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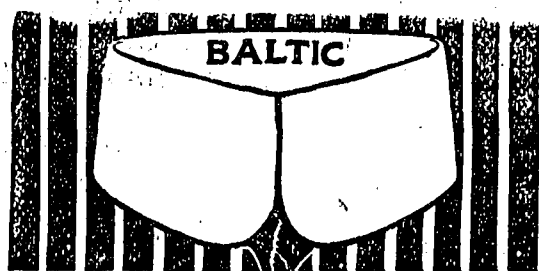
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COLLEGE RALLY.

Track meet and ball game! Colby gym, Thursday evening. Mr. Libby, as starter and referee, will have the games in charge. Colby stars will all be seen in action for the first time this season. Even the coaches will take part in the games. The college orchestra will play the band. This rally to arouse spirit for the spring sports should be the most enthusiastic of the year. Be there and do your part to make the time a rouser.

WATERVILLE CONCERT.

The melodious strains of Tschakoff's Valse Russe opened the Waterville concert of the Musical Clubs. The orchestra not only showed appreciation in their interpretation of this classic; but were right there to tear off Everybody's Doin' It Now.

The Glee Club sang the Yachting Glee with a snap and spirit, and the voices blended well together, showing the results of the careful training by Coach Daggett

and Leader Cleveland.

One of the features of the evening was their ludicrous take off of Bob Baker's crime at Foss Hall.

The Mandolin Club, under the leadership of Paul Doyle, came next with an excellent rendition of Strauss's Thousand and One Nights Waltz.

Tom Farnsworth brought down the house by his humorous delivery of the Ballad of Elkanah B. Atkinson, by Holman Day, '87.

The quartet made the hit of the evening and were called back until they had to refuse to respond to encores.

The violin solo, Sarasate's Les Adieux, by George Pratt was much enjoyed.

The second appearance of the Glee Club brought the first part of the program to a conclusion.

The orchestra opened the second half with Atherton's Royal Purple March.

The Carmena was beautifully sung by Mr. Jones and the Glee Club, accompanied by the orchestra. From a musical standpoint, it was the best number by the Glee Club.

Mr. Pineo surprised the audience by the realistic way he used his crayon and by his droll humor.

The next number, Love and I, by Russell Lord pleased the audience.

The Quartet and Mandolin Clubs were as good on their second appearance as they had been in their first.

Alma Mater by the Glee Club followed by a lusty Colby cheer closed the concert. From a critical standpoint the concert was one of the best ever given by the Colby Clubs and showed careful training and good management.

LIFE-WORK TALKS.

The last in the Life-Work Talks under the auspices of the Christian Association will be given in the Association rooms next Tuesday evening. The speaker is President Roberts and his subject is "Teaching as a Life-Work."

LECTURE BY DR. EDWIN H. GREGGS.

Friday evening, Dr. Edwin Howard Gregg lectured in the Baptist Church upon the subject "The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare's Ethical Awakening." In the early part of his lecture, Dr. Gregg spoke of the position which the Merchant of Venice occupies among Shakespeare's plays. It is in reality the turning point. The earlier plays, previous to the year 1596, had been comedies of a lighter vein; they were the brilliant, optimistic creations of a young man; there is no profound study of character in them. With the Merchant of Venice, there begins, however, the presentation of the more serious studies of human conduct, and from Shylock the progress of character delineation moves through Jaques of *As You Like It* up to Macbeth and on to its culmination in Prospero in "*The Tempest*." The thesis of the whole is essentially the frailty of humanity. To Shakespeare the world is indeed "A stage, where every man must play a part."

Perhaps the most interesting feature was Dr. Gregg's keen analysis of the play itself. Shylock is the hero. Although he comes on the stage as the type of a persecuted race, he leaves it as an individual—as a man with decidedly human passions of love, avarice, and pride. The four reasons why he hates Antonio are the reasons not of a Jew alone, but of Shylock the man. He embodies within himself the typical characteristics of the Jews, but predominating over them all is the man himself.

Shakespeare's creation of this character was peculiar. The intense racial hatred of the Jews held in the time of Elizabeth prompted Shakespeare, the playwright, to draw a caricature pleasing to his audience; but the sympathy of Shakespeare, the student of human nature, awoke to the wonderful possibilities of character portrayal. The unselfishness of Antonio's friendship, the dignity of Portia's womanly love are swept aside by the passions at work in this man,—the intense pride which generations of distrust and ridicule have aroused, the avarice of a man who sees in the loss of his ducats the loss of his only means of power, and, above all, the pain of a father deserted by his only child. The solution of the situa-

tion is altogether unsatisfactory. Even from the happiness of Portia and Bassanio, Jessica and Lorenzo, which is so vividly portrayed in the last act, one turns away and asks, as Dr. Gregg so aptly put it, "What of Shylock?"

