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FROM THE PHILIPINES

Letters from a Colby Graduate in the Far East.

The following extracts from letters written by Malcom B. Mower, '05, from Uncle Sam's possessions in the Orient will no doubt be of interest to both students and alumni:

Siquijor, Or. Negros, P. I., Oct. 30, 1906.

I returned last night from Lacy. Thursday the Governor of the Province and a party of Filipino ilustrados landed here. They stayed until Saturday morning and as they invited me to accompany them I rode to Lacy in the party. We had a good journey through the mountains. We stopped at San Antonio, a barrio in the mountains, for a short time. The trees were loaded with fruit with which we filled our pockets. We reached Lacy at 12 o'clock. I found Hall well and happy. However he has a pretty accurate account of the number of days before Christmas vacation.

I remained in Lacy until Monday and then started for my town. Jennings, my fellow worker was to teach for me that day and I was to visit the barrio of Timboan for him. I arrived shortly after the opening of the school and found the teacher had an enrollment of 140 pupils. A barrio school is quite a sight. The children sit along the sides of the room. These particular kids were all studying aloud, and it was impossible to hear one's self think. They quieted a little when I entered.

Then I started for San Juan. As it began to rain in torrents before getting there I went into a house and stayed until afternoon. My dinner consisted of a can of devilled ham, washed down with the water of two cocoanuts. This water is a great thing for a man traveling around out here. Get a boy, and he'll find a cocoanut tree; he'll climb the tree, knock off a couple of nuts, and then cut off the end with his bolo. The water is fine when you're thirsty. At San Juan I went into the Municipal building and lay down on a hard wood bench. I was asleep in about two minutes. After a two hours' nap I started for Siquijor. The whole ride was about 18 or 20 miles. The country here at this season is certainly ideal as far as temperature is concerned.

Siquijor, Oriental Negros, P. I.,

Dec. 11th, 1906

Today has been a festa day here. The Santa Cecilia is the patron and the band has been celebrating in great shape. It began to play about four o'clock this morning and hasn't finished yet (5 P. M.) This noon there was a feast at the "brothers of the Santa" and I had to attend that. I occupied the seat of honor at the head of the table and talked with the Padre and the President's wife. These feasts certainly come thick and fast. This afternoon they had a ribbon race. An arch is built and from it are suspended small rings on a string. The boys on horse-back ride through the arch and try to spear a ring, with a little stick which they carry. On the ring is a number and for each number there is a correspondingly numbered ribbon, presented by some fair damsel. When a boy gets a ring he goes to the seat of honor and receives a ribbon. It's quite a sight.

Hall has the building of a new school house on his hands, at present. The old

DEXTER CLUB.

Major Holman F. Day, Entertains Colby Audience.

Major Holman F. Day '87, delighted a large and appreciative audience at Foss Hall, Saturday evening by reading selections from his books. Major Day is well known to Colby students and is always welcomed most heartily when ever he comes to Waterville. The Dexter Club, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, invited all their friends who were interested in Major Day to be present. A large number from Waterville and other places entered the dining room which had been converted for the occasion into a hall. The evening's entertainment began with a selection by the ladies' Mandolin Club of the College. This was followed by the beautiful song "Sing Me to Sleep" rendered by Miss Lander '08. Miss Whenman, president of the Dexter Club, then in a few words introduced Mr. Day. Stepping on the little platform in front of the room, after a brief preliminary speech, he began at once the reading of several delightful poems, poems which strike at the heart of Maine Country life. Amusing and pathetic they all were and true to life. Perhaps the charm of them lies in the very fact that many of the scenes and people they describe are well known in almost every Maine village. The "Organization of Etny's Brass Band" was especially appreciated. After the entertainment a social hour was enjoyed and opportunity was given all who cared to meet Mr. Day personally to do so. Meanwhile a half dozen chafing dishes in the rear corner of the room were busy preparing refreshments of creamed shrimps and Welsh rarebit. The proceeds of the entertainment (an admission fee of twenty-five cents was charged) will be used in purchasing something for Foss Hall.

COLLEGE NOTES.

