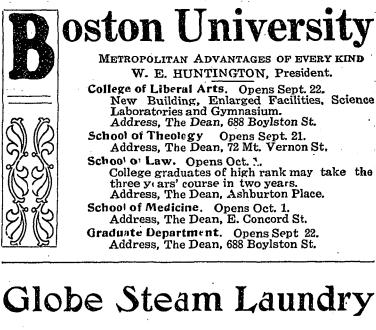


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ETHEL CYNTHIA FAIRFIELD.

The many friends of Ethel Cynthia Fairfield were grieved to learn of her sudden death, which occured at her home in Fairfield, December 5th.

She was born in Fairfield, December 7, 1887. She spent her girlhood in that town and was graduated from the High School there in 1906.

She entered Colby in the class of 1910 and become a member of the Chi Omega Fraternity. Since her graduation from College last June, she had been holding the position of first assistant in George Stevens Academy, Blue Hill.

The funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Fairfield, December 8. The large gathering of relatives and friends gave evidence of the esteem in which she was held. She was a young woman of noble and pure ideals, loved by all her friends and respected by all who knew her. Her personality, her unselfishness, her spotless life left their mark wherever she moved.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom has seen best to recall to himself, Ethel Cynthia Fairfield, our sister in fraternal bonds of love, be it

Resolved: by her sisters in Beta Chapter of Chi Omega,

That to her sorrowing family we extend our deepest sympathy.

That in her death we have lost one of our noblest and most cherished sisters.

That we transfer her name to the Omega Chapter and commend her soul to the loving Father.

That these resolutions in behalf of our beloved sister be published in THE COLBY ECHO and in the Chi Omega "Eleusis" and a copy be sent to her family.

> SINIA FAY KING, '11. Sarah Louise Snow, '12. Mattie Marie Windell, '13.

WINTER TRAINING.

As the winter is fast closing in, the question of winter training again occupies a prominent place in the thoughts of the athletes of the college. The track team was provided with a new wooden out-door track for winter work last year. For the field events in track and for the baseball team there are no adequate accommodations for winter work. The present cage is so low and dark as to be practically useless. At a comparatively small expense, good opportunities for winter work could be so constructed in the gymnasium. If the present basement should be extended under the entire building, there would be opportunity for a first class baseball cage, jumping pits, and starts for the dashes. This is a piece of work which would be too expensive for the Athletic Association to undertake out of its regular funds, but it is one that would be of great value to the spring athletics of the college. It is one, moreover, that could easily be accomplished by the student body with the help and cooperation of the alumni interested in athletics. ý 14

THE DEUTSCHER VEREIN.

The first meeting of the Deutscher Verein was held at the gymnasium, Foss Hall, Dec. 8th. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering. The Constitution was read, and a nominating committee was appointed to draw up a slate of officers. The committee comprises -- Richard Hodsdon. D. W. Clark, Misses St. Clair, Hazel Cole, Hall. The program committee consists of Misses Coombs, Wilson, and Bowen. After the business was transacted the study of "In Vaterland" was engaged in. The following is the constitution:-

Constitution.

ART I.-NAME.

This organization shall be known as The Deutscher Verein of Colby College.

ART. II.—OBJECT.

The object of the organization shall be to encourage the desire for a more intimate knowledge of the German Language and to aid in the acquisition of fluency in its use.

ART. III. -- MEMBERSHIP.

Sect. I. Any person connected with the college, who has completed Course II. for IV., or an equivalent in German, may become a member of this organization upon recommendation by the head of the German Department.

Sect. II. Three consecutive absences from regular meetings shall involve the suspension of a member until such time as the organization shall see fit to reinstate him.

ART. IV. – OFFICERS.

Sect. I. The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sect. II. The officers shall be elected as follows: At the first meeting in the college year, the chair shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members. This committee shall prepare a slate of officers and present the same at the second meeting for discussion and alteration. At the third meeting the slate shall be voted upon by ballot.

Sect. III. The duties of the officers shall be such ρ as usually devolves upon like officers in other organizations.

ART. V.—COMMITTEES.

Sect. I. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the organization and three other members appointed by the President. Sect. II. There shall be a Program Committee of three members appointed by the chair to serve for four meetings.

Sect. III. The chair shall appoint such other committees as are deemed necessary from time to time by the organization.

ART. VI.-MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The time, place, and frequency of the meetings shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

ART. VII.-VOTING.

