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THE LEGACY OF A LIFE.

Address by President White at the First Baptist Church, Bangor.

President White was one of the speakers at the unveiling of the Thompson memorial window at the First Baptist church of Bangor. Following is his address:

While walking one day through the forest with my father he plucked a little branch of bitter-sweet and asked me to press it to my lips. At first it was bitter to the taste, but then the bitter turned into sweetness, and after a little the sweetness grew so intense that the bitter taste entirely departed.

When a good man dies the souls of those who love him are wrung with grief. Our hearts are filled with bitterness, and we are aware only of our loss. Months pass by and years follow and as we contemplate the life that has gone and note how our own lives have been enriched by the influence of the noble dead little by little, and then with great suddenness the aftermath of sweetness comes.

That little piece of bitter-sweet I found in nature's temple taught me a lesson the full force of which comes to me to-day, as we stand in this other temple of God and gaze at this beautiful memorial window so typical of the harmonious, well developed, evenly, and richly colored virtues of Mr. Arad Thompson. How rich is the legacy which he has left us!

We saw the river of his life long and majestic, flowing quietly through nearly a century, and peacefully meeting the great sea of eternity. Let us follow it back to its source. He had a noble inheritance. Blessed with a godly parentage, trained during a hardy youth in a bracing air and in a simple home life with a Christian environment, he felt the rising tide of ambition and faced the unknown world with all its uncertainties. With the benedictions of his parents resting down upon his life he came, an unknown youth, to this city, with a great purpose in his heart,—to be a true man, a sincere friend and loyal to the traditions of his early home.

He began at the bottom of the ladder. He was an unknown quantity at first, but he soon made himself invaluable to his employers, and by his devotion to their interests paved the way for his future business preferment and remarkable prosperity.

His well balanced mind with its conservative strength always forced him to the front for several decades in the financial development of the city of Bangor. He was called to responsible positions and by his fairness of judgment and imperturbable temper walked serenely in the midst of many financial adventures.

His great desire in business was to owe no man anything, and had he not clung to this great principle, he could have probably amassed a very much larger fortune.

He did not shirk responsibilities, he bore them willingly, patiently and bravely, and he has left us a legacy of an indomitable will united with an unusual energy and patience well regulated by a conservative judgment. Many men are today, and will be all their lives, more cautious because they know this good man, and were influenced by his advice.

He has also bequeathed to us all the picture of a happy home. Devoted as he was to his business, he did not allow his worldly interests to interfere with his

home life, which was that of a typical New England family. The children were trained to frugality and reflected at once and always the happy characteristics that by inheritance they had received from their devoted parents. Whatever could make the home attractive was provided, and his life was made beautiful and brought to its perfection by the influences of the Christian religion to which this noble man early consecrated his life.

For a very long period he faithfully served his church in many relations, and never was too busy to give all the attention that was needed to this consideration of the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Not contented to see only his own church prosper, it was his joy to behold the Christian churches of the community grow in influence and power.

With other gentlemen of Bangor his attention was early turned to the educational and Christian development of Aristook County. With his usual sagacity he saw that Houlton would be the center of influence in that part of the State. Therefore, in company with others he arranged for the erection of a Baptist Church in that community, and was always devoted to the interests of Ricker Classical Institute, to whose growth he generously contributed both time and money.

For many years he was the faithful trustee of Colby College. Shrinking at first from assuming the obligation because he himself was not a college graduate, he was at last persuaded to take upon him this new obligation, and at once began to study the needs of the college and was ever after its sincere and generous friend. Each President was made to feel that Mr. Thompson's home in Bangor was a refuge in every hour of perplexity, and many were the wise counsels which these friends received by the open fire, as their host spoke freely and fearlessly his well posted convictions.

I never go into the Memorial Hall at Colby College without a new sense of peace coming into my heart, as I gaze at that beautiful portrait of our aged trustee. It will always be the picture of the man who was honorable in business, true to all the duties, political and social, which were placed upon him, loyal to his church, the devoted husband, the patient, loving father, and of whom it could be said of the serenity of his age that there was light at eventide.

He did not live in a narrow world, but he has left us the legacy of a sympathy that, starting at his fireside passed out through the state and nation to distant lands. Some of the last checks of his life were drawn for the great home and foreign missionary societies. A study of his check books would show how silent and unknown were the gifts that during his long life fell like leaves of healing upon many hearts.

