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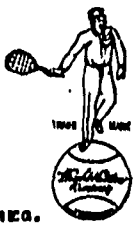
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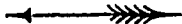
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TRUSTEES MEETING.

BEQUEST OF \$10,000 ANNOUNCED.

The regular winter meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Portland, Tuesday. Besides the routine business, several important matters were discussed.

The bequest of \$10,000 by the late William H. Dexter of Worcester, Mass., was made public. Mr. Dexter and his wife both took an active interest in Colby making several previous gifts, the most important of which was the fine women's dormitory, Foss Hall.

The honorary degrees to be conferred at Commencement were voted at the meeting.

Steps were taken looking to the extension of the curriculum. The trustees feel that Colby is enjoying such a prosperous growth as to require the addition of new courses and the strengthening of the present curriculum.

CONFERENCE.

The Seventh Annual Conference of the boys of the State of Maine was held in this city January 26, 27, and 28. Over seven hundred delegates were present. The boys were entertained by the people of the city and the college. Many of the boys had meals at the homes where they were stopping, while a large number were fed at the armory.

The boys began to arrive soon after noon on Friday, and from then until well into the evening every train brought a crowd of eager, excited delegates to the city. As soon as they reached the platform, every delegation made themselves known by their school or club yells. A committee of Colby students met the boys at the station and escorted the leader to the Y. M. C. A. building, where he received the assignments for his delegation. The boys were taken at once to the Colby gymnasium where an informal reception was held and everyone was given a fine chance to become acquainted. Here guides under the leadership of Laurence Bowler, '13, were to be found to escort the boys to their stopping places.

During the afternoon entertainment was furnished by the Colby Glee Club and the College Orchestra. Many of the boys were interested in watching the performances of the track squad on the outdoor track. Later in the afternoon Mr. Northcott of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. led the boys in singing a few familiar hymns.

At six o'clock a line of march was formed, and headed by a drum corps, the boys marched to the armory where the banquet was served. Over seven hundred men and boys were fed at that time. Students of Colby and Coburn acted as waiters. The impossible was finally accomplished and the boys' appetites were satisfied.

Hon. W. T. Haines of Waterville acted as toastmaster. The first speaker was C. A. Goodwin of Waterville who welcomed

the boys' conference in behalf of the boys of Waterville.

Mr. Haines then introduced President Roberts of Colby who in a few well chosen words extended the welcome of the educational institutions of the city to the delegates.

In the absence of Mayor Pattengall, Hon. W. C. Philbrook welcomed the boys in behalf of the city.

The reply was made in behalf of the boys by Wm. Walter Banton of Bangor and for the leaders by John Taylor of Camden, and for the churches by Rev. J. J. Hull of Lewiston.

Rev. Geo. W. Hinckley of Good Will Farm was the speaker of the evening. He told briefly of his recent tour through the West and then outlined the things that the 1912 conference should be expected to do for those who attended it.

The conference began Saturday morning at 8.45 at the Baptist Church with song service led by E. L. Goss of Lewiston.

Dr. George J. Fisher of New York then led the meeting during a "Quiet Hour." Following this came the business session. The committees on nomination, registration and resolution were named, ten delegates being appointed on each committee.

Richard Fuller of Rockland was elected President of the conference of the coming year. Six vice-presidents were elected and three secretaries.

Next came Dr. Fisher's address on "Individual Power." He was followed by Mr. Hinckley, who spoke in place of E. M. Robinson of New York who was called home by the death of his son. He was followed by A. E. Roberts of New York who spoke on "The Power of the Organized Group."

After this a parliamentary discussion was held at which the President presided. When the meeting adjourned the delegates went to the Coburn building where the conference picture was taken.