Sect. I. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the legal transaction of business.

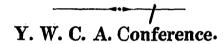
Sect. II. All questions, except amendments to the constitution, shall be decided_by majority vote of those present.

ART. VIII.-AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Constitution shall require a majority vote of the members of the organization.

By-LAWS.

During the meetings of the organization, German shall be spoken exclusively.



About a hundred and fifty delegates attended the Sectional Student Conference of the Northern Division, which was held at the Baptist Church, Saturday and Sunday. In addition to members of Bates, U. of M., and a large number of preparatory schools, there were present, Mrs. J. F. Thompson and Miss Caroline Calvin, members of the National Board, Miss Mary Corbett, Miss Sarah B. Matthews, Miss Grace Lewis, and Miss Ernestine Friedmann. Secretaries of this Division. The se sions were all exceedingly helpful and the speakers succeeded in arousing a great deal of enthusiasm. At the Silver Bay Luncheon Saturday noon, which was held in the Baptist Church parlors, Miss Lewis presided as toastmistress and Coburn, Hebron, Bates, and Colby responded to toasts. At 4.30 Saturday afternoon the Colby Y. W. C. A, entertained the delegates at a reception held in the Foss Hall parlors. Here, all the girls were given the opportunity to meet the Secretaries and Board Members, and coffee, wafers and dainty sandwiches were served. The Y. W. C. A. wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Faculty of Colby and the students of the Women's Division for the hearty cooperation which did so much toward making the Conference a success.

At the University of Maine, the Senior society has taken measures to purchase a cup which will be awarded to the fraternity house having the highest average scholarship for the year.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Debating Society was held Monday evening in the Chapel. After a short business session, a very interesting debate was held on the following question:

Resolved, that Colby College should be removed from its present location to some point outside the city to insure its future growth.

The affirmative was supported by Harry W. Kidder, '11; Victor A. Gilpatrick, '13; Fred A. Shepherd, '11. On the negative side were Raymond C. Bridges, '11; Ernest D. Jackman, '12; Isaac Higginbotham, '11, The board of judges, composed of Dr. Little. Prof. Crowell, Prof Carter, decided that the affirmative side had the better argument.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

The members of the musical clubs went down to Nort Vassalboro, Friday evening, Dec. 12, for the first concert of the season. A good sized audience greeted the men and each number was heartily applauded. As a first concert, it was decided a success. The boys were at their best.

The orchestra under the leadership of • Mr. Knight, was a strong feature on the program.

Mr. Lord feels that this concert is but the first of many successful concerts that will follow.

CAMPUS CHAT.

Higginbotham, '11, gave a lecture entitled, 'The Essentials of Manhood'' before the Baptist Mens' Club at Augusta, last Tuursday evening.

B. W. Trafton, '86, of Fort Fairfield, was a visitor at the D. K. E. House recently.

The trials for the Dramatic Club will be held Wednesday afternoon.

C. M. Daggett, '03, gave an interesting talk on music in Chapel, Saturday morning, and urged the students to attend the Cecilia concert.

Bowker, '13, spent Sunday in Lewiston, visiting friends.

The managers of the fraternity basket ball teams are: Bowker, '13, D. K. E.; Pullen, '11, Zeta Psi; Good, '13, Delta Upsilon; Bridges, '11, Phi Delta Theta; Marriner, '13, A. T. O.

Thornton B. Penfield, Columbia '90, one of the International Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., was a visitor on the campus last week.

Charles J. Keppel left for his home in New York on the early train Monday morning.

The Sophomore-Freshmen Relay race was run Saturday afternoon. The following men will represent their respective classes in the finals between the two teams Wednesday afternoon. Sophomores: Goldwaithe, Small, Hussey, Keyes. Howe substitute. Freshmen: Morse, Owen, Reynolds, Bowen. Curtis substitute. Bowen, '14, made the fastest time.

DE FEMINIS.

HAZEL BOWKER COLE, Editor. LAURA DAY, Manager.

Irma Wilber and Grace Hutchinson spent Saturday and Sunday at their homes in Madison.

Miss Helen Buzzell was the guest of her sister, Louise Buzzell, '11, last week.

Marie Chuse, ex-'11, visited friends at Foss Hall last week, while attending the conference.

Miss Mildred Russell from Kent's Hill was the guest of Grace Vose last week.

Mrs. R. H. Marsh and Mrs. P. H. Knowlton of Guilford visited Helen Marsh, '13, Saturday.

