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THE BOSTON ALUMNI.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Dinner at the American House.

The following account of the Boston Colby Alumni dinner is taken from last Saturday's Globe:

There are many alumni associations in Boston, but none more jolly than the men of Colby. They held their annual dinner last night in the American House.

Not all alumni have the Apollo club to lighten up their festivities. But the Apollo were with Colby. They began by singing "Wot Cheer, All the People Say," and at the order of Pres. W. C. Crawford they sang at intervals all through the evening.

There was a breath of a hint of an intention in the air. Colby is threatened with femininity. Pres. Crawford gave it voice in a back-handed fashion. Without saying what had scared him, he protested that Colby is not the college of the dilettante; he stood strong for virility. Later in the evening J. Colby Bassett said it had been deliberately proposed to him that Colby become the Maine women's college. The younger alumni laughed in an insouciant fashion, but to Col. F. S. Hesselstine and the other gray-beards of the head table the suggestion caused a visible shudder.

Pres. C. L. White of Colby spoke on the matter of success. He named a whole row of Colby men who have been successful, especially naming Prof. Taylor and Prof. Roberts. Prof. Roberts, he said, does two men's work each day. He explained the semielective systems of Colby, under which the student chooses not single courses, but groups, and stated that the plan to divide the secret societies among the dormitories promised to solve a great perplexity.

Prof. Arthur J. Roberts received a real ovation when he rose to speak. He advanced the startling opinion that the college professor who receives as much as he is worth is not worthy to be a college professor at all. Then he spoke of Maine's prosperity. He said the immigration from the provinces has increased illiteracy. But while there are fewer children in the rural schools, there are three times as many boys and girls in the colleges as there have been ever before. Race suicide in Maine, he remarked, has been a good thing for the colleges. Then he protested that Maine's best product is her men, and there has really been no race suicide there at all.

E. L. Getchell presented resolutions of respect for the oldest alumnus, Dr. William Howe, who recently died at the age of 101 years. It was Dr. Howe who really founded Tremont Temple.

Prof. William Matthews, without whom no reunion of Colby men would be complete, told reminiscences of the famous Colby men he had known, and Col. F. S. Hesselstine listed whimsically the subjects which he could not treat in the four minutes assigned to him.

Allen Pelletier Soule, one of the trustees of the college, said that to his mind the trend of events would soon place Colby in the hands of her alumni, and finally—along with every other New England college—in the hands of the state.

B. P. Holbrook invited all Colby men to the coming banquet of the Coburn Classical Institute, of which he is the president of the alumni, and whose dinner takes place a week from next Friday night at the Copley Square hotel. The final speaker was J. Colby Bassett,

DRAMATIC CLUB.

Another Successful Performance at North Vassalboro.

On Saturday night, March 2, the Dramatic Club presented its play, "Half-Back Sandy," at North Vassalboro to an appreciative audience which completely filled the town hall. The Club, accompanied by the orchestra, left in a team at two o'clock in the afternoon. The only obstacle encountered on the drive was a load of hay which had turned out of the road a little too far and was in great danger of overturning. Colby boys are always ready to help a man in distress and this time was no exception. With their assistance the load was quickly returned to the road and an upright position.

The weather had been so cold in North Vassalboro that the arcetylene gas plant of the town hall was frozen and all efforts to thaw it out were unavailing. So that kerosene lamps took the place of foot-lights and lanterns the place of chandeliers.

The play was well given and the parts well taken, but special mention should be made of the acrobatic stunt of "Professor Dryden" who lost his dignity by leaving the stage in a very undignified manner. The stars of the evening were McCombe, '08, as Mac Ready and Brownlow, '10, as Sue.

By the request of those who attended the Musical Clubs' concert a few weeks ago, Guptill, '09, gave a reading at the close of the play.

Sandwiches and coffee were served to members of the club by members of the Men's Wesleyan Club of the Methodist Church.

SENIOR EXHIBITION.

The appointments for the Senior Exhibition are as follows:

"The College Settlement,"

Addie B. Holway

"Music: Its Development in Expressional Beauty,"

Myrtis E. Bassett

"A Plea for the Classical College,"

Roscoe C. Emery

"Consolidation of Churches in Rural Communities,"

Robert A. Colpitts

"The College and the Nation,"

Arthur K. Winslow

"Our Inheritance from the Hebrew Race,"

Burr F. Jones

Dr. Whittemore had charge of the chapel service Friday. Rev. Bowley Green was present and spoke very earnestly to the men from the third Psalm.

At the next meeting of the Colby Club, Saturday evening, March 9, Dr. Anton Marquardt will speak on the subject, "Emperor William, His Family, His Land and His People." The address will no doubt be very interesting as Dr. Marquardt is well versed in affairs pertaining to Germany.

who warned the alumni of the threat to make Colby the women's college of Maine.

