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COMMENCEMENT PLANS.

Committee of Trustees Reports on Means of Attracting More Alumni.

(The Echo has been requested to publish the following report.)

The committee appointed to consider ways and means of increasing the attendance of the Alumni and friends of the college at Commencement has made a somewhat careful investigation and beg leave to report.

This problem is not peculiar to Colby. We find that many institutions are investigating and reporting upon the same subject. The falling off in attendance upon our annual Commencement exercises has been noticeable for a number of years. It is believed that there are no insuperable difficulties in the way of securing interest and numbers if the college authorities take the matter up and effect an organization for the purpose.

THE OCCASION.

The usual Commencement Exercises do not offer apparently a sufficient inducement to call back to the college the old graduates. In addition, therefore, to the serious work of the Commencement season there should also be a gala time. Many busy men find this an opportunity to lay aside their cares and duties and give themselves up to the pleasure of living over again their college life, renewing old friendships, recalling old acquaintances and again entering into the spirit of college life. To accomplish the desired end your committee make the following suggestions:

GROUND AND BUILDINGS.

The grounds and buildings should be put in especially good order and kept so during the Commencement season. Here should be the center around which all interests gather, from which all activities radiate. The members of the faculty and the students should make it a part of their business to be on or about the grounds and buildings during as much of the time as possible. Many graduates return and find very few of their classmates or others who were members of the college when they were there. A little special attention would interest them and encourage them to make it a custom not only to come again themselves, but to bring other classmates with them.

THE ALUMNI DINNER.

Your committee believes that a radical change can be made with regard to the manner and plan of holding this dinner. All the arrangements should be in the hands of the General Alumni Association. The dinner should be worthy of the occasion, properly prepared and properly served. The presiding officer should be the President of the General Alumni Association. The President of the college should be the chief guest. Relieved, as he would be, of his present onerous duties of presiding, he could give especial attention to extending a welcome to all returning graduates, defining the policy of the college and setting, as it were, the keynote of the occasion. It is believed that this particular function of the college offers an opportunity to

bring together not only those who are interested directly in the college, but those who indirectly are concerned in its interests. Instead of leaving it to a matter of chance memory on the part of the authorities, it should be understood that a formal invitation is extended to the Governor of the State and the Executive Council, to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, to the Mayor of the City, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the City Council.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE EXERCISES.

In addition to the Commencement exercises it seems as though a wider range of activities could be set in motion. During their college course most of the young men have allied themselves with social organizations of the town, the church societies and the college fraternities. Acting in their different capacities they could arrange such functions as would be likely to add to the enjoyment not only of the returning graduates, but of everyone interested in the college.

THE EXPENSE.

Without consultation with anyone particularly upon this point your committee believes that this is the most important matter involved in the whole question. Most men who have been graduated from college quite a period of time desire, on returning, to bring their families with them. If a man living no farther away than Boston, wishes to return with a moderate family, the fares alone would be \$50; additional hotel expenses would be \$75 more. We believe, however, that if the proper effort should be made this difficulty might be partially overcome. The Commencement seasons of the four Maine Colleges occur during a period of two consecutive weeks. If the management of the railroads were properly approached we are very sure that very much of a reduction in rates could be secured. If an excursion ticket could be issued and properly safeguarded, without too much trouble on the part of railroads, it would, no doubt, be effective in increasing the attendance. If the hotels and boarding houses of the town were assured of a larger attendance than is usual, reduced rates could be secured with them.

THE STUDENTS.

For some reason or other during later years most of the students leave before the Commencement period is over. If they would remain and interest themselves in a proper furtherance of the college festivities this would be serviceable.

THE COLBY ECHO.

Your college paper, the Echo, could become the most efficient factor in this whole matter. By encouraging a liberal program in its columns, and then publishing such a program at least two months before Commencement, it would undoubtedly awaken a wide interest in the whole matter. The Echo should have a list of all the class officers as far back as there are organizations of this kind. By practicing successfully the newspaper art, it would not only be able to revolutionize the whole Commencement

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COLLEGE DEBATING.

One of the Judges of Last Week's Debate Discusses the Above Subject.

Skilled debate is the art of mastering men. It is the presentation of the best thought of the brain, colored and vivified by the personality of the speaker, and it is far more effective and compelling than the same thought conveyed in printed words. Therefore, of all the various lines of mental training which our colleges offer, none is more valuable than the debate, an excellent example of which Colby has lately given us.

The preparation of the subject to be presented requires wide research and the gathering of a mass of material comprising all matter which can be useful either in positive argument or in refuting the claims of the opposing forces. This gathering of data calls for alertness, recognition of values from a double standpoint and an appreciation of points not immediately obvious.