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

Foss Hall entertained Miss Mary Corbett, Student Secretary, and Miss Ernestine Fredmaun, Industrial Secretary, for the Y. W. C. A. Conference.

The first meeting of the Deutscher Verein, which was held at Foss Hall, Thursday evening, was a great success.

1911 CALENDAR.

The 1911 Calendar has at last appeared, and should be in the hands of every student before he leaves the campus. It is by far the best ever produced, and is well worth the price charged. Ira Mikelsky is responsible for the work and a copy may be obtained by writing him.

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To all our readers the ECHO' extends best wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Almost every Freshman, when he goes home on his Christmus vacation, throws out his chest on the occasion of his fir t visit to his preparatory school and dec tres that "college is a snap." It mikes no difference whether or not he has entered college on two conditions and receives a constant string of notices from the college office. He repeats the statement with increased assurance. Don't. In the first place, it hurts the college, and in the second place, it is not true. If you think you are taking any "snap" courses, withold your judgment until after mid-year "exams."

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

The Aero Club of the University of Pennsylvania have constructed a biplane but needs sufficient funds to buy an engine.

Students and Faculty of the University of Utah are considering the practicability of instituting student control of that institution.

Iowa will introduce inter-department football this year. Director E. G. Schroeder says that many football players of good calibre are brought under the eyes of the coaches that way-players who might never attempt to play the game at all.—The Tech.

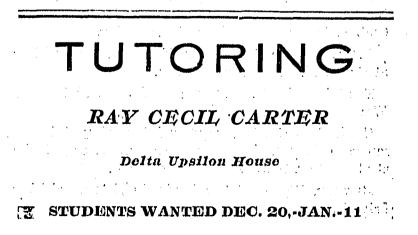
The medical school work has been enlarged this year by the addition of courses in hygiene and diete: cs. The courses in histology and embryology have b en amplified a great deal.—Bowdoin Orient.

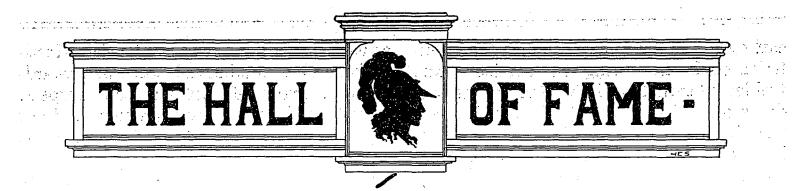
The list official record of registration, made at 5 o'clock in Wednesday, October 12, showed a total of 5,209 tudents. The figures for last year at this time wer: 4,924, which makes a total gain for this year of 2.5.—Old Penn.

The Scorum of Football Facts.

Punctu tion under the new football rules: The gime ha four periods, many dashes and exclamations, while the success of the new game is an interrogat n.

In a for the looks back as nearly as possible. —Ex.





EDWARD W. HALL, LL.D., '62.

Editor's Note:-A longer account of the life of Dr. Hall appeared in the special issue dedicated to him. This account by Professor Little, Librarian of Bowdoin throws several interesting sidelights on the character and work of Dr. Hall, and we feel that we are fortunate in having it for publication in our Hall of Fame series:

In September last there passed to his reward an honored and faithful librarian, a member of this association from its origin and for several years its president. He was known by most, if not by all, of those who are present. His memory is with you, and his life needs no eulogy from me. Yet it seems fitting that some words should be spoken respecting him. I therefore take the liberty to preface the motion I wish to make with a brief sketch of his life.

C Edward Winslow Hall, the son of Winslow and Eunice M. (Harding) Hall, was born September 9, 1840 at Portland. He was well born. His parents had been successful teachers themselves and were appreciative of the best things in life. He was not born to affluence. The sturdy qualities of Pilgrim ancestors and of forefathers who fought in the Revolution reappeared in him. He won his education by his own industry and persistence, being thrown by circumstances largely upon his own resources. In the public schools of his native city he stood high in scholarship among mates like Rev. Dr. Henry M. King, Judge Joseph W. Symonds, and Hon. Thomas B. Reed. Here, as in college, he was prominent as a declaimer and loved to render the familiar speeches from Shakespeare.