It was the unsatisfactory solution of Shylock's part which brought about Shakespeare's ethical awakening. From this time on there are no incomplete portrayals; every character is completely developed. The nature of the plays changes too. Instead of the youthful, humorous narratives of the early period of Shakespeare's work, there are found the more serious compositions, such as *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Macbeth*, and *Lear*, which represent the point of view of a mature man.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

From now until well into June will be busy days for the department of Public Speaking. Dates for the several important events are being scheduled as rapidly as possible, and the members of the various college classes who are most likely to take part in them are getting the decks cleared for action. The Lyford contest, now an annual affair, does not largely concern the men of the college. This contest is wholly for the preparatory school students but is all the more important to the college itself. Last year over forty contestants were the guests of the college. The date set for this year's contest is Friday afternoon and evening, May 10, announcements for which have already been sent out from the Registrar's Office.

On Friday evening, April 12, will occur the annual Sophomore Declamation, with prizes of thirty dollars to be distributed equally between the two divisions of the college. Appointments to the Declamation have been announced and work with the contestants has already been started.

The preliminaries in the Hallowell Contest will be held on Wednesday afternoon, April 17; the finals, on Friday evening, April 26. These prizes aggregate one hundred dollars, the gift of Judge F. M. Hallowell, class of 1877. Fifty-three men are enrolled in the class in Public Speaking 6, comprising some of the best speakers in Colby, and it is likely that the large prizes offered will be vigorously contested.

for. The forensics to be delivered will be original, subjects for which are being submitted this week. The forensics will be due on the opening of college, April 9.

The Murray Prize Contest is scheduled for Friday, May 3. Over fifty students took part in the preliminaries, eight of whom were selected for the final contest. The question for debate has already been chosen, and the debaters are gathering their material and constructing their team briefs.

Shortly after the Murray Prize Debate will come the intercollegiate debate with Clark College. In this debate, Clark will submit the question, and Colby will make choice of sides. The debate will be held in Waterville under the auspices of the Colby Debating Society, and it will mark the resumption of intercollegiate debating at Colby.

The Hamlin reading is set for Saturday afternoon, May 25, in which all members of the freshmen class, both divisions, will participate.

These speaking events together with interpolitical debates which are soon to be held between several political clubs of the college will round out a season of unusual activity in the Public Speaking department of Colby.

SOPHOMORE DECLAMATION.

The names of the contestants in the annual Sophomore Prize Declamation, which will take place on May 17th, were announced at Chapel Thursday morning. The places on the contest are assigned for marked ability in rhetoric and composition. A first prize of ten dollars and a second one of five will be awarded in each division of the college for excellence in declamation. The speakers this year are: Robert H. Bowen, Harvey W. Knight, Harold C. Morse, Everett L. Wyman, Clara W. Collins, Emily L. Hanson, M. Marjorie Meader, Marjorie Scribner.

DRAMATICS.

Tuesday evening the Colby Dramatic Club opened its 1912 season at Clinton by showing *What Happened to Jones*. Humorous tragedy intermingled with tragic comedy made a laughing farce of what seemed to Jones a frightful melo-

drama. The play this season shows taste in its selection, careful training in its preparation, and talent in its production.

AROOSTOOK COLBY CLUB.

The Colby Club of Aroostook will hold their annual meeting and dinner at Watson Hall, Houlton, on the evening of Wednesday, April the third. President Roberts and Judge Arno W. King will be the guests of honor. The committee are making extensive preparations and a fine time is assured.

All undergraduates in the county are cordially invited to attend. If you plan to be present notify the secretary, Albert K. Stetson, Houlton, as early as possible.

TRACK MEET.

The winter track work will be over, Wednesday afternoon, March 27, when an interclass handicap will be held. The events will be:

Forty yard dash, one mile run, forty yard low hurdles, 440 yard dash, hammer throw, discus throw, forty yard high hurdles, two mile, 880 yard run, shot put, and high jump.

MAINE INTERCOLLEGIATE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Maine Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Association was held at the Elmwood Hotel Saturday afternoon. Representatives from the four Maine colleges were present. Only routine business was transacted. The tournament this year will be held at the University of Maine on May 23, 24, and 25. Officers of the Association were elected for the coming year: President, G. B. Pratt, Bates; Vice President, Walter J. Rideout, Colby; Secretary, Clifton E. Chandler, Maine; and Treasurer, George O. Cummings, Bowdoin.

LIBRARY NOTICE.

All books now out must be returned to the Library before 5.30 p. m., Friday, March 29th. The Library will be closed during vacation.

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"We are all islands, shouting lies back and forth to each other over seas of misunderstanding."

Never was there a wall so whitely painted, but that bedaubed by some wretched muck-raker, all the waters of the Nile could never restore its pristine whiteness. A man's choicest possession is his good name.

