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## MRS. WILLIAM DEXTER.

A Sketch of Her Life, and Extracts from Memorial Addresses.

Mrs. William H. Dexter, the donor of Foss Hall to Colby College, died Sunday night, Jan. 20, at her home in Worcester, Mass. She had been in failing health for several weeks.

The funeral services were held in Worcester on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Prayers were offered at the old home by her pastor, Rev. L. C. Barnes, D.D., and President White. Later at the First Baptist church a large congregation assembled. Three of her favorite hymns were sung, comforting passages of Scripture were read, and addresses were made by Rev. L. B. Thomas, a former pastor, and President White. The latter, with Mrs. White, represented the College which has been so richly blessed by Mrs. Dexter. The women of the College sent 115 pinks, one for each student of the Women's Division; these were arranged on the pulpit which formed the center of a beautiful floral display. Mr. Dexter has been sweetly comforted in his great sorrow by receiving many letters and telegrams which have expressed to him the sympathy of those who have been profoundly impressed by the beautiful character and generosity of his wife.

At the funeral service President White spoke as follows:

"It is my great privilege to bring these words of profound sympathy and high appreciation from the Trustees, Faculty and Students of Colby College. We have all been newly and strongly impressed with the greatness of Mrs. Dexter's gift when she presented to us the beautiful Woman's Dormitory—Foss Hall. She lived to realize the ambition of her life in beholding this the completed home of eighty young women.

"All through her years she possessed an almost boundless energy. It first manifested itself in her girlhood when she left her rural home in Maine to seek employment in an unknown world. Her first attempt failed, and she returned home and patiently endured a long sickness. She was not discouraged, however, and did not relinquish her quest, for later she made her way to Boston, where the hand of God was upon her. Soon a friendship began with Mr. Dexter, which speedily ripened into affection. For these many years they have walked together with common ideals and ideas in happy harmony.

"With a frugality which should commend her to us, but which never lessened her generosity, she saved the gifts of money which God bestowed upon her. With her accumulation of wealth came a growing sense of responsibility and she carefully and prayerfully sought for its permanent investment. In the Providence of God she believed her attention was early called to the great need for a woman's dormitory at Waterville, and she soon announced confidentially to a representative of the College her intention to provide a dormitory for the girls of her native State. She desired however that this should be kept a secret during her lifetime, and even said that the gift would be withheld if the world should learn of her beneficent purpose.

"Three years ago this very month, strongly influenced by the contagious example of her husband's philanthropy, she suddenly announced to me her intention to provide for the erection of the dormitory of Foss Hall during her lifetime. At

their first meeting the trustees of the College gratefully accepted her offer, and the dormitory was carefully constructed in accordance with her plans which delighted her, and the second June following it was her joy to be in Waterville and attend the dedicatory service of Foss Hall. Standing before an audience which taxed the seating capacity of the spacious dining room she spoke to us all the following words:

"My dear friends: I am very grateful that my life has been spared to be present here today to witness the dedication of this beautiful dormitory. I was born in the State of Maine, and it is the dearest part of the earth for me. I love every part of it, and especially the town of Wayne, where I was born. It is a source of satisfaction to me that I have been able to erect and give to Colby College this Foss Hall, and that Waterville is so near my early home. My father was a noble man, and I am very grateful to my parents for the loving and careful training that they gave me.

"Every dollar that has been given for the erection of this building has been earned by myself. When I was a girl it was impossible for me to get an education. I left home while very young, and have always intended to provide a home for other girls in Maine, that they might have the education which I could not get when young. I am very happy to have this building called Foss Hall; and I give it with my love and prayerful interest to Colby College, to help in the education of the girls of my native State."

"After receiving the congratulations of all present she withdrew to my residence, sat at the window and gazed long and silently at what for all time will be her beautiful monument; then she said to me, 'What a joy it is to live to see this day! If I were forty years old I would study my way through Colby College!'

"Last June she visited Foss Hall and was never so happy as when, sitting on the veranda, or roaming through its halls



Mrs. William Dexter.

and rooms, she talked with the students and told them the story of her life. That life so quietly and beautifully passed, busy with the affairs of her household, enriching the heart of her husband by her daily ministry of love while planning larger things with the gifts of God which she had gathered, is a story that will sing its song into the lives of all the women who generation after generation will feel the impulse of her loving beneficence.

"The poet of her native State has given us a picture of her Christian influence.

"I shot an arrow into the air,  
It fell to earth, I knew not where,  
For so swiftly it flew that the sight  
Could not follow it in its flight.

"I breathed a song into the air,  
It fell to earth I knew not where,  
For who has sight so keen and strong  
That it can follow the flight of song?

"Long, long afterward in an oak,  
I found the arrow still unbroke,  
And the song from beginning to end  
I found again in the heart of a friend.