At Colby he maintained his reputation for ability in the largest class that had then entered the institution. He received the special honor of a "Junior Part" and graduated in 1862 with Phi Beta Kappa rank. After teaching for a year in the Oread

Institute at Worcester, Mass., he entered the service of the United States as a clerk in the War Department at Washington. Subsequently, Secretary Fessenden of his own accord gave him a more important position in the Treasury Department. During these years in the national capital. Professor Hall continued his linguistic studies and when, in 1866, a professorship of modern languages was established at Colby, he was unanimously chosen to fill the new chair of instruction, though only twenty-five years of age. He fitted himself still further for its duties by study at the University at Göttingen and by residence in Paris during the years 1872 and 1873. The straightened circumstances of the college did not permit him during any portion of the twenty-five years in which he held his professorship to devote himself entirely to work in that department. For several years he taught in addition and acceptably. algebra, geometry, and advanced Latin. In 1873 he assumed the duties of librarian. and in 1891 he was relieved from instruction that he might give his entire attention to the library. He found the library a collection of 9000 volumes over half of which were theological: he left it a well catalogued, working collection of nearly 50,000 volumes. All this he accomplished by the most careful husbanding of scanty appropriations, by extraordinary industry on his own part, and through the generous gifts which his own loyalty and devotion evoked from the alumni and friends of the college. To its administration he gave himself heartily and without stint. Nothing pleased him more than that during the

early years of his tenure of office the circulation of books among the students was trebled over that prevailing under his predecessor. The college itself stood not a whit behind the library in his affections. He prepared the admirable general cataiogues of her alumni. He wrote the History of Higher Education in Maine in which the story of her fortunes is told in loving detail. His facile pen was ever in service when the proper occasion arose to set forth her work in the public or the denominational The failure of his health newspapers. came suddenly to those of us who saw him only occasionally. In May he appeared as well as ever. In June, he was so ill as to miss his first Colby Commencement for nearly half a century. After a long illness, spent in part at his beaufiful summer home at Squirrel Island, he died September 8, 1910. at his home in Waterville from a general breakdown of his vital powers. He was buried the day following which was his seventieth birthday.

These are the leading facts and dates of a college librarian. But they do not make you see the man as he really was, shrewd, kind, companionable; able, loyal, true.

I despair of doing this and yet I wish to speak of two qualities that I have not men-Professor Hall knew his own tioned. ability and could not but be aware of how much his college, and his state owed him. Yet he was truly modest. He never put himself forward, never sought publicity and was sometimes slow to accept honors that were surely his. Only yesterday I found a striking illustration of this. On turning to his last publication of the third general catalogue of Colby College issued shortly before his death, and reading the brief item that relates to himself. no mention is made of the degree of Doctor of Laws which was conferred upon him in 1900 by the University of New Brunswick. I chance to know that this well deserved honor came to him as a surprise. He had represented his college at an important

academic function given by the sister institution and with other delegates was awarded this mark of esteem and respect. Others felt that his attainments and his many years of faithful service made the degree most appropriately and fittingly his own. But I can explain his omission from this record drawn by his own hand only on the supposition that after a lapse of ten years he remained of the same opinion he expressed to me at the time, that the degree belonged to the college and not to him.

Professor Hall had the "saving sense of humor." It helped him through many hard places and was a source of no little pleasure to his friends and companions. How well some of us recall the twinkle in his eye as he related in his clear quiet way some anecdote which lost none of its richness from his failure to otherwise set forth its application to the matter in hand. (As a specimen of the dry humor I venture to read here a letter of his sent to the Library Journal in 1877. It relates to his experience of German University libraries and was intended as a counterblast to some extravagant praise of their value and efficiency.

Library Journal, page 75.

"Among the documents placed in my hands at matriculation was a bulky quarto pamphlet of 'Laws." The most interesting section in this pamphlet, which now lies before me, relates to the use of the library. Some of the regulations are common to most libraries, and some are peculiar to Germany. The reader may judge of the superiority of the following laws:

"1. The library is open daily, except holidays, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 1 till 2 o'clock, and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 till 4."

It will be seen that the librarians are allowed to have some leisure. And since from 1 till 2 is the common dining hour in Göttingen, no student will apply for a book unless the actually needs it. These rules are a great safeguard in a library of a half a million volumes, liable to be used by 950 students and 110 professors, besides other literary gentlemen.

"6. Whoever desires to borrow a book from the library, must write his name on an octavo sheet, lengthwise of the page, near the top, and below it the title of the book. This Meldezettel must be deposited in the library at the delivery room, or in case a personal application is made, it may be handed to any of the assistants in any part of the library."