This memorial window,—the gift of these devoted daughters will be forever a picture of their father's life; as in this work of art the Savior is the central figure, worshipped by angels and redeemed souls, so Christ was the central object of his affection. This Christian gentleman bowed before the Christ. He met the Savior in his youth and ever after he followed in his train. As he worshipped he heard the angel voices sing of peace and joy, of hope, of immortality, but his eyes were not on the angels but on the Savior.

He has bequeathed to us a life that was diligent in business, fervent in spirit,

BASKET BALL.

Colby Wins from Brewster Academy in a Good Game.

A very fast and interesting game of basket ball was played in the Colby gymnasium Friday evening which resulted in a victory for Colby by a score of 26 to 21.

The visiting team put up an excellent game, although not at their best, this being the fourth game in three days. They were especially good at passing. The Colby team showed lack of practice, although leading throughout the game. Libby and Tilton did the best work for Colby, Horne and Tabor doing especially well for the visitors. The visiting team was entertained during their stay by the different fraternities and left on the 2 o'clock train Saturday for Orono where they played in the evening.

Lineup and score:

Blake, Peterson, Dodge, rf	lg, Tabor
Libby, lf (capt.)	rg, Horne
Good, c	c, Foote
Thompson, rg	lf, Richardson (capt.)
Tilton, lg	rf, Sanborn, Marden

Goals from floor, Libby 3, Tilton, Blake, Thompson, Peterson, Horne 4, Tabor 3, Richardson. Goals from fouls, Tilton 11, Libby, Horne 5. Fouls called on Colby 10, on Brewster 18. Referee, Hathorne. Umpire, McLellan. Time, 20 and 15 minute periods.

serving the Lord, and may the mantle of that life fall upon us all. The great impulse which never lost its power in his experience was the consciousness that Christian service made him a fellow worker with God. That conception which is peculiar to Christianity is what makes Christians a peculiar people. They realize that God has a plan for their lives,—that for the children of God all things, great and small, are supervised by his watchful eye. They are the children of his love and his providence, and the agents who carry forth his purposes and bring them to a happy fruition. They are the drops in the currents which the great strength of God hurls against the barriers until they are broken away and fall into the sea.

Such was the conception of the Christian life Mr. Thompson entertained. It made him courageous in adversity, not afraid to walk in the dark with God, willing to trust where he could not see the way, eager to lift a load which others thought too heavy, patient to plan large and noble enterprises, and willing to sit down calmly and wait for the ice to pass out of the river and for the ships of God to come in the springtime of a larger hope and joy.

When the trains of life were late, and unforeseen accidents retarded the progress of educational and Christian enterprises, he was able to adjust himself to the temporary schedules and make the best of a seeming defeat until it was turned into a victory.

This gentleman was an excellent illustration of a life that embraced what Bishop Wilberforce said, could be condensed into four words. These four words comprise the essence of Christianity,—“admit, submit, commit” and “transmit.” He admitted Christ into his heart, and in the light of the divine presence he saw there the possibility of his own development, and read clearly what others could not decipher because they lived in the dark. He submitted not to the forces of evil, but to the forces of righteousness

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HOUSE WARMING.

Dekes Receive Their Friends At Their Chapter House.

The “Deke” boys had their latch-string out Friday evening last, the occasion being a “house-warming” at the renovated chapter-house. Much hard work had been done to make the affair a success and that it was a success goes without saying. Special attention was given to decorating the the house. On the outside was displayed a large Δ K E escutcheon strikingly set off by electric lights. The interior of the house was decorated with the Deke colors. The spacious parlor with its fireplace, pillars and green and white trimmings made an especially attractive room.

The guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Eaton, Mrs. Horace Burrell and Lewis W. Dunn. Refreshments were served in the new dining-rooms and were in charge of Mrs. John Hedman, Mrs. H. S. Philbrick, Mrs. A. F. Drummond, Mrs. L. G. Bunker. These were assisted by Miss Hope Davies, Miss Alona Nicholson, Miss Ruth Abbott, Miss Margurite Percival and Miss Ethel Knight.

The music was a special feature of the evening. It was furnished by the De Koven Trio, consisting of Miss Lillian Gray, violinist, Miss Louise Horne, cornet and Miss Marion Webber, piano. This Trio has been heard a number of times in Waterville and its work Friday evening was up to its usual excellent standard.

