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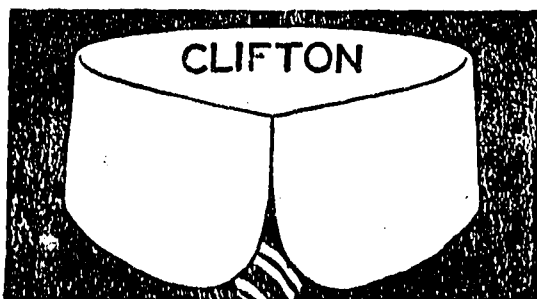
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## TRACK PRACTICE BEGINS

### Squad of Thirty-Five Men Appears and Shows Deep Interest In Work

Thirty-five candidates appeared in the Gymnasium Monday on the occasion of the first practice of the track squad. This manifestation of interest and enthusiasm was particularly gratifying to Coach Thompson, Captain Nardini and Manager Chapman, all of whom have great hopes for the success of the track team this year.

The squad is just twice as large as usual. Work will be done in the Gymnasium and on the outdoor board track until March 25, when the regular spring training on the cinder track will begin.

A new departure in track work at Colby will be the proposed exhibition indoor dual meet with the University of Maine, to be held at Orono, March 25. The events in this meet will be a twenty-five-yard dash, twenty-five-yard low hurdles, twenty-five-yard high hurdles, shot put, high jump, three standing broad jumps, pole vault, one-hundred-and-seventy-yard relay, and a three-quarter-mile relay.

The track schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

March 25—Exhibition Dual Indoor Meet between Colby and University of Maine at Orono.

April 29—Colby Interclass Meet at Waterville.

May 6 (Morning)—Colby Interscholastic Track Meet for the preparatory schools of Maine and New Hampshire; (1 P. M.)—Dual Meet between Colby and Bates; (3.30 P. M.)—Championship Baseball Game between Bates and Colby.

May 13—Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association Meet at Waterville.

May 20—New England Athletic Association Meet (at Boston or Worcester.)

## STUDENT'S Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.

The third annual Student's Conference was held at Lewiston, February 17, 18, and 19. At the invitation of the four colleges, the preparatory schools took part in the conference. The conference opened with a banquet, and more than two hundred delegates were present. College yells and songs, and a program rendered by the Bates Glee Club helped to create a very lively enthusiasm. President Hyde of Bowdoin, and Mr. Townson of New York, were the principal speakers of the evening. Saturday forenoon was devoted to discussions of the methods and needs of the different colleges and schools. Each college determined to increase the number of men enrolled in Bible study thirty-five per cent. Life work conferences were held for those men planning to go into the ministry and Y. M. C. A. work, and many helpful suggestions were received from the leaders.

The importance of this conference to our colleges and schools cannot be summed up in round mathematical figures. It is sufficient to say that it gave an inspiration to each delegate to work in his college or school for purity and righteousness in all things, and to strive to help the other fel-

low. Delegates, do not let your enthusiasm vanish as a breath of air, but put all the good resolutions into practice. Students, give the Y. M. C. A. your heartiest co-operation in its efforts to give the college man a complete, well rounded, balanced life.

### WIT AND HUMOR.

Once upon a time in a little village whose name I no longer remember there were born two children. So far as outward appearance went, they were as like as two peas. They slept together in the same cradle at night and played together in the day time, while the same kind nurse watched each of them and ministered to their wants impartially. As time went on, each boy began to manifest peculiarities of his own and before long they were not the close companions that they were at first. Now it came about that one day they both set out to see the world. At the first cross road they parted, one taking the broad highway which lead to the distant city, and the second turning into a quiet lane which wandered back among the fields and meadows. Thenceforth their paths were to be separated and although they occasionally met in the homes of their friends, they never again journeyed together.

