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BASEBALL.

Prospects for This Spring and the Schedule of Games to be Played.

The prospects for a winning team in baseball this season are exceptionally bright. Last spring several positions had to be filled by new men but the team which was developed lost only one man by graduation or otherwise. "Mose" Tilton was one of the best second basemen Colby ever had and it will be difficult to fill his place. Cotton who was played at short last year but whose regular position is second base will try for that sack. Thus short stop will be open and third base will be filled by a new man since Shaw and Goode will alternate in the field instead of at third as was the case last season.

In battery work Colby should not be surpassed by any of the other Maine colleges. For pitchers, Shaw is in excellent condition and promises to play in better than his old time form while Goode who was the star of the Aroos took league last summer bids fair to be a regular whirlwind. Applebee, '11, who pitched for four years on the Higgins Classical Institute team and Tibbetts, '11, of Coburn are also good men in the box. Captain Dwyer will do most of the catching but he has a good second in Cary, '10, who was unable to play last year because of the one-year rule. Cary is a well-known player, has had lots of experience, and will try for short stop if not called upon to catch. Vail, '11, is another good catcher who played at that position on the Ricker team and who will probably make a bid for a chance in the outfield.

At first base Buker will try for his last year's position and the competition of Sherburne, '08, will guarantee a fast man for that sack. Cotton will probably play at second and at the bat he will try to add to his reputation. He led the team in batting last year and secured an average of .500 in nearly every game. Flood, '08, who was substitute infielder on last year's team is out for shortstop and should make a good man. Cary will probably play at either short or third. Tibbetts is trying for third and other candidates for these positions are Hammond and Choate.

For the outfield as well, there are a number of good men. Tribou, '08, who has played in the left garden for three years will be seen at his old position. As above mentioned either Goode or Shaw will be in the outfield while the other is in the box. Matthews, '08, substitute outfielder last spring, Irvin, '11, who hails from Houlton High, Vail, '11, and Applebee, '11, are all likely candidates for the third fielder's position.

Harley Rawson has been engaged to coach the team again this year and daily practice is being held on the diamond. The field is already in good condition and the men are showing excellent form. After several practice

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THE MUSICAL CLUBS.

Eastern Tour Enjoyed and Four Excellent Concerts Given.

During the first week of the past vacation the musical clubs filled four engagements at towns in the eastern part of the State and the members report a very enjoyable time and several quite novel experiences. On Tuesday evening, March 17, the first of the series of concerts was given at Brooks under the auspices of the senior class of the Brooks high school of which J. A. Burton, ex-'08, is principal. The concert was well received by a fair-sized audience and the dance which followed, and for which the Colby orchestra furnished music, was especially enjoyed. While at Brooks as many of the club as could be there accommodated, stopped at the York hotel and the remaining members were entertained at the homes of friends.

On the following evening the clubs appeared at Belfast. Here a decided hit was made and the frequent and hearty applause testified to the appreciation of the audience. The local hits written and sung by Mr. Gould furnished one of the most attractive numbers. The hop for which the orchestra again played was enjoyed by about forty couples.

Of the third entertainment the "Camden Herald" wrote as follows: "A large audience attended the Colby Club concert in the opera house last Thursday evening, and was delighted with the entertainment. The boys sang well, had lots of life and snap, their mandolin club's playing was fine, their program showed a good variety and their reader, Mr. Guptill, was certainly a star in humorous selections. Besides all this the young men created a most favorable impression for their clean cut, gentlemanly appearance both in the hall and on the street. The violin soloist deserves special mention as he is a most artistic player. After the concert some fifty or sixty couples enjoyed a social dance, the glee club's orchestra furnishing music." During the concert Hervey Allen found himself the recipient of a large bouquet of garden vegetables from one of his former school mates. He properly acknowledged the courtesy.

The final concert at Tenant's Harbor was likewise a success. The concert here was given under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and the members of the club were very grateful to Mr. Sheerer for the fine clam chowder which he had prepared for them. On the trip from Camden to Tenant's Harbor and return the boys had all sorts of experiences. From Camden to Thomaston they went by trolley and thence started out in a heavy team drawn by four horses. Just after starting the pole was broken and the party was forced to wait until another team had been sent on from Rockland. They reached Tenant's Harbor on schedule time,

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PRESIDENT ROBERTS.

The Trustees Delight All by Electing the Candidate of Students and Alumni.

