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LECTURE IN CHAPEL.

Monday evening in the Chapel, Prof. George P. Baker of Harvard lectured on the London of Shakespeare's time. He spoke first of London in general, then of some of the buildings more intimately connected with Shakespeare, and ended with a description of the early theatre and its stages. His lecture was illustrated by many old prints, which showed clearly the conditions in old theatrical times. In the morning, Prof. Baker talked to the students who are studying Shakespeare in the English course on the development of the Shakespearian drama. Both of his lectures were interesting.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Representatives from Bowdoin, U. of M. and Colby met in the Y. M. C. A. offices, Bank Building, Waterville, last Saturday, with State Secretary J. C. Smith. Bates and Bangor Theological Institute were not represented.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide on the date and location for a conference similar to that held last year at Bowdoin. March 4, 5, and 6 were the dates decided upon and Colby's invitation was accepted, so the conference will be held in Waterville.

Those present were J. L. McConaughy, General Secretary, located at Bowdoin; Winston B. Stephens, Bowdoin; G. I. Corning, Maine; Guy W. Vail, John M. Maxwell, Robert E. Baker, Ray C. Carter and James Perry of Colby. This committee voted to extend the invitation to those preparatory schools in Maine, which have an association.

A programme committee was appointed consisting of Messrs McConaughy, Stephens, Corning, and Vail. Bates and Bangor Theological Institution are to appoint their representatives later.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned meeting of the Colby Athletic Association was held in the chapel last Saturday. Practically no business was transacted since those who had drawn up a new slate of officers had come to realize that they were acting unconstitutionally, and the slate was not proposed.

In order that the Association might have an opportunity of showing its wishes in the matter of a slate, it was voted that a committee be appointed from the floor to nominate a third slate and to recommend same to the executive committee. The following men were placed on this committee. Ralph N. Good, Henry B. Moor, Alton W. Blake, Jerome P. Fogwell, Frank W. Cary, J. Corey Richardson and Roger K. Hodsdon.

The executive committee will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, and will at that time fill the vacancies on the executive committee for 1910-11.

MUSICAL CLUBS.

The Musical Clubs will go to Clinton Friday evening, Dec. 17 on a special train which is scheduled to leave Waterville at seven o'clock. It is expected that many students will accompany the clubs, and that a large number of townspeople will go up for the dance which follows the concert.

PROGRAMME.

1. Orchestra Selection.
2. Glee Club.
3. Solo
4. Mandolin Club.

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| 5. Reading | James Perry. |
| 6. Violin Solo | Donald H. White. |
| 7. Quartet. | |
| Intermission. | |
| 8. Glee Club. | |
| 9. Quartet. | |
| 10. Mandolin Club. | |
| 11. Solo | Nathan H. Garrick, |
| 12. Glee Club. | |

DEBATING SOCIETY NOTES.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, the preliminaries in the Murray Prize debate will be held in the chapel. About twenty-five members of the debating society are hard at work for the contest and it bids fair to be an interesting struggle.

The subject of the debate is as follows: Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of shipping subsidies. The contestants have been using the faculty room in Chemical Hall for their reference room and at any time of the day one might see some of the students hard at work delving into the massive volumes of the Congressional Records, or reading some scientific treatise upon the subject. The interest the debate has aroused in the question is wonderful, and even those who do not succeed in making the team will never regret the work they have done.

From the men who speak on Saturday there will be picked six speakers and two alternates. The judges will be members of the faculty and in the decision will take into account the written article, the excerpt delivered, and the ability shown in rebuttal.

1913.

At a meeting of the freshman class last Wednesday morning, Elwin Soule was elected Vice President; Elmer Bowker, secretary; and Harold Welch, treasurer. Numerals were awarded to the men who won a place in the Freshman-Sophomore track meet and to those who made the Freshman baseball team.

PRIZE REVIEW OFFER.

