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DRAMATIC HIT SCORED.

"Trouble" Presented with the Skill of Professionals.

The Colby Dramatic Club in past years has presented some plays that were unusually well staged for amateur theatricals but never has it scored a greater hit than with the farce "Trouble", given before a good-sized audience at the opera house last Monday evening. From the rise to the fall of the curtain the attention of the audience was closely held, with not a dull moment in the whole piece. Several times the house was so still that the slightest whisper could be heard, so sympathetically were the different parts rendered. Indeed throughout the entire farce one felt the reality of the presentation brought home with telling effect, few of the audience, we believe, being sure at the close that the troublesome tangle making up the plot was really straightened out.

The trouble all hinges on the resemblance between three young men, of whom two are twins and the other an unconscious counterfeit. The complex situations arising from this similarity are certainly the work of a master hand at imagining intricate and unexpected, though possible, outcomes. A retired general of a dyspeptic temperament seeks rest and quiet at the sea shore, accompanied by his son, his ward and her friend. The general has chosen his ward as the future wife of his son, who is infatuated with their guest and to spite his father pretends to run away. He assumes a disguise, however, returning to the scene to get the better of the "old man". His unconscious resemblance to twin brothers who appear at the hotel, causes consternation and dismay in the general's family and circle of friends. Then follows scene after scene of confused characters until the general is driven distracted together with everyone else.

The parts were admirably suited to the men taking them and were enacted with effective skill. Coombs as the dyspeptic old general played his part to perfection, doing the different stunts called for, in a manner that would have done credit to an old timer on the stage. He made the success of the evening. His work was all that could be desired throughout the play but the manner in which he did the difficult "jim-jams" stunt in the third act was especially good. The character of the general's son was well taken by Lincoln, who maintained a double role in excellent shape. His acting in the scenes where he was the bone of contention between the deceived women was done in a most pleasing manner and won him much applause. Bonney in the minor part of Will Bradley admirably represented the dashing summer man and as one of the twins did a most creditable piece of work. His ability to successfully present two distinct roles deserves especial notice. Dayhuff as the other of the twins excellently presented a rather difficult part and displayed an aptitude for dramatic situations. The part of Dr. Dledelmeyer was one of the most exacting in the whole play but was most effectively rendered by Stevens, who vividly portrayed the pompous and cowardly quack. Craig as Judson, an attendant, added a lively touch to the sanitarium scenes, making an admirable satellite for the old doctor.

The female characters in the production called for much action and spirit and altogether presented unusual difficulties

for the men assuming them. Ross as Kathryn Winsleigh was perhaps the most effective girl of the bunch, adding some exquisite touches in the details of bearing that would well nigh deceive one of the sterner sex. Too much praise can hardly be given him for his delightful rendering of his part as the leading lady. The character of the "weeping madona", Mrs. Rich, also was exceedingly well done by Reynolds. The scene between him and Gooch as Molly Poor in which they come to blows, or rather scratches, brought down the house. Both deserve much credit for the realistic portrayal of their parts. Hackett, while a little stiff in bearing for a girl, enacted the character of Elizabeth Kimball in an effective manner and showed much talent for a new hand at the business.

The entire play "took" remarkably well with the audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the laughable situations. In one or two instances, the effect on the audience was perhaps a little too realistic and disconcerting, though the piece called for a great deal of the startling. The closing scene, also, seemed to come rather abruptly.

It is well to remember that much of the credit for the success of Monday night's performance is due Mr. Fred Edgecomb, who is a master trainer of amateur actors and a "make-up" artist of no small ability. Mention should also be made of the enjoyable music rendered between acts by the Phi Delta Theta orchestra and of the two pleasing solos by Richardson '09.

PHI BETA KAPPA ORATOR.

