

*Greek Version of the Latin of Tacitus

Karl Raymond Kennison

A Great National Peril

Clarence Nathaniel Flood

†*Latin Version of the Greek of Plato

Beulah Frances Purington

The Pioneers of Southern California

Ethel Lenora Howard

Music

*German Version of the English of Witham

Eva Charlotte Plummer

†American Songs of the Sea

Effie May Lowe

The Religion of Abraham Lincoln

Edward Howe Cotton

Some English Letter Writers

May Lucile Harvey

*Junior Part †Excused

FROM PROFESSOR BECK.

University of Chicago, Mar. 11, '05.

THE COLBY ECHO:—

Although this year finds me far from Waterville my thoughts frequently enjoy a visit with Colby and Colby people. The Echo helps to keep one in touch with the college life, while letters from Waterville friends fill in the gaps and furnish the detail,—I am not so far from the campus as it might appear.

It would be impossible, as well as out of place, for one to attempt a portrayal of student life here in the University. One fact however is quite noticeable: the lack of the strong class spirit and pleasant college fellowship that is to be found in the smaller colleges. On the other hand the "All for Chicago" spirit is not wanting in case of Chicago vs. some other institution. The enthusiasm in foot ball last October would compare favorably with that shown in the most exciting games in the Pine-tree State.

The College on the Kennebec has a goodly number of friends in Chicago. We are all interested in its welfare and often discuss its plans and hopes. May the spring term at Colby be a fitting close to a good year's work.

W. PORTER BECK.

For the second time in three years McGill University has won the intercollegiate hockey championship of Canada.

PHI DELTA THETA BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the Phi Delta Theta Club of Boston was held in union with the Phi Delta Theta Club of Harvard University at the New American House, Boston, on Alumni Day, March 15th. The brothers, to the number of seventy, gathered about six o'clock for a short business session, after which the company sat down to dinner. The loyal Phi spirit was much in evidence, and Phi songs were freely interspersed among the courses, Brother E. C. Clark, Colby '94, acting as chorister. When the final course had been removed from the table Brother C. M. Owen, Dartmouth '01, as toastmaster introduced the various toasts of the evening, of which the most noteworthy were a poem by Brother D. E. Croft, U. of Vermont, '89 and the remarks of Dr. C. E. Nash, Lombard '75, ex-President of Lombard College. As midnight drew near the brothers reluctantly separated, each one inspired with a deeper love and reverence for the brotherhood of Phis. Of the New England chapters Colby, Brown, Dartmouth, Amherst, and the University of Vermont were represented Colby's delegation numbered eight, Brothers F. E. Barton, '85, A. G. Hurd, '92, H. L. Pierce, '92, I. C. Hight, '93, E. C. Clark, '94, F. A. Roberts, '97, A. L. Field, '05 and R. L. Emery, ex-'06.

FRESHMAN READING.

The Freshman Reading (new style) of the Men's Division was held in Chemical Hall on Wednesday afternoon, and the men of 1908 showed unusual ability in this line of work. Professor Sorensen, Professor Roberts, and Mr. Keniston acted as judges. John Cameron Hetherington received the first prize and Augustus Coolidge Thompson gained the second. No "War Cries" were thrown.

CUPID IN CO-EDUCATION

(From the Baltimore Herald)

Co-education is receiving some jars in these days. It has become necessary to put in force stringent regulations at the Stanford University in California, the Chicago University, and at the South Dakota University kissing has increased. Educators have been unable to devise any means to eliminate Cupid in any school where the sexes are taught together. It has been claimed that in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, the pursuit of knowledge is so absorbing that love is not recognized in the curriculum, but elopements from Michigan are not decreasing. The success of the little god depends somewhat on the looks of the material he has to deal with, but on graduation day it has generally been found that he has made as high marks as the majority who get sheepskins.

At the Oxford field sports, held March 5, W. E. Schutt, the Rhodes scholar from Cornell, and intercollegiate two-mile champion of the United States last year, won the three-mile run in the fast time of 15 minutes and 4 1-5 seconds. He defeated Godby, the winner of the two-mile in the Oxford-Cambridge-Yale-Harvard meet last summer.

Minnesota will not have a baseball team this spring.

According to the report of the medical examiner at Yale, 141 men of the Freshman class numbering 381 smoke, 102 wear glasses, 184 have never had gymnastic training, 40 cannot swim, and 196 have been in athletics. The average weight is 180 pounds.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

President White announced at chapel on Thursday morning that word had been received from the Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations that the following men had successfully passed the recent examinations for the Rhodes Scholarship, given on January 17 and 18 last:

Arthur Lee Field, 1905.