Once gathered, this mass of matter must be sifted and classified, the main points selected and so combined as to give unity and clearness to the argument, and a firm grasp of the main line of thought established and maintained. This process of sifting and selecting calls out all the debater's powers of judgment and comparison, and the temptation to retain and present matter which is comparatively irrelevant and extraneous is one to which many succumb. In the presentation of the question recently debated by Colby both sides yielded to this temptation, presenting political considerations, the bearing of which on the question at issue was not sufficiently obvious to make these considerations of real value.

The team work necessary to secure the desired singleness of effect and balance of arguments is a mental stimulus which is not to be found in class room or laboratory. This important part of the preparation necessary for effective work had been made by the debaters of last week with a care that showed admirable results.

It is in the rebuttal that the real grasp and clear understanding of the question are most evident. Here keenness of mental vision and quickness of repartee may overthrow the most laboriously wrought structures of statistics and apparent facts, and it is in the rebuttal that the skilled debater rejoices.

But all the labor of collecting, sifting and arranging material may be well and wisely done, the debater may have the keenest appreciation, the quickest perception, and yet his message may fail, through faulty presentation, to carry conviction to the hearers. Directness and force, with absolute clearness of expression, are the greatest essentials of presentation. The argument must be plausible, must appeal to the understanding and imagination of the listener. The man who can make the members of his audience feel that his thoughts are identical with what their own would have been if they had studied the subject, that his own line of reasoning is the only one they would naturally have followed, is the born debater, gifted above his fellows, endowed with a spark of the divine

COLBY TIES WITH BOWDOIN

Won from Bates 3-1 but Loses to Bowdoin 4 to 0 on Errors.

In a close and interesting game, Colby defeated Bates on Alumni Field last Wednesday, by a score of 3 to 1. Bates lost by costly errors in the sixth inning, which let in two runs after two were out.

Up to the sixth inning neither side scored, although Bates was retired with men on bases three times and Colby had men left on bases in every inning except the third. The contest was a pitchers' battle between Dwinal and Coombs. The errors of the Bates men were on hard chances.

Craig was the first man up in the sixth. He was thrown out at first by Dwinal. Coombs singled. Willey reached first on Coombs out at second. Shaw knocked the ball to Kendall, who threw a trifle "wide" to Conner, and the latter let the ball past him. Willey and Tilton scored. Reynolds struck out.

For Colby Coombs played a steady game in the box, and the Bates men "found" him for only five hits. Dwyer was ready for any emergency behind the bat, and Willey made good at first. "Mose" Tilton was in the game all the time, and Craig covered himself with glory in the sixth, assisting in three successive outs. Palmer had nothing to do; Tribou handled his one chance superbly, and Shaw played a star game.

The work of Dwinal was a surprise to his friends. Bates played a star game both in the infield and outfield, except in the sixth inning, and Colby's victory was well worth the celebration that followed.

BOWDOIN 4, COLBY 0.

The last home game of the season Colby lost last Saturday afternoon to Bowdoin 4 to 0. The game was certainly a heart-breaker from a Colby standpoint. The magnificent ball played by the varsity this spring had led the enthusiasts to feel that nothing could keep the team from winning, but last Saturday showed the possibility of the contrary. And while Bowdoin won, the victory came not entirely through her own good ball-playing. To be sure she put up a steady game and her men kept wide awake but the final score was as much due to the misplays of the home team as to the good ones of the visitors. From beginning to end the Colby team seemed to lack the necessary confidence in itself and did not play with the fire and dash that was manifested in the Bates game only four days before.

Even Coombs was not up to the standard and though pitching a good game—one that should have been sufficient to win out—was inclined to be wild and lacked his usual control. His wild pitch in the eighth allowed Bowdoin to make her fourth run. Bowdoin clinched the game in the fourth inning when a scratch hit, a stolen base, two singles and three errors netted three runs. Colby's best chance to score came in the sixth when Palmer and Tribou each got a hit. Dwyer and Craig, however, flied out and things were all off when Coombs, after hitting a long one just off the third-base line, struck out.

President Charles F. Meserve, '07, of Shaw University, and Mrs. Meserve arrived in the city last Friday, leaving the next day for Squirrel Island, where they will pass the summer.

fire which will go far to make him a leader among men.

DENNIS E. BOWMAN.