This is certainly economical. No printed blanks are required. This rule disposes of any requests written on odds and ends of paper. Nothing less than an octavo sheet will be considered. Let us immediately adopt the Meldezettel!

The remainder of rule 6 is as follows:

"On the following day the desired book will be delivered on presentation of a properly prepared Empfangsschein."

Could a librarian ask for more consideration? No hurry, no overwork, since a book cannot be given out on the same day it is called for. How such a rule would change the undignified rapidity of movement so common in American libraries!

7. The Empfangsschein, which can be used for but one book or work, must also be written on an octave sheet lengthwise of the page, and the residence of the applicant, with his name, must be written on it, below the title of the book."

This gives additional security. By writing out the title twice—no mere abbreviated title, but the title-page in full—there can be no mistake as to which book is desired, or how much it is desired. This second paper cannot be mistaken for a Meldezettel, for that has the applicant's name above the title of the book, while the Empfangsschein has the name below the title of the book. The advantages of having a seperate pair of applications for each book will be evident. But the most novel part of the rule follows:

"Since the library officers cannot be personally acquainted with each student or with his handwriting, to prevent all mistakes, every student except those of noble rank is required to have his Empfangsschein countersigned by one of the professors whose lectures he is attending, or to whom he is personally known."

This "prevents mistakes." It does vouch for the identity of the student. for every student has his certificate of membership. which he is bound to carry with him at all It hedges up the way to the library times. a little more closely. If a student will have books, he must observe all the formal-Having written his name on about ities. a dozen half sheets of commercial paper, near the bottom of the page he takes them to the residence of his professor. The next day he calls and receives back his papers enriched by the addition of the professor's autograph in the upper right hand corner. He next visits the library and finds the book he desires, after more or less difficulty, with the aid of an assistant. He copies the title at great length on his two kinds of papers. The Meldezettel he deposits with On the following day he the librarian. comes again, or, after the German custom, sends the maid-of-all-work, armed with the Empfangsschein, to bring the book.

There are several advantages in this method of loaning books, which will be appreciated, I trust by our college librarians."

I move that the secretary be asked to insert the following minute on his records and to send a copy of it to the widow and son of Professor Hall:

The Maine Library Association, at this its first meeting since the death of its former president Professor Edward W. Hall, LL. D., desires to place on record its grateful appreciation of his life work. For over a generation he has been to the people of this state the exemplar of a learned and loyal librarian. By his council, by his experience, by his kindly sympathy, he has directly or indirectly aided every library here represented. His zeal, his ability and his fidelity to the special trust laid upon him have brought honor and good repute to all who follow his calling. And to those bound to him by family ties, this brief expression of esteem for him and of sincere sorrow for them is most respectfully rendered.

THE AGENT.

Being a Truthful Account of a Day's Experience.

"No, I don't never have nuthin' ter do with no book agents."

"But I'm not a book agent, madam."

"Well, you want ter git money outer me for sumthin or other, and I'm not a' goin" ter buy anything ter day, that's sartin."

"All right, if that is the way you feel about it, madam, Good Day."

The agent departs, still smiling after his twentieth consecutive "throw down" inside of an hour and a half. If the truth were known, his spirits are a little dampened, but he still wears "the smile that wont come off," and to all outward appearances is doing fine. He mounts his wheel and rides on to the next farm.

Our friend has just completed his freshman year at Brown, and like many another college youth, is engaged in selling maps during the summer months to help pay his way through college.

On approaching the next farm he spies a group of men in the field pitching on a load of hay.

"How do you do, Mr. Brown, may I see you a for a few minutes?"

"No, can't stop my boy, too busy, come round at noon and I'll see you then."

"It wouldn't take but about three minutes Mr. Brown, can't you spare that much time now?"

"I said no, and when I say no I mean it. Naow you'd better get out of here lively or I'll set the dog on ye."

An immense bull dog growls menacingly and shows a handsome set of white teeth.

"Never mind, Mr. Brown, I'll spare you the trouble. Perhaps I might present you with a little volume entitled 'The Art of Being a Boor' with a special section on 'How to treat a College man who is selling maps.' Good morning.''

Our friend turns on his heel and walks away, while the farmer stares at him with a face like a cross cut saw. The other three men in the field were convulsed with laughter at the unexpected bright retort of the agent for the squire is noted for his ugliness. The college man is beginning to wonder how long the hoodoo will last, for it is getting monotonous. He comforts himself with the thought that the ice must soon be broken and then it will go easier for perseverance is sure to win and someone has got to bite.

