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## THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Society held after chapel on Monday, January 17, that part of the By-Laws which reads as follows,—“Meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of every month, in the college chapel, or in such place as shall be provided by the Standing Committee,” was changed to read in the following manner:—“Meetings shall be held once a month in the college chapel, or in such place as shall be provided by the Standing Committee; the date of the meeting to be left to the discretion of the aforesaid committee.”

The Standing Committee gave a report of their meeting, which was held on Saturday, at which time the following matters were decided.

The first public meeting of the society will be held on either the 26th or 28th of January in the chapel. Members of both divisions, and the public are cordially invited to be present at this time.

The first meeting will take the form of a debate between the Sophomores and Freshmen in the society. The subject of the debate is as follows:—Resolved that the United States Senators should be elected by popular vote.

The two sides are as follows:

Freshmen, Mariner, Leach, and Hagan.  
Sophomores, Washburn, Baker, and Curtis.

There will also be a musical program to add to the evening's enjoyment. At the close of the debate the meeting will be thrown open to a general discussion, on the subject,—Resolved that a Democratic administration would be for the best interest of the country.

The judges and the sides which the respective teams will take, together with

the exact date and time, will be announced later.

It is hoped that there will be a large number of the students present to help out by their presence and their enthusiasm.

## THE MURRAY PRIZE DEBATE.

The preliminaries in the Murray Prize Debate were held in the chapel on Saturday, December 18, 1909, at 2.00 P. M. About a dozen men were there to compete for places in the final debate. Each man was required to speak ten minutes in favor of his side, and at the close to speak three minutes on rebuttal. In addition to this a 3,000 word article on the question was required.

The judges were President Roberts and Prof. Black, of the faculty. The winners of the preliminaries were announced on Tuesday, December 21, at the morning chapel service, and are as follows:—Fredderick Shepherd, Henry Moor, Clarence Fogg, Harry Kidder, Harold Dow, and Isaac Higginbotham. The first three will take the affirmative, and the last three the negative side of the question. The wording of the question, which will be on the shipping subsidy, is left to Prof. Black.

The finals will take place sometime near the first of the month, or possibly after the final examinations.

Guy W. Vail and Horace M. Pullen attended the Student Volunteer Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was held in Rochester, New York, during the Christmas recess. A report of this convention will be given Tuesday evening, January 25th, at a joint meeting which will be held in the chapel.

**EDGAR O. SILVER.**

Edgar Oscar Silver entered Colby College in the fall of 1878, a member of the class of 1882, after graduating from Coburn Classical Institute. At the end of his freshman year he was obliged to leave college, and when he reentered, it was at Brown from which he was graduated in 1883.

Mr. Silver founded the business of the present house of Silver, Burdett & Company which was incorporated in 1892. His recent death was deeply felt by many organizations, and individuals.

The following clipping taken from "The Examiner" will show clearly with what respect Mr. Silver was regarded:

It was a remarkable tribute that was paid to the late Edgar O. Silver at the North Orange Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. The service was held at three o'clock in the afternoon, and the spacious auditorium was nearly filled by the friends and admirers of Mr. Silver. Rev. William M. Lawrence, D.D., pastor of the church, presided, and the participants in the service were president E. B. Bryan of Colgate University, who led in prayer; Professor Alfred W. Anthony, D.D., of Bates College, a classmate of Mr. Silver, who spoke of his class relations; his church relations were presented in a brief letter from Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, of Calvary church, New York, of which Mr. Silver was an attendant during his residence in the city, and by Dr. Lawrence, his pastor in Orange; the publishing fraternity was represented by Mr. Charles E. Merrill, president of the company bearing his name, who, unable to be present, sent a letter, and by Mr. James H. McGraw, president of the McGraw Publishing Company; his business associates were spoken for by Arthur Lord, esq., of Boston, Governor George H. Prouty, of Vermont, telegraphed his regret at being unable to be present, and in his place Hon. James Lowe Martin, United States District Judge of the State of Vermont, spoke of Mr. Silver as a citizen of that State; while

Governor John Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, spoke of him as a neighbor in East Orange, the Governor's own home; The American Baptist Home Mission Board, of which Mr. Silver was an active and efficient member, was represented by President Charles T. Meserve, LL.D., of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Secretary Henry L. Morehouse; and President W. H. P. Faunce, D.D., of Brown University, from which Mr. Silver was graduated, and of which he was a trustee, spoke of him as an educator. These addresses and letters were all admirable in tone, discriminating, affectionate, and evidently from the heart. Mr. Silver was "a man greatly beloved" by all who knew him, and his high Christian character and strict business integrity commanded the warmest admiration, and heartiest confidence of every one in any way associated with him.