In the afternoon at one-thirty o'clock, a "Quiet Hour" was led by Dr. Fisher in the Baptist Church, who spoke of the "Three Great Spiritual Giants of the Day." Following this meeting departmental conferences were held at different buildings about the city. Conferences were held for "The City Associations," "The County Conference," "The Church Clubs," "The Boy Scouts," and the Lead-

ers. At three-thirty the boys were entertained by basket ball games at the Colby gymnasium.

In the evening, Dr. Fisher spoke to the boys at the Opera House. His address was illustrated by moving pictures.

Sunday morning the boys attended church with their hosts. In the afternoon A. E. Robinson spoke to the boys at the City Hall on "A Boy for the Times." He spoke of the ideals of Christianity and the reasons why young men should lead Christian lives.

In the evening, the meeting was held in the Opera House. A song service was first held. Two selections by the Colby quartette were sung. Then Dr. Fisher spoke on the need of Christianity in the country and in Maine. Following this a few words of personal testimony were spoken by each of the officers of the conference and from a large number of the delegation leaders. Rev. G. W. Hinckley spoke the farewell word, closing with the words "Be happy in Christian service." While they sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the delegates all stood with hands clasped, after which President Fuller declared the conference closed.

LAW AS A LIFE-WORK.

Judge Warren C. Philbrook, '82, gave the first lecture in the series of Life-Work Talks, being conducted by the Y. M. C. A.

Judge Philbrook showed that college men should know their legal rights, to best fulfil their duties as citizens. He said the only disagreeable feature of law is that it shows the depraved minds of many men.

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Law as a life-work should make men good citizens, not only from a moral, but from a business standpoint.

Y. M. C. A.

Arrangements are now being made for the Students' Intercollegiate Y. M. C. A. Conference to be held at Orono, February 16, 17, and 18. Last year, Colby was well

represented at Bates, and there is no reason why she should not be again this year at Maine. These conferences are helpful and inspiring, and are addressed by the best of speakers. Bates and Bowdoin plan to be well represented this year. Let us not fall in the rear but rather take the lead. Plans for the delegation are in charge of President Russell H. Lord.

Y. M. C. A.

By Russell H. Lord, President.

There has been a general notion among the college men that the Young Men's Christian Association room is a sort of *sanctum sanctorum*, and that the President of the Association is the High Priest who alone is allowed to enter this Holy of Holies. It has been our plan and purpose during the year to abolish this false idea. In a large measure we have been successful, but we feel that the Association has never occupied the place it ought to hold in the college. Realizing to some extent the possibilities in the organization, the cabinet have arranged a series of Life-Work Talks to be given by men well qualified to speak on their respective professions. We have chosen men who are leaders in their various lines of public work; men who have had a broad experience; men who have made good, and who can tell others how to do likewise.

The Association sincerely hopes that the students of Colby will recognize this effort on its part to be of real service to the college, and will reserve the Tuesday evenings of each week for these talks, and for other features which will be forth-coming.

Following is the program up to the Easter vacation:

Tuesday, January 30. The Law as a Life Work, Judge Warren C. Philbrook, Waterville, Maine.

Tuesday, February 6. Midyear examinations.

Tuesday, February 13. Frederick A. Shepherd, Waterville, Maine.

Tuesday, February 20. Songs in Association rooms.

Thursday, February 29. The Ministry as a Life Work, Rev M. Joseph Twomey of Portland, Maine.

Tuesday, March 5. C. B. Washburn, Colby College.

Tuesday, March 12. Medicine as a Life Work, Dr. Frederick C. Thayer, Waterville, Maine.

Tuesday, March 19. A Young Men's Christian Association, Secretary.

Tuesday, March 26. Teaching as a Life Work, President Arthur J. Roberts, Colby College.

FIRE AT THE A. T. O. HOUSE

What might have proved to be a very serious fire was fortunately discovered shortly after its outbreak at the A. T. O. House Saturday morning about half past four. The fire took place in the north west corner room, on the second story of the building. During the cold days, a fire had been kept continuously in the fireplace with the result that the bricks became overheated and set fire to the floor. The smoke which filled the building awoke some of the members of the fraternity who speedily extinguished the fire before any serious damage was done.