Shakespeare says:

"Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands; But he that filches from me my good name Robs me of that which not enriches him And makes me poor indeed."

There is a tendency at the present time lightly to bandy the words of gossip about and to make the whispered rumor of the night before become a colossal mountain of malicious falsehood in the morning. So the innocent, all unknowing and unprotected, and all incapable of resisting, becomes the victim of wretched, dastardly cowardice.

The greatest word on the Christian tongue to-day is charity, yet how lightly it is tossed to and fro! How few there be who know what the word means! Those who were privileged to listen to Dr.

Greggs the other evening can readily understand how uncharitable those who call themselves Christians can be.

The time is not far off when it will become necessary to appoint next year's ECHO Board. Those who are candidates for the Board should be doing work for the ECHO. Now is the time to begin. The best way to make an editorial board is to show that you would be of real value to it.

Thucydides said,— "If the crimes which they are committing against Hellas were being done in a corner, then you might be ignorant, and we should have to inform you of them; but now, what need of many words?" We reiterate what we said last week, that college politics are reprehensible and not to be condoned. If the politics in the college were being carried on subtly, it might be necessary for this paper to discuss single instances. Unfortunately they are so apparent as to need a few words. It becomes, therefore, our duty only to emphasize the injury done by them. We insist that every loyal Colby man should frown upon those individuals and combinations who in their avarice for supposed college honors, exploit the best interests of the college.

THE ECHO is published by "The Students of Colby College." Accordingly its columns are open to all members of the student body. The Editorial Board is always glad to receive communications and to publish them whether they express the views of the editors or not.

Rally—Thursday.

THEY SAY.

That some of the fraternities are going to hold spring initiations.

That the mince pie tasted good.

That the last ECHO was spicy—don't you believe it.

That the editor is trying to boom the subscription list.

That the spoon hasn't been brought back yet.

That truth can bear its own weight.

That "Work for the Night Is Coming," has been sung so long in chapel, that it has lost its force.

That the themes in Rhetoric 6 grow more original every day.

That the Glee Club got to Bob Baker.

That the faculty sound well when sung to music.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Echo:

In reply to an article published in last week's number of the ECHO, concerning the formation of non-fraternity men into societies which serve as tools for fraternities in elections, let it be understood that the Commons Club is no organization for such purposes. As Colby men we believe in getting a fair representation, but as for making political deals with fraternities, we are strongly opposed. As Commons Club men, we believe in voting for the best man, and if this example was followed, petty politics in Colby College would be a thing of the past.

We defy the author of this recent article to bring forward proof that the Commons Club instructed their men, one way or the other, in the recent election.

(Signed) JOHN PATRICK DOLAN...

MORE MYSTERY.

Mystery! Mystery! Mystery! Why won't it down? Why these mystery-making reports? Why these mysterious happenings?

Can anyone explain what Handsome Harry meant by tremendous influence of non-fraternity organization? Is it possible for anybody to explain the inception, mushroom growth, and sudden demise of Lambda Phi Upsilon?

Will somebody explain the mystery of Handsome Harry the Hurricane Heeler's paying for the organization of the Commons Club out of his own pockets? Won't somebody explain the mysterious Murad smokes and whence they came?

Why isn't there an explanation of those rumors that the Commons Club would support the campus fraternity candidates? Wherefore no explanation of that Monday night meeting? Is there no explanation of the sudden change of heart of the Commons Club?

Who will furnish an explanation why No. 1, North College was a political headquarters on the day of election? Who has an explanation for the canvassing of the

North College non-fraternity vote. Has no man an explanation of the activity of Handsome Harry the Hurricane Heeler and his coterie of satellites that afternoon? Is there no explanation for the buttonholing of the freshman, the whispered orders, and the hasty bolting for the chapel ballot-boxes?

Won't Handsome Harry the Hurricane Heeler explain John Patrick Dolan's communication and "defy?"

Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot
Nine days old.

Some like it hot
Some like it cold
Some like it in the pot
Nine days old.

DR. ALONZO BUNKER.

Dr. Whittemore, at the chapel exercises Friday morning, made reference in a few fitting words to the death of Dr. Alonzo Bunker, on March 18th. He was born in Atkinson, Me., Jan. 30, 1837 and received his early education in the schools of that town. He graduated from Colby College in 1862 and from Newton Theological Seminary in 1865. Early that fall, with his young wife he set sail for Burma to take up his life's work. He spent forty years of his life as a missionary to the Karens at Burma and was instrumental in the erection of 80 churches and many more school buildings. He has written two very interesting books, the most widely circulated of which is 'Soo Thah, or the Story of the Karens.' He is survived by his wife and four children.