Karl Raymond Kennison, 1906.

Harold Williams Soule, 1904.

The selection of the Rhodes Scholar now rests with the Faculty, and their decision will be awaited with deep interest by all. It is particularly gratifying that all who took the examinations were successful in satisfying the Examiners.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'03. Miss Gertrude Moody, visited Colby friends a short time Saturday, on her way to her home in Canaan, for a two weeks' vacation from her school in Mechanic Falls.

'04. Miss Ruby Carver, spent a few days with Miss Wilson, '06, and relatives in this city, the first of the week. Miss Carver is having a vacation from her work as a teacher in Gould Academy, Bethel.

'89. For eight years D. F. Smith, Colby '89, has been judge of the eleventh judicial district of Montana. Last fall he was the Democratic candidate for chief justice of the state, and was very nearly elected in spite of the state going overwhelmingly for Roosevelt. His term as district judge expired January 1, and he has resumed the practice of law at Kalispell, Mont.—Ex.

'84. The announcement of the assignment to Boston of Major Herbert M. Lord, as paymaster of the New England artillery district, was of interest to many alumni of the college and the citizens of Waterville generally. Mr. Lord is a Rockland boy and was graduated from Colby in the class of '84. He was at one time editor of the Waterville Sentinel. Returning to his home in Rockland he became editor of the Rockland Courier-Gazette. Through the influence of the late Nelson Dingley, Jr., then representative to Congress from the Second district, Mr. Lord was appointed clerk of the ways and means committee of the national House of Representatives, and while in this position he had charge of the codifying and proper arrangement of the provisions of the famous Dingley bill, besides the arduous duties of digesting for the use of the committee the great mass of material that was thrust upon it. The measure was constantly in his care until its final passage, and probably he had more to do with it than any one man except, of course, its author. When the death of Representative Dingley left a vacancy in the Second district, Mr. Lord's friends at once urged his candidacy, and desired to place his name before the Republican district convention. He was unable to leave Washington to look after the details of a canvass on account of official duties, and withdrew in favor of his fellowtownsman, Hon. Charles E. Littlefield. He later received an appointment as paymaster in the army, with the rank of major, in 1902. He has served in Porto Rico and also in the Philippines. His being stationed within hailing distance of his Maine friends is a favor not only to himself but to them as well.

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THE SENIOR EXHIBITION.

The Freshman Reading has degenerated into a mere class-room exercise; the Senior Exhibition seems doomed to follow it into rest, but from a different cause. The Reading perished because of too great enthusiasm; the Exhibition is dying for lack of interest. The audience last Friday evening was pitifully small, and college students were conspicuous by their absence. Yet the Exhibition is a "college function" and the eight o'clock recitations are omitted the following morning with the understanding that the students will attend the exercise. Why should the affair become so perfunctory? Do the members of the college take no interest in seeing a dozen of their fellows compete for a prize—is not an intellectual contest as much a part of college life as an athletic contest? If it be argued that the contestants put no enthusiasm into the affair (which we do not grant), it can be answered that an increase of interest on the part of the college at large would bring a corresponding increase in the enthusiasm of the speakers. Can we as Colby men afford to allow any diminution in our zeal for these long established institutions?

NO FAILURES.

It should certainly be most gratifying to the friends of the college that all three candidates in the recent Rhodes Scholarship examinations were successful in satisfying the Examiners. No other result was expected, but when we remember that last year in three states the candidates failed to pass the examinations, while in several more only one man succeeded in qualifying, we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon Colby's excellent showing. The fact that even this year the total number to qualify was but sixty-seven, shows that Maine did better than many of the states. The selection of the Rhodes Scholar from the three men who have qualified now rests with the Faculty and their decision will be awaited with interest. But however they decide, Colby is sure of a worthy representative among the American students who are studying at the English university.

A SUCCESS.

The Gymnastic Exhibition given in the City Opera House on Tuesday evening was a decided success and reflects great credit upon Professor Sorensen and those who have been under his instruction. The public failed to show any appreciation of the efforts put forth, however, and the audience was composed largely of students and faculty. It is to be regretted that the attendance was no larger, both for financial reasons and because the exhibition was well worth the patronage of the public. It demonstrated conclusively that the work done in the gymnasium this winter has not been wasted. From the student point of view it lacked but one feature—there should have been no eight o'clock recitations the next morning.

CAMPUS CHAT.

E. H. Cotton, '05, preached at Athens Sunday.

Miss Vaughan, '08, returned to college Tuesday, to take her examinations.