HIGGINS CLUB.

A meeting of Higgins' graduates was held at the Zeta Psi House Monday evening for formation of a Higgins Club. Officers were elected, and an executive committee was appointed to determine the time and nature of the next meetings. It is planned that a number of meetings will be held during the next few months so as to bring the school in closer touch with the college. The officers are as follows:

President, Walter J. Rideout, '12; Vice-President, John DeWitt, '12; Secretary, Andrew Young, '13; Treasurer, Arthur E. Washburn, '12, M. F. Hunt, '15, E. M. Woodard, '15. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Macomber, now of Coburn, were elected honorary members.

M. I. A. A.

In accordance with the vote of the Colby Athletic Association, Manager Wells has proposed to the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which manages the Maine championship meet, that all rules of eligibility be removed from its constitution. This would place the eligibility rules of track on the same basis with those of football and baseball.

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BOSTON ALUMNI BANQUET CITY CLUB, FEBRUARY 23, 1912.

The plans of the Y. M. C. A., as explained in this issue of the ECHO by President Lord, to devote their meetings to programs of general interest to the student body are calculated to extend the influence of the association.

The change of the M. I. A. A. constitution, as proposed by Colby will result in removing from the Executive Committee of the Association the power to pass on the eligibility of players the night before a meet. The experience of the last two years has shown the bad effect of such decisions.

Last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the Seventh Annual Maine Boys' Conference was the guest of the citizens of Waterville. The long procession of delegates to the Opera House Saturday evening was an impressive indication of the importance of the Y. M. C. A. as an influence upon Maine boys. Even to those who take no active part in Y. M. C. A. work, a procession of eight hundred boys gathered together to confer for three days upon the best methods of promoting clean Christian

living must be significant of the good of the Y. M. C. A.

College men too frequently fall into the habit of regarding themselves as in some sense cut off from the world and its interests, and especially as being remote from the government under which they live. No theoretical course can ever supply the need of an active, practical interest in the affairs of citizenship. Any college organization which promotes the intelligent information of students in regard to leading men of the nation and live political issues, is a step towards realizing the highest possible function of a college—the making of good citizens. The formation of a political club at Colby, then, is a movement in the right direction.

The enthusiasm which supports a team and carries it through to victory is not a manufactured product. It is bred in the excitement of a "night before." College spirit, as this enthusiasm may be called, is an intangible thing, a thing which cannot be located in any one place nor created on occasion. For this reason the spontaneity which should mark the celebration of Colby Day has been lacking. There is nothing at that early season to arouse enthusiasm over a football game in which victory is certain. Colby spirit at its best is seen only before a championship game and it is then that Colby Day should come. The additional numbers of alumni who would come back and the added excitement of the prospect of a hard battle with Bowdoin, Maine, or Bates would give to Colby Day the element of genuine, spontaneous enthusiasm which it needs.

THEY SAY.

That the Boys' Conference struck Colby full force.

That midnight oil is plentiful at present.

That the "fussers" are out of work.

That we are going to have some great talks at the Y. M. C. A.

DELTA UPSILON RECEPTION.

About three hundred people attended the informal reception given by the Delta Upsilon Fraternity to the people of Wat-

erville, the faculty and students of the college, Wednesday afternoon, January 24, that all who wished might have an opportunity to inspect the rebuilt house.

In the receiving line were President and Mrs. A. J. Roberts, Principal and Mrs. G. S. Stevenson, Mrs. P. S. Merrill, and L. B. Arey, '12.

Music was furnished by the chapter orchestra composed of Gershom B. Rollins, '13, Irvin Cleveland, '13, Seymour Soule, '12, Maurice E. Lord, '12, and Russell H. Lord, '12. Vocal music was furnished by the D. U. quartette,—J. C. Richardson, '11, R. H. Lord, '12, M. E. Lord, '12, and I. L. Cleveland, '13.