Word has recently been received by Dr. Black that Professor Shailer Mathews, D. D., of Chicago University, has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration before the Phi Beta Kappa Society next Commencement. This will especially interest all Colby graduates and all friends of the college, for Dr. Mathews is a Colby alumnus of the class of '84 and was a member of the faculty here from 1889 to 1894. He also graduated from Newton Theological Institution in 1887 and later took special studies at the University of Berlin. After his graduation from Newton he became Associate Professor of Rhetoric at Colby and two years later was elected Professor of History and Political Economy, which chair he held until 1894 when President Harper called him to Chicago. There he has been the Junior Dean in the Divinity school and at present is Professor of Systematic Theology. Dr. Mathews is also editor of *The World Today*, a magazine of national reputation, doubtless well known to our readers.

A FORMER TRUSTEE DIES.

Hon. George Adam Wilson, A. M., of the class of '62, passed away Sunday at his home in South Paris. He was a member of the board of trustees for many years until 1905 when he retired because of ill health. He served in the Civil War as a private in the Twenty-First Maine Volunteers and was admitted to the bar in 1864. In 1883 he was elected to the state legislature. He had been Judge of Probate in his native town for many years and was also treasurer of the Savings Bank. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, the college being represented by Rev. A. R. Crane D. D., a trustee of the college.

Ex-'05. Charles E. Furlinton has been chosen by the Republicans of Augusta as their candidate for the office of mayor.

POEMS BY A COLBY MAN.

"At The Gates of The Century"—By Harry L. Koopman, '80.

In these days of rhyming verse it is delightful to take up a book in which the "shaping imagination of the poet" holds the attention to the end. Such a book is Harry Lyman Koopman's "At The Gates of The Century".

The first poem, from which the book takes its title, is a fine specimen of Optimistic Faith. Doubt is fairly and honestly routed; and yet the millennium has not fully dawned—but it will come, is coming.

"All around us, louder, clearer, through the discords of today,
Swells the harmony uprising that shall sweep their strife away;
That shall blend our jangling voices, which on patient Heaven jar,
In a flame of choric splendor that shall crown our earth a star.

For the sob of night's denial dies below the night which flies,
And the blithe-heart Yea of morning laughs through all the kindling skies."

With such a paean of joyous exultation—such a bugle-blast of confidence that the Past and Present are the highways over which the Future shall walk with more certain step, we are prepared for the poetic expressions which follow. Mr. Koopman breathes the air of the classic poets. He clasps hands with the choice men and women of the past, introduces us anew to Shakespeare, Shelly and Keats and then turns his face towards the place where

"Morning bath unbarred
Her purple portals."

We are continually surprised at the facility and the felicity of the poet. Now, he sings the "Song of the Century", now, of "Time and Space", now, of "Poet to Musician", "Visions of Beauty", "Self Sacrifice", and then turns to "Nature". Burns sings one of his sweetest songs to the Daisy, Lowell, perhaps his best, to "The Dandelion". Koopman selects "Succory" and in his charming conversation, in song, to the way-side weed, makes us literally walk through Spring and Summer, calling our attention to the choicest, because rarest beauties.

"Every spring,
A fresh creation, blossoms from God's hand,
And asks its own new song. Sweet, unsung, blue
Firstling of summer's splendor, teach men this:
Beauty lies gladly open to all eyes."

The little poem "Fulfillment" carries us back to childhood days. We are children again filled with "wonderment or awe" at the vast works of creation, as when from

"The hill-road first I saw
Startled, the blue, illimitable sea;
Or moonless midnight hung with mystery
Of stars and void; until in later years we learn that
"God fulfills himself in many ways,"

So, the poet here concludes:

"I find that God had wrought
In them but gleams of one diviner thought."

In the poem "A spirit in Bondage", which reminds one of Mrs. Oliphant's, "A Little Pilgrim", the poet walks with bold stride. Imagination has here its full play; but imagination chastened and refined into perfect faith;

"God spoke to me. This faith no words of man can
ask,
For, when God speaks, the soul need not to ask who
spoke."