The first boy gave hardly a backward glance at his friend who had been his playmate for so many happy summers, but turning into the broad avenue, went on his way, a glad song in his heart and a merry whistle on his lips. From time to time he came upon boys of his own age and while he mingled with them in their sport, he soon tired of their company and hastened on. At length the hurrying crowds and the busy clamor told him that the city was near. How joyful he felt! "At last," he cried exultingly, "I shall have a chance. Now I shall have the opportunity to show people how much I know and how smart I am. My playmate would have done better to have come with me." Thus he entered the

crowded streets and became a part of the shifting throng.

It seemed as though the fates were with him. His every effort was crowned with success. Men came from far and near to see him and to hear him speak. Politics, business, the church and school were all at his command. Offices and honors were thrust upon him, he was indeed "the darling of the gods." And yet even in the moments of his most brilliant achievements, he seemed to stand alone. Among all the crowd of followers and admirers, there was not one whom he could call friend; while men admired and honored, they did not love him. One day, he died. Impressive tributes were paid to his memory and men said, "What a brilliant man!" and they called him "Wit."

The second boy left his companion sorrowfully. As he loitered along among the grasses and flowers, his mind went back to his childhood days and he thought how happy they had been. It seemed hard to part from his friend, and harder still that his friend should go on his way with so little thought of him. But soon the bright sunshine overhead, the birds flitting across his path, and the varied blossoms by the way made him forget his troubles, and he took a more cheerful view of life. Now and then he met boys or men playing or working together, and always he joined with them ready for game or toil as chance offered. His smiling, sunny face made him welcome everywhere.

Fate was not always kind to him. Through no fault of his own ill luck would come. An early frost would nip the tender shoots in his garden, or a prize animal would stray away to be lost in the woods. But however much he may have suffered himself, he was always ready to help some one else in misfortune. His own grain might wait till that of his neighbor was housed, and his own heartache must give way to a smile to soften the hardship of another. No great fame came to him, no riches; nor was his

name a household word in many homes, but nevertheless in that little community where he lived, no one was so loved and in no one else did the people place such confidence. In joy or in sorrow, he was always ready with his jest or his sympathy. At last the quiet spirit went to its rest. The simple, honest hearts among whom he had lived, bore him tenderly to a knoll under the pines, where in their stately shadow he might sleep. "What a gracious man!" they said, and him they called "Humor."

R.

### LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

The contest for the prize of one hundred dollars for the best essay on International Arbitration by a student of any American college or university, offered annually by the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration, will close March 15th. More than ordinary interest attaches to this prize because it is the gift of a student—Mr. Chester D. Pugsley of Peekskill, N. Y.,—at present studying law at Harvard.

A similar prize last year brought out seventy-five essays from colleges in all parts of the country and was won by George Knowles Gardner, of Worcester, Mass., a Harvard sophomore. In 1908-9 the prize went to L. B. Bobbitt, of Baltimore, then a sophomore in Johns Hopkins.

The judges will be Hon. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, United States Commissioner of Education; Hon. Joseph B. Moore, Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan; and Professor George Winfield Scott, of Columbia University.

The award of the prize will be announced and the presentation made at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference, May 24-26, to which meeting the winner will be invited.

Essays are not to exceed 5000 words (3000 is suggested as desirable) and must be delivered not later than March 15th to H. C.

Phillips, Mohonk Lake, N. Y., from whom full information and references may be obtained.

### MAINE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The annual convention of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at the Eagle Hotel, Brunswick, last Saturday afternoon. Colby was represented by Packard and Chapman.

The meeting was called to order by President Emerson of Bowdoin. The claim of the Bates delegates that Blanchard of Bates lowered the record for the high hurdles in the last meet of the association, was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Executive Committee was appointed as a committee for the revision of the constitution, by-laws and rules of the association. The report of this committee will be considered at a special convention of the association. It was recommended to this committee that they change the rules so that gold medals will be awarded for first place in the M. I. A. A. meets.

The meet for this year will be held in Waterville on May 13.

