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## THE COLLEGE PLAY.

**"College Chums" Presented in Very Able Manner  
by the Colby Boys.**

The Colby Dramatic Club presented "College Chums" at the Opera House, Waterville, Monday evening last. The play had previously been given by the club at Norridgewock, Belfast and Skowhegan, so that the boys came before the footlights in the home city with several successful presentations to their credit. Every man in the cast was determined to make it an occasion long to be remembered, and certainly the applause showed keen appreciation on the part of the largest audience that ever greeted the annual college play in Waterville.

"Half Black Sandy", which was produced by the Colby boys two years ago, was highly praised, and those who witnessed it have never ceased their favorable comment. Now, however, that play must give place to the new-comer, a play filled with peculiar situations, stirring scenes, and withal, such a story as might occur in any American college of the present day.

The production of Monday night, when viewed as a unit, may be said to be far in advance of many of the "shows" which find their way to this city, both in the story itself and in the manner of rendering. The work of some of the men in "College Chums" compares favorably with that of professionals. The story is clean and wholesome, with a decided moral, all the more effective in that it is not too clearly pointed out. The cast worked as one man to bring about the complete unity of the play. Thus the spectators went away satisfied, pronouncing "College Chums" a success in every sense of the word.

Clarke Blance as Franklyn Risley, Dean of Clinton University, acted his part in an able

manner. His rendering throughout was consistent, and he was especially strong in the quarrel scenes with John Findlay, his old Southern enemy.

Raymond C. Bridges, as Frederick Von Weber, a professor of German, played a delightful part. He was as excitable as anyone could wish a German to be, while his broken English could not have been surpassed by the real article. He created much merriment from his initial entrance to the final curtain, and when last seen seemed to be in raptures over the happy issue of the Clinton-Bradley football match.

Joseph W. Hammond reproduced Howard Thorne, the "Bully", with very creditable acting. Some one observed that "he gave a villany feeling all through." "Halley" was sure of himself, but not so certain of his lines, nevertheless he made no breaks, but completed his work on the stage, and made his final exit in the devil-may-care spirit that characterized him from the beginning.

When the curtain went up on the first act, Arthur Kingsbury, captain of the Varsity team was discovered reading a book. He ran to the window on the arrival of the coach and from then until the final drop, Henry B. Moor, who played the part, was quiet, self contained, making no grand stand plays, to be sure, but making himself felt as a cog in the wheel which turned to success.

Paul Dinsmore, a weak sophomore, who urged by gambling and the "Bully" stole the funds, and let the blame rest for a time upon his room mate the "Babe", was ably portrayed by Merle C. Rideout. He evidently had a clear conception of Dinsmore, and though he had a difficult part, his acting was excellent.

Harold W. Kimball, as Clifford Paige, Manager of the Varsity team, played a clean game from start to finish. He not only played his part, but he looked it. He showed the ability of the college man to enter into a practical joke, and his power to assume responsibilities.

Renworth Rogers ceased to exist when John Findlay was on the boards. His doubtless, was the star part, though Risley was a close second. His rendering was probably as perfect as it is possible for a college student to make it. He intermingled the serious with the ludicrous in a manner denoting considerable native ability.

Alec, an old colored attendant, was ably portrayed by Ralph E. Nash. Although not a prominent part, the failure of proper rendition would have decidedly marred the play as a whole.

When boys play female parts, there are sure to be amusing situations. It is safe to say that the majority of men cannot play such a part to perfection. Certainly it can be said of the characters last Monday evening, Harold F. Dow was not intended by nature to play the part of Mrs. Almira Dinsmore, yet his work deserves great praise. He would have given a strong character sketch had he been more favorably situated. As it was he provoked many a smile, and received much applause.

William B. Carroll, on the contrary, had the figure, general appearance, and swing of Miss Grace Dinsmore, but his acting was perhaps not so good as that of Mr. Dow.

The character of Tobey Sprague, daughter of the watchman, was well rendered by John P. Dolan. Toby was a lively girl whose love scenes were numerous, and enjoyed by the audience.

Arrangements have been made for presentations of the play at Fairfield, Bangor, and several points in Washington County, and if the play is given as well in the future as was the case Monday evening, the success of the Dramatic Club is easily assured.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS.

