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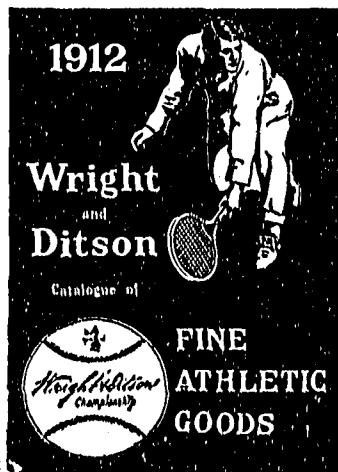
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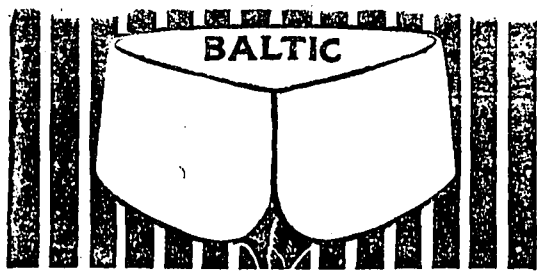
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BOSTON ALUMNI DINE.

The attendance at the Thirty-First Annual Dinner of the Boston Colby Alumni Association was slightly less than that of last year, but the spirit was even more enthusiastic, the speaking was of an unusually high order, and the evening was one of the most memorable in the history of the association. Colby songs and cheers formed a feature of the program to an unusual degree, and helped to add to the enjoyment.

One hundred and fifteen men sat down to dinner at half past six, and for the first hour the various courses occupied the chief attention of the diners. But the time was found for class yells, college songs, and other expressions of enthusiasm. With the cigars came the more important part of the program. Robie G. Frye, '82, the president of the association, called the meeting to order. The constitution was amended to provide for an assistant secretary. This step was made necessary by the large increase in the size

of the association. A vote was taken looking to the inauguration of a monthly informal dinner for Colby men in greater Boston. In introducing President Roberts Mr. Frye said: "We have on the banks of the Kennebec a character factory for whose output there is a growing demand all over the country. We are here for the report of the president-superintendent."

President Roberts was greeted with prolonged and vociferous applause as he rose to speak. He reported an abundance of "human material" in the form of boys, and told of the spirit of loyalty and devotion to the college which characterize the undergraduate body. He declared that while primarily a Maine institution, Colby is making a widening reputation and drawing students from an ever widening circle. "Colby is poor in money, but rich in tradition and memory, rich in the love of its sons and rich in hope and faith for the future."

Rev. Woodman Bradbury, '87, said that "Colby has the best college president in New England. The small college can do a thorough, intensive work that is impossible to the larger institution. The thing that makes for ideals—that is what we want in the college."

T. R. Pierce, '98, spoke feelingly of the recent death of ex-president Whitman. He quoted Hon. J. H. Benton of Boston as saying that some of the larger colleges and universities were mere educational department stores, and expressed the hope that Colby would never become such an institution.

Mr. Frye read an interesting letter from Dr. Taylor, who was unable to be present.

He then called on Mr. George W. Coleman, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, as a representative of the class of 1911. Mr. Coleman told how deeply he appreciated the honor given him last June by the conferring of the degree of A. M. He then spoke of present day conditions and the problems which await solution. He said in part:

"We are standing on the threshold of the greatest days the world has ever seen. The world physically has already been revolutionized, completely transformed. A revolutionary force has come into the intellectual world—the process of deduction, exerted even in the laying of the bricks. Another great force has come in—the ideal of democracy, shown in China. These three great forces are converging, causing change, confusion, uncertainty in industry, commerce and finance; and government, too, must change. We are on the threshold of a new age. We cannot smash the aggregations of capital, the aggregations of labor; we must use them—they are of the future. We must reject the old theory of competition—of 'the devil take the hindmost,' and adopt that of cooperation.

"In the past we emphasized the things that divided men; in the future we must emphasize also those that unite them. Each is valuable.

"We are passing from an age when the emphasis was on property, stocks and dividends; in the future there will be more emphasis on men, women and children."

Other speakers were Rev. Abram Wyman, '89; Augustus H. Kelly, '73; Col. F. S. Heseltine, '63; J. Colby Bassett, '95; W. H. Holmes, '97; and C. P. Chipman, '06.

The following officers were elected:—Merle S. Getchell, '93, president; Melville C. Freeman, '94, and Benjamin J. Hinds, '83, vice presidents; Bertram C. Richardson, '98, secretary and treasurer; Fred P. H. Pike, '98, assistant secretary; Lincoln

Owen, '89, Henry W. Dunn, '96, Harold E. Willey, '06, executive committee for the term expiring in 1916.

COLBY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF DETROIT.

Last week there were received by several members of the college, programs bearing the inscription,—“First Annual Dinner of the Colby Alumni Association of Detroit.” Inside was an order of three toasts:—Colby in the Seventies, A. E. Meigs, '70; Twenty Years Later, C. H. Dodge, '93; Twenty More Years, James Perry, '11.