"Voltaire's Death-Ride", weird as it is deserves a place among the best utterances of "The Poets".

"Here in your bed Superstition;
Here knelt Prejudice, cowed at last;
Tyranny beaten, made Submission;
Here in its trenches rotted Caste."

Whither now leads the road? Here daisies
Bloom o'er the Bastille's trampled pride;
Yonder a shaft its legend upraises:
Here of Envy Miracle died.

Another, "Here fell War, self-stricken"
Another, "Here men ceased to hate."
Yon fields of lies with corn-blades quicken,
O'er the mounting way shines the Dawn elate.

"Here men began to love one another,"
High on a cross the words glow clear,
Traveller of Night, deliverer, brother,
Rest thou! The Morning finds thee here."

Mr. Koopman has published several

small volumes of poetry. "Orestes—A Dramatic Sketch" is the title of one. This poem merits a more extended notice than space here permits. It is highly dramatic and moves in stately verse.

There is much in his poetry that is fanciful, but it is always beautiful. He steps aside into the bypaths of life and brings back, in a characteristic phrase, or turn of verse, a common thought transformed to beauty and delight.

Mr. Koopman has given us only the spare moments of his active life. His many friends hope that he will place them under obligation by re-collecting, judiciously pruning and adding to, his works. A single substantial volume of his choicer poems would do much to elicit the appreciation which, as a poet, Mr. Koopman assuredly deserves.

GEORGE DANA SANDERS.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER COLBY PROFESSORS.

Dr. A. W. Jackson, '69, in his memorial address on the late Professor Smith pays the following tribute to his instructors:

"Such the man. Next the teacher. Before dealing with him as such, however, you will allow me to salute 'those other living called the dead,' who were his associates in service. Dr. Champlin was of these, a name I can never speak without reverence; Professor Hamlin, whose severe exactions only illustrated his own severer standard; Professor Foster, model union of classical scholar and Christian gentleman; Professor Lyford, whose mathematics could demonstrate nothing more certain than his own invincible rectitude. These with Professor Smith did the work of the college when I came here, and until Professor Hall brought aid in the modern languages. It goes without saying that their tasks were manifold. Each, like the hero of Carlyle's satire, was 'Professor of Things in General.' Observing the ways of Harvard professors, who may represent in the classroom but an aspect of one theme, I often think of Professor Hamlin, who taught us geometry and the Odes of Horace and was our mentor in five physical sciences. The condition that required such over-work must also dole out under-pay, and through long endurance of both they rendered an extra-classroom service which we cannot remember too gratefully. Down at Bowdoin they have a pleasant way of telling of their heroes, by whom they mean a group of professors who, in the storm-and-stress period of that institution, stood devotedly by. Colby, too, has had a storm-and-stress period, and a biography of any of these men would need to tell its story. Others behind them, and because behind them, beyond my retrospect, we should probably group with them; for instance, Professor Keely, whose wonderful scholarship and high service are among the proudest memories of our college. It was a period when the continued life of our college depended on the over-work they could do and the self-denials they could bear. That we are here to-day we may thank their devotion. When all was dark around their torch was aloft. With noiseless but invincible endurance they met fate and out-fated it. These are our heroes; and the worse for us if we do not yield them our hearts for a pantheon."

'02. Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Chipman are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Carlo.

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COLBY DRAMATICS.