The next house does not present a reassuring exterior. It is well built and roomy, but needs a good coat of paint. The yard is strewn with tin cans, papers, boxes and rubbish of all descriptions. Several children are playing in the yard. Their clothes are whole but smeared with dirt, likewise The general appearance of their features. the house suggests inmates in comfortable circumstances, but shiftless and woefully untidy. Through an open window our friend spies a short, stout woman bending over a washtub. He knocks. She turns. confronting him with a startled look. Her eyes are large, deep blue and keen, they twinkle merrily as she talks. Her hair is dishevelled and perspiration stands out on her face and neck in large beads for she has been working hard.

"Oh, good morning, is Mr. Chapelle at home now?"

"No, he isn't and probably wont be till noon. Is there anything I can do for you? I'm his wife. Oh, I know who you are. You're the gentleman that keeps the saloon in town aren't you? I was expecting him this morning."

Taken for a saloon keeper! This is a new one.

"No, you'll have to guess again madam. I guess I'm a stranger to you, but I'll soon explain the object of my call. Just a little later on now in this month, we're trying to bring out something that I think will interest you quite a bit. It's a new idea in the way of a chart of the world with a gazeteer of information on it and I'd like to tell you about it if you can spare a few moments." The woman looks relieved and her face

relaxes into a merry smile.

Oh, pardon me sir! I didn't know who you were at first. You see we haven't been here so very long. Yes, that would be a fine thing to have in the house for reference and useful to the children too."

Our friend takes his cue follows up the advantage, wades in and lands the sale. Having broken the ice he regains his courage and by the judicious use of cheerfulness, perseverance and tact has twenty sales before night, bringing him in ten dollars for his day's work.

"Say, but that's a good one, taken for a saloon keeper. Wonder if I look like one. I'll have to tell the boys about that. It'll be an amateur cracksman next."

BREEZY, '14.

THE OUTLOOK OF WOMEN' IN THE 18th AND 20th CENTURIES.

The outlook of woman in the eighteenth century was a matrimonial one in the main. After that important event she seldom looked beyond the garden fence. In other words, a girl sought first to be married, since unmarried women were looked upon with horror, and after she was married the fine walls of her home occupied all her time and thought. The mark of difference in the woman of today lies just here, in her independence, and her ability, which have, through the years, gradually asserted themselves until now she is competent to enter many branches of business life where before only the male sex were admitted.

Of course a woman desires a home as much now as ever, but she is in a position to be more exacting, as to the choice of her home and its sharer. And too, the married woman is more independent and enters society, carries on through her clubs work that is philanthropic and that is making ever for the bettering of humanity.

The education of the women today is much broader-colleges and universities are no longer only for the minds of menthe injustice of that has been recognized and women have proved worthy of a like edu-The girl of the eighteenth century, cation. her education ended with a knowledge of sewing, cooking, knitting and spinning, and her accomplishments consisted of dancing some stately dance, in being able to perform on the piano and in dressing well. Our girl of today who dances, swims, thinks nothing of a twelve mile tramp, who drives a big machine besides and who is always ready for a beefsteak dinner would be a veritable barbarian if she had to associate with those old time girls of the wasplike waists, the tiny feet and the ability to faint on all occasions.

The outlook of the young woman of today is a joyous one—with the clear gaze of health she looks into the future knowing that by virtue of a trained mind and right spirit she can overcome any obstacle, and succeed. A. T., '11.

LETTER FROM L. G. SAUNDERS, '02.

To the Editor of the ECHO:

How quickly the years roll by? Eight have come and gone, and it seems but yesterday that I left old Colby. At the kind invitation of John Coombs to aid his championship team of 1906, it was my privilege last June to enjoy a day long to be remembered. As I have looked back upon the experiences of this last visit to Colby, several things have come to my mind that seem to me to be important enough to warrant my briefly addressing the men of the College.