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Again the Commencement season is here and another class graduates from Colby to enter upon the broad field of active life. The Senior realizes that his four years in college are but a preparation for life, that the store of actual knowledge he has gained is scanty and insignificant. But he has learned to use his mind and has developed his mental faculties. He has, above all else, gained an appreciation of what there is in the world that he may in later years appropriate to himself. He has, as it were, a key to the library of the world's knowledge, to which he may go at will for all that is highest and best in life. May we who are Seniors take from the great field of experience stretching ahead of us only what is good and true, in order that our lives shall be naught but a credit and an honor to ourselves, our friends, and our alma mater, to whom we owe so much.

With this issue the editorial board for volume IX of the Echo lays down its duties. We do so with something of a sense of relief, but with a much greater feeling of regret, for our weekly task has been a source both of much profit and of no little pleasure. We have enjoyed the work on the Echo and hope that our purpose of accurately representing and reflecting the life of the college, and of bringing the student body and Alumni into closer touch with each other through our news columns, has to some slight degree been realized. From the very few words of appreciation heard from our readers we take to ourselves some satisfaction, hoping that to the great majority of readers the Echo this year may have meant at least something of what those of previous years have. Much less space in the present volume has purposely been given to athletics and editorial effusions than in former volumes, in the belief that the news matter presented would be more acceptable to our readers and would better carry out the purpose stated above. We have also given practically no space to so-called literary matter, not because we do not believe that such work on the part of Colby students needs encouragement, but solely from lack of space. Many times, no doubt, the lack of editorials has seemed to be a result of the editor's indisposition to write them, but such is not the case. They have been actually crowded out. As a matter of fact, an editor would much rather fill up his column with his own effusions than with "stories" of happenings that are to him stale news. Whether the plan we have followed has been best, our readers alone can judge. In laying down the quill and the blue pencil, the present editor wishes to thank all who have aided him with their co-operation or words of encouragement and ad-

vice, whether students, members of the faculty, or—alumni to all he is greatly indebted.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS.

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period, but it would add greatly to its own efficiency as a college organ.

Of course we do not believe that it is possible for all the graduates to return, but as we have such a large number located practically here in New England, it seems as though a reasonable percentage might return if the suggestions contained in this report could be effectively carried out. We believe that the Commencement period will become more and more an object of pleasure and gratification to graduates. To the busy professional and business men it will offer an opportunity to lay aside for a brief time the cares and worries of life. To the man who "works in the shadow" it will offer an opportunity, not only to take a fresh start, but to regain something of the freshness and interest in life which he possessed when he left college.

A. P. SOULE, Chairman.

BATES REJECTS RESOLUTIONS.

At the annual meeting of the Bates Athletic Association held recently, it was voted not to adopt the resolutions drawn up by the Intercollegiate Arbitration Board at the meeting held in this city, April 28. The Colby Association has not yet acted upon the resolutions, a quorum not being present at the meeting called some weeks ago. The last article in the resolutions of the Arbitration Board is as follows:

"V. Resolved, That these recommendations be referred to the athletic associations of the colleges interested for action thereon, and the result of such action be submitted to the Board."

The action of the Bates association blocks the adoption of the resolutions by the Maine Intercollegiate Association and leaves matters as they were last fall, except that the Arbitration Board has still to consider and act upon the action taken by U. of M., Bates, and Colby regarding the resolutions. Maine some time ago adopted them.

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDING.

Colby's losing to Bowdoin Saturday ties her with the Brunswick college. Manager Stetson has arranged for a game to settle the championship which will be played in Portland next Saturday. The present standing is as follows:

	Won	Lost	Played	Per Cent
Colby	4	2	5	.766
Bowdoin	4	2	5	.766
Bates	3	3	6	.500
U. of M.	1	5	6	.167

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

An interesting collection of about seven-hundred posters has been added to Amherst's college library. All of these have been issued in connection with college activities. The earliest one is that of the commencement exercises of 1880. The posters are arranged under three headings, literary, dramatic and athletic.

David R. Porter the Maine boy who is a Rhodes student at Oxford University in England, is playing second base on the University baseball team, which is made up of the American students. The nine is serving in no small way to further introduce the sport in the British Kingdom. Porter was a member of the class '06 at Bowdoin and will be given his degree with his former classmates this month.—Kennebec Journal.

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CAMPUS CHAT.

The "War Cry" put in its appearance at chapel Friday.

The Senior's last chapel service took place Saturday at noon. The service was led by Charles P. Chipman, the class chaplain.

The Oracles arrived last Thursday and are being distributed among the students.

Milton B. Lunt, ex '07, who has been teaching at Higgins during the past year, is spending a few days with friends at the Bricks.

Mr. Wilford G. Chapman, Esq., '88, of Portland, was visiting his son, Clark D. Chapman, '09, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley P. Bailey, '67, of Everett, Mass., arrived in town Monday and will stay through Commencement.