The committee of arrangements consisted of Lewis W. Dunn '07, John C. Hetherington '08, Clark D. Chapman '09, Thomas W. Williams '10. The ushering was done by Garrick, Williams and Choate of the Freshman class.

The other fraternities were represented as follows: Zeta Psi, Burr F. Jones '07, Delta Upsilon, Malcolm D. Smith '08, Phi Delta Theta, Ralph B. Young '07, Alpha Tau Omega, John E. Hatch '08. The Theta chapter of Bowdoin was represented by Arnold Burton.

The large parlor was crowded with guests all the evening, it being estimated that well up to 300 people passed through the receiving line. Frequent comments in praise of the fine appearance of the house were heard. XI Chapter certainly has a home to be proud of, a credit both to the chapter and to the college. The boys proved themselves royal entertainers and made everyone feel at home. It would not be an exaggeration to say that, all things considered, their reception surpassed any social event which the Dekes have ever held in the city.

COBURN—COLBY.

The college basket ball team played another practice game with Coburn on Friday afternoon, Jan. 25. Colby played a much better game than at the meeting of the two teams the week before and won by the score of 20 to 15.

Lineup:

COLBY.

Tilton, lg
Tribou, rg
Goode, c
Libby, lf
Dodge, rf

COBURN.

rf, Donald
lf, Gould
c, Tibbetts
rg, Leighton
lg, Smith

Score, Colby 20, Coburn 15. Referee, McLellan and Blake alternating. Timer, Seaton. Time, 15 and 10-min. halves.

Carol Webber, Bowdoin '07, was the guest of Haley Hammond, Monday.

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A letter from Harold W. Soule, Colby's Rhodes scholar at Oxford, brings words of encouragement to the editor and greetings to students and alumni. It is expected that Mr. Soule will contribute a few articles to the Echo later in the year.

No one has passed in or out of North College by the south entrance the past two weeks without becoming aware of the danger that lurks in those icy steps. True, the ice has recently been sprinkled over with sand and ashes, but can there not be something done to prevent the ice from accumulating there? The danger is very great to the students, but doubly so to visitors who are not aware of the condition of the steps. Even the students forget about the ice in coming out after dark, and sundry bruises testify that the steps are slippery. Here is another opportunity for the conference board to do some good work that will be appreciated.

A number of pictures have recently been hung on the walls of Memorial Hall and Chemical Hall which add much to the appearance of the interior of these buildings. They are carbon photographs of Murillo's Holy Family, Trumbull's Signing the Declaration of Independence, Westminster Abbey, Watts's Sir Galahad, Victory of Samothrace, Stratford-on-Avon; and brown prints of portraits of Sir Walter Scott, Abraham Lincoln, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin. THE ECHO heartily commends this plan of decorating the walls of the Colby buildings with appropriate pictures. Pictures such as have been recently placed in the buildings have an educational as well as an artistic value and it is hoped that many more will follow.

In the "Watchman" for January 31 is a poem, "The Winds of Life," by Allison M. Watts, Colby '08. Mr. Watts is now a senior at Newton Theological Seminary.

The February number of "The New England Magazine" contains the first of a series of stories by Holman F. Day, '87. The general title of the series is "Old King Sprue" and there is a sub-title for each story in the series. The first one is "The Chaney Man."

Jacob A. Ellis, in a recent article in the "Outlook" on "The Last Chance Gulch Today," makes a very pleasing and complimentary reference to Randall J. Condon, '86, superintendent of instruction in Helena, Montana.

THE LEGACY OF A LIFE.

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and to the will of his superior, Jesus Christ. He committed his life and the lives of all his children and loved ones, and all the varied interests that absorbed his attention, to the providential care of the Christ whom he revered. He transmitted to those in his family, to all who were his business associates, to his fellow trustees, to his large circle of friends, to his neighbors and to multitudes in many nations, whom, having not seen he loved, the secret of a happy and beautiful Christian life.

He was endowed by nature with these various elements of character which we have briefly emphasized, and by the grace of God with those graces of character which make the life of Mr. Arad Thompson so strong and helpful.

He was endued with power that came to him from the spirit of God. His life reached up and touched the unforeseen forces of heaven,—his life reached down in sympathy and love and touched the hearts of humanity. He was the channel in this sense of the divine grace.

