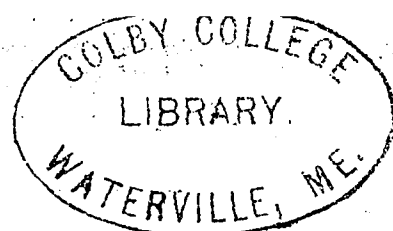


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## LEONARD D. CARVER '68.

Words of Appreciation From an Address by Prof. Roberts.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Eastern Maine Library Club, held in Foxcroft Dec. 7, Professor Roberts gave an address in commemoration of the life and work of the late Leonard D. Carver of the class of '68, whose death occurred last September. We give below extracts from the address that will be of especial interest to Echo readers.

"In April, 1861, sounded his country's call to arms and this young man of twenty trying to work his way through the academy, looking forward to a four years' college course, gladly postponed the carrying out of his cherished plans for the future and gave himself to the service of his country. For the first two years of the war, that discouraging period of military apprenticeship for the North, he took part in every engagement of his regiment from the first battle of Bull Run through to the end of the disastrous Peninsular campaign. In these bitter years of fighting,—rarely rewarded with victory for northern arms,—Mr. Carver displayed the ideal qualities of good soldiership. His captain says of him that he was always ready for duty, without shirking and without flinching; that he was genial and cheerful, liked by all his comrades. Turn to Maine in the War, by Whitman and True, and you will find Mr. Carver named there as one of the six men who volunteered to return across the battlefield of Bull Run, amid the firing of grape and cannister from the enemy's batteries, to bring back the wounded of their regiment. No less than four times in his two years of army life did his bravery on the field of battle win official recognition.

"When the Second Maine was mustered out of service in 1863 Mr. Carver returned to his home and took up again his interrupted studies in preparation for college. But even in the army he had not entirely neglected his books. He carried in his knapsack a copy of Caesar's Commentaries, and whenever camp life afforded an opportunity he was deep in his Latin. And one may be sure that the martial records of that great Roman general were fuller of meaning to the young soldier—himself an actor in the awful red tragedy of war—than they had ever been to the farmer boy who studied them by the home fireside. After completing his preparatory studies Mr. Carver entered Colby college in the fall of 1864. Although he had been obliged to be out of college teaching for several terms in order to earn money to pay his way, yet he was graduated with his class in 1868 with an English oration,—the highest scholarship honor bestowed by the college.

"Mr. Carver was the creator of the present state library, for when he was appointed librarian in 1890 there was at the state house a collection of books but nothing that was in any true sense a library. It was estimated that there were in this collection about 40,000 volumes. They were neither classified nor catalogued. More than 5,000 of these volumes had no mark in them to indicate that they were the property of the state. In several thousand volumes the leaves remain uncut. There was but a limited amount of shelving in the old library rooms and books by the thousand

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## NEW GYM. INSTRUCTOR.

Mr. MacLeod Well Fitted for Duties As Physical Director.

Mr. Bruce MacLeod, the new instructor in gymnastics, is the son of a British cavalry major, and has himself been in the British Army, having served in the famous "Death or Glory Boys," 17th Lancers and Scottish Borders. His life as a soldier has not been confined to England alone, for he has received two war medals for service on the frontier of India. While in the army, Mr. MacLeod carried off the championship for light-weight boxing, and has been awarded many prizes for his feats with foil, broadsword and bayonet. His mile-walk in 7.11 2-5 seconds is remarkable, considering that it was done in India. For the greater part of the time during the past sixteen years Mr. MacLeod has been engaged in athletics, having been instructor during this time at the Birdlington Grammar School, various clubs in Calcutta, India, and Portsmouth and York, England; he has also been boxing instructor at the Golden Square School of Arms, London, and proprietor of a school of arms at Sheffield.

Already Mr. MacLeod has made his plans for the term's work, intending to get a team ready for exhibition in Indian club swinging, scientific boxing, pyramids, fencing, etc. He is also planning to give to all a series of extension exercises which have been selected from those given at displays by the leading clubs in Breslau and Antwerp, Germany, Perigeau, France, Stockholm and London. In addition to the regular gymnasium work, Mr. MacLeod has offered to devote his time to students who may desire to have personal instruction in scientific boxing and fencing as well as in the Japanese jiu-jitsu.