No other action taken in recent years by the Board of Trustees has aroused so much enthusiasm and created so much favorable comment among the constituency of this college as the selection of Arthur Jeremiah Roberts, A. M., Dean of the men's division, for the presidency of Colby. The meeting at which Professor Roberts was elected to succeed President White, whose resignation will take effect in June, was held at Portland on last Wednesday afternoon.

The nomination committee, appointed when the Trustees met on March 4, had found the sentiment among alumni and undergraduates so strongly in favor of Dean Roberts that his election was regarded as certain. The verbal report of this committee was followed by an earnest discussion of the matter and when the name of Professor Roberts was submitted he was at once elected as the new president of the college, his office to be assumed at Commencement.

President-elect Roberts is a native of Waterboro, York county, and was born Oct. 11, 1867, the son of Albert H. and Evaline Dearborn Roberts. He passed his early days on his father's farm and prepared for college at Alfred high school and Limerick Academy. In 1885 he graduated from the latter institution and having worked for a year at Waterboro he entered Colby. From Colby he received the degree of A. B., graduating in the class of 1890. At periods during his college course he taught at Westbrook, Waterboro, and as principal of Somerset academy, Athens. At college he received high rank for scholarship and took several honors. On the baseball field he was also prominent, holding a position on the varsity team.

In the fall after his graduation Dean Roberts returned to Colby as an instructor in rhetoric and English literature and was made professor of those departments in 1894. The following year he married Miss Ada Louise Peabody of Gilead, Oxford county. Later he took up graduate work in English at Harvard and received the degree of A. M. in 1900. Only a few months ago he was appointed Dean of the men's division in order that he might assume the executive duties during the absence of President White this spring.

In Waterville, Dean Roberts is regarded as one of the leading citizens, taking an active interest in its affairs, both social and political. For this reason he is extremely popular here and will strengthen the friendly feeling between college and city.

In the work of Colby the new president has been an important factor. By his deep study and remarkable ability he has brought the department of English up to a standard equalled at few institutions. As a lecturer and an educator his success has become widely

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THE KONGO FREE STATE.

Illustrated Lecture on the Situation in the Heart of Africa.

The last in a series of lectures delivered before the students during the winter term was given at the chapel on the Friday evening immediately preceding the term's close. The speaker engaged for the occasion was Rev. J. Chester Hyde, a returned missionary from Africa, and at present pastor of the First Baptist church of Dexter. Mr. Hyde's father was a graduate of Colby in the class of 1847 and he himself attended the University of Pennsylvania. The lecture attracted a large number of the students and proved exceedingly interesting and instructive.

Employing an excellent set of stereopticon views which included maps of the territory mentioned and pictures of the people, their dwellings, and their industries, Mr. Hyde vividly described the condition in the Kongo. He at first told of the division of the Kongo Free State among many different interests and of the relatively small area occupied by the American Association. The natives are under strict rule of the king of the Belgians and yearly must pay heavy tribute. The denunciation of the Belgian government was most severe and the work of the Americans and English by way of lessening the harsh demands greatly appreciated. Thirteen thousand regulars and nineteen thousand "irregular" soldiers exercise absolute sway over the towns and give to each of the natives two baskets which must be filled with rubber and returned within fifteen days. The very roots of the plants are removed and thus the supply is rapidly diminishing. In case the two baskets are not filled in the required time, their holder undergoes the most cruel torture. Legs and arms are cut off, whipping posts used, and every method of torture resorted to.

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Colby will hold a debate with the University of Maine this spring, probably at Orono as the debate last year was in Waterville. The exact date of the contest is not yet announced but it is expected that it will occur in the latter part of May. The subject for discussion will be the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum by this state and trials for the team to represent the college will be held in the chapel the last part of the week.

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To Dean Roberts as he shall assume the duties of president of Colby college the ECHO extends its heartiest congratulations. The extreme confidence in his ability that is so generally felt among his friends, the warm support which his popularity should demand, the activity in Colby's interests which his energy should inspire, lead us to predict a future of increasing prosperity and widening influence for this institution. The united efforts of active, confident supporters under a leader so eminently qualified to direct the affairs of the college cannot fail to result in signal victory.

With an unusually large number of candidates the prospects for the baseball team are very bright, the condition of the tennis courts will not permit practice in that game as yet, and consequently it remains for the rest of the fellows to lend their active support to the track team. Little is done in this sport here during the winter but basketball and physical training should have proved of great advantage to any track men. Owing to several causes the opportunity for a successful track team at Colby was never greater than at present and with hard and faithful training under an efficient coach a track team may be developed that will be a credit to the college and all those who participate.