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Y. M. C. A. SOCIAL.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a masquerade social in the gymnasium last Friday evening for the purpose of raising funds to pay for the books used in Bible Study classes this year. Owing to various other attractions that evening the attendance was not as large as the committee in charge had hoped for but by a little after 8 o'clock a good sized crowd had gathered and proceeded to spend a jolly evening.

Although not everyone present was masked, among those who were, some exceptionally good costumes and make ups were seen. The prizes for best costumes were awarded to Miss Alice Thomas, '11, who was dressed to represent a Spanish girl, and Mr. James Perry, '11, who represented a French Count of the old court. The judges were Miss Bass and Mr. Condon, '08.

The program consisted of marches and games. Music was by the college orchestra, which very kindly gave its services to the association. The finance committee plans to have a number of socials this winter at which new features will be introduced and every effort made to make them most enjoyable occasions.

THE B. A. A. MEET.

For the first time in her history, Colby intends this year to send a team to the B. A. A. Meet in Boston during February. In preparation for this the Athletic Association has just built an outdoor, wooden track. With the showing that Colby has made in football and baseball in the past seasons, she ought to have a good track team. There is the material in college for one. Like every other sport, however, hard work is necessary. If every man in college will get out and work, Colby can have a track team that will make a good showing in the B. A. A., defeat Bates next spring, and make them go in the Maine Meet. It will require hard work and training but with the present position of Colby in Athletics it should be done. Let every fellow in college get out and work.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

President Vail and Horace Pullen will represent the Colby Association at the Conference in Rochester during the vacation.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, Horace Purinton, Esq., the well known contractor of Waterville, addressed the association.

Let all who pledged money for the Rochester Conference delegates hand the same to some officer of the association who will see that it gets to the proper person.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'94. William B. Tutihill, Hartford Theological Seminary, '97, has received a call to the Woodfords Congregational Church.

'92. F. B. Nichols is the manager of the Times Company in Bath. This company has an extensive plant and publishes a Daily Paper, and two weeklys, one for Bath and one for Brunswick.

Edwin W. Merrill, '09, is now teaching English in the University Preparatory School, Ithaca, N. Y.

'06 Rex W. Dodge, visited at the Delta Kappa Epsilon House last week.

Merle Jones, '06, passed through town on Monday, Dec. 13, on his way home for the Christmas vacation.

The United States Department of Agriculture has decided to establish at the University of Wisconsin a laboratory plant for testing the various kinds of wood in the eastern part of the United states.

In his address to the entering class at New Haven President Hadley of Yale, took occasion to censure the college "sheep habit," that result of carelessness and lethargy which reduces a college man to a state of mind in which he blindly follows the crowd, losing his power to think for himself.

Through the Intrafraternity Council, Brown has adopted a pledging system whereby a fraternity may not "rush" a Freshman before the end of the first term.

A phenomenal record was made by Carl Walker, of the University of Virginia, in the baseball game with Colgate. Walker did not allow a single man to reach first base.

Tonfu Hu has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Cornell, being the first Chinamen ever elected a member of that honorary fraternity there.

California with 958 graduate students claim the largest graduate school in the United States except Columbia.

At the University of California campus improvements are the order of the day. A \$200,000 chemistry building, three new tennis courts, an ornamental drinking fountain and a memorial gate are in the process of construction.

United States Senator Guggenheim has recently donated a \$75,000 law building to Colorado, and it is in the process of erection.

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Occasionally the complaint is heard that Colby is overorganized. With the five fraternities, the Athletic Association, the Musical Clubs, the Dramatic Club, the Debating Society, the Y. M. C. A., and a host of other activities, not to mention class organizations and the county and district clubs, the Men's division alone is pretty well subdivided. Some years ago the organ of a national fraternity represented in Colby took occasion to review the college