His life is endorsed by us to-day, and he has gone to be with the Christ, and with those who went before: "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." But he is not dead. Death to him was only the door into the eternal life leading to that other room in our Father's house where evermore he enjoys the friendship of angels, the companionship of his beloved and the Christ.

About nine o'clock Saturday evening eight "stern" (?) Seniors gathered together solely for the "stern" purpose of having a spread. There were certainly no evidences of the presence of "dull care" in their midst as they joked and ate and sang. All too quickly the hour passed and at ten the little company dispersed with a song in praise of Kappa Alpha.

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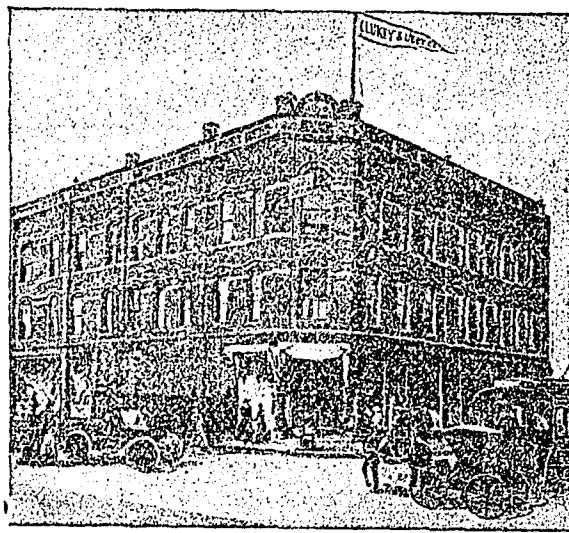
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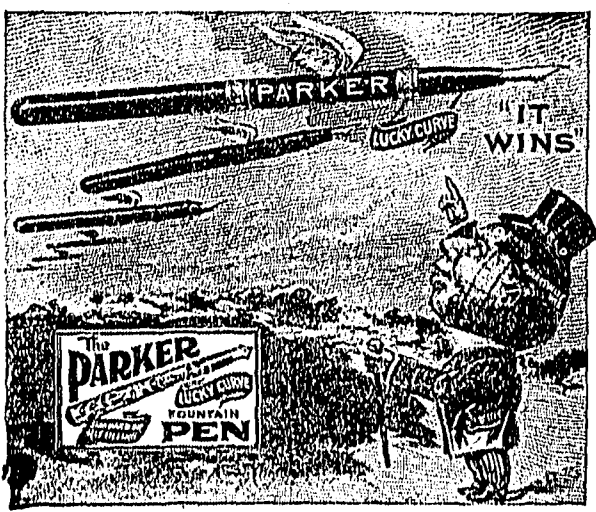
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A very pleasant At Home was given by the members of Alpha Upsilon Sorority to the Ladies of the Faculty and girls of the College Wednesday Jan. 23, at the home of President White. The guests were cordially received by Miss Berry, Miss Whemman, '07, Miss Runnels, '08, and Miss Cole an alumna of Boston University.

After some time spent in general conversation, dainty refreshments of tea, chocolate, fancy crackers and candies were served. Miss Connor, '07, and Miss Young, '09, presided over the dining table which was decorated with a superb bouquet of white roses.

The Alpha Upsilon girls proved themselves to be admirable hostesses, and the afternoon was a most enjoyable one for all.

CAMPUS CHAT.

W. S. Knowlton, '03, attended the D. K. E. reception Wednesday evening.

A. F. Noble, Amherst '05, visited friends at North College Saturday.

Many of the students enjoyed Saturday afternoon at the skating rink.

Burr F. Jones, '07, visited his parents at Weeks' Mills Sunday.

James Nickels, '08, was confined to his room two or three days last week with the grip.

The college orchestra played at the Freshman reading of the Fairfield High school Saturday evening.

The physics classes received "cuts" Friday, Saturday and Monday owing to the illness of Prof. Whitmore.

The Brewster Academy basket ball team were entertained at the Phi Delta Theta House Sunday.

C. M. Swan of Boston Institute of Technology was on the campus, Saturday.

BOOK BY A COLBY MAN.

An attractive little book, entitled "A Synopsis of Mineral Characters," has just been issued by John Wiley & Sons, Scientific Publishers, New York, which, though technical in nature, is of especial interest to Colby men since it bears the name of Ralph W. Richards, '01, now assistant in mineralogy in Harvard University.