The production given by the Dramatic Club Monday evening, demonstrated the value that amateur theatricals may be to Colby and to the men of the college of histrionic ability. The large audience were treated to some really very good acting in a play that commended itself to all. The club, and its president in particular, deserve much credit for the faithful and conscientious work put upon the play. Leaving out of account the tidy sum realized by the athletic association from the proceeds of the production, there are several benefits to be derived from a well conducted dramatic club. It furnishes a means of bringing the student body, and indirectly the college, before the eyes of the public. It also provides an agency for developing the latent histrionic talent among the students. The latter benefit is of especial importance because it is practically along the line of public speaking although much more than mere speaking is demanded of the player. He receives a much broader and hardly less valuable training than does the man making one of the prize speaking contests or exhibitions. Let the dramatic club, then, have its rightful place among the activities of the college and receive the encouragement it deserves from the faculty and student body.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'73. The February number of the *School Review*, published by the University of Chicago Press, contains an interesting article by ex-Pres. Nathaniel Butler, D. D., entitled, *The Aim in the High School—The Development of the Many Sided Interest or Special Preparation for Life.*

'83. W. R. Whittle, principal of the Westerly (R. I.) High school, has removed to West Seattle, Wash.

'86. George E. Googins of Bar Harbor will soon publish a story illustrative of the New England Town meeting.

'87. Charles E. Dolley, cashier of the Malden and Melrose Gas Co., is visiting relatives in Waterville.

'89. The Watchman of Feb. 22 has a fine likeness of Rev. Nelson S. Burbank of Revere, Mass.

'89. H. Everett Farnham, lately Professor of Greek in Tabor College, Tabor Iowa, has gone into the insurance business in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

'02. A second daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Drew Feb. 26.

TWO MORE GAMES WON.

Colby Defeats Taconnet 29 to 23, in Exciting Game.

An exciting game of basket-ball was played Tuesday evening in the H. and W. club-house between the varsity and Taconnet Club teams, Colby winning 29 to 23. Taconnet is a hard team to win from anyway, and especially so on the home floor but the Colby five got together and pulled out a victory. The club-house boys put up a good fight but were clearly outplayed by the varsity five. Again in this game as in many of the past ones every man on the college team had his share of goals. McClellan and Libby came in for the largest share but the other three had at least one to his account. Williams and Herd put up the fastest game for Taconnet.

Summary.

COLBY.	TACONNET.
Willey, rf	lb, Colby
Libby, lf	rb, Peterson
McClellan, c	c, Grindall
DeWitt, rb	lf, Williams
Tilton, lb	rf, Herd

Score, Colby 29, Taconnet 23. Goals, McClellan 5, Libby 4, DeWitt 3, Willey, Tilton, Herd 4, Williams 8, Grindall 2, Colby. Official, Allen of Fairfield. Time, 20 minute halves.

COLBY 24; COBURN 16.

Saturday evening Colby and Coburn lined up against each other in the Institute gymnasium. The college team seemed bothered by the floor during the first half and split even with the prep school boys with four baskets apiece. During the second period, however, the varsity struck its pace and won out with ease. The Coburn boys were handicapped by the absence of two of the regular men but the substitutes that were used put up a game fight against their opponents. DeWitt seemed to have the best eye for the basket, scoring just half of the varsity's points.

Summary.

COLBY.	COBURN.
Willey, rf	lb, Blake
Libby, lf	rb, Smith
McClellan, c	c, Welch
DeWitt, rb	lf, Blake
Tilton, lb	rf, Mower

Score, Colby 24, Coburn 16. Goals, DeWitt 6, McClellan 4, Libby 1, Willey 1, Blake 4, Mower 1, Welch 1, Smith 1. Officials, Peterson and Dodge. 20 and 15 minute halves.

HOUSE PARTY.

Rah, rah, Gamma!
Rah, rah, Chi!

The members of 1903, Chi Gamma Theta, spent Sunday with Miss Philbrick at Pittsfield. They left Waterville on the noon train Saturday laden with sweaters, mandolins, cameras, etc., regardless of the approaching snow-storm. However, the disagreeable weather did not interfere with their taking a long walk, the benefits of which were evident at supper time. In the evening the usual Chi Gamma Theta spread was enjoyed, followed by music and later by flash lights. After attending church Sunday morning, the rest of the day was spent quietly in reading, in spite of the fact that one of the girls had a severe attack of the blues (?) Monday morning came all too soon, but the echoes of the yell, as it sounded at Pittsfield station, proved the jolly time that they had all spent.

