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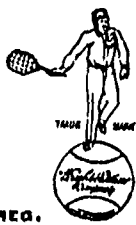
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THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The first thing to which the average student turns on taking up a new catalogue is the register of students. No one will be disappointed this year, for the catalogue shows a total registration of 407—an increase of 49 over last year, or approximately 14 per cent. The students are divided, 260 to the men's division and 147 to the women's division. Divided by classes, the seniors have 67, the juniors, 68, sophomores 107, and freshmen 126. There are 38 special students and one graduate student. The faculty numbers 25, an increase of two.

The entrance requirements for next fall will be as usual. In the fall of 1913, however and thereafter admission certificates will be received only from such schools in New England as are approved by the College Entrance Certificate Board. This is a distinctly new feature of the admission requirements, but it will meet with the approval of all interested in the welfare of the college.

A number of new courses have been added, several have been changed in scope and purpose. In the Greek Department, a course of "Greek Literature in English," which is required of freshmen in the B. S. course has been added. Public Speaking and Debating, which last year were full year courses, have been combined as Debating 5 and Public Speaking 6, each covering one semester's work. In the Mathematics Department calculus and analytic geometry have been changed in their arrangement, geometry and differential equations make up courses 9 and 10. The courses in mechanics have been transferred from the Physics Department and are now found as Mathematics 11 and 12. Astronomy has grown from a second semester's course to a full year course. Mineralogy and economic geology have been combined so as to be covered in one semester each. They are numbered as Geology 5 and 6.

The most radical change however in the course of instruction is found in the department of History. Course, History 3 and 4, has been introduced which is aimed to cover the ground from the end of courses 1 and 2 to the present time. This new course will be given for the first time next year and will alternate with History 1 and 2 which is now being given. In place of English Constitutional History a course in Political Science has been substituted. This course is much more comprehensive than the other. It is being given for the first time this year.

Heretofore, the number of courses required in the senior year has been four, a total of eighteen for the four years. Beginning with next year, five courses will

be required of each of the three upper classes, making a total of nineteen. The new plan meets with general approval.

THE COLBY ALUMNUS.

The second number of "The Colby Alumnus" is now out. It contains, as a leading article, the first half of an interesting essay on "The Formative Period of College History." This article shows the attempt of certain members of the Baptist Society to found a "literary and theological institution" in Maine, over which the society should have control. As the submitted records show, they were unsuccessful in obtaining a charter from the General Court of Massachusetts in 1812; and by the next legislature the first draft of the charter was amended in its most important sections before its passage. The final starting of a school "to confer such degrees as are usually conferred by universities established for the education of youth" will be related in the March issue of the Alumnus.

The first of a series of several articles entitled "Colby Men at Washington" deals with George Otis Smith, Ph.D., director of the United States Geological Survey. Dr. Smith is a Colby graduate, of the class of '93, and since his appointment in 1907, has done much toward making the Survey so prominent on account of its economic activities, as well as its scientific investigations. Dr. Smith has been a trustee of Colby since 1903, and has always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the college.

Besides Chief Justice William P. Whitehouse, '63, Colby is represented on the Supreme Bench of this State by two other loyal sons:—Associate Justices Leslie C. Cornish and Arno W. King. Justice Cornish is a graduate of the class of '75, and was appointed to the Supreme Bench in 1907. He has been a trustee of the col-

lege since 1890, and chairman of the Board since 1907.

Justice King entered in the class of 1883, and received his appointment as Associate Justice [of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine] in 1907.

Rather briefly, the advances which have been made in the scientific departments have been mentioned in this issue. From these, it is evident that the college is setting a higher standard each year, so that there is no reason why Colby is not in the front rank of colleges.

Besides the usual editorials, faculty, and alumni notes, etc., there are several short articles, one of which is "Sons of Colby Graduates in Colby," which is accompanied by a group picture of fifteen students whose fathers came from Colby.

A short notice of the Boston Alumni Association Banquet is inserted, and a special invitation is extended to all of Colby's loyal sons to attend.

PRINCIPAL STEVENSON RESIGNS.

Last Wednesday morning Principal George S. Stevenson of Coburn Classical Institute made public that he had handed to the trustees his resignation. Scholars and towns people alike are deeply regretful of the action, which came to them as a complete surprise.