A Debating Association has been organized between Bates and the University of Maine. The purpose, according to the agreement published in the last issue of The Campus, is to conduct debates between the Sophomore classes of the two colleges.

Bowdoin will observe the 100th anniversary of Longfellow's birth on February 27.

A number of cases of scarlet fever among the students of Amherst have made it necessary to close the college till March 1.

At a meeting of the Harvard sophomore class it was decided to follow the custom instituted for the senior class of wearing a button to distinguish the members of the class.

Among those who accompanied the Dramatic Club to Skowhegan Friday evening were Seaton, '09, Chapman, '09, Dunn, '07, Crosby, '10.

one is sadly out of repair and the Superintendent on his last visit decided that it would be wiser and cheaper to build a new one.

Election day came last Tuesday over in my town. There was not much excitement as compared with home elections. Only those who can read and write, or who pay taxes to the amount of \$15.00 can vote. Out of a population of 19,000 in Siquijor only about 70 can vote.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

Excellent Performance Given at Skowhegan Last Friday.

The Dramatic Club presented its play, "Half Back Sandy" at Skowhegan last Friday evening for the first time. The play was a success from start to finish many declaring the production one worthy of professional actors. From the time the curtain went up in the first act until it went down in the last there was a continuous round of laughter and applause. Every man played his part to perfection and everything promises that the club will have a most successful season. Each scene is true to college life, renewing the fond recollections of many an "old grad." One person was heard to remark that, during the third act he could see the players running up and down the field. S. H. Hanson, '95, who coached the players for the different parts is to be congratulated for the success which his efforts have met, this early in the season. H. C. Bonney, '07, as "Sandy" Smith the half back and V. R. Jones, as Mabel Summer played the leading roles in a way most satisfactory to the audience. McCombe, '08, Gould, '08 and Brownlow, '10 furnished comedy throughout the play that would make even the most unappreciative laugh. The work of Thompson, '08 and Moor, '10 in leading up to the climax of the play in the third act was most dramatic.

CHARACTERS.

"Sandy" Smith.....H. C. BONNEY, '07
Josiah Krop.....J. M. MAXWELL, '10
His uncle

Philip Krop.....C. E. PEASE, '10
His cousin of Queenstown College
Bill Short.....G. A. GOULD, '08
Philip's friend of Queenstown College
Kenneth Summer....A. C. THOMPSON, '08
Manager of Kingston Football Team
Dick Hart.....L. C. GUPTILL, '09
A Sophomore

"Babe" Von Twiller..H. W. KIMBALL, '09
A Freshman

Joe Fleetwood.....N. I. MIXER, '09
A College Sport

Percy Gordon.....H. B. MOORE, '16
Captain of the Kingston Football Team
J. Booth McReady....I. R. MCCOMBE, '08
A retired actor and instructor of dramatic literature at Kingston College

Professor Dryden....J. M. MAXWELL, '10
Authority of Ancient History

Mabel Sumner.....V. R. JONES, '08
Kenneth's sister
Sue.....E. H. BROWNLOW, '10

SYNOPSIS

Act I. Exterior of Krop's house in the Adirondacks. Early September.

Act II. A students room at Kingston on the eve of the great foot-ball game between Kingston and Queenstown.

Act III. Professor Dryden's recitation room. The afternoon of the great game.

Fourteen months elapse between Act I and II.

Manager.....Albert K. Stetson '07
President.....Harry C. Bonney '07
Stage Manager....Isaac R. McCombe '08
Master of Properties..John E. Hatch '08

At a recent meeting of the Junior class, Josephine Clark was elected to fill the office of president made vacant when Miss Hardy left college.

Miss Florence Priest of Vassalboro, was the guest of her sister, Edith Priest, '07, one day last week.

MUSICAL CLUBS.

Norridgewock Concert is up to the Usual Standard.

On Monday, Feb. 11, at four o'clock, about a score of college boys boarded the train for Norridgewock, everybody loaded down with musical instruments from a big bass drum to a piccolo. A short ride, a change of cars at Oakland, then a half hour's run over the Somerset "air line", and this mixture of jolly boys, dress suit cases, and musical instruments was unloaded at the Norridgewock station.