**SMOKER TO DENNIS E. BOWMAN.**

Wednesday evening, January 12, the members of the Zeta Psi Fraternity gave a farewell smoker to Dennis E. Bowman, who has just resigned from the superintending of the Waterville public schools, and is leaving soon for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will enter upon the practice of law. Mr. Bowman graduated from Colby in the class of '93, and is a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. The smoker was given at the chapter house. Several alumni of the fraternity were present to help entertain Mr. Bowman, and the evening was passed very pleasantly in smoking and telling stories.

Mr. Bowman has always been a loyal and interested member of the fraternity and the chapter will feel keenly his loss from the resident alumni.

Isaac Higginbotham, '11, who has been supplying at Bath for the past few months, will finish his work there by the first of February, at which time the church will be taken by a regular pastor.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take from us our Beloved Brother, Edgar Oscar Silver, of the Class of 1882. Be it

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased, and be it further

Resolved, that in his death our Chapter loses a faithful and earnest member and the Fraternity a loyal and true brother, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of these Resolutions be recorded in the records of our Chapter, in the COLBY ECHO, and in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.

JOHN M. MAXWELL, '10	} Committee
IRVING M. HOLT, '11	
DONALD G. ROBY, '12	

## THE COLBY ORACLE.

Now that the out door sports are over for the fall, things of a different nature begin to occupy our minds, and things, too, that mean as much to the welfare of the college as athletics. Is there any reason why one element of our college life receive the universal untiring support of both student and faculty while many of the others are left to work out their own salvation, to make themselves recognized if possible by the efforts of the few, for it is by the few that every activity of the institution is supported with one or two exceptions.

If the Colby Oracle stands for anything it stands for the out-put of the best there is in the student body in representing in the most unique way possible the different phases of our campus life of which the book is an image, and not simply an opportunity for a few men to struggle under the anxious strain of producing a thing that the entire student body can and should have a hand in.

In other years the Oracle has been the result of the ardent endeavors of the board only, in the attempt to satisfy the students and faculty by a production that should do

justice to the demands made upon such a publication; its arrival has been watched by every man and woman, who, when the book was complete hailed it with complainings, kicks and idle suggestions too tardy to be incorporated. Will the same thing be true again this year, or will the board receive the cooperation of every man and woman in college, which it has the right to expect? The period for collecting the material and shaping the book is half gone. The contents must be complete in the Editor's hands by the first of April, and yet not a suggestion nor a syllable of material has been received except what has come through the associate editors. A satisfactory book cannot by this means be produced, nor should it be expected.

The Editor takes this opportunity to solicit the co-operation of the students, to whom, perhaps, it may not have occurred that they are under obligation to aid in the publication of the annual, and to urge alertness on the part of those who intend to contribute. An opportunity is given to both literary genius and artist. We hope that the amount of literary work and drawings already received may not be a standard by which to judge the number of geniuses in college. The work that you may submit may not be insured recognition, but if it does not receive recognition it will be simply because someone else did better work in the same line. Your attempt, however, may put you in position to win recognition another year, and the fact that you tried will be encouraging to the board.

The students are all glad to see Louis getting around again after his sickness. Now we can expect to have buildings warm and clean.

The Shakespearean Recital on "The Tempest", by Walter Bradley Tripp, of Boston, was greatly enjoyed by the students, especially by those in the Shakespeare class who have been studying this play.

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Even thus early there is more or less  
baseball talk on the campus. Work in the  
cage will commence about the middle of  
February.

The examinations which are now so near  
at hand will be an accurate test of each  
man's knowledge of his subjects, and will  
largely determine his position here in col-  
lege. This is especially true of the fresh-  
men, since this is their first final examina-  
tion. No one can afford to fall below even  
in a single subject. Each man knows his  
relative standing; and also how he must  
apply himself for successful work. Appli-  
cation and that of the closest kind, should  
be the keynote, at least, until after the ex-  
aminations. Application, to studies, and  
not to studies only, but it should be given,  
also to the work in dramatics, music, de-  
bate, in Bible study and Y. M. C. A. work.