Mr. Stevenson says, in part concerning his resignation:

"I am giving up my work at Coburn because I want an opportunity of putting to a thorough test the belief, that I have always had, that a boys' school can be established and successfully conducted in the State of Maine. I have already been promised sufficient support to enable me to spend a year in an attempt to bring things to a point where a beginning may be made with confidence that steady success will follow. If at the end of this year of effort, it is certain that the matter can be handled successfully, a start will be made, otherwise not. * * * *

"My regret at leaving Coburn is greater than I can express. The associations and friendships of the past seven years have been dear to me. The trustees of the school have treated me splendidly. Under every condition they have been most thoughtful and generous. The students and teachers have been kinder than I could ever hope to deserve. There are things that I shall never forget, no matter where my lot may be placed."

No better expression of the feelings of the students of this college can be given than the words spoken by Pres. Roberts:

"The period of Mr. Stevenson's principalship has been one of very great prosperity. Attendance has largely increased, important additions to the school equipment have been made, a new athletic field has been provided, and the reputation of Coburn for scholarship and for character building has been enhanced and extended.

"Mr. Stevenson is an accomplished scholar, a skillful teacher, and a wise administrator. * * * * The trustees of Coburn and Colby alike are greatly appreciative of the faithful and efficient service Mr. Stevenson has rendered the institute and the college—for he has been equally loyal to both—and regret exceedingly that he has decided to sever his connection with these institutions."

WILLIAM H. DEXTER.

Monday news was received at the college that William H. Dexter of Worcester, Mass., had died the Sunday evening before. Mr. Dexter was known throughout New England as a great benefactor of schools and churches. In 1906 he was elected as trustee of Colby and has served ever since.

He was born in Charleston, Mass., January 11, 1823. In 1848 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth A. Foss of Livermore, Me. Mrs. Dexter was the donor of our beautiful Foss Hall, the women's dormitory named in her honor. The gift of

\$50,000 was earned by Mrs. Dexter herself, and as an act of benevolence she gladly gave it to Colby to promote the higher education for women that she had been denied in her youth.

Mr. Dexter was a zealous member of the board of trustees. Although not a graduate of the college he took an active interest in its welfare and was always a loyal friend.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.

The wearers of the football "C" met at Preble's Saturday for the football picture. In accordance with the annual custom, the election of captain took place. Roy F. Good, '13, was the unanimous choice of the squad. Good's football history is too well known to need repetition here, suffice it to say that the man who saved Colby in the Bowdoin game will be there again next year.

BASE BALL COACH

Forrest A. (Baggy) Allen of Fairfield, known all over the State by baseball fans, has been chosen baseball coach for the coming season.

He is a graduate of Coburn Classical Institute where he played on championship teams. After graduation he went to the New England League where he played for several seasons in different cities. Lately he has played with fast semi-professional teams in the State. His coaching experience has been limited to high schools and semi-professional teams. In every case he has developed the material given him to a remarkable degree and placed a team on the field with plenty of fight. His fighting spirit and ability to impart it to his team are characteristics which will enable him to make good with the Colby team. Much satisfaction is expressed on the campus at his election.

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Annual Maine Boys' Conference, Waterville, January 26-28, 1912.

Special attention is called to the new departure of the Y. M. C. A. It has been the feeling of this Society for a long time that the meetings should be more practical, in the sense that they should deal not only with the religious phase of a student's life, but also with his life's work. With this end in view, the Y. M. C. A. has outlined a plan for the coming months which should be effective in its purpose.

THEY SAY.

That Jack Struthers is training.

That some members of the faculty like to ski in apple orchards.

That the Democrats are active with the Wilson Club.

That the Maine Boys' Conference will be given a hearty welcome.

That the college students regret the resignation of Principal Stevenson from Colburn.

That it would do no harm to show interest in the relay team and watch practice occasionally.

That preliminaries in the Goodwin Contest may take place soon.

That the "Home Baptists" were quite evident at church last Sunday.

HERBERT C. LIBBY RESIGNS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Herbert C. Libby, who for the past three years has held the office of Superintendent of Schools in the city of Waterville, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Education to take effect at once.