J. B. Pugsley made a business trip to his home in Somersworth, N. H., Monday.

Miss Anne Roberts, '08, has been confined to the house by illness since Sunday.

Clarence Willey of Boston spent Sunday with his brother, Harold Willey, at the "Bricks."

Miss Moor, '05, who has been ill with the grip since a week ago Sunday, was able to walk down town Tuesday.

A. L. Field, '05, left Wednesday morning for Boston, where he attended the annual banquet of the Boston Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association. Mr. Field returned to college Thursday evening.

A meeting of the men's division was called Wednesday morning after chapel by the chairman of the committee of Twenty to make arrangements about getting the names of prospective students.

Maine Alpha of Phi Delta Theta observed Alumni Day on March 15th with appropriate exercises at the hall. Local alumni were present, and a social time with light refreshments closed the program.

President White led the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Tuesday evening. His talk was on the constraining power of the love of Christ, which he treated in a helpful way. At the close of the service the following officers were elected for the next year: President, Arthur G. Robinson; vice-president, Burr F. Jones; secretary, Charles Dwyer; treasurer, H. B. Betts.

The opera "Little Tycon" was presented by the students of the Agricultural College of Utah on Feb. 6th and 9th, and met with great success. The students of the same institution presented "She Stoops to Conquer" on March 6th. Guess they don't have so much college work in Utah as we do in Maine.

A General Catalogue of Colgate University is to be issued soon, containing a complete list of all graduates, with a brief history of each. A new Science Hall is to be added to the college buildings of the same institution in the near future.

Andrew Carnegie has recently given \$125,000 to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., for a new Main Building and J. J. Albright has given the same institution \$50,000 for a new Chemical Laboratory.

One hundred and thirty men reported as candidates for battery positions on the baseball team at Yale.



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THE PREACHER.

An elderly gentleman was talking with a group of young men. He said: "My whole life was altered by one vulgar story. It was told in the presence of a man of influence. A few months later I was a candidate for a position which was the stepping stone to power and wealth. This man had the deciding voice in the appointment. He turned me down because of that vile story, and the door to a successful business career was closed in my face. I never had another opportunity so good as that."

College men should be first of all and always gentlemen. What ever else they get from their college course, this is the prime requisite. A few facts more or less, what does it matter? But the ability to carry oneself as a gentleman, that is something none of us can afford to do without. The art of telling vulgar stories is no part of the accomplishments of a gentleman—every ragamuffin on the street possesses it to perfection.

There are men in college who seem to feel that it is a "smart" and "manly" thing to adorn (?) their conversation with oaths, vulgarity and filth of all kinds. Their speech is such as would put many a street arab to shame. The Preacher would respectfully call their attention to the foregoing facts. If they desire to become true gentlemen, they will have no use for such vulgarity. If this higher appeal does not move them, the more material objection should prevail. It is for their own self interest to do away with the habit. No sane man wishes to endanger his success in the world because of his inability to keep his speech clean. And the danger is a real one; the case cited is not an isolated one.

There is one more consideration. Such men are injuring the college. It is judged by their acts and speech. One man by his vile talk may prejudice an entire community against the institution. No true son of Colby wishes to do that. For all these reasons—for your own profit, for your own reputation as a gentleman, for the sake of the college itself, cut it out!

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Yale University will celebrate two important literary anniversaries this year May 9, exercises will be held in memory of Schiller, who died May 9, 1805. The three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir Thomas Browne, author of "Religio Medici," will come October 10, and an address on his life and work will be given by an eminent authority.

The western indoor pole-vaulting record was recently made by Leroy Samse, who vaulted 11 feet 5 1-2 inches in a dual meet between Indiana and Wabash University.

The entire schedule of the New Hampshire State College baseball team has been cancelled on account of faculty action.

The new chapel for Oberlin College, which is to cost \$95,000, will be begun in the spring. The number of students at Oberlin has increased more than fifty per cent. during the last four years. A rather novel departure has been made in the creation of the office of assistant president, whose main responsibility will be to increase the material resources of the college.

Cornell's co-operative store, which started with a capital of only \$800, is now worth \$1,400 after paying back to its members their \$2 membership, fee and a dividend besides.

Tufts College is planning to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next June with special and elaborate exercises.

Pennsylvania is to adopt a new football coaching system this fall. It will consist of an advisory board, consisting of five men, and a board of coaches, consisting of a field coach, an assistant field coach, and six individual coaches.

A movement is on foot to add \$2,500,000 to the funds of Princeton. The income is to be used to establish a system of tutors for instructing students in small groups.

