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COLBY INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATING LEAGUE.

The Colby Interscholastic Debating League is a new undertaking by the English Department of the college. For the past three years the Hon. Forrest Goodwin, of the class of 1887, of Skowhegan, has given the generous sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of encouraging all forms of public speaking at Colby. In 1910 and again in 1911, this prize money was distributed among the Colby students who ranked highest in an oratorical contest held under the auspices of the college. This year, in order to encourage debating in the preparatory schools and to give the students electing the debating course in the college opportunities for practical work, it was thought wise to organize the League and use the Goodwin gift as prizes. Accordingly, the following articles of agreement were drawn up, submitted and accepted by the eight schools invited to become members:

The Colby Debating League shall consist of the following preparatory schools of Maine: Coburn Classical Institute, Higgins Classical Institute, Oak Grove Seminary, Maine Central Institute, comprising

group A; Skowhegan High School, Waterville High School, Good Will High School, Hallowell High School, comprising group B. The League shall be under the general direction of the Colby Debating Society.

During 1911-1912, seven debates shall be held between the eight preparatory schools, as follows: Between Coburn Classical Institute and Higgins Classical Institute; between Oak Grove Seminary and Maine Central Institute; and between the winners in these two contests. Between Skowhegan High School and Waterville High School, and between the winners in these two contests; and the final contest between the winners in the two groups.

The time and place of holding each debate shall be determined by the officers of the Colby Debating Society. The school located in the town or city in which a debate is held shall furnish a suitable place for holding the debate, shall provide appropriate music for the evening, shall provide ushers, and shall assume all financial obligations connected with the meeting excepting the expenses of the visiting debaters and officials for the debate.

The question for debate shall be submitted in each case by the Colby Debating Society, and the Society shall also determine the choice of sides in each debate.

A debating team consisting of four men, three regular debaters and one alternate, shall be chosen by each of the schools represented in the League on a date to be determined by the Colby Debating Society. The men elected to the teams shall be regularly enrolled members of the schools thus represented.

The length of the spoken debate, the or-

der of speaking, and so forth, shall be determined by the Colby Debating Society. The Society shall also name the officials from their own numbers for the several debates to be held.

One or more coaches shall be assigned to the different schools whose work shall be to assist the debating teams in all legitimate ways. The coaches shall work in co-operative ways with the Principal of each school, but in no case shall the Principal or coach prepare the written debates. The coaches shall act under the direction of the Society, but the expenses of the Coaches—carfare and entertainment—shall be paid for by the schools whose teams they are appointed to assist.

The prizes to be awarded amount to one hundred dollars, to be given as follows: Twenty-five dollars shall be awarded to each of the two teams winning in the two Group contests, this sum to be divided among the regular debaters taking part in the debate; and Fifty dollars shall be awarded to the winners in the final contest between the two Groups, this sum to be divided among the regular debaters taking part in the debate.

All questions arising and demanding settlement in the course of holding the several debates shall be settled by the Colby Debating Society and in these decisions the several schools represented shall acquiesce.

In accordance with the articles of agreement, the eight schools met in debate upon the evening of February 2. For several weeks the teams had been at work upon their debates under the direction of members of the Colby debating class. The presiding officers, judges, and coaches were all members of the debating class. By this means, not only did the preparatory schools students receive instruction in argumentation and debating, but the college students received an opportunity to put their instruction to a practical test.

COBURN-HIGGINS.

The preliminary debate held at Charleston between Coburn Classical Institute and Higgins Classical Institute was won by Coburn. It was an interesting debate throughout, being marked by a constant clash of arguments. Higgins supported the affirmative, and Coburn the negative, of the question, "Resolved, that the commission form of government as proposed for the city of Waterville should be adopted by the cities of Maine."

Chester P. Soule, '13, the presiding officer, opened the exercises by briefly describing the rules and purpose of the Goodwin Contest.

W. B. West, of Higgins, was the first speaker for Higgins. He outlined the Waterville charter, gave a history of commission government, and argued that as a truly democratic form of government it should be adopted.