Refreshments were served by G. W. Snow, '14, and F. A. James, '15.

The committee in charge were J. Franklin Pineo, '14, I. E. Cleveland, '13, and W. E. Jones, '12.

GOODWIN DEBATES.

The preliminary Colby Interscholastic Debating League debates are to be held on Friday evening, February 2. Waterville High School will debate Skowhegan High School at Skowhegan; Hallowell High School will debate Good Will High School at Good Will Farm; Coburn Classical Institute will debate Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston; Oak Grove Seminary will debate Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield. For the Waterville High vs. Skowhegan debate, E. H. Cole, '12, will serve as presiding officer, and F. T. Gillingham, '14, H. P. Fuller, '14, and C. S. Cates, '12, will serve as judges. For the Coburn Classical Institute vs. Higgins Classical Institute debate G. W. Pratt, '14, will serve as presiding officer, and J. P. Dolan, '12, W. B. Ashford, '14, and I. L. Cleveland, '13, will serve as judges. For the Hallowell High vs. Good Will High debate F. H. Carpenter, '14, will serve as presiding officer, and R. F. Owen, '14, W. B. Tracy, '14, V. H. Farnham, '13, will act as judges. For the Maine Central Institute vs. Oak Grove Seminary debate, Laurence R. Bowler, '13, will be the presiding officer, and S. Soule, '13, H. S. Cushman, '14, and S. F. H. Howes, '14, will act as judges.

Seven debates are to be held in all, with one hundred dollars in cash prizes to be distributed, the gift of Hon. Forrest

Goodwin of Skowhegan, '87. The final debate is to be held in Waterville to which all contestants in the preliminary debates will be invited as guests of Colby College.

Great interest is being taken in the college at large in these interscholastic debates. The debating teams of the various participating schools have been training faithfully under the direction of coaches chosen, like the presiding officers and judges, from the class in debating. If preparation counts for anything, the contests will be exceedingly close.

B. A. A.

The team which Colby will send to the Boston Athletic Association Games, February 10, will consist of seven men. Besides the relay team, which will run Bates, Colby will be represented in the following events: 40 yard dash, F. D. Nardini, '13; 1000 yard run, S. C. Cates, '12; high jump, S. A. Herrick, '12. The relay team will probably not be picked until next week. The most prominent candidates are Robert Bowen, '14, C. A. Small, '13, A. Yeaton, '15, F. B. Dunn, '15, C. Mills, '15, E. Pratt, '15, T. Reynolds, '14, R. F. Good, '13. The team will leave Friday afternoon, February 9.

BOWLING LEAGUE.

The second week of the Inter-Fraternity Bowling League shows much improvement in the scores. The bowlers are striking a faster pace, and the matches are close and exciting. Much interest is manifested in the league, and the teams are fighting hard for places. The D. U.'s downed the Zetes on Thursday. On Saturday the Phi Deltas defeated the Dekes for the second time. Tuesday, the A. T. O. team won their first game by defeating Zeta Psi.

The standing:

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| Delta Upsilon | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Alpha Tau Omega | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Delta Kappa Epsilon | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Zeta Psi | 0 | 2 | .000 |

REPUBLICAN CLUB.

On Thursday afternoon, February 1, 1912, at four-thirty, the Republican Club

of Colby College, will hold its first meeting. It does not advocate, at present, the nomination of any candidate. Its attitude may be said to be one of an unprejudiced study of the man seeking office.

At Thursday's meeting, amongst the speakers will be F. A. Shephard, '11, and Registrar Herbert C. Libby of Colby.

A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all students of the college.

WILSON CLUB.

A regular meeting of the Wilson Club was held Thursday evening in the chapel and the following program rendered:

Historical Sketch of the Tariff, E. D. Jackman, '12; A Brief Sketch of the Life and Work of Woodrow Wilson, W. E. Jones, '12; Discussion of the Harvey Incident, J. P. Dolan, '12, and M. Warren, '14.