How surprised is many a man to learn that So-and-So has proved a success in life! The reason for such surprise is usually this: he himself lacks ambition and grit to get

ahead. The rut of indolence becomes an abyss before one is aware of it. This deepening process goes on through "loafing" and "bluffing." How easy it is to visit another fellow's room, seat yourself comfortably and gabble football, society, and "The "bluffer" thinks the prohard luck. fessors are "easy" to get ahead of, but as a rule they set him down for what he is worth and are scrry for him. Each fall of the year finds me on various college fields officiating at football games. I meet Colby men everywhere. Those who seem so surprised to find anybody else succeeding in life are men who in college were of this "loafing" and "bluffing" type, and are now in after-life unsuccessful: Those who look upon the suscess of a fellow student as something naturally to be expected are invariably successful themselves. Let me urge you to perform you college tasks faithfully and to work out your own problems; for the amount of ham tucked into the sandwich of life will depend pretty largely upon what you do in College.

There is another thing I wish to speak of. As of yore, I note that with few exceptions students and professors are far apart. This fact, so evident in 1902, is still apparent in 1910. When a young man is away from home influences, there should be some one to whom he can pour out his soul in time of trouble. A smile, a tap on the shoulder, the kindly expression of interest in a boy's welfare,—through these the professor can do as much for his students as by the most skilful class-room instruction.

Again, let me urge you to hang on to the Y. M. C. A. You may be jeered, ridiculed and called a hypocrite; but hang on just the same. The Colby Y. M. C. A. did more for me in 1902 than all my courses did. The world is calling for men of personal power, and what gives this power? The man who can stand up before his fellows and say "God is my Guide," has a personality whose very presence is the warmth of holiness. And I am not referring to the Y. M. C. A. man who finds God for himself only. I mean rather him who when he has found Him for himself, is, with heart full of love, eager to help some one else find Him.

And now a final word about athletics. This is a subject very close to my heart. Defeat is nothing where sportsmanship of the highest type prevails. What if your rivals use foul methods? Treat them as if they were gentlemen, for it is only by so treating them that you can always remain gentlemen yourselves. Gentlemanliness is the most important and far-reaching habit you can form in college and there is no better opportunity for practising it than are offered on the diamond and gridiron.

What I have been saying comes out of my own experience, and I hope you undergraduates will think it worth your attention. What you make of college life is vastly more important than some of you may think. It is to you that we are all looking for the future progress of the College.

LEON G. SAUNDERS, '02. Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

The American college fraternity is an organization of comparatively recent birth. The oldest, Sigma Phi, was founded at Union College in 1827. The majority of frats in existence today were founded by the banding together of a number of college men into a club for the purpose of mutual helpfulness in better carrying on some particular line of work in which all were interested. For instance, a number of fellows studying to be physicians would form one club; lawyers, another; ministers, a third, and others who had no particular line of work in view but were congenial, would form another club for social purposes. Later on the clubs adopted Greek letters for their names, usually the first letters of certain Greek words which represented the object and purpose of the societies, hence the name Greek letter societies or fraternities. The struggle for existence in the early days was often a hard one. The college faculties were almost to a man opposed to the frats, so their meetings were held in underground vaults, secret chambers, in fact any place where they were free from molestation. With the advancement of learning the prejudice against the frats naturally disappeared and today we find that a large number of our college presidents as well as professors are frat men.

Perhaps it would be well to distinguish between the different kinds of frats. Based on organization there are but two—local and national. A local frat has but one chapter while a national frat has more than one and may have any number. Kappa Sigma has the largest number of chapters, seventy-seven, and Theta Chi the smallest, five. There are thirty-three active national fraternities in the college world today and as we find it in the outside world there is a certain prestige and power which comes from long establishment that is a great asset to any fraternity.

The object of the various fraternities are much the same. All have their ideals and initiation vows, which in the main are worthy of emulation and tend to develop well-balanced, capable men, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Fraternities extend invitations to the men they want as members. Each frat. generally "takes in" a number varying from six to fifteen men from the Freshman class in the fall to fill the vacancies caused by graduation of Seniors in the preceding June. In this way the chapter roll is generally from 25 to 35 or 40 men varying with the size and local conditions at the various colleges.

It is impossible to lay down any hard and fast rules governing the requirements for membership. All fraternities are constantly "fishing" for what they believe to be desirable men. The standards of judgment vary widely. In some fraternities the superficial, well dressed, bright appearing lad will "make good" when brains and real ability will be slighted. In the same college where fraternity life is generally the strongest, almost any boy of passably good appearance, endowed with ordinary brains and ability, barring objectionable personal peculiarities. can "make a frat" at some time during his college course if he so desires.