"Mrs. Dexter's life will always be to the women of Colby College a song in the major key, bringing to them courage, fidelity and holy ambition to do a work that shall live in the lives of others.

"As the Monks of Constantinople poured the attar of roses into the growing walls of the Church of St. Sophia, the fragrance of which is said to be detected today, so Mrs. Dexter has poured the strength of her life into the walls of Foss Hall, dedicated to be forever a home for women in a Christian college and the sacred influence of her sweet charity will never fade away."

Appropriate memorial services were also held for Mrs. Dexter in Foss Hall on Wednesday. The service was conducted by Miss Grace E. Berry, Dean of the Women's College. Dr. E. C. Whittemore read the Scripture and prayer was offered by Prof. H. R. Hatch. Addresses were made by Prof. Clarence H. White of the College, who in his professorship in Wor-

## BASKET BALL.

Maine Defeats Colby Easily by a Large Score.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 26, Maine defeated Colby at Orono 39 to 13. The game was fast and clean throughout although during the second half the Colby team weakened perceptibly. Stewart, Seales and Stobie played the best game for Maine and Dodge and Tilton for Colby.

Libby threw the first basket for Colby which was followed by Tilton with another. Seales scored three for Maine and Dodge one for Colby. Maine fouled and Tilton scored the goal. Seales again scored after several fouls had been made by both teams. Seales threw another basket which was immediately followed by Wadsworth with two more. Tilton scored on a foul by Maine and Stobie threw another goal from the field. The half ended with the score 17 to 9 in Maine's favor.

The second half was started in with a rush by Maine. Wadsworth and Seales throwing goals time and again. In this half the only scoring done for Colby was by Dodge who made one goal from the field and by Tilton who made two from fouls. The final score was Maine 39; Colby 13.

Lineup and summary:

| COLBY.       | MAINE.        |
|--------------|---------------|
| Tilton, lg   | rf, Seales    |
| Tribou, rg   | lf, Wadsworth |
| Boode, c     | c, Black      |
| Libby, lf    | rg, Stobie    |
| Dodge, rf    | lg, Stewbrt   |
| Peterson, rf |               |

Score, Maine, 39; Colby 13. Goals from the field, Seales, 10; Wadsworth 4; Stobie 4; Black, Libby 2; Dodge 2; Tilton 3. Goals from fouls, Wadsworth, Tilton 3. Referee, Gilbert. Timers, Quint, Maine, Peterson, Colby. Time, 20-min. halves.

cester Academy had been intimately acquainted with both Mr. and Mrs. Dexter, and Mrs. G. D. B. Pepper.

Prof. White told graphically the story of the life just ended, and gave a clear analysis of Mrs. Dexter's character. Concluding, he said:

"Mrs. Dexter was not an educated woman, save as she educated herself. She could not be. But she was in the fullest sense of the word devoted to education. She not only made the most of herself that she could, but more than that, early in life she formed the resolve that other girls should be better educated, and have that which was denied her.

"So after all in this building is Mrs. Dexter's life and character enshrined. She was not romantic, but she had her dream, her vision, and here in this building it is realized. She had very little of the poetic, perhaps, in her own life, but here is her poem, her creation, for that is what 'poem' means, you know. She, perhaps we might think, lacked the artistic sense, but here is what she carved out of the hard marble of her life, and left it for you. She has lived this as her religion, worked out in dreams of life—life's devotion."

Mrs. Pepper said in part:

"The girls always appealed to Mrs. Dexter. When we talked about the girls in Maine she told me about her own little girl. If that girl had lived, life would have been a very different thing for her. I think this building was a memorial for her daughter, because it was the mother-

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We have received this week a copy of the latest venture in Maine journalism, The Triangle. It is a little semi-monthly paper for boys, edited and managed by Cecil M. Daggett and Herbert C. Libby, two of Waterville's young men who are rapidly coming to the front as leaders in the Y. M. C. A. boys' work of Maine.

Mr. Daggett was graduated from Colby in 1903. Since then he has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Montreal and in boys' work in St. Louis. Recently he was appointed State Secretary of the boys' and students' department of the Y. M. C. A. of Maine with head-quarters at Waterville. His work has been most

successful as shown in the management of the recent boys' conference in Waterville.

Mr. Libby spent some time in Colby as a member of the class of 1902, but later was graduated from Harvard. In 1900 he collected and edited the popular "Colby Stories." Mr. Libby is now the business manager of the Central Maine Publishing Company, but he finds time to be one of the moving spirits of boys' clubs and Y. M. C. A. work of Waterville and vicinity.

With the enthusiasm and noble purpose of these two young men behind it, The Triangle "proposes to be the very best boys' paper in America," and will undoubtedly fill the place for which it was originated. The Echo heartily welcomes the Triangle and wishes for it the fullest measure of success.