The Maine Intercollegiate Tennis Association held a meeting at the Alpha Tau Omega house on Saturday morning and elected officers for the coming year, and transacted the business of the Association. The following officers were elected: President, H. F. Dow of Colby; Vice Prés., R. D. Moss of Bowdoin; Secretary, J. A. Moulton of Bates; and Treas., C. F. Smith of Maine.

## MARCH HARE SOCIAL.

A March Hare Social was held at Foss Hall Friday evening under the auspices of the extension committee of the Y. W. C. A. The evening's program opened with a hunt for tiny hares which had been hidden about in the library, reception hall and parlor. The first prize, a basket of bon-bons decorated with hares, for the largest number of hares found was awarded to Mr. Hill, '12, and Miss Ward, '08. Mr. Foye, '09, and Miss Wyman, '12, and Mr. Rideout, '12, and Miss Collins, '12, tied for the consolation prize, a white cotton rabbit munching a carrot.

A short entertainment followed, consisting of readings by Miss Cole, '11, and Miss Lillian Carll, '12, and a piano solo by Miss Henderson, '10. The rest of the evening was spent in marching games. Refreshments of Welch rarebit and punch were sold. The proceeds of the social are to be used in procuring flowers and delicacies for the sick and "shut ins" whom the members of the committee visit.

## THE FRESHMAN SOIREE.

"Freshies" Steal a March on the "Sophs" and Hold Affair at Elks' Hall.

The freshmen of the men's college were the participants of two social functions, which were somewhat varied in nature, on Thursday evening and Friday morning of last week. The first of these came off at Elks' Hall from eight until eleven o'clock,

and none of the sophomores were invited to be present. A few however, came as far as the door, and then decided that they did not care to attend, but instead thought it best to start out toward Oakland and Fairfield, to gather in the rest of their force, in order that they might hold a second affair in the early hours of the morning. They chose the Gymnasium for their reception and after working until three o'clock in the morning they had everything in readiness to invite their friends to join them, and the invitations were passed around at this hour, to the members of the freshman class, who, although somewhat sleepy from the previous soiree, responded to the call and in a short time were in readiness to be introduced to the receiving committee, which consisted of all the members of the sophomore class except those who acted as ushers.

The first of these affairs was given to the freshmen of the women's college by the men's division, in accordance with the custom handed down by the last year's freshmen. Owing to the large class however, they chose to have their gathering in a hall, instead of taking a ride as their predecessors had done. Hence for the past two weeks preparations had been going on for the good time which came off Thursday evening, and so carefully had this been planned that not a Sophomore was wise to anything happening until it was nearly time for the affair to begin. They then sent all of their men out on the outskirts of the town to be in readiness for the "Freshies" when they appeared on the scene, but they were disappointed in this, for while they were waiting out in the country in the cold, the Freshmen were making tracks for Elks' Hall, and they succeeded in reaching it before the enemy got back from their tramp and found out where they really were to be for the evening. Now that the freshmen had succeeded so well in getting into the hall they set to work to enjoy themselves and they certainly made good at this. Music

was furnished by the Leahey Sister's orchestra of four pieces and they were kept busy from eight o'clock until eleven playing for the marches and cotillions, which were a part of the evening's program. Card tables were also plenty for those who did not care for the other forms of amusement. Refreshments were served by Hager and consisted of ice cream and punch. The party was chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Lawton, and Dr. and Mrs. Black.

### BASEBALL COACH.

With the baseball prospects as bright as they are at this time, every Colby man will be glad to learn that Coach McDevitt, who turned out such a good football team last fall, is expected to be with us this spring, to train the baseball team. Mr. McDevitt played on the Dartmouth team during his college days and since his graduation has played with several fast teams in different parts of New England. His position is behind the bat but he is competent to hold every place on a team with the possible exception of the pitcher's box. If Manager McLellan's negotiations culminate successfully, Mr. McDevitt will report in Waterville early in April and immediately begin to round the team into shape for the first game with Maine on Patriots' Day. Mr. McDevitt is popular with the boys and every man gets a fair chance to show his ability under him. The entire squad works with a will whenever he takes charge, whether it be a football squad or a baseball squad, and a good team is the invariable result provided the coach has anything to work with in the shape of material. Such is the case at Colby this year, as has been stated in a previous issue and it seems not at all unlikely that Colby will win another championship this spring to add to her already long list of victories on the diamond.