The following officers were elected: President, Warren McDonald, University of Maine; Vice-president, Albert W. Buck, Bates College; Secretary, William A. McCormick, Bowdoin College; Treasurer, Wilford G. Chapman, Jr., Colby College.

Columbia has established a "Mathematics Club," for the purpose of raising the standard in all branches of that study.

Statistics taken in the Freshman class at Yale show English to be the most popular study, with Latin second and French third.

The Engineering School in the University of Utah provides for the sprinkling of the athletic field and of the entire campus.

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Raymond C. Bridges, '11, has resigned as business manager of THE ECHO, and the business department will be conducted for the remainder of the college year by Mahlon T. Hill, '12. Samuel A. Herrick, '12, will be assistant manager.

The hand of death has again come near the college community. General sympathy is felt for the two Colby men who have recently lost dear ones.

That the men of Colby are taking a deep interest in public questions is shown by the fact that a number of students attended the hearing on direct primaries before the judiciary committee at Augusta, Tuesday.

The model caucuses held by the Department of Rhetoric for the students in Public Speaking was a move in the right direction. While some features were not above criticism, yet these same features were those naturally appearing in actual politics, and constituted an object lesson on what college men should avoid.

Every man in college who is a graduate of a Maine preparatory school, should make an effort to interest the students of his school in the Lyford Interscholastic Prize Speaking Contest, which will be held Friday, May 5. The prizes are offered to young men students, and aggregate one-hundred dollars, divided into a first prize of fifty dollars, a second prize of twenty-five dollars, a third prize of fifteen dollars, and a fourth prize of ten dollars. These prizes are the generous gift of Will Hartwell Lyford of the class of 1870, of Chicago, Ill., and the chief object of them is to encourage public speaking. Students offering themselves in competition for these prizes must file application, furnished by the Registrar of Colby College, at least one month before the date set for the contest. This is important. The selections must not be over six minutes in length. Contestants are required to deliver excerpts from orations or addresses delivered by some well known public speakers in comparatively recent years. "Spartacus to the Gladiators" will not be acceptable. The judges are to award the several prizes on a basis of fifty points, of which interpretation shall count twenty-five, appearance, fifteen, and pronounciation, ten. Three judges to be selected by the President of Colby College, will pass on the merits of the speaking.

## DEUTSCHER VEREIN.

A special program in commemoration of Washington's birthday was held at the regular meeting of the Deutscher Verein, last Thursday evening. The program follows:

A talk on Washington in German	Prof. Crowell
German songs	Dr. Marquardt
German poem	Miss Coombs
Solo	Miss Macomber

After the program was concluded, refreshments were served and games played.

The committee in charge of the program was, Miss Reynolds, Miss Fielden, Mr. Rollins.



## GIFT TO COBURN.

Coburn Classical Institute has just received a gift of \$5000. Mrs. Valora A. Chase, of Waterville, recently sent to the trustees of Coburn a check for the above amount, accompanied by the following letter:

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The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met immediately in special session, and passed the following votes:

"*Voted:* That this splendid gift by Mrs. Valora A. Chase be accepted by the Trustees, and administered forever under the terms set forth by her in her communication of February 3.

"*Voted also:* That the Trustees express to Mrs. Chase their deep sense of appreciation of a gift so generous in itself and, under the terms of administration, so fruitful of good to all future generations of students."

Basketball has been ruled out at Michigan by order of the Faculty.

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas*, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from this life, the mother of our brother, Cecil Gray Fletcher, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the Chi Chapter of Zeta Psi, extend our deepest sympathy to our brother, and to the bereaved family in their great sorrow, and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these Resolutions be entered on the records of the Chapter, be published in the Colby Echo, and be sent to our brother.

WALTER J. RIDEOUT, '12, }  
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Hall of Chi Chapter Zeta Psi Fraternity,  
February 24, 1911.