CHI GAMMA THETA

The annual banquet of Chi Gamma Theta, the sophomore society for women, was held on Saturday evening at the Taconnet Club House. Annie Dudley, '14, presided as toastmistress, and toasts were given by Laurel Wyman, '12, Mattie Windell, '13, Ethel Merriam, '14, and Emma Leighton, '12. The latter offered a Chi Gamma Theta Symphony worthy of preservation in the records of the society. After the banquet the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

INTERFRATERNITY BOWLING LEAGUE.

The series draws to a close with Phi Delta Theta in the lead. Saturday the Phis defeated the Dekes; Tuesday Zetes defeated the A. T. O's.

The standing:

Phi Delta Theta	7	3	.700
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Delta Kappa Epsilon	5	5	.500
Alpha Tau Omega	4	6	.400
Delta Upsilon	3	7	.300

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The faculty are going to try their wits at chess against the townspeople pretty soon. A tournament will be held March 21 and 28 at Elks Hall. The faculty team consists of Dr. Marquardt, Professor Hedman, Dr. Little, Dr. Ashcraft, Professor Trefethen, Dr. Smith, and Mr. McLeary, with Dr. Mott-Smith, Dr. Roberts, and Dr. Obear as substitutes.

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING.

A meeting of the Junior class was held after chapel, Friday morning. It was voted to abandon plans for a Junior Play. The report of the prom committee was accepted. The prom will be held on April 18.

REPUBLICAN CLUB.

A meeting of the Republican Club was held last Saturday afternoon. After the routine business was disposed of, Mr. McLeary gave an interesting talk on future prospects and plans.

HIGGINS CLUB.

The Higgins Club was entertained last Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Macomber. Twenty graduates of Higgins now at Colby were present.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

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

Dean Bass and Eva Macomber, '13, were delegates to the Intercollegiate Ath-

letic Conference at Smith College, last Saturday.

Idella Farnham, '14, has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health.

Miss Sarah Trafton of Fort Fairfield was the guest of Ethel Chamberlain, '15, over Sunday.

Cora Paterson, '14, is ill at her home in Winslow.

CAMPUS CHAT.

The Zetes entertained their alumni at the Chapter House last Wednesday evening.

Rev. Edwin C. Whittemore led chapel last Thursday..

The meeting of the Republican Club called Friday afternoon was postponed until Saturday on account of the rain.

The chapel exercises on Friday were conducted by Dr. J. William Black.

Elmer R. Bowker, '13, was called home last week by the illness of his mother.

The library has recently received as the gift of Allan P. Soule, '79, a set of Harper's Encyclopedia of United States History.

The last number of the Waterville High School Nautilus is dedicated to Mr. Herbert C. Libby, the registrar of the college, who is terminating his work as superintendent of schools.

The rubber in a bowling match between North College and Roberts Hall was rolled off Monday afternoon, resulting in favor of North College.

COMING EVENTS.

March 21. Delta Upsilon bowls Phi Delta Theta.

March 22. Faculty Chess Tournament. Mass meeting. Musical Clubs at Hallowell.

March 26. Phi Delta Theta bowls Zeta Psi. Life-Work Talk at Y. M. C. A. by President Roberts.

March 27. Coburn-M. C. I. Debate. Musical Clubs leave for Aroostook trip.

March 28. Alpha Tau Omega bowls Delta Upsilon. W. H. S. Fair. Faculty Chess Tournament.

March 29. College closes for Spring vacation. W. H. S. Fair.

March 30. Delta Kappa Epsilon bowls Zeta Psi.

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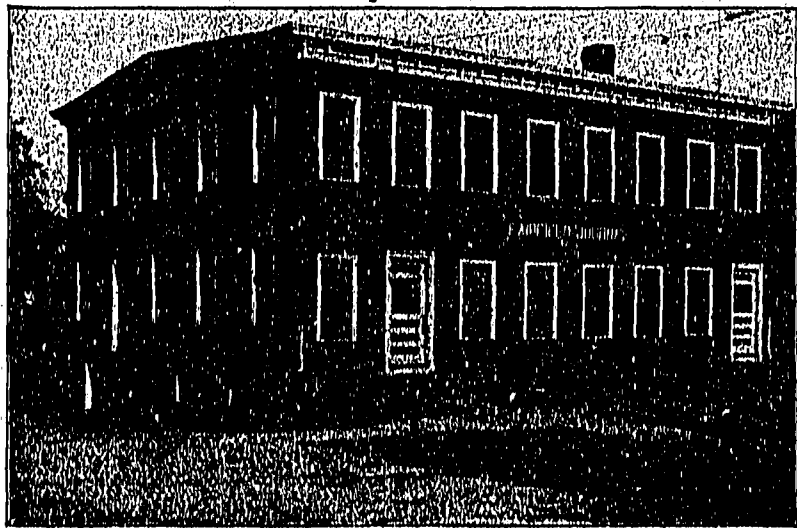
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