"Under the Willows", the new book of Colby College verses which is being edited by Herbert C. Libby of the class of '02, will be issued from the press of the Murray and Emery Company, Boston, within the present month. It will be a book of over one hundred pages, containing nearly that number of verses, and will be printed on heavy paper, bound in the college blue, with gold lettering. The graduate body has been canvassed, and as the edition will be limited to advance orders, the present student-body of the College will be canvassed this week and next. Orders may be given Mr. Walter J. Rideout, '11, Zeta Psi House.

BASEBALL.

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games those who are picked for the team will start on the trip into the lower New England states where five games will be played. The Vermont trip has been done away with this year and in its place the team will play Brown, Wesleyan, and Rhode Island State. The regular games will be played with Tufts and New Hampshire.

The schedule includes fifteen games all of which will be played before June, thus closing the season somewhat earlier than has been the custom in the past. It is thought, however, that this will be an advantage unless the spring is backward as was the case a year ago. The complete schedule follows:

Date	Opponent	Place
Apr. 15	Kent's Hill	Waterville
Apr. 20	Maine, (Exhibit)	Waterville
Apr. 23	Open	
Apr. 25	Hebron	Hebron
Apr. 28	Wesleyan	Middletown
Apr. 29	Brown	Providence
Apr. 30	R. I. State	Kingston
May 1	Tufts	Medford
May 2	N. H. State	Durham
May 6	Bowdoin	Brunswick
May 9	Bates	Waterville
May 13	Maine	Orono
May 16	M. I. A. A. meet	Brunswick
May 20	Bates	Lewiston
May 22-3	Colby Junior League	
May 23	Bowdoin	Waterville
May 27	Maine	Waterville
June 1	Tufts	Waterville

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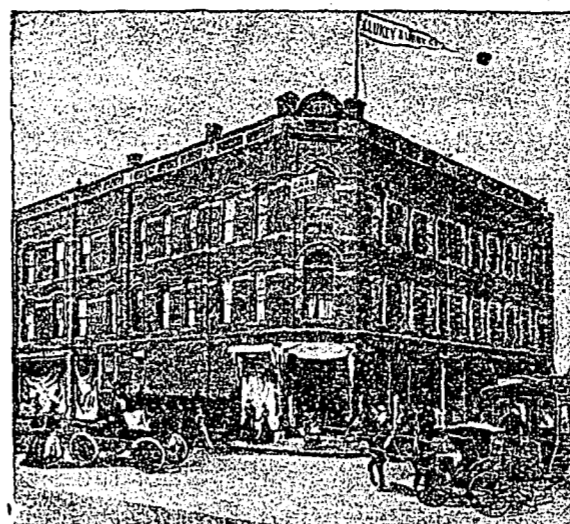
however, and the warm reception made them forget the discomforts of the trip. But their troubles were far from over. Hardly had they started on the return when the axle of the carriage broke and they were obliged to use "shank's mare" for a good part of the road to Thomaston. There they arrived in the "cold, grey morn," pretty well used up, but declaring that they had had a jolly time.

PRESIDENT ROBERTS.

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known. His educational work has extended beyond the limits of his department and he is now president of the Maine Teachers' association and of the Maine Librarians' association.

Dean Roberts will become the first president of Colby college, not a clergyman of the Baptist denomination. He is, however, a true Christian and by word and deed he inspires those who come under his guidance to lead noble and upright lives. With the boys here at present and with those of the classes since he has been on the faculty of Colby he is more popular than any other professor who has served with him. Very energetic himself, he is remarkably successful in arousing to action all those with whom he comes in contact, and his numerous friends believe that as a public speaker or representative of Colby, as a business man looking out for her material interests, and as an instructor or manager of young men he is thoroughly fitted to stand at the head of the college which has long been the object of his sincere regard.



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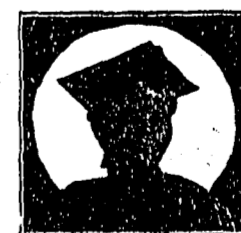
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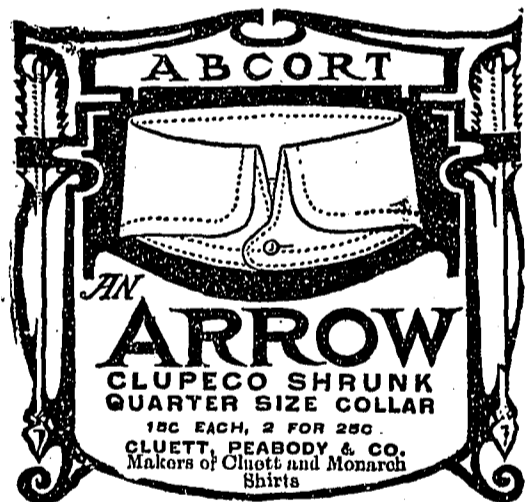
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Campus Chat.