Since his appointment in 1909, Mr. Libby has been instrumental in bringing about many reforms beneficial to common schools. One was the organization of the teachers into a more efficient working staff. This efficiency was brought about through the principals' council, and frequent teachers' meetings. By organizing a series of parents' meetings at the different schools Supt. Libby has formed a closer union between the parents and the schools. The resultant co-operation between the parents and the teachers has been beneficial to the school system. During Mr. Libby's term in office, the curriculum of the high school has undergone a complete change, until now a course of study is offered which will compare favorably with that of any fitting school.

One of the chief features of his administration has been the organization and successful management of the Central Maine Summer School, conducted in Waterville in 1911.

In 1909 Supt. Libby was elected corresponding secretary of the Maine Teachers' Association, in 1911, he was elected auditor of the same association. In 1910 he was elected president of the Kennebec County Teachers' Association; he was also elected vice president of the English department of the association.

Mr. Libby is the founder of the Maine Teachers' Quarterly, a magazine devoted to the school life of Maine of interest to teachers and educators. He is editor of the publication.

In connection with his work as superintendent of schools, he is registrar of Colby College, as well as instructor in argumentation and public speaking. In his connection with Colby he has been an ardent worker in the upbuilding of the college and many a present student of Colby is thankful to Mr. Libby for his persuasive power in causing him to register.

Mr. Libby gives as a cause for his resignation the fact that he wishes to be freer for the work of completing the manuscript for a college text book on public speaking, to be published this fall. We are pleased that Mr. Libby is still with us and we hope that it may be possible for him to remain with us much longer in a continuation of his good work among us. The student body as a whole wishes him success in his new undertaking.

ASSISTANT TRACK MANAGER.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association, Tuesday evening, Seth F. Howes, '14, was elected assistant manager of the track team to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred W. Rowell, '14. Howes was a candidate against Rowell last spring and showed himself faithful and efficient.

Y. M. C. A.

A committee of college men to act in conjunction with the city committee for the Boys' Conference has been appointed, as follows:

Delta Upsilon—R. Lord, Pineo Jones, Cleveland, Rollins.

A. T. O.—Young, Knight, Warren, Marriner, Washburn.

Zeta Psi—Rideout, Ricker, DeWitt, Owen, Bowler.

D. K. E.—Cole, Perry, Dunn, Pratt, Eaton.

Phi Delta Theta—Keyes, Mayo, McGuffey, Hutchins, Harlow.

Non-Fraternity—A. Gillingham, F. Gillingham, Campbell, Hatt, Kelsey.

During the winter, the meetings of the Y. M. C. A. will be devoted to life talks.

The speakers for the vocational meetings are well qualified to speak upon the subjects assigned them. The program:

January 30. The Law, by W. C. Philbrook, Waterville.

February 29. The Ministry, by Rev. M. J. Twomey, Portland.

March 12. Medicine, by Dr. F. C. Thayer, Waterville.

March 26. Teaching, by Pres. A. J. Roberts, Waterville.

JUNIOR CLASS DAY.

At a meeting of the junior class Wednesday afternoon, the Class Day Officers for Commencement were elected.

Orator, Elmer Roy Bowker; Historian, Ernest Cummings Marriner; Chaplain, Andrew Young; Presentation of Class Gift, Laurence Ross Bowler; Awarding of Prizes, Bertrand A. Loane; Marshal Roy F. Good; Ode Committee, Irvin L. Cleveland, Frederick A. Hunt, Melvin P. Roberts.

INTER-FRATERNITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Delegates from the five fraternities met at the Y. M. C. A. building Friday afternoon and formed the Inter-fraternity Bowling League. It was voted to accept the rules for bowling as existing in the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Bowling League, with the exception of the provision for handicaps. The following officers were elected:

President, E. L. Wyman; Vice-President, Hiram Ricker, Jr.; Secretary, Seymour Soule.

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Thirty games are provided in the schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Delta Upsilon vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon, January 20, February 15, March 9.

Phi Delta Theta vs. Alpha Tau Omega, January 23, February 17, March 12.

Zeta Psi vs. Delta Upsilon, January 25, February 20, March 14.

Delta Kappa Epsilon vs. Phi Delta Theta, January 19, January 27, March 16.

Alpha Tau Omega vs. Zeta Psi January 30, February 24, March 19.