Fred H. Curtis of Coburn, opened the debate for Coburn by defending the present form of government and arguing against the adoption of commission government as a dangerously centralized form of administration.

H. Waugh was the next speaker. He contended that a centralized, business government, like the commission form, would be beneficial to the cities of Maine.

Donald S. Knowlton, of Coburn, spoke next on the past failure of commission government.

Arno Jewett closed for Higgins by defending the past success of commission government.

Don J. Edwards concluded for Coburn by arguing that the commission form of government as outlined in the Waterville charter was not generally applicable to the cities of Maine.

The board of judges consisted of John P. Dolan, Colby, '12, Irvin L. Cleveland, '13, and Willard B. Ashford, '14. Coburn was

coached by Wilford G. Chapman, Jr., '12, and Higgins by Walter J. Rideout, '12. The presiding officer, coaches, and judges are members of the class in debating.

M. C. I.-OAK GROVE.

The preliminary Colby Interscholastic Debate between Maine Central Institute and Oak Grove Seminary was held the same evening of the others in the League. at Pittsfield.

Powers hall, in the main building on the M. C. I. campus, was prettily decorated for the occasion, flags and the colors of the two schools entwined being the basis of the decorations. Special music was furnished by the school orchestra of M. C. I.

The cheering and songs of the M. C. I. section in the hall mingled with that of the loyal Oak Grove "rooters" was a feature of the evening. The debate proper was interesting and closely followed by an interested audience.

Presiding officer, L. R. Bowler, '13. Board of judges, F. T. Gillingham, '14, chairman; H. S. Cushman, '13, S. F. H. Howes, '14.

Coaches, M. C. I., C. B. Washburn, '14; O. G. S., F. G. Davis, '13.

The question for debate: Resolved, "That secret societies should be abolished in secondary schools."

Affirmative, M. C. I., Everett Hurd, Roger Miller, Hayward Parsons. Negative, O. G. S., J. Emmons Totman, Murray Binford, Leon Hussey. Alternates, Roland Eaton; Carroll DeWitt.

The decision of the judges was for M. C. I., which defended the affirmative side of the question.

WATERVILLE-SKOWHEGAN.

About two hundred students and friends of Waterville High School chartered a special train for Skowhegan on the night of the debate. The debate, pronounced by

those present to be one of the best ever held in the town, was won by Waterville.

The entire debate was in charge of members of the debating course in Colby. E. H. Cole, '12, served as presiding officer. The judges were Seymour Soule, '12, Samuel C. Cates, '12, and H. P. Fuller, '14. Waterville High School was coached by F. H. Dubor, '14, and Skowhegan High School by E. C. Marriner, '13.

The question for discussion was—"Resolved, that the principle of the recall should be applied to the federal judges."

H. L. Jones of Waterville opened for the affirmative with a history of the federal judiciary. He cited the Declaration of Independence as ample warrant for recall and stated that the United States alone tolerated an irresponsible judiciary.

Sherman Shumway replied for Skowhegan that the proposed method of removing federal judges was uncalled for and unjust. He declared the recall to be unjust in that the judges would be tried and convicted at the bar of public opinion with no opportunity for defence.

Elmo Stevens continued the affirmative argument, contending that life tenure made judges indifferent to the needs of the people and careless in their interpretation of the laws.

Carroll Flanders opposed the recall as based on public opinion, which would be governed largely by newspaper reports and would not respect minority rights. He concluded by declaring the application of the recall to federal judges impractical and impossible.

A. Raymond Rogers of Waterville concluded the affirmative argument by intimating that judges were influenced by previous environment. He argued further that the recall is based upon common sense.

H. Tobey Mooers, in closing for Skowhegan, enumerated the dangers which would follow the destruction of judicial inde-

pendence.

All of the speakers took part in the rebuttal, which was lively and interesting.

GOOD WILL-HALLOWELL.