These three men were respectively, president, vice-president, and secretary of the Association. Separated by over forty years as to time of graduation, but drawn together by the ties of college associations, the only Colby men in Detroit, they met at the University Club on February 19th to renew college memories and to glory in the present prosperity of Colby.

“Meet we tonight together,
Here where our queen is shrined,
Bound by a magic tether,
Close in our lives entwined.”

MUSICAL CLUBS AT AUGUSTA.

The Colby Musical Clubs gave a concert in the City Hall at Augusta last Friday evening under the auspices of the Pythagoras Club. The audience received enthusiastically the program rendered by the Clubs. The Orchestra, the Glee Club, the Mandolin Club, and the Quartet were all called back for several encores. The Ballad of Elkanah B. Atkinson, as read by Thomas W. Farnsworth, made an especial hit. After the concert, the College Orchestra furnished music for a dance. From a musical standpoint, the concert

was the best yet given by the Clubs, showing the result of the hard work of the past two weeks.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. M. Joseph Twomey of Portland will speak in the Young Men's Christian Association room at 7.30 Thursday evening, February 29, on The Ministry as a Life Work. Anyone acquainted with the work of Mr. Twomey will not hesitate in saying that he will be amply able to represent fairly and convincingly this field of professional life. He is an interesting speaker, a man of wide experience, and a minister who has done things. It is hoped that many of the Colby men will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the Athletic Council on last Monday evening, the election of a football coach was again postponed for a week. The proposition that the Council assume charge of the college bookstore was brought up for action. After a thorough investigation of the matter, it was decided that it would not be expedient for the Athletic Association to manage the college bookstore.

A large part of the meeting was occupied with consideration of the merits of the various candidates for assistant managerships. Several names were brought up and discussed. It was felt that from the past record of their work and from their apparent ability the recommendation of the following men would be best: for assistant manager of baseball, Raymond P. Luce and William B. Carroll; for assistant manager of football, Earl H. Davis and Everett L. Wyman.

MAINE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Convention of the Maine Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at the Penobscot Exchange last Saturday afternoon. The business of the meeting was mostly routine such as the approval of accounts and the recommendation of officials.

The proposals of Colby to change the rules of eligibility in the hope of preventing meets being marred by such squabbles as those over the protests against Holden and Nardini were turned down. The managers felt that the most satisfactory time for settling such questions was at their session to make the final arrangements for the meet. The other proposal of repealing the minor qualifications, which have given rise to a great deal of trouble, and of judging track eligibility by the same standards as those maintained in baseball and football was also turned down.

A proposition to hold a Maine Intercollegiate Cross-Country Race under the auspices of the M. I. A. A. met with general approval. The suggestion was not brought forward in definite enough shape to be acted upon at the convention. It was therefore referred to a committee and will be taken up at the April session of the Executive Committee.

Officers of the Association were elected for the ensuing year: President, Adams of Bates; Vice President, Wells of Colby; Secretary, Sceekins of Maine; Treasurer, Crowell of Bowdoin. The annual meet of the Association will be held at Brunswick, on May 11.

The Dramatic Club is holding daily rehearsals. Its first performance is to occur in about three weeks.

Mousa Jirius Kaleel, of Ramallah, Palestine, has entered the freshman class.

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ELEC-
TIONS, MARCH 5.

MUSICAL CLUBS, WATERVILLE,
MARCH 19.

The absence of any sort of an undergraduate or student council in this college is constantly impressed upon any Colby man accustomed to read the publications of other colleges. The necessity for an organization representative of the student body has been generally felt in nearly every college in the country, and wherever a student council has been established, it has straightway played a vital part in the shaping of college life.

A Student Council properly managed has many fields of activity open to it. It can do much to promote the growth of the college and to bring its advantages to the attention of future students. It can serve as a link to bring undergraduates into

closer touch with the faculty, the alumni and the general public.

That Colby has no Student Council is due not so much to her ability to get along without one as to the fact that nobody has started the movement. In Colby there exists a need of some force to bring together the efforts of our student body. THE ECHO believes that the formation of such a Council would be of material advantage to our college. Accordingly, it takes this means of suggesting the desirability of such an organization and of urging its formation.

Many a man who has found himself cut out in some subject at the end of a semester's examinations, has found himself wondering how it happened. He knew much about the subject, enough, indeed, to pass it. Almost invariably he discovers that persistent cutting has worked the mischief. One of the most marked characteristics of an intelligent student is his power of absorbing knowledge. Many a man has passed courses with high rank almost without opening a text-book because he was always present and gave his undivided attention to the work of the class. At the opening of a spring semester when one is so liable to spend his hours in other occupation than study, this thought is surely worth consideration.

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That a live Student Council would pull the student body into closer relations.