## BOOK OF POEMS BY A COLBY MAN.

In the Waterville Evening Mail for December 27 was the following account of a book of poems by a Colby graduate of the class of '58, which we quote in full as being of much interest to readers of the Echo. Mr. Hinds is the father of Asher C. Hinds '83, of Washington, D. C. "Uncle Stephen and Other Verses" is the title of a volume of poems published this season from the Riverside Press at Cambridge. The author is Mr. Amos L. Hinds, of Benton Falls; and the verses have been written by him at various times since his graduation from Colby in the class of '58. Several of them were published in the Mail originally, others in Scribner's Monthly, The Independent, New York Tribune, etc. Mr. Hinds has published the collection now at the suggestion and request of old friends. There is a local interest in several of the poems like "The Soldiers' Monument", read at the unveiling of the monument in this city on May 30, 1876, of which one of the verses is:

Long let this musing soldier stand,  
Neath free New England skies,  
To all that love the fatherland,  
Type of self-sacrifice.

The "Old Block House" relates to the one remaining relic in this region of the Indian wars, the fort in Winslow. "Uncle Stephen" whose name is given to the first and longest poem in the volume, was Stephen Crosby, one of the early settlers of that portion of Winslow which lies adjacent to Benton Falls. He was proprietor of a grist mill during the time of dearth, the cold year of 1816, and endeared himself to his generation and

## LETTER FROM THE ORACLE

Editor Asks for Contributions—Pictures Due Feb. 1.

Last term your Oracle editor called attention, in these columns, to the fact that it was the duty of every student in college to furnish something for the pages of the Oracle. He now levels his editorial pen and exclaims, "Stand and deliver!" While he does not expect that this will be productive of any great immediate result, he trusts that it will be enough to set the mill-stones of literature to grinding. The winter term is the working term of the college year. When outdoors is unattractive and last term's cut-out stands behind us urging us to greater effort, we are ready to draw our belts one hole tighter and say, "Come on with your Greek!" The Oracle editor, having passed through several winter terms, believes that experience has taught him that there is always time for one thing more. He therefore urges each student to draw the belt another hole tighter, if necessary, take a deep breath of the study saturated air, sit down to the literary table and give us a feast.

The routine work of the Oracle is now in the hands of the associate editors and if their work is well seconded by the student body, the book will be out on time. All photographs which are to go into the Oracle must be taken before February 1. These include Senior, Fraternity, Sorority, Musical Club, Dramatic Club, Football, Baseball, Basket-ball, Track, Echo Board, and Oracle Board photographs. This is the latest date that can be set, as some time must be allowed Mr. Preble for finishing the photographs and for having the plates made. Photographs not taken by Mr. Preble, however, will be accepted if passed to the editor before February 15.

FENWICK L. HOLMES.

## A CRITICISM.

Ever since the writer of this criticism has been in college he has been compelled to study Sundays, for he has always had three consecutive recitations Monday morning, except in the Freshman year when he had two in the morning and one at 2 o'clock on Mondays.

There is no need to point out to intelligent people that Sunday rest is imperative. Leaving out of our consideration, entirely, the question whether or not it is wicked to study on Sunday, we must admit that it is poor policy. One who works seven days a week gets all "fagged out," and the general average of his work is lowered. This is inevitable.

In view of all this, it is entirely proper to ask if there is any good reason why a Christian college should schedule more studies for Monday than for any other day of the week. Colby does just this, and it seems a direct challenge to the student to study Sunday. Would it not be better if some way could be devised to avoid having recitations before 10 o'clock Monday forenoon and lessen the number for the rest of the day?

AN UPPERCLASSMAN.

his memory to other generations, by refusing to profit by the distress of his neighbors, continuing to sell corn, of which he had a store, at the ordinary price.

Mr. Hinds has by his verses preserved some of the best traditions and noblest sentiment of the people who have done the work of their lives in the last fifty years in this part of the Kennebec valley; and the only regret caused by his volume is that the author had not written more.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

Constitution Drawn Up and Adopted as a Whole.