Here the principal of the High School, S. G. Bean, '05, appeared on the scene and, by the aid of his students, soon conducted the visitors to their various lodging places.

At eight o'clock the boys faced a full house in the new town hall. The very first number on the program won the audience, and the rest was easy. The applause was long and loud and encores were frequent. Guptil in his humorous readings had the crowd with him all the time. Richardson and Allen both received the applause which their excellent solo work deserved. In fact from the first number to the last everyone in the hall seemed to thoroughly enjoy the concert.

Nine o'clock Tuesday morning found the boys all back in Waterville and ready to take up the serious side of life again. The only damage received from the trip was one frozen ear and several chilled fingers.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS: It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to summon from this earthly life the father of our beloved brother in Phi Delta Theta, John Tracy Mathews, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of Phi Delta Theta, extend our heartfelt sympathy to our brother and his family in their bereavement, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to him and that they be published in THE COLBY ECHO.

PERLEY L. THORNE, '07,

A. C. THOMPSON, '08,

FRANK O. DEAN, '09,

Committee on Resolutions.

HALL OF XI OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to take from us our beloved brother, Walter Herbert Mathews, of the Class of '78; be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, express our deep grief at the loss of an honored and loyal brother; and be it

RESOLVED: That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother, and that they be entered on the records of the Chapter, and that they be published in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, and in the Colby Echo.

T. A. SMART,

P. S. FARRAR,

T. J. SEATON,

For XI of D. K. E.

Charles P. Chipman, '06, has recently accepted a position with a publishing firm in New York City.

S. H. Hanson, '95, who came Thursday to accompany the Dramatic Club to Skowhegan, returned to Houlton Saturday.

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Mrs. Laban E. Warren, wife of the late Professor Warren whose memory is dear to so many Colby graduates, died at her home in Littleton, Massachusetts, last Friday. Dr. Whittemore, pastor of the first Baptist church in this city, went to Littleton Monday to attend the funeral.

Through the kindness of Rev. and Mrs. I. B. Mower we are publishing in this issue of the Echo a few extracts from letters written by their son, Malcolm B. Mower, from the Philippines. Mr. Mower's descriptions of life and customs in the far East are certainly interesting and if the experiment meets with the general approval of our readers we shall endeavor to procure a few more of these "purple patches" for later issues of the Echo.

There are very few people who are above criticism. Not even the members of the Colby faculty can boast that distinction. We have what we believe is a just criticism to make and a suggestion to offer which we hope will receive the careful consideration of those to whom it applies.

Several times during the present college year students have been caused considerable inconvenience and waste of time by the neglect of the professors to notify their classes when they expected to be absent. To students living outside of the campus the inconvenience is much greater and means usually a wasted hour which might have been used in other work. Many of the students find all their time occupied, and an extra hour occasionally could be used to advantage if they could be notified in time to make their plans ahead. Some of the professors are very careful in this respect and others could profit by their example.

Rev. I. B. Mower led chapel Saturday. Crosby, '10, spent Sunday with friends at China Lake.

President White lectured at Camden last Saturday.

N. I. Mixer will teach the spring term at the High School in South China.

L. C. Guptill is teaching in one of the evening schools in the city.

Rev. E. C. Whittemore conducted the chapel service, Friday.

A. C. Swan of Hebron Academy visited his brother, Charles Swan, '10, Sunday.

Once again, through the Echo, we would ask for those grinds for the Oracle.

Y. M. C. A.

At the second platform meeting of the term, Tuesday evening, Herbert C. Libby addressed the members of the Y. M. C. A. on the subject, "Lessons from the Life of Lincoln."

Mr. Libby divided the life of Lincoln into three parts: his boyhood and young manhood; his young manhood to the time of his election to the presidency; and his life as President. In a very interesting way he characterized each period, and emphasized their important lessons. He showed how Lincoln at all stages of his career fully measured up to that type of manhood which is honest, strong and determined. And although in Lincoln's own mind his life was one of dissatisfaction and anxiety, may we not feel that at the closing moment there came to him the feeling of joy at having contributed the best years of his life to the interests of philanthropy, his country, and his God?