That the Boston Alumni Dinner was a rouser

That there are several good pitchers and catchers out for the team.

That it is the grind of practice now that brings its results in the spring.

That the indoor meet with the University of Maine will soon take place.

That everybody who ever saw a baseball should answer Captain Bowker's call for candidates.

That the Dramatic Club is full of fun.

That spring fever has been subdued by about two feet of snow.

Y. M. C. A. AT THE BAR.

The Y. M. C. A. will observe Thursday, March 7th, as Red Tag Day. In the evening a mock trial will be held in the college chapel. The court will be presided over by Judge Jackman. Attorneys Rideout and Jones will be prepared to demonstrate the value of Blackstone as an authority on jokes.

DELTA UPSILON RECEPTION AND DANCE.

The Colby Chapter of Delta Upsilon held its first annual reception and dance at the new Assembly Hall on Silver street, Wednesday evening, February 21. About eighty-five couples participated in the dancing, while a large number of the visiting friends remained in the balcony during the first of the evening where they could easily view the dancers below.

The hall was artistically decorated with banners, gold and blue bunting, and with a shield from each of the college fraternities. On the ceiling in the center of the room, and so arranged as to regulate the intensity of the light, was placed the Delta Upsilon escutcheon which was used during the moonlight dances. Each of the four college sororities was represented by an underclassman who served punch during the evening from two tables beautifully decorated with the fraternity col-

ors. J. Frank Pineo, '14, had charge of the decorations.

In the receiving line were R. H. Lord, '12, Mrs. George F. Parmenter, Dr. George F. Parmenter, Mrs. George S. Stevenson, and Mrs. P. S. Merrill, the ladies of the reception committee acting also as patronesses for the evening. Mrs. A. P. Soule of Hingham, Mass., who was to have been one of the patronesses was unable to be present. The Bowdoin Chapter was represented by Mifflin, '12. Buck, '12, of the Bowdoin Medical Department was also present. Zeta Psi was represented by Frederick Joy, '12, Alpha Tau Omega by P. W. Hussey, '13, Delta Kappa Epsilon by G. L. Beach, '13, Phi Delta Theta by E. D. Jackman, '12, and the non-fraternity men by R. K. Hodgdon, '12. Music for the evening, the quality of which added much to the success of the occasion was furnished by an orchestra of nine pieces under the management of R. E. Wentworth of this city. The committee of arrangements consisted of Ray Wood Hogan, '12, James A. Rooney, '12, and Charles J. Keppel, '13.

PHI DELTA THETA ENTERTAINS.

About twenty members of the senior class of Coburn Classical Institute were the guests of Maine Alpha of Phi Delta Theta Wednesday evening at an informal smoker. The evening was passed pleasantly with cards and music.

ZETA PSI BANQUET.

The Third Joint Banquet of Chi and Lambda Chapters of Zeta Psi was held at the Augusta House, Tuesday evening, February 20th. About eighty-five Zetes were present to enjoy the occasion. Those who took part in the post-prandial exercises were: Lyman A. Cousens, Lambda, '02, Toastmaster, Frank G. Farrington, Lambda, '94, Warren C. Philbrook, Chi, '82,

Clyde R. Chapman, Lambda, '12, Payson Smith, Kappa, '97, Walter J. Rideout, Chi, '12, William E. Lunt, Lambda, '04, Harry W. Kidder, Chi, '11, Fred H. Neymeyer, Alpha Epsilon, '11.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

The New England Chapter's of Alpha Tau Omega held their Fourth Biennial Conclave at Boston, February 21st and 22nd. The conclave opened with a smoker given by the chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The other sessions were held at the Copley Square Hotel. The conclave closed Friday evening with a rousing banquet. It was the largest and most enthusiastic gathering ever held by the New England Chapters of Alpha Tau Omega. Gamma Alpha was represented by Cates, '12, Reynolds, '12, Marriner, '13, Ashford, '14, Phair, '14.

CAMPUS CHAT.

Paul F. Fraser, '15, has left college temporarily.

Mr. Libby led chapel last Friday.

Donald W. Ellis, '13, is ill at his home in Shawmut.

The next concert by the Musical Clubs will be at Clinton on Friday of this week. As this is the first concert to be given near the college, many of the student body will probably be present. The concert will be followed as usual by a dance. The date of the Waterville Concert has been definitely fixed as March 19.

Coach McDevitt was in town Monday on business.

The speakers of the Murray Prize Debate have proposed several subjects for debate. The subject and sides will be announced within a few days.

Maurice E. Lord, '12, Seymour Soule, '13, are ill at the Delta Upsilon House.

Roger A. Putnam, '15, of York, Me., has transferred from Bowdoin to Colby.

Dr. J. William Black will address the Woodrow Wilson Club on Thursday evening. His address will be entirely of an instructive, non-partizan character.

Gamma Alpha Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega will hold an informal dancing party Friday evening.

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