The following officers were elected: H. S. Weaver, pres., A. P. Soule and J. C. Bassett, vice pres., Merle S. Getchell, sec., and A. C. Hinds, Lincoln Owen, H. A. Dennison, E. L. Getchell, H. D. McLellan, H. M. Lord, Q. D. Farr, J. S. Lynch, Woodman Bradbury, B. C. Richardson and B. P. Holbrook executive committee.

SIGMA KAPPA.

National Convention Meets With Alpha Chapter at Colby.

March first and second the third annual convention of the Grand Chapter of Sigma Kappa met with Alpha Chapter of Colby College, Waterville, Maine. The delegates arrived Thursday evening and the first session of the convention opened at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The session was closed at twelve to be resumed at 2 P. M., lasting until 6 P. M.

Friday evening the Waterville Alumnae Chapter gave a reception to the members of the convention, the Faculty and representatives at the home of Miss Florence Dunn.

The receiving line was composed of Ellen Peterson, Colby '07; Joanna Parks, Boston University '07; Florence Dunn, Colby '99; Mrs. Grace Linscott, Colby '01; and Ethel Hoge, Illinois University '08. The decorations were smilax and violets. In the diningroom violet sherbet, cake and bonbons were served by Mrs. Marjorie Stevenson, '02, and Caro Hoxie, '96, assisted by Grace Warren, '03, and Mary Helen Caswell, '04. From the living-room the company passed into the library where coffee and bonbons were served by Jennie Smith, '81, assisted by Edith Kennison, '06, and Bertha Kennison, '07.

Among the guests of the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Black, Mrs. C. H. White, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Prof. Chester, Bertha Robinson, '07, of Alpha Upsilon Sorority, Helen Dickinson, '08, of Chi Omega and Dorothy Hopson, '08, of the Hypatio Club.

The business session of Saturday was opened at 9 A. M., and lasted until 12. The afternoon session lasted from 1 P. M., until 7.30 P. M.

The second social event was the convention banquet Saturday evening when fifty-eight loyal Sigma Kappas from the first to the latest initiate gathered in the diningroom of the Elmwood Hotel. The place of honor was given to Mrs. Mary Lowe Carver, the first woman graduate of Colby, and one of the founders of the society. The time passed quickly from 9 to 11.30 o'clock when after the last toast the banquet broke up with the closing ode and the grip. Following is the toast list:

Toastmistress, Florence E. Dunn.

"How absolute the knave is!
we must speak by the card."

Salutation.

"Great welcome makes a merry feast."

Ellen Peterson, Alpha.

Three Years and Three Angles.

"A threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Edith Joy, Delta.

Song.

"I'll sing thee a song in thy praise."

Mary Caroline Evans.

Up the State.

"They are all upper-crust here."

Ina Hubbard, Epsilon.

George Washington and Sigma Kappa.

"Two heads are better than one."

Jessandire Swartwort, Zeta.

A Field of Violets.

"V are the maiden posies
And so graced
To be placed
'Fore damask roses."

Alpha Myers, Eta.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

4.30 P. M. Faculty Meeting in Chemical Hall.

7.30 P. M. Fraternity and Sorority Meetings.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7.

7.30 P. M. Class Basket Ball Games in the Gymnasium.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8.

8.00 P. M. Concert by the Musical Clubs at Skowhegan.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

7.00 P. M. Meeting of the Dexter Club in Foss Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

7.00 P. M. Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Recitation Hall.

Y. W. C. A. Meeting in Foss Hall.

Track and Baseball Practice every afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Gymnasium.

Reading.

"Whose words all ears took
capture."

Mabel Esther Dunn.

The Westward Star of Empire.

"A star for every state and a state
for every star."

Ethel Hoge, Theta.

The Kingdom of Hearts—The Grand Chapter.

"That friendship which first came and
which shall last endure."

Mary Lowe Carver.

"Fare thee weel ...
And fare thee weel awhile,
And I will come again
Tho' it were ten thousand mile."

BOOK BY ASHER C. HINDS, '83.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The sundry civil appropriation bill contains an item of \$20,000 to be paid Asher Hinds of Portland, for the preparation of a pretentious volume on parliamentary precedents. Mr Hinds, who has been clerk to the speaker's table and who is now recognized as the leading parliamentary expert in the country, as Senator Lodge of Massachusetts said a few days ago in a speech on the floor, has the manuscript for the volume practically completed. He has been working on it for years and the volume will be almost invaluable in a parliamentary way for the direction of the House in future years in parliamentary matters. The sum of \$20,000 includes compensation to Mr. Hinds for the preparation of the volume and also for supervising the printing of it.