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

A reception given by President and Mrs. C. L. White to the faculty, students and friends of the college was held at the president's home on Tuesday evening, January 22nd. The evening brought with it one of the worst storms of the winter but in spite of this fact there was a large attendance and the reception rooms were well filled during the entire evening.

The reception line consisted of President and Mrs. C. L. White, Dean Berry, and Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts. The dining room was prettily decorated and refreshments were served by Mrs. Geo. F. Parmenter and Mrs. Howard E. Simpson assisted by Misses Weed and Connor. Selections were rendered during the evening by the college orchestra, E. F. Allen, '09, leader.

The ushers for the evening were B. F. Jones, '07, L. W. Dunn, '07, F. W. Lovett, '08, and J. C. Richardson, '09.

# THE COLBY COLLEGE DRAMATIC CLUB.

For the past six or eight years Colby College has maintained a dramatic club that she can well be proud of. Plays and dramas of nearly every sort have been presented. This season the club will present L. E. Swartont's new College Play, "Half Back Sandy." This is a close stage relative to the famous "College Widow" and "Strongheart" which have been having such success in Boston and New York.

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Rehearsals are now being actively carried on under S. H. Hanson a man well known to the college theatrical world.

The Club is composed of fifteen members chosen by competition from the college body with H. C. Bonney, '07, as president and A. K. Stetson, '07, as manager.

The opening engagement is at Vassalboro on Feb. 9th, and every one who has seen a rehearsal or read the play is enthusiastic and certain it will be a great success.

The Club will take a number of trips through Maine and at the present time the management is trying to make arrangements with several high schools and churches for a trip through Washington and Franklin counties. As the expenses of the Club are considerable less than those of a college glee club there is little doubt but arrangements will be made for the trip through eastern Maine.

Isaac R. McCombe, '08, took charge of the Sunday evening service in the Methodist church at North Vassalboro. Mr. Colpitts, the pastor, was unable to fill his accustomed place on account of illness.

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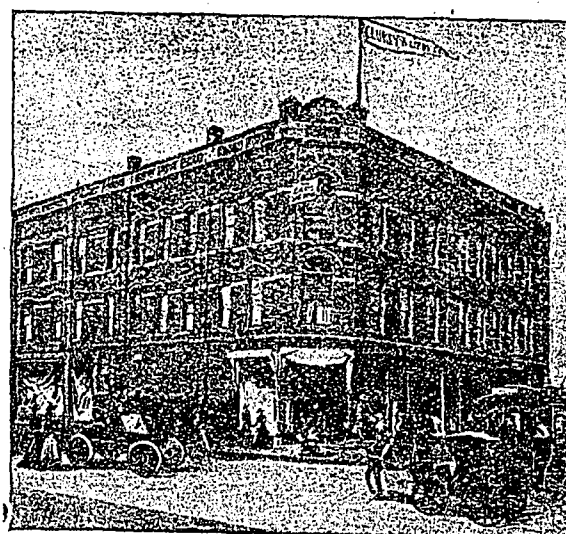
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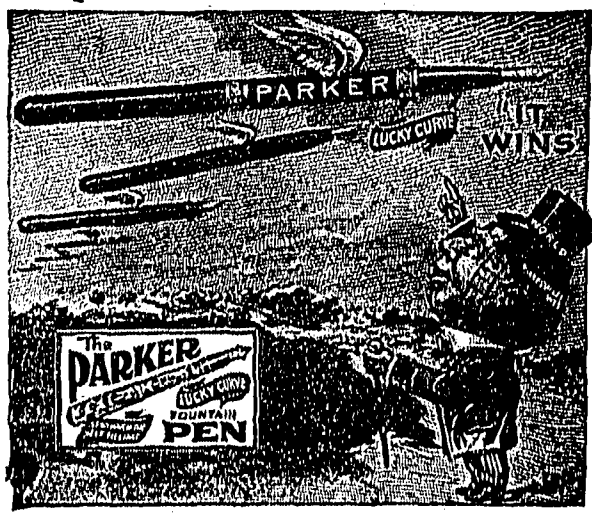
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### ALPHA UPSILON RECEPTION.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 24, the members of Alpha Upsilon entertained their friends at the home of President White on College Avenue. The party, about thirty in number, assembled early in the evening and for two hours or more spent the time quite agreeably in music, games and conversation.

Solos rendered by J. C. Richardson, '09 and by N. H. Garrick, '10, were very much enjoyed. Then those present participated in such old-fashioned games as fortune-telling, dominoes, and tiddley-winks. At the conclusion of this part of the program refreshments consisting of ice cream, fancy crackers and chocolate were served by Misses Davis and Hague. Next all repaired to the music room where, with Miss Wood as pianist, the remainder of the evening was spent in singing favorite college songs.