At a meeting of the men held after chapel Tuesday the committee appointed last term to draw up a constitution for the debating society reported through its chairman, Fenwick L. Holmes '06. We give below the constitution and by-laws which are essentially those of the former Colby Debating Club.

### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME.

The name of this organization shall be: THE COLBY DEBATING SOCIETY.

### ARTICLE II.

#### OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

The object of this society is to promote excellence in the art of debate among the students of Colby College.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Membership in this society is open to all students of the men's college who are willing to sign this constitution and pay the required fee.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS OF THE CLUB.

SECTION 1. The regular officers of the society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committee.

SEC. (1) The President (and in his absence, the Vice President) shall preside at all meetings of the society.

(2) The Secretary shall be present at the opening of every meeting, and keep an accurate record of all official proceedings. He shall also carry on all official correspondence.

(3) The Treasurer shall collect all fees receive all moneys belonging to the club; shall pay all moneys voted by the club; but shall pay money only upon orders signed by the President, which orders he is to keep for his vouchers. Before leaving office, his accounts must be audited by the Standing Committee.

(4) The Standing Committee shall consist of the President, ex-officio, two members from the Faculty, and two from the members of the Club. This Committee shall suggest to the club questions for debate, special exercises, etc., and shall select the speakers for the subjects assigned.

SEC. 2. The regular term of office shall be one college term.

### ARTICLE V

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present at such meeting.

### BY-LAWS.

1. Meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of every month in the College Chapel, or in such place as shall be provided by the Standing Committee.

2. Election of officers shall always be made by written ballots. Nominations may be made by informal ballot or by acclamation.

3. A quorum shall consist of one-half of the active members.

4. The final action on any proposed repeal, amendment, or addition in the code of By-laws, shall be postponed until the next meeting after the motion is made.

5. Cushing's Manual shall govern all the proceedings of this society.

6. Each member of the Society must take part in the exercises when called

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1906 is here at last, bringing to us all a new term of college work, which we intend shall count for more than any previous term's work. The winter term is naturally the one in which the student expects to make the most of his studies, because of the fewer outdoor attractions; his year's work is also mapped out, he is settled in his physical and intellectual environment, and he feels like making up for lost time. The outdoor activities of the fall and spring inevitably make heavy demands upon one's time and it is good for us that the winter offers so many inducements to strict application to study. There are, to be sure, diversions of one sort and another, for the most part social, but they occupy little time and are necessary to break the monotony. Basketball and the musical clubs call for support and deserve the attention they get, which does not seriously interfere with the regular college work. In the winter, opportunity is given also for the recuperation and development of our physical selves, which ought, as a result, to be keener tools in our hands for the carving out, and finishing off of our mental faculties. Let us then apply ourselves the more zealously to the work in hand that we may be able at the end of the term to look back over our work with a feeling of satisfaction because of real progress made and definite results accomplished.

How differently the opening of the new year appeals to the Freshman and the Senior! The former now regards himself as a real part of the college and feels at home among his new surroundings. For him the life of the college man is all absorbing; the coming years of his career stretch out hazily before him into the far distant future; graduation is a matter too remote for consideration. Not so with the Senior. The dawning of the year brings him face to face with the numerals of his graduation. It is startlingly flashed upon him that the four years of his college course are drawing rapidly to a close. Where have they gone, those years which, but a short, a very short time ago, seemed so dim and hazy in the future? He can hardly tell. But those constantly recurring numerals, present-

ing themselves to him many times a day, will not let him forget that college is for the most part in the past for him and that the busy life of the world is eagerly waiting to swallow him up in its maelstrom of care and responsibility.

The Echo takes pleasure in welcoming to Colby Mr. Bruce MacLeod, who has assumed the duties of physical instructor for the men of the college. The gymnasium work for the last few years has not been what it should be, for many reasons; some of them beyond the control of the previous directors. This year, we believe, Mr. MacLeod with all his attention focused upon the gymnasium work, as it is, will be able to perfect that very important part of the curriculum and to bring it up to the proper standard. To give him hearty and enthusiastic support devolves upon the student body as nothing more than fair and right. Physical culture is demanded of students by the college only for their own welfare and deserves the serious consideration of every man who wishes to get the best sort of an all-around equipment for after life. Upon good health depends a man's entire career.