The book will become a public document, but will be distributed carefully. It will be sent to the large libraries of the country. Senators and members will be allowed only a limited quota of these books. Each of the committee rooms of the House will be provided with them as books of reference. Heretofore Mr. Hinds has kept the manuscript in his desk, as fast as it was compiled and has referred to it as knotty questions of procedure came up. Some years ago a volume of parliamentary precedents was prepared by Mr. Hinds and printed by the government, but it was by no means as comprehensive or as thorough as the present work—*Waterville Sentinel*.

NOTICE.

The Senior Exhibition will take place Friday evening, April 12.

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It seems necessary to remind some of the students, if they have forgotten, or inform them if they have never known, that the Echo is the official newspaper of the college, the proper channel through which all official announcements such as schedules should find their way to the public. It is rather exasperating for the editor, after teasing the football and baseball managers for several weeks for their schedules, to pick up a local paper and find the schedules printed without the approval of the faculty or the sanction of the managers. The only conclusion is that the reporters have received their information from some one of the students and not from the proper officials. The members of the editorial board of the Echo are constantly looking for news but we do not wish to publish anything that is not official. It may be a pleasant pastime to tell a local reporter all the happenings about the college, but it would show a good degree of college spirit to give all official announcements to the college paper.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

Sept. 28, Kent's Hill at Waterville.
Oct. 5, New Hampshire State at Waterville.
Oct. 12, Fort Preble at Waterville.
Oct. 19, Bates at Lewiston.
Oct. 26, Bowdoin at Waterville.
Nov. 2, Exeter at Exeter.
Nov. 9, Maine at Orono.

Johh C. Lindsay, '06, of the Harvard Medical School is spending a few days in the city.

Y. M. C. A.

A radical departure was made last night from the usual custom followed by the Christian Association. Instead of the meeting at the Association room at seven o'clock, a meeting was held in Mr. Chandler's room in North College at ten o'clock. Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour more than forty men were present. Both Mr. Green and Mr. Lamb were there. After the singing of several hymns Mr. Green offered prayer and Mr. Lamb sang one of his pleasing songs. Then in a clear cut definite way Mr. Green presented the claims of Christianity. Every word was listened to by the men with the attention of keen interest.

WITH THE PREACHERS.

Prof. Hugh R. Hatch preached at Belfast Sunday.

John Tidd supplied at Vassalboro Centre Sunday.

Rev. R. A. Colpitts accompanied the Dramatic Club to Vassalboro Saturday afternoon and preached at the Methodist church Sunday.

F. H. Rose preached at Shawmut Sunday.

Rev. R. A. Colpitts delivered a lecture at the Pine Street Methodist Church, Bangor, Monday evening, on the subject "That Girl of Mine".

A party of college students enjoyed the afternoon at the skating rink Saturday.

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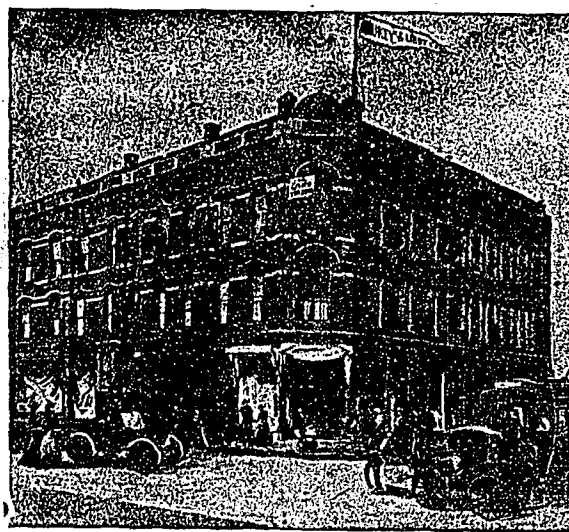
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CAMPUS CHAT.

"Black" articles due Friday and Saturday of this week.

A. W. Palmer, '06, visited friends in the city over Sunday.

John Reed of Bangor called on friends on the Campus Sunday.

McLellan, '09, has gone to Sangerville to teach for eight weeks.

The college quartette had its picture taken at Preble's Saturday.

Thomas W. Williams, '10, received a visit from his father Saturday.

Carl R. Greene, Bowdoin, '09, visited friends on the Campus last week.

John Hetherington, '09, is making a short visit at his home in Sidney.

John Chase of Kent's Hill called on friends in North College last week.

M. C. Donnell, Bowdoin '08, was the guest of Haley Hammond Saturday.

Benjamin Brown U. of M., '07, was at North College Friday of last week.

Charles Davis of Oak Grove Seminary was the guest of C. H. Libby Friday.

The debate which was to have occurred last Wednesday evening was postponed.

C. N. Perkins, '04, of Harvard Law School visited his home in the city last week.

The college orchestra accompanied the Dramatic Club to No. Vassalboro Saturday evening.

George C. Anderson spent Sunday at his home in Fairfield. Howard McLellan went with him.