In the preliminary debate at Good Will Farm between Good Will High School and Hallowell High School, Good Will took the affirmative and Hallowell the negative side of the question,—“Resolved, that a material reduction of the present naval policy of the United States is desirable.” Frank S. Carpenter, Colby, '14, was the presiding officer, and Robert E. Owen, '14, William B. Tracy, '14, and Vance H. Farnham, '14, were the judges. Good Will High school was coached by Donald W. Ellis, '13, and Hallowell High school by Harvey Knight, '14. The debate was won by Good Will High School.

The first speaker was Jeffrey F. Jessup of Good Will, who outlined the case for the affirmative, arguing that the Hague Conference was beside the question, and that the United States was not the logical country to advocate the adoption of a reduced navy.

The debate for Hallowell was opened by Leigh Webber, who outlined the contentions of the negative and claimed that to reduce our naval policy would be in accordance with the modern trend towards universal peace.

Robert N. Filmore of Good Will argued that a large navy was necessary to carry on our present foreign policies and to maintain our standing among nations.

Laurence Wyman of Hallowell claimed that the money now spent on the navy might be spent to better advantage.

Arthur B. Chapman closed for Good Will with the contention that a large navy is desirable as insurance against attacks by other powers.

Guy Pickard concluded for the negative with the argument that the United States

should begin a movement towards universal peace by reducing her navy.

SEMI-FINALS.

The winning schools in the preliminaries of the Goodwin Contest have begun work in preparation for the next debates in the series. M. C. I. will debate Coburn, and Waterville High will debate Good Will High School. As in the preliminaries, the teams will be coached by members of the Colby debating class.

COLBY WINS RELAY RACE.

Last Friday afternoon the Colby track team in charge of Manager Wells and Coach Adams left for the annual games of the Boston Athletic Association. The relay team, which defeated Bates, consisted of Roy N. Good, '13, Thomas J. Reynolds, '14, Clarence A. Small, '13, and Robert H. Bowen, '14, with Aaron H. Yeaton, '15, alternate. Besides the relay team, Colby was represented by Frank D. Nardini, '13, in the forty yard dash, and Capt. Samuel A. Herrick in the high jump.

In the trial heat, Nardini came second to Wilkins of M. I. T., thus making the semi-finals. He failed, however, to place in this race.

The relay race between Colby and Bates was thrilling. Good was penalized a yard for a false start. He lost the first corner, but in a burst of speed succeeded in passing Dennis of Bates and finished with a lead of a yard. The race between Reynolds and Thompson was a hard fight. Reynolds succeeded in giving the lead made by Good to Small. In his relay, Small gained such a decisive advantage over Baker as to practically decide the race. Bowen finished the race for Colby crossing the tape just three minutes and seventeen seconds after the start of the race.

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In connection with the Colby Interscholastic Debating League, it seems appropriate to quote from Mr. Libby's article on "Public Speaking" his idea of the purpose and scope of such a course.

"To the average mind a course in Public Speaking suggests a kind of quack treatment of one's vocal organs plus the cultivation of an ability to talk glibly on any topic that may be suggested. It is a peculiar delight for me to assure you, on behalf of those who are engaged in the same line of work as myself, that we are happily not concerned in any such silly business. Speaking in a general sense, so far as possible we insist upon the rules for deep, easy breathing in order that the steam may be produced by which to run the human machine; and again, so far as possible, we insist that when a person speaks he open his mouth that he may be heard; and then, so far as possible, we seek to drive home day by day the important lesson that no

man has any right whatever to open his mouth and give utterance to words before an audience unless he has previously convinced himself beyond the faintest shadow of a doubt that he really has something to say; and finally, and perhaps most important of all, we insist that when he has something to say and the opportunity is ripe for saying it, that he *say it*, and after he has said it, that he *sit down*."

This is the third year that Colby has run against Bates at the B. A. A. The first year she lost the race as the result of an accident between two of her runners. Last year, Colby won on a foul. This year, in a clean, wellrun race, Colby won a decisive victory over Bates.