A new fire escape has just been placed on the Delta Upsilon fraternity house.

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One essential feature of the up-to-date college is lacking at Colby, namely, a good series of intercollegiate debates. On this we are not behind the majority of Maine colleges. For the past two years we have held an annual debate with the University of Maine, in both of which Colby has been victorious. This shows that lack of men capable of high grade work is not the reason for the shortcomings of the college in this matter. Our system is wrong. Two years ago, debating was in the hands of a debating club, but last year this died a natural, easy death, without one feeble struggle. The college then put in a special course in this subject, an advancing step. This course, however, of itself is not sufficient. This is an important matter and should be

made the subject of deep consideration by the college authorities. Prizes of considerable value should be offered for excellence in debate, and these would certainly be paying investments. The course in debating should be open to every man in college. A live, active club should be arranged; work should commence the first of the college year; challenges sent to the Maine colleges and to certain others in New England, and a series of at least four debates arranged. In short, every inducement should be given and every effort made to raise debating at Colby to a high standard.

## GRANTING OF COLBY "C'S".

Executive Committee of the C. A. A. Propose  
Changes in the Manner of Granting "C's."

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Athletic Assoc. held on Thursday last, the following action was taken regarding the granting of a letter to a member of one of the athletic teams:

Section 1. Only championship games played in the same season shall be considered in awarding "C's".

Section 2. Any man who has played on the college football team at least one full game against any Maine college team, or in some part of all three of the Maine college games shall be considered a member of the football team and entitled to wear a "C".

Section 3. Any man, who has played on the Colby baseball team at least three full games of the Maine Intercollegiate Series shall be considered a member of the team and entitled to wear a "C".

Pitchers, who have pitched at least 18 innings of the Maine Intercollegiate Series shall be considered a member of the baseball team and entitled to wear a "C".

Section 4. Any man, who has won one point or fraction thereof, for Colby in any Maine Intercollegiate Track Meet, or who has won a first or two second places in a dual meet with any college shall be consid-

ered a member of the track team and entitled to wear a "C".

Section 5. Any man, who has won a first or a second place for Colby in either the singles or doubles in a Maine Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament of at least four colleges shall be considered a member of the tennis team and entitled to wear a "C".

Section 6. Any man, who has played at least one half of the college games of basketball on the Colby basketball team shall be considered a member of the team and entitled to wear a monogram of the following letters, "C. B. B."

This proposed amendment will be voted upon at a meeting of the Athletic Assoc. which will be held after chapel on Friday morning.

### CAMPUS CHAT.

Almon Packard of Waldoboro has been visiting friends at the college during the past few days.

Stanley Lawry and Lester Shackford, Hebron, '09, were at the college over Sunday.

Percy Farrar, '08, was at the "Deke" house Sunday calling upon friends.

The college play will be given at Fairfield on Thursday evening.

The A. T. O. basketball team played a game with Cony at Augusta on Friday evening and was defeated.

Chester Hayes of Tufts College was a caller at the A. T. O. house one day last week.

Harry D. Benson, Hebron, '09, was at the Phi Delta Theta house the first of the week.

Ralph Faulkingham, '12, was absent from the college the last of the week on account of illness.

S. A. Herrick, '12, is the first alternate for appointment to Annapolis this spring.

Tom Smart, '07, was at the "Deke" house Monday, coming to the city to attend the college play.

Rev. Robert Colpitts, '07, of Portland will give a lecture at the Methodist church on Friday evening of this week. All the students who can, should attend.

George Lorimer Baker of Dorchester, Mass., a former student at Colby from 1893 to 1895, died at the East Bridgewater hospital on Friday last. Mr. Baker was not a graduate of the college, as was stated in the papers, but took two years of special work at Colby.

The Library has just received the usual bi-monthly supply of public documents.

Royden V. Brown, ex-'10, has just begun a term of school at Solon.

The College Glee Club expects to go to Hebron the middle of April to give a concert at the Academy.

Dr. Marquardt was absent from his classes on Saturday.

Isaac Higginbotham, '11, will give a reading at Oakland on Friday evening of this week.

Robert Bishop, ex-'12, was calling upon friends at North College on Monday.