John E. Hatch was in Skowhegan Friday on business connected with the Dramatic Club.

George Gould, '08, was called to his home in Portland Saturday by the illness of his mother.

W. E. Hackett, ex-'09, is employed in Salanger Bros., department store, Rochester, N. H.

John Hetherington, '08, acted as toast-master at the Alpha Phi banquet at the Gerald, Friday evening.

Herman B. Betts, '07, supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church in Winslow, Sunday morning.

William A. Flewellyn, ex-'09, who has been employed for some months as motor-man on a street railway near Boston, went to his home in Calais last week.

L. S. Gilpatrick has finished the winter term at China High School and has gone to his home in Danforth where he will remain until the opening of the spring term at college, when he will resume his work here.

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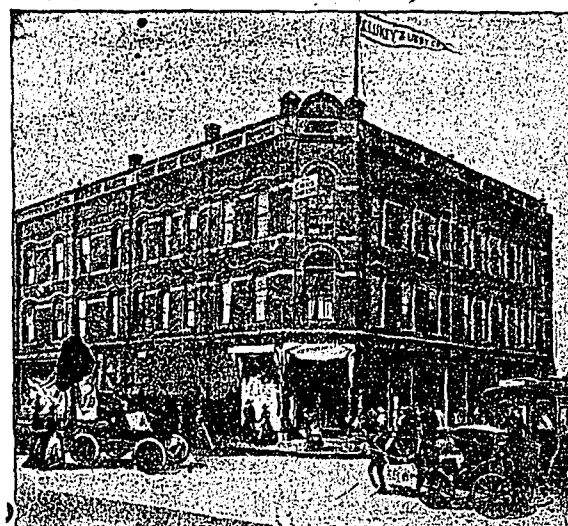
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CAMPUS CHAT.

Charles Rush, '07, preached in Farmington Sunday.

A. C. Thompson, '08, visited Anburn last Saturday.

John E. Hatch, '08, was in Winslow Sunday afternoon.

Cecil W. Clark, '05, is spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida.

C. A. Grant, ex-'07, was calling on friends on the campus Saturday.

J. C. Richardson, '09, has been confined to his room for a few days with an attack of the "grip".

F. M. Thompson of Machias visited his son, Ray Thompson, '08, at the Phi Delta Theta House, Friday.

M. C. Joy, '06, instructor in science at Hebron Academy, called at the Phi Delta Theta House Sunday.

Fenwick L. Holmes, '06, who has been ill for several months at his home in Lincoln, is convalescing slowly.

George Dean, '10, and Leon Gilpatrick, ex-'08, went to Bangor Saturday afternoon to visit over Sunday.

A. F. Noble, Amherst '05, has been engaged to coach the track team. The work began Monday in the Gymnasium.

Francis Rose supplied the Baptist church in North Vassalboro Sunday.

Prof. H. R. Hatch preached in Belfast Sunday.

Lewis W. Dunn, '07, gave the address of welcome at the Alpha Phi reception in the Coburn Gymnasium, Thursday evening.

Professor Hedman is in the northern part of the state this week in the interests of the college. He will visit Ricker and the principal high schools of Aroostook county before returning.

Walter S. Morgan, ex-'09, who has been quite ill in the hospital is gaining slowly and will resume his duties soon in the Mitchell Military Boys' School, Billerica, Mass.

The basket ball team had pictures taken at Preble's studio Wednesday afternoon. While there the members of the team nominated Howard A. McLellan, '09, as manager for next year, and Howard A. Tribou, '08, as captain.

The thirtieth annual convention of the Alpha Phi fraternity met with the Nu chapter of Coburn Institute, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A number of the Colby students who are alumni members of the fraternity attended the meetings.

A meeting of the General Athletic Committee was held in Recitation Hall Saturday at 4 P. M. Howard A. McLellan, was elected manager and Howard A. Tribou, captain of the next year's basket ball team. The committee on revision of the constitution reported their work as nearly completed. The committee for arrangement of trophy room reported no action as yet.