RESOLUTIONS.

CHAPTER HALL, FEBRUARY 7, 1912.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take unto Himself the brother of our beloved, Kenneth B. Dresser, of the class of 1914; be it

Resolved, that, we of the Colby Chapter of Delta Upsilon extend our sincerest and deepest sympathy to him and to his family in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our brother, that a copy be published in THE COLBY ECHO, and that a copy be entered in the records of the chapter.

RUSSELL H. LORD, '12.

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WILLIAM A. TRACY, '14.

For the Chapter.

Joseph Chandler, '09, graduate student in Johns Hopkins University in chemistry for Ph.D. degree, has been awarded a University Scholarship for 1911-1912. That Mr. Chandler won one of the twelve Scholarships is somewhat remarkable, as he entered with only two years of preparatory work in college chemistry.

DEKE HOUSE PARTY.

Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon held its annual reception and dance at the chapter house, Monday afternoon, February 12. An afternoon reception was held, which was largely attended by guests of the chapter and friends in town. The house was beautifully decorated with evergreen, banners, and cut flowers. In the receiving line were Mr. Albert F. Drummond, '88, and Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. George E. Caldwell, and Alban Fowler, '12. Tea was served by Mrs. Black and Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Marr and Mrs. Harlow. Miss Helen Harlow, Miss Marian White, and Miss Ethel Chamberlain, '15, assisted. The Greeley-Pratt orchestra played during the afternoon.

In the evening, Kendall's orchestra furnished music for a most delightful dance. Theta Chapter of Bowdoin was represented by Wm. Holt, '12. Zeta Psi by John A. Bagnall, '12, Phi Delta Theta by J. B. Thompson, '12, Delta Upsilon by C. J. Koppel, '13, and Alpha Tau Omega by Henry Reynolds, '12. The patronesses were Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. Marr, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Stinson, and Mrs. Cole. The committee of arrangements consisted of E. H. Cole, '13, D. H. White, '13, E. L. Wyman, '14, and F. B. Dunn, '15, while R. A. Harlow, '12, had charge of the decorations.

CAMPUS CHAT.

The combined Musical Clubs gave an enjoyable concert in the Grange hall at Oakland, last Friday evening. The concert was followed by an informal reception and entertainment. The crayon work of J. F. Pineo, '14, and the vocal solo of R. H. Lord, '12, deserve special mention.

A meeting of the Republican students of the college was held in the chapel on Thursday evening, February 1st to organize a club. The purpose of the club is not to

support the candidacy of any man for the presidential nomination, but merely to study the various candidates. The meeting was called to order by Harry Cohen, '12. He introduced Frederick A. Shepherd, '11, who briefly discussed some of the issues of the coming campaign.

The next speaker was Hon. William T. Haines, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. Mr. Haines' talk was entirely non-partizan. He discussed briefly the functions of the parties, duties of government and citizens, and the value and scope of the club.

F. Burnham McLeary, the last speaker of the evening, discussed the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt.

An enthusiastic Y. M. C. A. delegation numbering over twenty students will leave Waterville Friday noon for Orono. As the different colleges and preparatory schools are planning to send large delegations, the outlook is bright for a rousing Conference. The program which has been arranged is one of the best, and should prove helpful to all who attend.

At the annual dinner of the New England Association of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the following Colby men were present: H. W. Page, '80, Allen Clark, '04, H. E. Willey, '06, E. P. Craig, '06, L. L. Ross, '06, C. D. Chapman, '09, and J. M. Maxwell, '10.

Examinations were held in all courses last week.

James K. Romeyn, ex-'13, visited at the Deke House over Sunday.