### DE FEMINIS.

MAUDE N. EATON, Editor.  
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Miss Agnes Walker, '08, called on friends at Foss Hall Saturday, on her way home from Brownville, where she has been teaching.

Miss Jeanette Sturtevant, ex-'09, has been the guest of Miss June Philbrick, '09, for several days.

Miss Eaton of Wilton Academy spent Sunday with Dr. Croswell.

Miss Bertha Whittemore of Jay has been visiting Miss Pearl Davis, '09.

Miss Marie Chase, ex-'11, was the guest of Dean Berry over Sunday.

Rev. Herbert Parrish conducted the chapel exercises Friday.

Miss Leslie Cameron, '12, is recovering

from a critical operation performed by Dr. Hill Saturday.

Miss Olive Green, '09, has been entertaining her sister Margaret for a few days.

Miss Agrandece Record, '09, attended the Shriners' Ball at Lewiston Thursday evening.

### A PLEASANT EVENT.

Dr. Lawton's Bible Class Entertained the Young Ladies' Class on Saturday Evening.

Saturday evening the College Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church gave a reception and social to the members of the Women's class at the vestry. About sixty were present, including Dr. Lawton and Mrs. Pepper, the teachers of the two classes. Yale, Syracuse, Theta Delta Chi and Delta Delta Delta banners were in evidence in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lawton.

A short program, consisting of piano solos by Miss Pollard and Mr. Knight and two selections by the college quartet, was given. After the program a cross town railroad was constructed. Refreshments of ice cream and crackers were served, after which several marching games were played. All present voted it a very pleasant evening. The committee in charge consisted of Foye, '09, Maxwell, '10, and Pullen, '11.

### CHI GAMMA THETA BANQUET.

Monday evening at six o'clock the Chi Gamma Thetas met in Foss Hall dining room and sat down at a tastefully arranged table. The decorations were in Chi Gamma colors, red, green and black. The place cards were attached to tiny Easter roosters, and from these, streamers went to loops suspended from the chandeliers. A delicious banquet was served. Between the courses many songs of old Chi Gamma were sung, and laughter and ringing toasts resounded. After the banquet both active and ex-Chi Gam's gathered upon the piazza

and gave their yell in such a way that no one could doubt but that they all had enjoyed themselves.

### ALUMNI.

Benjamin F. Wright, '83, has just been appointed judge of the 15th circuit court of Minnesota. Mr. Wright after leaving college studied law with Hon. William T. Haines of Waterville, and later he was in a law office at Lewiston. He went West in 1891 and since that time has been rising rapidly in his profession.

Rev. W. O. Ayer, D. D., of the class of 1868, has recently become pastor of the Baptist church at Kenduskeag, Me.

Isaiah A. Bowdoin, '06, is principal of the Cornish High School, and has been acting pastor of the Baptist church at Parsonsfield.

Mr. Dana W. Hall '09, became a member of the firm of Ginn & Company at a meeting of that corporation which has recently been held.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