H. H. Bryant, '05, is at his home in this city for the summer after a successful year as principal of the Islesboro high school.

At a meeting of the Dramatic Club held last week, Harry C. Bonney, '07, was elected President for next year, and Wallace E. Hackett, '09, Vice-President.

Frank W. Tarbell, '04, was visiting friends in town Saturday, being on his way home from his studies at the college of Physicians and Surgeon, New York.

NOTICE TO ALUMNI.

Professor E. W. Hall, the librarian, urges all alumni to notify him of any change in address since the publication of the address book, a year ago. He is at present beginning work on a general catalogue of all the graduates of the college and desires very much to include in it the addresses corrected up to date. The catalogue will be issued some time during the next college year.

The following Colby men take their degrees this June from the several graduate schools where they have been pursuing courses of study: Herbert L. Gray, '02, receives from Johns Hopkins University the degree of Doctor of Medicine; Roger F. Brunel, '03, from the same university, the degree of Ph. D. for work in chemistry; and Louis C. Stearns, '03, receives from Harvard University the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Miss Edith Watkins, '04 is visiting at the home of Dr. Bessey.

Miss Georgia Wallace, of Presque Isle, has been the recent guest of Miss McBunnie '08.

The Christian Association will send the following delegates to Silver Bay: Nina Holmes '08, Florence King '08, Myrtle Little, '08, Josephine Clark, '08; and Olive Taylor, '09.

Miss Owen of the Mather School, Beaufort, S. C. addressed the women of Colby Thursday noon at chapel service on her work among the negroes whom this school reaches.

Friday evening, June 15, nine Juniors were initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha. After the mystic rites had been performed a spread followed and at a late hour the participants returned to Foss Hall. The initiates were: Ellen J. Peterson, Rena M. Archer, Lubelle M. Hall, Addie M. Holway, Caro E. Beverage, Rose M. Beverage, Alice R. Taylor, Georgia M. Connor, Bertha M. Robinson.

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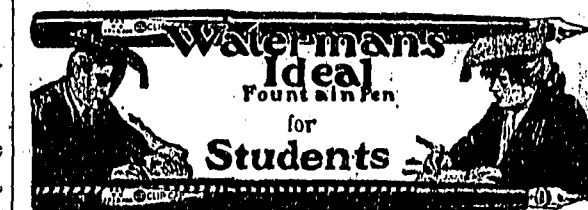
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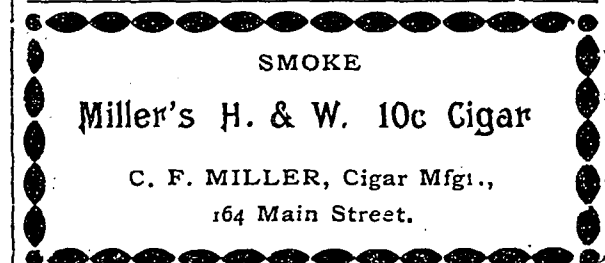
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Miss Susan Weston, '06, is spending her Senior vacation at her home in Madison.

Mrs. E. E. Bryant of Berwick, is the guest of her daughter, Miss Martha Bryant, '09.

Miss Beulah Laury, of Rockland, was the guest of Miss Beverage '07, Sunday.

Miss Emma Knowlton of Freedom, was at Foss Hall, Saturday, as the guest of Lena Clark, '08.

Miss Maud Place, of Derby, Vermont, is visiting her sister, Miss Eunice Place, '09.

Mrs. Edgecomb and Miss Edgecomb, '09 attended the baseball game Saturday.

Miss Judith Boynton passed Sunday with her sister, Miss Anna Boynton, '06.

Miss Merrow, of Skowhegan, was recently entertained at Foss Hall by Miss Jeannette Sturtevant, '09.

Miss Addie Lakin, '05, has returned to her home in the city from Rumford Falls, where she has been teaching.

Misses Nettie Crane '09 and Pearl Davis, '09 attended the Commencement exercises at Higgins Classical Institute Thursday and Friday of this week.

Friday evening, June 15, occurred the annual Senior Lunch. The members of the Senior class sat down at Dean Berry's table, which was prettily decorated with ferns and flowers. Souvenirs ornamented with the Colby C. and the class numerals and tied with the class colors, were placed at each plate. After the lunch the seniors gave their class yell and passed to the reception hall where they were heartily cheered by the under classes in the order.

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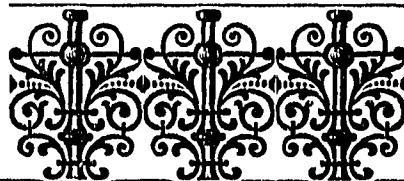
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