It is undeniably true that the fraternities hold a very important position in college life today. They are usually the leaders in the various college activities, and while some are alive to their opportunities it would seem as though far too many do not realize the responsibilities placed upon them, and this from the standpoint of a fraternity man. There is much to be said, both for and against the chapter house. It may be a blessing or a curse. Taking the place of home, as it 'does, to its members when wisely and tactfully managed it may be a great benefit, but when it deteriorates into a mere lounging and loafing place in which to kill time, it is a positive detriment.

There are many advantages and certain disadvantages in fraternity membership. The viewpoint of the fraternity and nonfraternity man are of necessity somewhat different. The close association with one's fellow students which the fraternity gives is, without a doubt, productive of great social advantages as well as mutual co-operation and help in certain lines of work, but unless care and tact are brought to bear, that very close association may develop into snobbishness and narrow-mindedness. Taking everything into consideration the fraternities are a benefit to colleges, and a great deal of the strength and attractiveness of college life today is undoubtedly due to them.

R. T. '14.

THE ONLY NOVEL IN THE WORLD.

In the year 2395, I met a lady from Mars at a crowded cafe in New York. Wireless telegraphy was a fad of the Marsian and we had corresponded by "Marconigraph," for a long time, although this was our first interview. Conversation fell upon several topics and, finally, the Marsian, who rejoiced in the name of Neptunia Hyldevaeg, remarked:—

"In reading histories of your planet, I happened upon a word which has puzzled me greatly. It was the noun, 'novel.' Since my flight by airship to the earth, I have heard the term explained but have never seen a novel. Can not you, who have discovered the secret of perpetuating life indefinitely, tell me where I might find one?"

"Ah," I sighed, "Even my passion for scientific learning has not made me forget the happy-novel reading days of my childhood, spent with volumes of Thackeray, Scott and Dickens. The scientists of this world considered all novels useless and, in a great convention, decided that they must be destroyed by fire, except one. They made me a committee to select that book."

I fell into a reverie, from which the Marsian aroused me.

"That book," she said. "Will you not tell me what you chose, and why you chose it?"

"It is Thackeray's masterpiece, Henry Esmond," I replied. "As to why I chose it, you shall hear. It is a story of a nobleman's son, by a secret marriage. Early left an orphan, he was brought up by his father's cousin or, rather, by the cousin's young wife. In spite of estrangement that grew out of his cousin's violent death and of his benefactress' misjudgment, his deep attachment to her was lifelong. He fell in love with Beatrix Esmond, her daughter, a maid-of-honor at the Court of Queen Anne. Beatrix was involved in a Jacobite plot and accompanied the Stuart pretender to France on his defeat. She really loved Henry but was too fickle and wordly to sacrifice her court life for him. He married Lady Rachel, her mother."

"The book depicts character in a wonderful way. Beatrix, beautiful, crafty, selfish, is a fine example of the woman of the world with all her charms and her weaknesses. Henry is a simple, strong character, devoted to his friends and ready to sacrifice Castlewood, his own inheritance, to them rather than disappoint their hopes. Lady Rachel, too, is a masterpiece. She is a noble character but has one fatal fault, jealousy.

I could not bear to think that these creatures of literary art should die. It would seem like destroying the Venus di Milo." "Besides, I felt that the world could not afford to lose the noble conceptions of historical personages that the book presents. Marlborough, in all his military grandeur and avarice stands before us. We see dull Queen Anne, clever Lady Churchill and the brilliant, headstrong Prince James. The whole court, intriguing and heartlessly mercenary, lives again for us. The world will gain much by sober reflection upon that sketch of its gayest and hollowest court life."

"Then, we are always meeting a Beatrix or Henry or Rachel in every day life. By reading about them, we may more easily recognize their types. Henry Esmond, helps us to distinguish more easily between the low and the noble, the false and the real about us. It leads us to keener perception and a higher appreciation of all that is fine in character."

"I had just one other reason for choosing this book above all others of its kind. Many years ago, before formulas and experiments began to fascinate me, I used to sit at the window of a "closet of good old English reading," with a novel in hand. There I first read Henry Esmond. Like yesterday, I remember how the bees buzzed around the balsam bed below the window, while I read on, until the sunset died. and shadows hid my page. Ah, well! Those were pleasant days, when one never thought of problems but dreamed poetry---there, I forgot you Marsians were so fond of mathematics. Here is Prof. Simpson's work on the fourth dimension. It is said to be the ablest book on the subject." S. W., '11.

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