Tibbetts, '14, reported several proposed by-laws which were adopted. The next meeting will be held the evening of Thursday, February 15.

Partial results of a college canvass indicate a Republican sentiment in favor of Roosevelt, and a Democratic in favor of Wilson.

UPSILON BETA.

Upsilon Beta held its second annual dance at the Deke House last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Stinson chaperoned the party. The dance was given by the members of the society to the incoming delegation. The members of the new delegation are: Louis A. Wilson, Guy E. Higgins, Seth F. H. Howes, Raymond P. Luce, Wilmer A. Mooers, J. Franklin Pineo, Henry L. Spearin, Harry

E. Umphrey, H. Augustus Weir, Earl H. Davis.

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Bertha Wilson, '12, has returned to college. She was called home ten days ago by the death of her grandfather.

Miss Gladys Pennell of Skowhegan spent Friday with her sister, Sadie Pennell, '13.

Ruth Whitman, '15, went home Saturday on account of illness.

Senior clas parts are as follows: Poet, Laurel Wyman; Historian, Ethel Gilpatrick; Address to Undergraduates, Lillian Carll; Prophetess, Elsie Gardiner.

Marjorie Meader, '14, slipped and dislocated her shoulder Saturday.

Miss Imogene Wood and Miss Ruth Drew of Hallowell were the guests of Amy Tilden, '15, and Eva Macomber, '13, Saturday.

Miss Mattie Windell, '14, is suffering from a light attack of diphtheria. The disease is having a light run and is not considered at all serious. Several of the girls have gone home for a few days. As no second case has developed, it is felt that precautions were taken in time to prevent any spread of the disease.

CAMPUS CHAT.

The Rev. J. M. Frost prayed at chapel Tuesday.

D. W. Clark, '11, was one of the leaders of a delegation of boys to the Y. M. C. A. Conference.

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A team representing the A. T. O. fraternity was defeated 40-13 in basket ball by Maine Central Institute last Wednesday evening.

The halls in the Deke House are being papered and painted.

The annual dinner of the New England Association of the Zeta Psi Fraternity will be at the American House, Boston, March 9.

The annual meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be held at the Hotel Lenox, Boston, February 10.

President Roberts was in Portland Tuesday to attend the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Examinations will commence on Monday of next week.

Russell H. Lord, '12, addressed the student body Tuesday after chapel to explain the purpose of the "Life-Work Talks."

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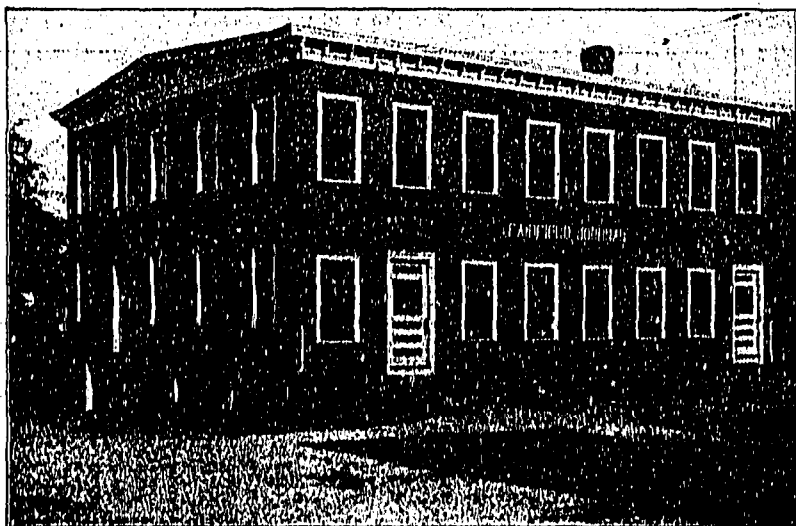
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