Baker, Keyes and Crosby played in the Mechanics Band at the skating rink Saturday evening.

Charles R. Flood and Clarence R. Plummer went to No. Vassalboro to take in the college play.

The Phi Delta Theta orchestra played at the high school entertainment in Fairfield, Thursday evening.

H. H. Bryant, Jr., Colby '05, who is attending Bowdoin Medical School was in the city over Sunday.

A fire in Maine Hall at Bowdoin, March 3, occasioned a loss of about one thousand dollars to the students and college.

Dr. Black is to give his European History class an illustrated lecture on Florence and Venice, some day this week.

Rev. Bowley Green and F. M. Lamb came up to the "Bricks" Thursday evening where a prayer meeting was held in Joseph Chandler's room.

D. H. C. Pinckney, representing the Keystone View Co., was on the Campus several days last week, securing agents for the coming summer.

C. N. Meader, '06, and Ralph L. Reynolds, '06, who are in Harvard Medical School were at their homes in the city for a few days the latter part of the week.

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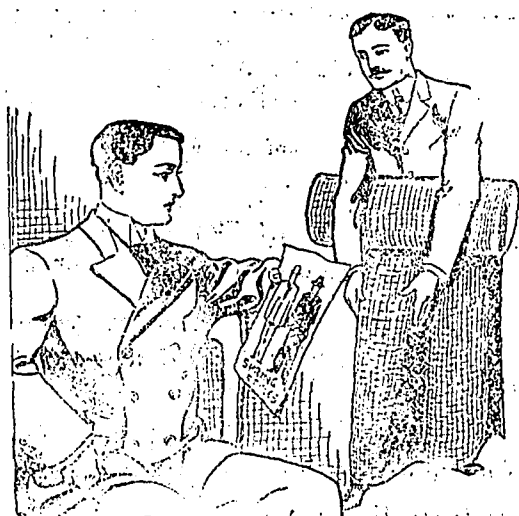
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Bertha M. Robinson, '07, Editor.

Miss Jessie Bradlee of Waterville, was the guest over Sunday of Miss Young, '09.

Miss Susan Weston, '06, was the guest of friends at Foss Hall while attending the Sigma Kappa Convention.

Esther Weeks, '08, is ill with nervous prostration at her home in Wiscasset.

Miss Rose Richardsnn, '05, of Hebron Academy, is visiting Sadie Cummings, '07.

The Dexter Club held its usual weekly meeting Saturday evening. The program was as follows:

The University of Maine Question Now
Before the Legislature Leona Garland
Reading Bertha Bryant
Condition in Russia Bertha Robinson
Piano Solo Alice Henderson

June Philbrick, '09, spent Sunday with friends in Pittsfield.

Miss Grace Stetson, '07, took dinner at Foss Hall, Monday evening.

Mrs. Anson Perley of Augusta, was the guest of Caro Beverage, '07, Monday evening.

Rev. Bowley Green led chapel Wednesday.

SPECIAL INITIATION OF CHI OMEGA.

On Saturday evening, Mar. 2, a special initiation was held by the Beta chapter of Chi Omega at Chi Omega Hall.

The initiates were: Rose M. Richardson, '05, Ethel R. Knowlton, '09, Ethel C. Fairfield, '10, Helen J. Hinckley, '10.

A number of the alumnae were present. The entire ceremony was carried out and altogether it was a most successful initiation. After the ceremony dainty refreshments were served followed by Chi Omega songs.

LONGFELLOW and THE CHILDREN

Many of Longfellow's most popular poems are founded on real events, real places, real people and real things. His "Village Blacksmith" was a real man in Cambridge, and the "spreading chestnut tree" under which the smithy stood was a very fine and old one that Longfellow loved, for he was a great, lover of trees. When the street in Cambridge in which the "spreading chestnut tree" stood was about to be widened by the city, Longfellow protested to the utmost against its being cut down. His protest, however, did not keep it from being felled much to the regret of Longfellow. Then some good friends of his had a "happy thought." It occurred to them that it would be a pleasant thing if the children would have a chair made of some of the wood of the old chestnut tree and make a present of it to Mr. Longfellow on his approaching seventy-second birthday. The children of Cambridge fell in very heartily with the idea and nearly one thousand of them gave ten cents each to pay for having the chair made, and it is a very handsome chair indeed. It was designed by the poet's nephew. The wood was ebonyized so that it was a dead black. The presenting of the chair was what children always enjoy, a "surprise present." Mr. Longfellow did not know anything about it until he found the gift in his study on the morning of the 27th of February, in the year 1870, and as that was twenty-eight years ago, the boys and girls who gave their dimes are now men and women.

Mr. Longfellow was very much touched by this proof of the affection of the children for him, and he conveyed his thanks to them in a poem entitled, "From My Arm Chair."

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