The prizes in Freshman reading at the close of last term were awarded as follows: Of the men's division; first prize, Harry W. Kidder of Albion; second, Walter J. Rideout of Dover. Of the women's division; first prize, Alice L. Thomas of Livermore Falls; second, Mildred M. Jordan of Pittsfield, Mass.

On the Sundays during vacation President White occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church, Worcester, Mass.

John M. Maxwell, '10, has left college for the present term and is visiting at his old home in Ireland.

G. D. Coy, '05, is attending the Bryant and Stratton's Business College in Boston and T. T. Knowles, '05, is a student at Burdett's Business College in the same city.

The Massachusetts Schoolmasters' Club has recently published a very appreciative account of the life and services of the late William Horace Furber of the class of 1882, whose death occurred last January.

By gifts from the National Educational Board, Andrew Carnegie, and several alumni of Bowdoin, her endowment fund has just been increased by \$278,331.66.

Charles L. Haskell, '10, has been appointed assistant track manager.

William F. Marsh who will coach the track team this season arrived in the city yesterday.

The April meeting of the Colby Club has been postponed until Wednesday the fifteenth. It is expected that the club will take supper at the Elmwood, after which a general discussion of topics of interest will take place, this varying the usual program. Rev. Cyrus F. Stimson spoke before the club at its March meeting.

During the vacation the inner walls and woodwork of the gymnasium have been painted and a door has been cut through the north side of the dressing room, allowing one to enter the athletic field without going around the building. The improvements are greatly appreciated. At present the painters are at work on the exterior woodwork of North college.

Next Wednesday afternoon the first baseball game of the season will be played against Kent's Hill on Alumni field.

Yesterday morning, Rev. Mr. Nicholson of the Waterville Episcopal church addressed the men of the college at chapel.

The Y. M. C. A. will send its president, Otis B. Reed, '09, to the convention at Yale, which is to be held during the remainder of this week.

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Florence E. King, '08, Editor.

Miss Addie Lakin, '05, who is now teaching in Norwood, Mass., was recently the guest of Annie Harthorne at Foss Hall.

Ragnhild Iversen, '09, though somewhat improved in health, was unable to return to college at the opening of this term.

Miss Bertha and Miss Jeannette Baldwin, who for two years were in the class of 1908 at Colby, have been visiting a few days at Mary C. Low Hall. They expect to graduate next June from Brown University, where they are completing their college course.

Miss Cora Jordan was the guest of Rose Carver, '11, last week.

Ruth Wood, '10, has returned to college this term.

Miss Inez Bowler, '07, who is teaching at Calais, is spending her vacation at her home in this city.

Miss Weston of Madison, was the guest of her sister, Maizie Weston, '11, last week.

Margaret A. Clark has accepted a position as Superintendent of the schools of Crouseville, Washburn and Wade.

Helen Bellaty was not able to return to college because of the illness of her mother.

During the vacation a beautiful portrait of Mrs. Dexter, skillfully painted in oil, was hung in the reception hall of Foss Hall. This appropriate remembrance was a gift of Mr. Dexter.

On the evening of April sixth a special initiation was held at the hall of Beta chapter of Chi Omega. The initiates were Bertha Edith Baldwin and Jeannette Holmes Baldwin, who have returned to Colby for a short visit, in order to become members of the Chi Omega sorority. The occasion was a happy reunion and the fleeting hours passed all too quickly.

Sophomore Declamation.

The following members of the class of 1910 have been selected as speakers for the sophomore declamation, because of the excellence of their work in rhetoric during the past two terms. Of the men's division: Frank Woodbridge Cary, Auburn, John Moore Maxwell, Worcester, Mass., Reginald Houston Farrar, West Ripley, Charles Henry Swan, Princeton, Thomas Lee Mahany, Easton, Crowell Edward Pense, Fairfield, and Frederick Thayer Hill, Waterville. Of the women's division: Lillian Louise Day Lowell, South Portland, Margaret Scott Fielden, Winchester, Mass., Ruth Edson Wood, East Taunton, Mass., Helen Varney Robinson, Falmouth, Sarah Louise Snow, Old Town, and Verena Hilton Chaney, Broad Cove.

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