The following are the most important games in the football schedule of the University of Pennsylvania as announced for next fall:

- Oct. 21—Brown, at Franklin Field.
- " 28—Indians, at Franklin Field.
- Nov. 4—Lafayette, at Franklin Field.
- " 11—Harvard at Franklin Field.
- " 18—Virginia, at Franklin Field.
- " 25—Columbia, at New York.
- " 30—Cornell, at Franklin Field.

Yale's football receipts during the past season amounted to \$75,000. Those of Harvard netted \$32,000, Princeton secured \$22,000, while Columbia brought in \$11,000.—*Ec.*

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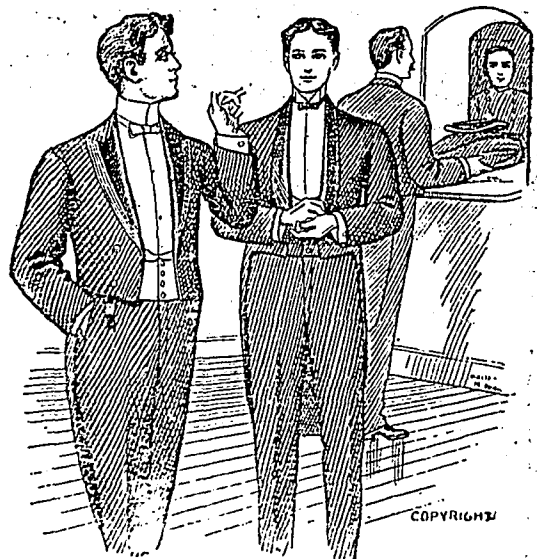
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"I am a member of an intercollegiate fraternity with chapters from Maine to California and from Canada to the Gulf, with a central council of graduates in charge of its affairs, with a quarterly magazine devoted to its interests and with many active alumni associations. Such an organization, with sixty years of prosperity and usefulness behind it, and with many thousand names upon its rolls, no more needs defense than does the American college itself. It can be attacked only through ignorance or malice. The local societies or clubs which exist at a few of our great universities are quite another matter and are not to be confounded with the intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity system or discussed in connection with it. The latter has justified its existence by thriving in spite of the vigorous opposition which marked its inception; by changing the attitude of college authorities from one of active antagonism to one of cordial support; and by retaining through life the loyal interest of those who were made members in youth. Many of the warmest friendships known to-day among men were formed years ago within the fraternity circles of the small colleges, and a system of which this can be said must have in it much good and little evil.

"The fraternity gives its member a home and congenial associates when he enters college; it sets before him noble ideals of manhood and high incentives which help draw out the best that is in him; it spurs him on to excel in scholarship and other branches of undergraduate activity; it sets a guard over his conduct lest he bring reproach upon the pin he wears with so much pride; in the management of its affairs, it gives him a practical business training; in its hall he gets a drill in debating and speaking which proves a lasting benefit; its chapter house becomes almost a home for him, with all the influence for good which this implies; its intercollegiate feature broadens his view of the educational world and renders doubly pleasant his visits to sister colleges and his meetings with college men all through his life; it gives him as an undergraduate the benefit of the acquaintance of many alumni, a circumstance which becomes a valuable asset when he enters upon his life-work; and it gives him precious friendships which will be cherished among his dearest possessions while life remains.

"I have named a few of the things which membership in a fraternity means to a college man. The benefits which the college receives from the existence of fraternities are by no means only those gained by the individual students. College presidents have long since learned that the fraternity is a ready and effective assistant in the enforcement of regulations and the maintenance of discipline. The fraternity has done much to wipe out the old rivalry between the lower classes which made hazing so serious a matter in former times; it solves the eating club problem and by its chapter houses saves the erection of new dormitories; it gives the college desirable centers of social intercourse and activity and provides a pleasant means of entertaining prospective students and other visitors; it gives the college its most loyal alumni, because the man who does the most for his fraternity will do the most for his college, both as a student and in later years; it binds the alumnus closer to his *Alma Mater* and gives him a warm welcome and generous hospitality when he returns at commencement or at other times.

"The early objections to the fraternity—that it would promote extravagance, that it would emphasize the social side at the expense of the educational, that it would foster a snobbish spirit, that it would detract from college loyalty, and that there would be drinking and gambling under cover of its secrecy—have been shown to be groundless by the experience of many years at many colleges. If the evils feared have been realized, it has been in an exceptional case here and there and never to an extent which warrants any general arraignment of the fraternity system or any assertion that its detriments outweigh its benefits. Basing his statement upon an experience of twenty years at the head of a good old New England college and a wide knowledge of conditions and tendencies in the college world, President Hyde of Bowdoin, himself a non-fraternity man, said

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