There is to be an evangelistic campaign  
in Waterville, in the near future. Such a  
movement always brings forth the best  
that is in a community. The missions that  
have been conducted in Waterville in past  
years were of marked influence upon the  
lives of the students in this college. The  
members of both divisions will be welcomed  
at as many of the meetings as they can at-  
tend, and it is hoped, by both the college  
authorities, and the workers of the mission  
that this attendance will be large and reg-  
ular.

The first semester ends on Friday, Feb-  
ruary 4, and the midyear examinations ex-  
tend from Monday, February 7 to Saturday,  
February 12. While "cramming" is not  
particularly marked at Colby, owing to the  
policy of giving frequent quizzes, the fact  
remains that Colby men will be extremely  
busy from now on. To our friends of  
Waterville and vicinity whose efforts in a  
social way have done so much in the past  
toward making the Colby man's life less  
burdensome, it is suggested that if the  
more elaborate affairs are postponed until  
after the dates named above, fewer of our  
brightest social lights will be extinguished.

## DR. SCHURMAN ON FRENCH AND GERMAN.

### A Criticism.

We have frequently heard Greek and  
Latin assailed as a part of the school and  
college curriculum, but when an attack is  
made upon French, German and other  
modern languages by a man of such emi-  
nence as President J. Gould Schurman of  
Cornell University, it is time to utter a pro-  
test. Dr. Schurman was speaking before  
the Modern Language Association of Amer-  
ica and in the course of his address said:  
"What is the use of retaining the study of  
German and French and other modern lan-  
guages? What are the grounds for main-  
taining them? If you exclude college and



university teachers, probably not one in five hundred who have learned the languages will ever use them or could if they were called upon to do so." For weeks we have searched the papers hoping to see this report denied, but nothing has been found laying blame on an over-zealous and misguided reporter. A newspaper friend volunteers the information that Dr. Schurman's speech was sent out to the papers in advance, and that the above statement was authorized by him. Consequently, Dr. Schurman said it. But what constitutes learning anyway? Briefly, a knowledge of mathematics, science, philosophy and literature. It is the last named branch of the tree that President Schurman desires to lop off, for all literature is not written in English, you know. There was once a man named Goethe. He wrote in German. And Moliere. He had a predilection for French. And the impression is somewhat general that Cervantes indited his masterpiece in Spanish. English translations sustain the same proportion to the literary style of their originals as a newspaper "cut" does to the original of the Madonna of the Chair, or whole-wheat flour to the multitudinous bran-and-peanut-shell breakfast foods. Dr. Schurman trumpets the doom of literature. His watchword is "use," and to the word he gives the narrow definition known to many writers as "immediate utility," the bread-and-butter argument. But instantly, much to Dr. Schurman's and our astonishment, the whole fabric of learning dissolves in mist, and in the face of his stupendous logic, even his own great institution must close its doors. Philosophy goes by the board at once. It never earned a dollar for anyone except those who have pretended to teach it. And science! What good to a man who is playing the game of do-the-other-fellow-first on the stock exchange is the knowledge that a certain compound has so many atoms of carbon, oxygen and hydrogen? And mathematics! Will differential calculus

assist one in dodging a street car or an automobile? But an American consul-general in Germany may be called to testify in rebuttal. It seems that Germany has been capturing our foreign markets and the consuls were instructed to find out why. It develops that a potent factor is that the business man of even fair education in Germany speaks English, French and often Spanish or Italian. So the educators generations ago builded better than they or Dr. Schurman knew when they put languages into the curriculum. It is an irony of fate that Dr. Schurman trotted out his new educational hobby simultaneously with the appearance of an authoritative announcement that a knowledge of modern languages is a commercial asset to a nation.

#### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The College Christian Associations will hold a union meeting on Tuesday evening, at which time the delegates to the Student Volunteer Conference at Rochester, N. Y., will make their reports.

Last Tuesday evening a meeting of the cabinet was held after the regular meeting and several matters of business were attended to. Maxwell, '10, was appointed to represent the association at the reception given to the new Methodist minister on Friday evening and to welcome him in behalf of the college Y. M. C. A. A committee was also appointed to confer with the general evangelistic committee in the town to see if we could render any aid.

Several of the Y. M. C. A. men led the group prayer meetings in the different sections of the city on Friday evening.

Great plans are being made for the Conference of the Maine College and Preparatory School Associations to be held at Colby early in March.

John M. Maxwell was present as delegate from Xi Chapter of D. K. E., at a banquet given by the fraternity to Robert E. Peary, Arctic explorer.