In another column we publish a communication from a student whose name is withheld but is known to us. The Echo is very glad to print communications of this sort from the students and alumni, when the name of the writer is furnished but in so doing does not of course assume responsibility for the views entertained, which may, or may not, be in accord with those of the Echo.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

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upon by the Standing Committee, unless able to furnish a satisfactory excuse. Failing to do this, he shall forfeit fifty cents for each offence. Members refusing to pay this forfeit, or failing to do so within three weeks after notification, shall be stricken from the membership roll. Members thus expelled can only be admitted again by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

## MEADER '06, SUFFERS SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

While coasting with a party of eight young people on the "mountain" road towards Fairfield Centre Monday evening Charles N. Meader '06, was thrown from the double-runner and sustained a fracture of both bones of his left leg. The "bob" in rounding a turn suddenly veered to one side throwing the party off into the snow. Meader was steering and in falling, caught his foot in a hole. As a result, the bones of his leg were broken short off about two inches above the ankle. Fortunately no one else in the party was injured although all got a severe shaking up, and word was quickly sent to Meader's father, who took him home in a pung. Dr. Abbott was at once summoned and the fracture was soon set in splints. Meader is now resting comfortably, suffering very little pain from his injured limb. He will probably be confined to the house about a month.

The Freshman Reading prizes for the women's division were awarded last term as follows: First, Miss Marlon E. Goodwin of Saco, and second, Miss Alice M. Henderson of Brown's Town, Jamaica, West Indies.



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## CAMPUS CHAT.

W. E. Hackett, '09, returned to college Saturday.

R. C. Emery, '07, returned to college Sunday morning.

I. A. Bowdoin, '06, has been confined to his room by illness for a few days.

The members of the Musical Clubs sat for pictures at Neal's studio Saturday.

Dr. J. D. Ames of Norridgewock was visiting friends at the Bricks last Friday.

V. M. Jones, ex-'06, was visiting friends at the Bricks for a few days at the opening of the term.

Donald S. Briggs of South Paris, Me., has entered college this term to take up work with the class of 1909.

R. A. Sherwood, Brown, '08, now a senior at Newton Theological Seminary, was visiting some of the classes Friday.

J. W. Coombs, '06, dislocated his knee while at home on his vacation. He will not return to college for a week or two.

Percy F. Williams, '97, was a visitor on the campus last week. He is now instructor in mathematics in the Fessenden School, West Newton, Mass.

The committee of students appointed to frame a constitution for the debating club, held a meeting in Chemical Hall last Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

The Glee Club held its first rehearsal for the term Friday evening in the college chapel. The members were nearly all present and manifested an interest in the work.

Alfred M. Frye '05, now teaching in Leicester, (Mass.) Academy, who was seriously burned at a Christmas festivity where he was taking the part of Santa Claus, is now able to be out although he has not yet the use of his right arm.

Mr. Joseph Colby some months ago presented to the geographical laboratory in Coburn Hall a large physical map of central Europe, which will be of great value in the courses in physical geography.

A meeting of the Oracle Board was held at five o'clock Friday afternoon, in Chemical Hall. Considerable business was transacted at this meeting and the work was assigned to the various editors.

The Freshman Reading prizes for the men's division of the college were awarded last term to Leon C. Guptill first, and Harold F. Lewis second, both of Cherryfield and graduates from Cherryfield High school.

As a result of the trials for the Dramatic Club the following men were chosen to take the various parts in the play, which is to be presented sometime this term: Lincoln, '06, Coombs, '06, Meader, '06, Burrill, '08, Bonney, '07, Stevens, '07, Gooch, '06, Ross, '06, Hackett, '09, Reynolds, '08, Gould, '08, and Lewis, '09.

Cecil Clark '05, who is so seriously ill at his home in Sidney, rested more comfortably yesterday than he has for several days. He is suffering from acute Bright's disease and heart failure and the doctors entertain slight hopes of his recovery. He has suffered several sinking spells but his more comfortable condition yesterday was somewhat encouraging to the members of his family. At Christmas time he was on the road to recovery from an attack of diphtheria but caught cold and suffered a severe relapse.