In addition to the Colby men present the young ladies entertained as their guests, Miss Jessie White and Miss Ada A. Cole, Boston University, '09.

Just before the assembly separated the sorority formed in a receiving line, and thus tendering congratulations for the success of the occasion the gentleman departed with three long raus for Alpha Upsilon.

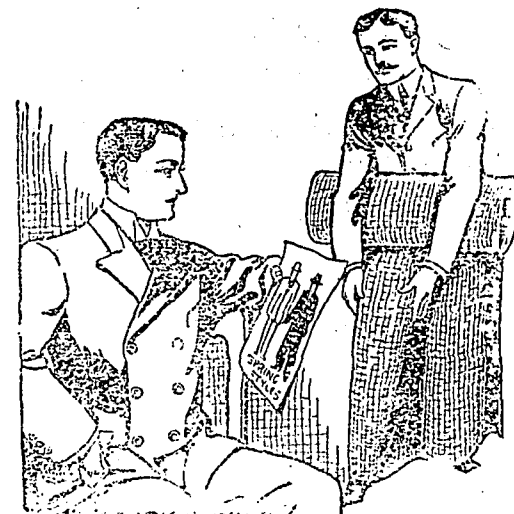
### CAMPUS CHAT.

During the absence of Pres. White last week the chapel services were conducted by Rev. George B. Nicholson, Prof. Hugh R. Hatch and Prof. H. E. Simpson.

The nominating committee which was appointed recently to draw up a slate of officers for the debating society reported Wednesday and the following were elected: President, Ralph B. Young; vice-president, John B. Hatch; secretary and treasurer, Joseph Chandler; executive committee, Roscoe Emery, R. B. Young, G. N. Dean, Prof. J. W. Black, Prof. A. J. Roberts.

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## DE FEMINIS.

Bertha M. Robinson, '07, Editor.

Miss Marie Chase, Coburn '06, called on Sadie Young one day last week.

Fannie Crute spent Sunday with Bertha Bryant at her home in Freedom.

Jesse Corbett is visiting his sister, Angie Corbett.

Mr. Harvey Norton of Auburn, was the guest of Miss Caro Beverage Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Record of Livermore Falls, is visiting her daughter, Agrandece Record, '09, for a few days.

Miss Edith Kennison, '06, was the guest of Lubelle Hall, '07, Sunday evening.

Miss Ada Cole of East Somerville, Mass., has been the guest of friends at Foss Hall during the past week.

Mr. Peasley, Bates College '10, Mr. Thomas of Lewiston, and Mr. Robbins were entertained at Foss Hall during the recent convention.

In the absence of Miss Whenman, Florence King, the vice-president, presided at the meeting of the Dexter Club, held Saturday evening. Following is the program:

An Article on Rare Elements, Alice Tyler Reading, Marion Goodwin Piano Solo, Alice Henderson Pure Food Laws, Dr. Crosswell The Noble Peace Prizes, Cassilena Perry

Mr. Lawrence Davis of Higgins Classical Institute and Mr. C. Winfield Richmond, instructor in music at the same academy, were guests of Mr. Davis's sister, Pearl Davis, '09, during the session of the Boys' Conference held in Waterville, recently.

Mr. Maurice Lord of Higgins Classical Institute took dinner Saturday evening with Ella McBurnie and Ethel Hayward.

Messrs Harold Wilbur, Andrew Applebee and Mahlon Hill of H. C. L., called on Nettie Crane and Pearl Davis, Saturday evening.

### Y. W. C. A IS AGAIN "SOCIAL."

Foss Hall dining room was once again the scene of festivity when, on Friday evening, the Y. W. C. A. scored another social success. The musical and literary program provided, consisted of a reading by Miss Jewett, '10, a selection by the college quartette, a reading by Angelina Corbett, a song by Maude Weed, and a selection by the Ladies Mandolin Club. Partners for the games to follow were chosen in a unique fashion. Each girl present took refuge behind a curtain hung at one end of the room and when entirely concealed except for a protruding shoe challenged the gentlemen to a choice. When a bit of Queen Quality, Sorosis, or Dorothy Dodd had been selected the shoe was quickly withdrawn and the owner appeared and joined her unknown partner. During the evening a mysterious package was sold at auction which proved to be an immense mince pie. The closing feature of the evening's fun was the sale of several attractive looking little boxes at five cents each. Every gentleman who bought one found within it a dainty lunch and the card of the girl who had provided it. His duty then was to find the lady and share the contents of the box with her. This novel method of serving refreshments was the means of adding a substantial sum to the Silver Bay Fund.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made and an intercollegiate debate with the University of Maine is assured. The time is not yet settled but will probably be early in the spring term.

Rex Dodge, '06, Principal of Wilton Academy visited at the D. K. E. House during the Conference of the Boys' Department of Y. M. C. A., which was held in the city Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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