Delta Upsilon vs. Phi Delta Theta, February 1, February 27, March 21.

Alpha Tau Omega vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon, February 3, February 29, March 23.

Phi Delta Theta vs. Zeta Psi, February 12 (P. M.), March 2, March 26.

Alpha Tau Omega vs. Delta Upsilon, February 12 (evening), March 5, March 28.

Zeta Psi vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon, February 13, March 7, March 30.

In the contests played to date Delta Kappa Epsilon has lost one to Phi Delta Theta and won one from Delta Upsilon, while Alpha Tau Omega lost to Phi Delta Theta.

Team Standing:

	Won	Lost	Per cent.
Phi Delta Theta	2	0	1.000
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1	1	.500
Delta Upsilon	0	1	.000
Alpha Tau Omega	0	0	.000
Zeta Psi	0	0	.000

DEBATING.

The work of the Debating Club is at present very entertaining. A series of debates has been outlined, thus giving opportunity to put into actual practice the work of the course. The following debates will be held:

January 25. Resolved; that the four Maine Colleges should fare the same insofar as financial assistance is concerned at the hands of the Legislature of Maine.

January 26. Resolved; that the members of this class should support the Democratic party in the next Gubernatorial election.

January 29. Resolved; that Samuel Gompers is an unsafe leader for the American Federation of Labor.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

FLORENCE S. CARLL, Editor.
ETHEL GILPATRICK, Business Manager.

Miss Butman has returned to Foss Hall after a week's absence.

Mrs. Millions and daughter of Westbrook have spent the past week at Foss Hall.

Jennie Reed, '12, has been threatened with pneumonia but is much better.

Jean Millions, '14, was operated on for appendicitis, Wednesday. She is recovering nicely.

Mildred Lane, '14, did not return to college until a week late on account of an attack of tonsillitis.

Alice Beckett, '13, has been in New York for several operations on her eyes.

Marion O. Steward, '15, was initiated into Delta Delta Delta, Wednesday.

CAMPUS CHAT.

The Boston Alumni Association will hold its annual Banquet at the City Club on Feb. 23rd. All graduates of the college who desire particulars can obtain them from B. C. Richardson, 3 Gaylord St., Dorchester.

The annual dinner of the New England Association of D. K. E. will be held at the City Club, Boston, on Friday, February 2nd, to which all members of the fraternity in or near that city at the time are cordially invited.

Prof. Chester has been receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Colby will run Bates at Boston Athletic Meet.

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Dr. Edwin C. Whittemore led chapel
last Monday morning.

President Roberts was at Hebron on Mon-
day.

Mr. Herbert C. Libby led chapel Tues-
day.

The Council of the Athletic Association
met last Monday evening.

The preliminary debates in the Goodwin
Interscholastic Debating Contest will all
take place February 2nd.

The annual meeting of the Maine Inter-
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ruary 24th.

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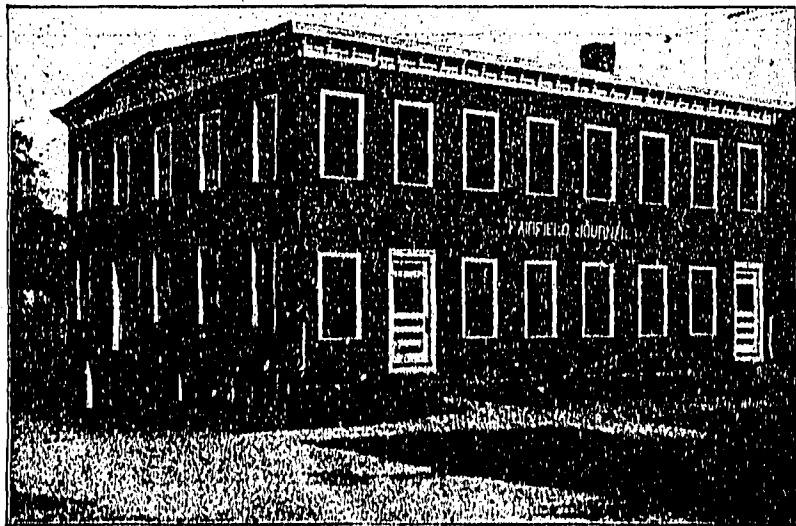
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