## DE FEMINIS

Bertha M. Robinson, Editor, '07.

Miss Helen Cochrane, '08, is ill at this writing.

Miss Anna Boynton, '06, spent Sunday with relatives in Fairfield.

Miss Grace Stetson was the guest of Miss Cummings Saturday evening.

Miss Ragnhild Iverson has taken up her work again with the class of 1909.

Miss June Philbrick does not return to college this term because of ill health.

Mrs. Eliza Foss Dexter has given a set of Dicken's works to the library at Foss Hall.

Miss Helen Dickinson, '08, who has been ill for some days, is able to be out again.

Regular work in the gymnasium has commenced under the direction of Dr. Croswell.

Miss Ethel Knowlton of Skowhegan has entered Colby as a member of the class of 1909.

Miss Chaney, '00, who is a teacher in Kitteridge, was a guest at Foss Hall Friday evening.

Miss Clara Eastman, '09, who left college last term on account of ill health, has returned to take up her work again.

Miss Lubelle Hall has returned to college to resume her studies with the class of 1907. Miss Hall studied at the Harvard Summer School last summer.

Owing to the observance of the week of Prayer in the churches of the city, the Y. W. C. A. social, announced for Tuesday of this week has been postponed until the evening of Jan. 16th.

Mr. Ralph Atherton Sherwood, of Providence, R. I., Brown, '08, Newton Theological Seminary, '06, who has been spending a few days with Pres. White, was the guest of friends at Foss Hall Friday noon.

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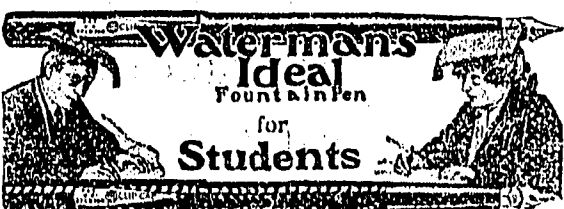
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were stored in dark attics and damp closets. In 1891 the new library rooms of the state house addition were completed and then began the work of making a library out of these 40,000 books. One result of the weeding out process that was carried on along with the classifying and cataloguing, was a full cord by actual measurement of duplicate government documents, that were sent back to Washington for redistribution. When chaos had finally given way to order, the library was found to be lacking most of the books such a library ought to contain. In the years that followed, Mr. Carver devoted himself to the task of building up a library which should be not only rich in material of the special sort demanded, but easily and fully accessible to all who might wish to make use of it. His systematic intelligent, patient efforts were amply rewarded and the state of Maine has today a library to be proud of, even if it be compared with the libraries of states much more populous and wealthy than our own.

"But Mr. Carver's interest in library matters was not confined to the state library. In his first report to the governor in 1892 he places the free public library on the same level with the free public school and shows that both are equally important parts of our educational system. The library supplements the school. So long as the pupil remains in school he profits by the co-operation of teacher and librarian; when school days are over the library enables the young man or woman successfully to carry on the process of self-education. In that first report Mr. Carver quoted with approval the words of Mr. Charles Francis Adams: "The best possible result of a common school education—its great end and aim—should be to prepare the children of the community for the far greater work of educating themselves." Mr. Carver believed in the free public library because it enables people to educate themselves. It was his unchanging conviction that public libraries should be absolutely free to all. He thought that a toll-bridge and a library charging a fee for the use of its books were equally antiquated and unsuited to present day needs. He maintained that when a subscription library became a free public library its usefulness to the community was greatly increased and that it then began to be of service to those who most needed its help.

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"The remarkable success of the traveling library movement in this state has been very largely due to Mr. Carver. If he had shown no enthusiasm for it, if he had had little faith in its possibilities of usefulness, if he had not been willing to spend time and strength in forwarding its interests, it is hardly too much to say that this plan of carrying the benefits of the free public library to those who need them most, would have failed. The yearly circulation of 6000 or 8000 good books in the smaller and more remote municipalities of this state is very largely the result of Mr. Carver's patient, persistent, intelligent labor as secretary of the Maine Library commission."

### NOTICE.

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