annuals of those institutions in which it had chapters. It gave the Colby Oracle a very complimentary notice, but the writer of the article, unable to free himself from his prejudice in favor of huge totals, let slip a word of surprise that so many organizations could be supported with such apparent success, and concluded: "Colby appears to lack none of the student organizations usually maintained by other colleges." And right here is the secret of Colby's success and the success of Colby graduates. Seldom does a student go through Colby without "honors" of some kind, as the "little biographies" of Senior classes in past editions of the Oracle will prove. If it is not the football or baseball team, it is Sophomore "dec" or the Junior exhibition, class president in Freshman year or Senior class treasurer. Scores of students in larger colleges are "trimmed" of honors in rank by the iniquitous tutor system, and fail to secure honors in college activities because of the peculiar and none too commendable workings of college politics. Defeated on both sides they are nonentities from their entrance to their graduation. Is Colby overorganized? No. The organization question in the future as in the past, will settle itself. There is no such thing as successfully "stimulating" interest in any organization at Colby. Interest in a thing springs into being, grows, develops, evolves, and becomes a settled fact. That is, if the thing is in harmony with Colby spirit and Colby ideals. If not, it dies surely, speedily and unlamented.

A symposium is always profitable, and when such prominent specialists as Dr. Jay W. Seaver, late director of the Yale gym-

nasium, Rev. Thomas E. Murphy, president of Holy Cross College, William F. Garcelon, graduate manager of athletics at Harvard, and Dr. John W. Bowler, athletic director at Dartmouth, sit down to talk things over, it is time for the athletic world, and in particular the college athletic world, to take notice. The occasion was a meeting of the Boston City Club and the topic was general athletics. Dr. Seaver startled his hearers by declaring that "the training of men in athletics in college is given into the charge of men who are indifferent to the moral side of the young men." Dr. Seaver said further that he did not believe in the use of the professional trainer, but that athletics should be in control of the faculty at all times. He said that he believed that the training table was the greatest nuisance of the present system. With the latter part of Dr. Seaver's opinion, Dr. Bowler of Dartmouth took issue. He said that the training table was one of the best features of athletics, as it enabled men otherwise financially unable, to diet properly. On his own part, Dr. Bowler decried the method of spying upon rival football teams during the season. President Murphy of Holy Cross favored summer baseball as preferable to menial labor or receiving college expenses from rich men. Graduate Manager Garcelon of Harvard favored boxing, football, rowing, as manly sports and announced his belief in soccer football as the coming sport.

It's all up now! The opposition to football has reached the poetical stage, and hereafter the inspired bards will not allow college men to play anything more strenuous than marbles. A little ditty consisting

of twelve stanzas is going the rounds of the papers, and as a piece of literature it is a remarkable exhibit. Listen!—

Prize-fighters smite, but seldom kill,
Only football with death can thrill.

For the scansion of the second line consult those who are taking the Shakespeare course. But hush!—

Prize-fighting pits but man to man,
Football hurls a merciless clan
On one thrown under, a maddened crew,
Raging only as madmen do.

"Crew" is a nautical term, and this doubtless refers to the old-fashioned punishment of keel-hauling, which was to haul a man through the water beneath the keel of a vessel. But once more—

Smithing with nerves and sinews of steel
Stamping with terrible hobnailed heel.

"Smithing" appeared to be a new one until somebody volunteered the information that the verb is used in *Piers Plowman*, which argues that the author of the verses is a person of erudition. And lastly—

"Seven to none." The game is ours!
Glory enough for a few brief hours!
Carry the dead away from the field,
Lift the wounded

The score is entirely possible, but rather unusual. But perhaps it was a basketball game.

Andrew Young, '13, is now supplying the pulpit of the Dexter Baptist Church until a new pastor is secured.

Nathan H. Garrick, '10, was absent from college last Saturday on a business trip through Gardiner and Damariscotta.

CAMPUS CHAT.

J. M. Maxwell supplied at Norridgewock and Smithfield, Sunday, Dec. 5.

John M. Maxwell. '10 preached to the students at Oak Grove Suminary, Vassalboro, last Sunday morning.

Coach McDevitt visited the college last week. Mr. McDevitt coached the Newton High School, Newton, Mass., after he had coached Colby to the championship.

College will close Tuesday, Dec. 21 and open January 11, 1910.