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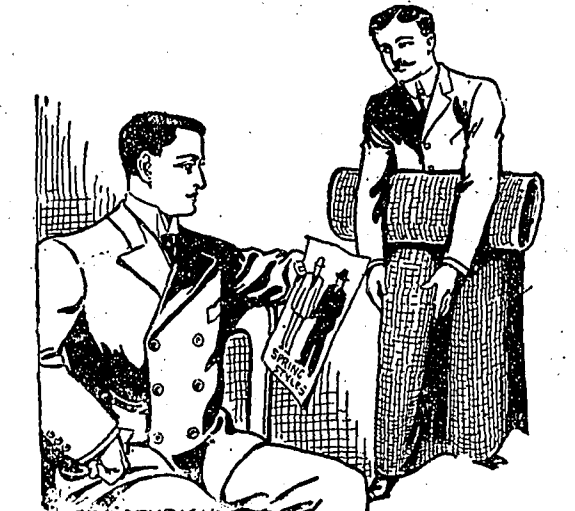
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DE FEMINIS.

Bertha M. Robinson, '07, Editor.

Ellen Cratty has left college.

President White led chapel, Wednesday.

Mrs. Donald of Hardwick, Vt., is visiting her daughter, Mary Donald, '10.

Rev. W. B. Hague of Gorham called on his daughter, Abbie Hague, '09, Monday.

Mrs. Caswell, matron at Palmer House, is suffering from an attack of the grip.

Miss Hinckley of Good Will Farm, is visiting Nina Holmes, '08.

Miss Annie H. Hull, Colby '99, is visiting Dr. Crosswell.

Jeanette Sturtevant '09, spent Sunday with her parents in Skowhegan.

Mrs. Runnals of Foxcroft, is spending a few days with her daughter, Nettie Runnals, '08.

Mr. William Black of the University of Maine, was recently the guest of Leona Achorn, '10.

Miss Ida Tibbets, of Portland, has recently been the guest of June Philbrick, '09.

Miss Eva Knowlton, of Skowhegan, has recently been the guest of her sister, Ethel Knowlton '09.

Major Holman F. Day and Mrs. Day of Auburn and Dr. J. F. Hill of Waterville took dinner at Foss Hall, Saturday evening.

VALENTINE PARTY.

About a week ago those who are members of the Young Men's College class of the Baptist Sunday School received notes inviting them to a Valentine party. The Young Women's class, or "Little Peppers" as they are called, were to entertain them at the home of the class president, Miss Bowler on Nudd St. Friday evening was the time when Cupid was on hand with preparations made before the arrival of the guests. Dr. and Mrs. Pepper were ready to greet their young friends and Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick soon came. From the large class of young men enrolled there were only about fifteen who felt qualified to respond to the invitations—perhaps some had only been present one Sunday. At first a grand search was made for candy hearts hidden about the room. A prize was announced for each of the two finding the greatest number. Before long Miss Fielden was wearing a necklace of hearts and Mr. Stetson was showing a large red heart on which were mounted two small ones. Addressed envelopes were distributed and inside these the ladies placed portraits of themselves as seen in mirrors, the men wrote love letters. These were all dropped into a large box having the letters U. S. M. When the mail was delivered the pictures were displayed and the letters read aloud. Then the lovers were allowed a few minutes with their ladies when strawberry ice cream and fancy crackers were served and there was opportunity for proposals and answers to be written. By that time the various couples were so interested in their own selves that it was difficult to keep quiet while the compositions were read. Malcolm Graeme offered his love to Lady of the Lake; Bassanio entreated fair Portia; Dante earnestly begged Beatrice to share his home in Hades; Aeneas expressed his plea to Dido in Latin terms—he begged to be able to say *veni, vidi, vici*. And so were there other desires eloquently expressed and the replies varied from the eager affirmation, the modest "yes" to the heart-rending "no." Charades and magic music were other interesting parts of the fine program arranged by the social committee, Misses Stevenson, Eaton and Ward. The merry guests were starting for home when showers of confetti filled the doorway.

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