**ALUMNI NOTES.**

'96. Hascall S. Hall, cashier of the Ticonic National Bank, Waterville, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Walter G. Hooke, '90, George A. Marsh, '01, Herbert L. Gray, '02, and Edward B. Winslow, '04, attended the Delta Kappa Epsilon Banquet to Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., December 18, at Hotel Astor, New York City.

'92. Winfred Nichols Donovan recently received full professorship at Newton Theological Institution, Newton Centre, Mass.

'93. Dennis E. Bowman, who has just resigned the position of Supt. of schools in Waterville was tendered a banquet at the Elmwood Friday night, before his departure for California.

'93. Rev. Cyrus F. Stimson was one of the speakers at the D. K. E. banquet tendered to Commander Peary, at Augusta, January 5.

'96. Henry W. Foss is head master of the Kelley School, Cambridge, Mass.

'90. Dana W. Hall, who is with Ginn & Co., was on the campus Monday.

**THE TEMPEST.**

Through the efforts of Miss Exerine Flood, Mr. Walter Bradley Tripp of the faculty of the Emerson College of oratory, of Boston, was secured to give a recital of Shakespeare's *Tempest*, at the Baptist Church last Wednesday evening. The church was well filled. Mr. Tripp's fame as an interpreter of Shakespeare's characters had led everyone to expect a rare treat and they were not disappointed. Mr. Tripp's voice, expression, and manner, were those of an artist of high degree and lovers of Shakespeare found great delight in his interpretation of the scenes and characters of the "*Tempest*."

The college and the city are certainly greatly indebted to Miss Flood, for her efforts in bringing such talent to Waterville.

**DEXTER CLUB.**

The Dexter Club gave a reception Saturday evening to the class of 1913. The guests were received by the President of the club, Miss Rosalind Jewett, Dean Small, Elizabeth Bass, and Leona Achorn. A very pleasing program was rendered consisting of the following numbers:

Piano Solo	Eva Clark
Vocal Solo	Eva Macomber
Reading	Phyllis St Clair
Vocal Solo	Ruth Goodwin
Piano Solo	Sadie Pennell

The refreshment table was presided over by Jennie Grindle and Louise Buzzell.

**CAMPUS CHAT.**

Robert S. Bishop, ex '12, is ill with typhoid fever at Baring, Oregon.

Dr. J. W. Black attended the conference of the American Economic Association which was held in the city of New York, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Herbert C. Libby, Registrar of the College and Instructor in Public Speaking, has resigned his position as managing editor of the *Independent-Reporter*, Skowhegan, to accept one as Superintendent of schools in Waterville.

Charles R. Choate, ex '10, has returned to his home in Winslow, from the woods where he has been for his health.

Merle Crowell, ex '10, was at the Deke House last week.

It is rumored on the campus that Colby will run against Bates at the B. A. A. Meet in Boston, February 12.

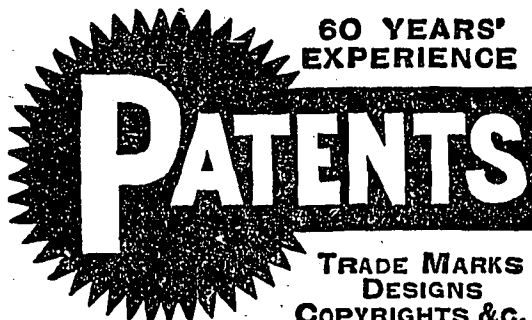
At a reception tendered by the people of the M. E. church to their new pastor last Friday evening, John M. Maxwell was present to welcome the Rev. Mr. Frost in behalf of the Colby Young Men's Christian Association.

The D. K. E. basket-ball team played a practice game with Coburn Classical Institute last Saturday.

Laura Getchell, '12, is not returning to college.

Leslie Cameron, '12, is teaching at Fairfield.

Verena H. Chaney, '10, attended the Student Volunteer Conference at Rochester, N. Y., last December 29, 1909 to January 4, 1910.



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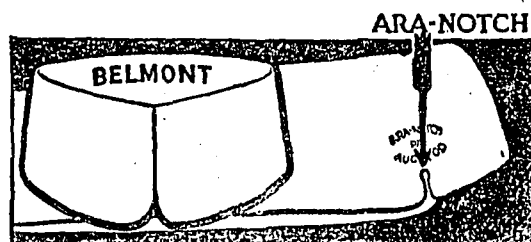
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