Clarence Fogg preached at North Vassalboro on Sunday evening, Dec. 12th.

Many of the students have been enjoying the skating on the river for the past few days. The snow and rain of Tuesday will spoil this for a while.

J. M. Maxwell, '10 will leave college Friday, for New York where he will represent Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon at a banquet which is to be given by the fraternity to Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N. This banquet will be held in the new grand ballroom of the Astor Hotel, Saturday evening, December eighteenth.

Tuesday morning, in the chapel, Dean W. W. Fenn of the Harvard Divinity School gave a very interesting talk on the subject "Christ's Influence in the World."

Prof. C. H. White conducted the chapel services, Monday last.

The Senior and Junior classes in physical culture are taking a course on the chest weights instead of with Indian clubs as is usual. The clubs will be taken up later.

The Rev. John Edgar Park, pastor of the Congregational church, West Newton, Mass., gave an address in the chapel Tuesday, Dec. 7., on "Poise" or "Balance of Character,"

Donald W. Ellis spent Sunday at his home in Shawmut.

There has been good skating on the river for several days and many of the students have taken advantage of it to get some exercise outside of the dusty gymnasium.

The Zeta Psi basketball team played a game last Tuesday afternoon with Coburn. Score Zeta Psi 22, Coburn 11. The manager is negotiating for a trip through Piscataquis County during the Christmas recess.

DE FEMINIS.

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Dr. Park, pastor of the Second Congregational church of Newton, Mass., conducted chapel services last Tuesday.

Sarah Snow, ex-'10, spent Saturday with her sister, Freda, '12.

Dora Libby, '13, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Winthrop.

Miss Iva Jackins of Houlton has recently been the guest of Louise Buzzell, '11.

Grace Vose, '12, spent Sunday at her home in Madison.

Miss Weston of Madison visited her sister, Mazie, '11, at Foss Hall, this week.

Helen Robinson, '10, spent Sunday with Pauline Herring at Fairfield.

The Sophomore-Freshman basket ball game was played Saturday evening in the Coburn gymnasium, The Sophomores were victorious, the score standing 18-2.

Gertrude French of Bates, has been spending a few days at Foss Hall as the guest of Leona Achorn, '10.

Blanch La Bonte, '12, spent Sunday with Angie Beckford, '12, at her home in Benton.

Andrew Carnegie recently gave \$500,000 to Virginia, thus increasing the endowment of that University to \$1,000,000.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The University of Minnesota co-eds, being dissatisfied with the existing arrangement of athletics for girls, struck, and have organized an athletic association for their own-selves. One of the aims of the association is to work for a girl's gymnasium.

Washington and Jefferson now has a student Senate, which governs the students and has the power to say whether or not a man shall be dismissed from college.

PRES. HADLEY'S ADDRESS.

The following extract is taken from the address delivered by President Hadley at the recent opening of Yale University:

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When you come back to class reunions twenty or thirty years from now, you will find that some things look smaller than they do today, and that some things look larger. The question who won a victory will have sunk into insignificance. The question whether a man stood for honorable or dishonorable ways of winning a victory will be the thing that counts. The question who gained the prize in letters or scholarship will cease to have importance. The question whether a man stood for high ideals in literature and scholarship will be the one that remains in men's minds. The various achievements and successes of a man's college course have their chief importance as means of enabling him to mould and influence public opinion. And the man without tangible successes perhaps gets the largest place of all in the grateful recognition of his fellows."

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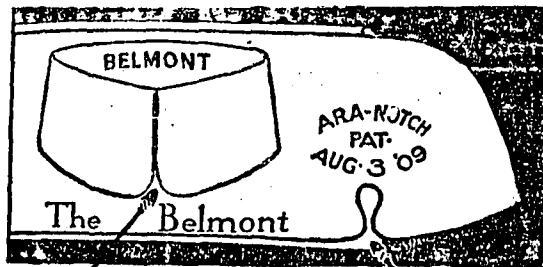
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