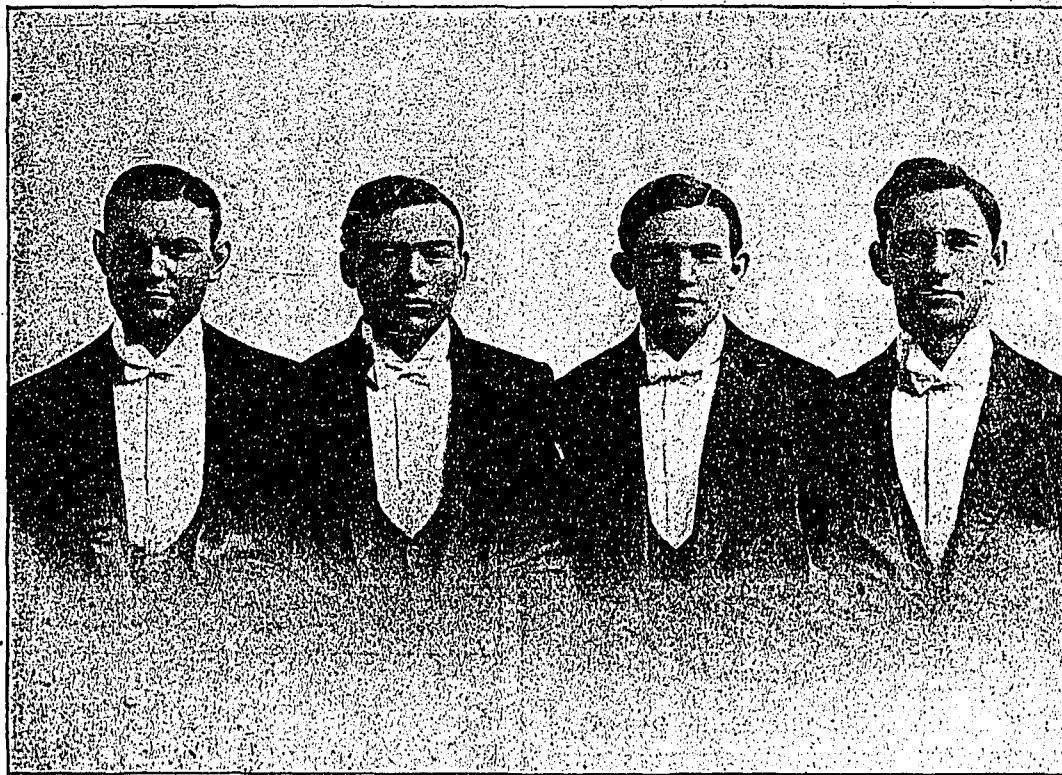
Princeton is to have a new dormitory, which will cost \$250,000. This is to be the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, and will be known as the Sage dormitory.

The graduation day at Yale University, which has been on the last Wednesday in June, commencing with 1910, will be on the next to the last Wednesday, or a week earlier. The week lost will be taken from the Christmas vacation. This change is made for the benefit of the students who work during the summer vacation, in order that they may begin work earlier.

John D. Rockefeller has promised \$500,000 to go toward the founding of a Baptist University in the South west. The site of this university will be in Oklahoma.

The Boston Transcript of March 17, had a very good article by Dr. Williams of Tufts, entitled, "Unfit Education."





COLBY COLLEGE QUARTET

The friends of Bates College are rejoicing that the Maine Legislature has passed the resolve, granting Bates \$45,000 for a central heating plant.

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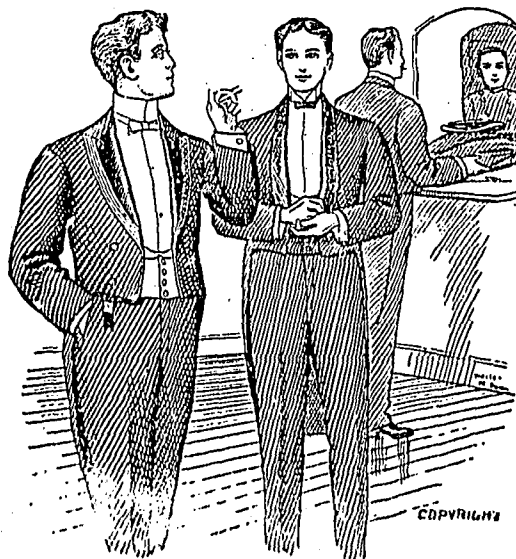
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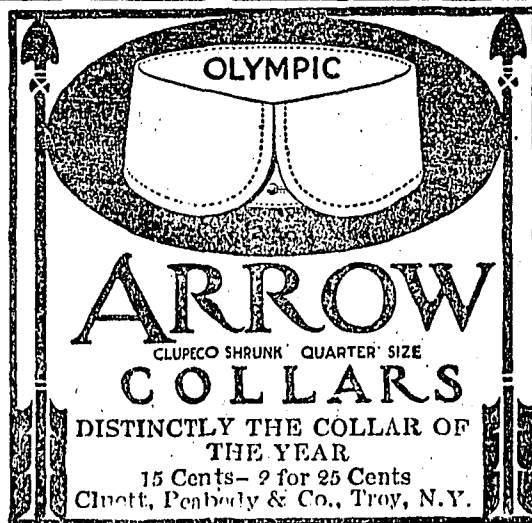
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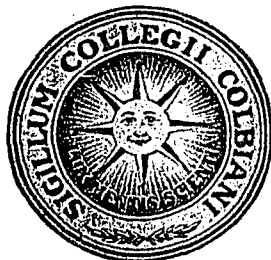
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