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas*, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom to take from this life the sister of our brother, Frederick Joy, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the Chi Chapter of Zeta Psi, extend our deepest sympathy to our brother, and to the bereaved family in their great sorrow, and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be entered in the records of the Chapter, and be published in the Colby Echo, and be sent our brother.

WALTER J. RIDEOUT, '12, }  
SPAULDING BISBEE, '13, } Committee.  
JOHN A. BAGNELL, '12, }

Hall of Chi Chapter Zeta Psi Fraternity,  
February 28, 1911.

## CAMPUS CHAT.

Albion Blake, '11, attended the house party of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity of Bowdoin last Friday night.

The Alpha Tau Omega basket ball team was defeated by the Cony High School quintet last Friday evening, 21 to 20.

Irving Cleveland, '13, went to Boston last week to arrange for a Massachusetts trip for the Glee Club. The prospects for

an Easter trip are excellent. The management expects to announce the dates and places within a few days.

Russell Lord, '12, is visiting friends in Belfast.

Harry W. Kidder, '11, and Horace Pullen, '11, attended the funeral of the mother of Cecil G. Fletcher, '13, at Madison, Sunday.

The preliminaries for the Murray Prize Debate have been postponed from 1.30 P. M., Wednesday, to the same hour Saturday.

The baseball prospects are bright this spring. Of course, not every year brings its "Jack" Coombs or its Ralph Good, but even without them Colby always manages to have good teams in the field.

A wide awake Colby student observed a robin on the Colby campus Monday, and he is not a "nature fakir" either.

James K. Romeyn, F. A. Shepherd, Willis E. Jones, T. L. Howe, and E. E. Washburn were in Augusta, Tuesday.

A delegation of Colby men attended the theatre at Fairfield, Thursday evening.

"We are thinking seriously of giving up the 'War Cry' this year," said a member of the Sophomore class one day this week. A good idea, certainly. The "War Cry" is never witty, but always sarcastic, frequently sinking into billingsgate unworthy of college men. It is doubtful if any article that ever appeared in it seemed really funny except to its author. The paper is an annual source of mortification to every true friend of Colby. Should the class of 1913 desire to win for itself the praise of every true Colby man, it has within its grasp the opportunity to secure lasting thanks by dropping a barbarous custom.

Norman J. Merrill of Somerville, Mass., has registered in the class of 1914.

Rev. Robert A. Colpitts of the Congress Street Methodist church, Portland, visited the Delta Upsilon house last Friday.

Harvey Mayo, '14, was in Bangor, Sunday.

Crary Brownell, ex-'13, of Moodus, Conn., attended the Delta Kappa Epsilon house party last week.

Arthur Hawes, '14, and James Shepard, Jr., '14, are attending the athletic association fair at Colby Academy, New London, N. H.

James Corey Richardson, '11, was in Portland last week.

Walter Johnson of Hartland visited Arthur Baird, '14, Sunday.

### DE FEMINIS.

HAZEL BOWKER COLE, Editor.

LAURA DAY, Manager.

Lynnette Philbrick, '14, and Marjorie Meader, '14, attended the Governor's ball at Augusta.

Rose Pillsbury, '11, spent Washington's Birthday out of town.

Rev. Niles N. Reed of Bowdoinham, visited his daughter at Mary E. Low Hall, Monday.

Miss Ruth Morrison took dinner with Harriet Lawler, '12, Sunday.

Margaret Buswell, '12, returned from her home in Foxcroft, Saturday.

Miss Edna Wall was the guest of her sister, Diana, at Dutton House, last week.

Avis Thompson, '13, and Florence Carll, '12, were among the Colby girls to attend the Governor's ball.

Mary Hall, '12, was obliged to leave for her home in Rockport, Wednesday, on account of illness.

Louise Jose, '14, went to her home in South Portland, Saturday.

Blanche Farrington, '14, visited friends at Kents Hill, over Sunday.

Gertrude Grant, '14, was called to her home in Berwick, Monday.

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