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CAMPUS CHAT.

Prof. Roberts lectured on the subject, "The Reading Habit" last Thursday evening at Hebron Academy.

The "quartette" from South College sang at the C. E. meeting at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

V. Ray Jones, '08, who has been operated on at the hospital in Bangor for appendicitis, has returned to college.

On the evening of March 22, President White will speak to the Graduate Club at 111 5th Avenue, New York City.

The New York Colby Alumni banquet will be held Saturday evening, March 24, at New York City. President White will attend.

The Dean, Grace E. Berry, who has been ill for several weeks is improving slowly. Miss Berry will probably not resume her duties at the college this year.

The baseball men have been getting good batting practice in the gymnasium. There is quite a large squad out and the prospects for a good team in the spring are very good.

President White has promised to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Bridgewater, Maine, June 5. The principal of the school, W. S. Knowlton, '04, is one of the veteran schoolmasters of Maine.

Frank Leighton, '04, of Columbia Falls, who has been teaching at the Mitchell's Boys School, Billerica, Mass., has been called to his home by the death of his mother, who died Wednesday while in the hospital at Portland. The funeral was held Sunday at her home in Columbia Falls.

The Dramatic Club presented their drama "Trouble" at Winslow Wednesday evening to a good sized audience from whom only words of great praise were received. Friday evening they presented the play at Skowhegan to one of the largest houses that the Somerset county seat has produced for a long time. Here, too, everyone loudly applauded the work of the club.

'90. Elwood T. Wyman, of this city has been elected Superintendent of the public schools in Warwick, R. I., to which place he expects to move his family in the fall.

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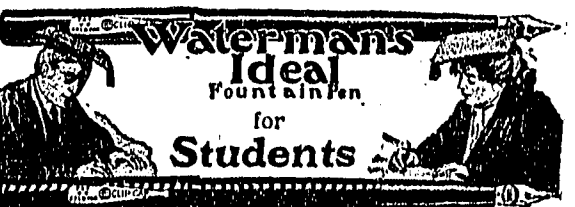
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Bertha M. Robinson, Editor, '07.

Miss Janet Sturtevant spent Sunday at her home in Skowhegan.

Rose Beverage, '07, spent Sunday with Grace Stetson, '07.

Dr. Mary S. Croswell, spent Sunday in Bingham with Nora Lander, '08.

Miss Harriet Parmenter, of Waterville, was the guest of Miss Nead, '07, Sunday noon.

Miss Alice Colby, ex-'08, was a visitor at Foss Hall Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Rev. W. D. Plummer and Mrs. Plummer of Hallowell, attended the Senior Exhibition, Monday evening.

Mr. Edward Mayo of Fairfield, took dinner at Foss Hall with his daughter, Marian Mayo, '09, Sunday.

Miss Maude White, Higgins Classical Institute, has been the guest of Pearl Davis, '09, for a few days.

Miss Knight, of Westport, Me., Mount Holyoke, '03, who is engaged in religious work in towns of northern Maine, was the guest of her classmate Miss Bacon, last Thursday.

Thursday evening the Sophomore girls celebrated the holiday by a class spread at Foss Hall. The Assembly Hall was very prettily decorated with couches, pillows and screens, with a large 1908 banner very much in evidence. The first of the evening was spent in games and singing—their class song being sung for the first time. A chafing dish lunch was served, four of the girls acting as waitresses dressed in white with yellow aprons and caps with the numerals 1908 upon them, thus displaying class colors. During the evening a flash light picture of the group was taken which will always go to prove what a jolly time the girls of 1908 had. B. H. B., '08.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS: Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has summoned from among us our beloved sister, Mrs. Katherine Hobbs Millett, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of Alpha Chapter of Sigma Kappa extend to the family in their bereavement our deepest sympathy, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, that they be placed on the chapter records, and that they be published in the COLBY ECHO.

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