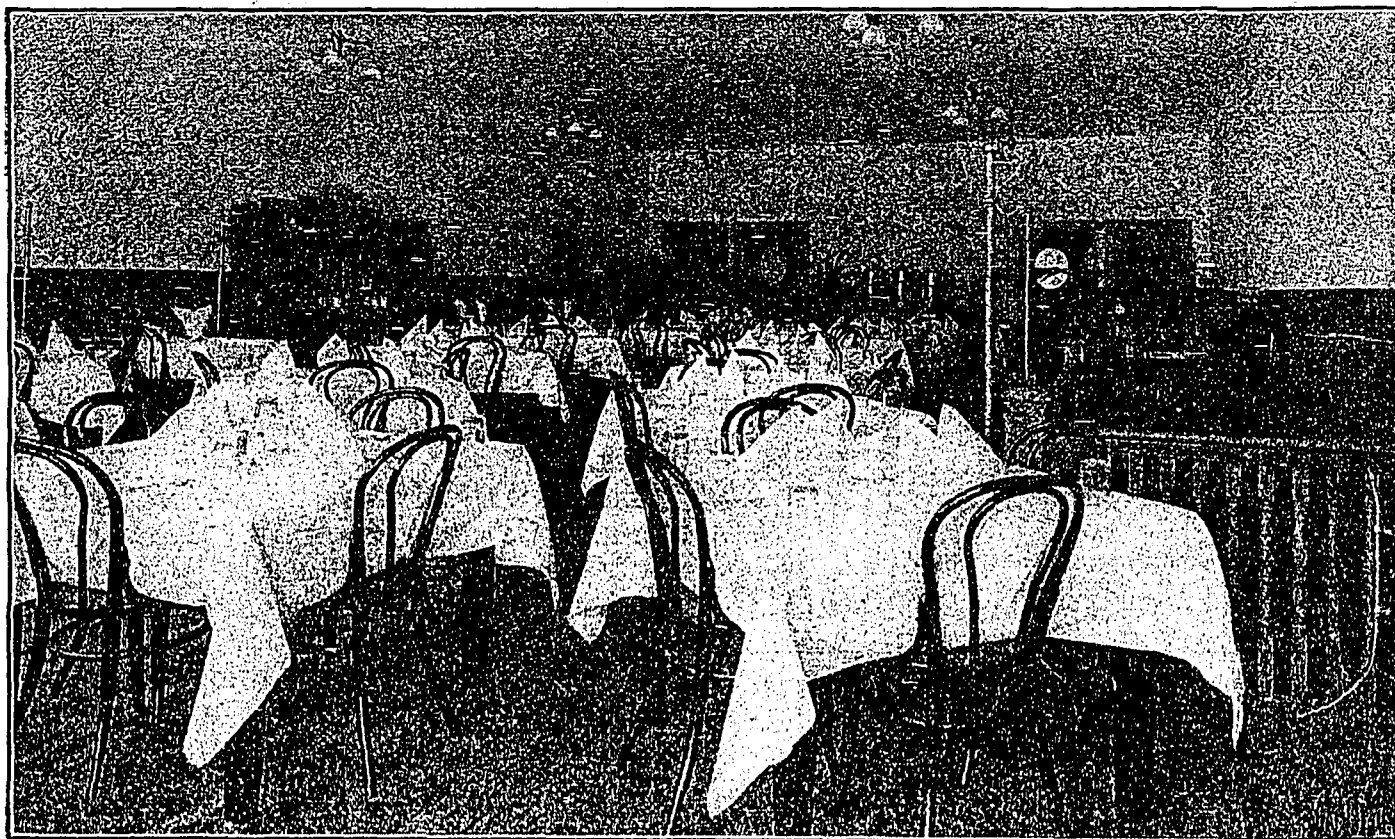
The non-fraternity men held a meeting in the chapel recently to discuss plans for the formation of a club. A committee was appointed to draw up plans for an organization.

Shepherd, '11, led the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Tuesday evening.

Deke, the former mascot of the chapter, is dead.

Harry E. Umphrey, '14, has left college for the remainder of the year to teach.

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That a feeling of relief pervades the college, now that the exams are over.

That Colby plans to send an enthusiastic delegation to the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Orono.

That congratulations are due the relay team.

That Colby should have a good track team in the spring.

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