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F. L. Bennett, Rochester '05, was on the campus Monday with samples of fraternity shields.

E. H. Brownlow, '10, injured his foot while playing basket ball one day last week and was obliged to have it lanced Sunday. He is now able to be about.

R. A. Colpitts, '07, preached at the Congregationalist church Sunday evening. Many of the students were present. The Woronoco quartette furnished music.

The College Dramatic club presents "The Halfback Sandy" for the first time at Vassalboro Saturday evening of this week. S. H. Hanson, '05, who is to coach the play, came Tuesday and daily rehearsals are being held.

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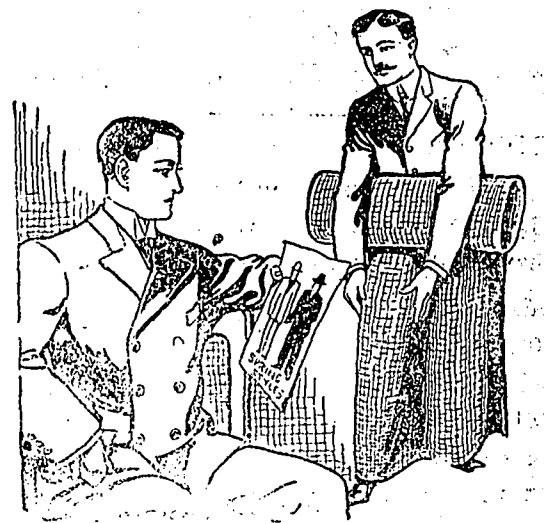
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Mrs. Kidder of Waterville was the guest of Ruth Wood Saturday evening.

Lillian Lowell visited friends in Vassalboro Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Miss McCurdy of Waterville was the guest of Olive Taylor Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bickford of South Portland visited her daughter, Jessie Bickford, during the past week.

Miss Anna Lewis of Portland, State missionary for the Congregational denomination, has, during a brief stay in Waterville, been the guest of Abbie Hague.

The engagement of Marian Mayo, ex-'09, to Mr. B. Powers of Fairfield, has recently been announced.

The public reading of the Freshman class of Fairfield High school came off successfully last Saturday. Angie Corbett, '08, trained the speakers for their several parts.

Owing to the coming convention, the usual Friday evening mission class was held Monday evening.

Miss Nora Lander, '08, has recently announced her engagement to Mr. Louis Hopkins of Dartmouth College.

The latest gift to Foss Hall is very generally approved. It is a large, improved Webster's dictionary, donated by the G. and C. Merriam Company, Springfield, Mass.

Miss Laura Wilbur of Portland, who has been spending a few days in town, was the guest of her friend, Maude Weed, Monday. A spread given in honor of Miss Wilbur occupied the evening.

The members of the Dexter club and invited friends enjoyed a great treat Saturday evening at Foss Hall, when Mrs. Clarence White gave her recital on Beethoven. She began by giving a brief sketch of the life and work of the great composer and then called the attention of her audience to certain facts concerning his sonatas. A few words of explanation regarding what was to be found in each selection played, preceded the rendering of it, and enabled the hearers to listen appreciatively. It is, indeed, a pleasure to hear the piano played as beautifully and effectively as Mrs. White plays it. Many friends from Waterville and Fairfield were invited to share the privilege. Among those present were Professor White, President and Mrs. White, Professor and Mrs. Roberts, Professor and Mrs. Black, Professor and Mrs. Parmenter, Professor Simpson, Professor Chester and Mrs. Hatch.

Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION

The Maine State Young Women's Christian Association of schools and colleges will hold a convention in Waterville, Feb. 8 to 10. Delegates are expected to arrive Friday and to be present for the big supper to be served at six o'clock that evening in the vestries of the Baptist Church. Following this will be the opening session of the Convention. Services will be held all day Saturday and in the evening and during a part of Sunday. The Convention is in charge of Miss Edith Wells, New England Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., who is to arrange for speakers and business sessions. The care and entertainment of the guests is in the hands of the Colby and Coburn Associations. Dr. Anna Brown, one of the National Field Secretaries, and Miss Bentley, an assistant of Miss Wells, will be among the speakers. A tea will be given at Foss Hall to the visiting delegates and to the Coburn society on Saturday afternoon from four to six by the members of the Colby association. The convention will, doubtless, be one of inspiration and profit to all concerned. It is hoped that all the evening sessions will be well attended by the general public.

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