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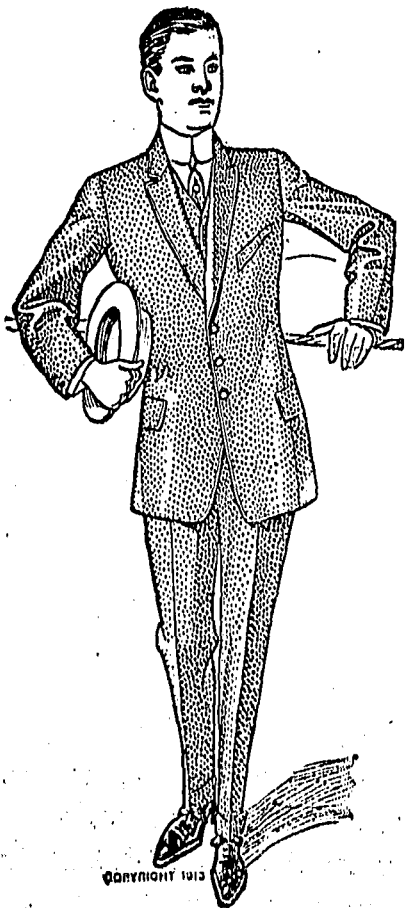
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COLBY CENTENARY.

Thursday, February 27, is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Colby college, which was brought into existence by the act of the Massachusetts legislature, February 27, 1813, granting a charter to the Maine Literary and Theological Institution. This charter was granted only after perseverance and energetic action on the part of the promoters, for there were many at the time who thought that one college, the infant institution at Brunswick, soon after to foster Longfellow and Hawthorne, was enough for Maine.

In 1812, the efforts of the charter seekers, who were a committee appointed by the Cumberland Baptist Association, were fruitless, and the charter was granted in 1813, only on condition that the institution should not grant collegiate degrees. It is for this reason that the trustees decided not to celebrate the anniversary, preferring to wait until 1920, one hundred years from the date when the new state, Maine, at its first legislative session, empowered the Waterville institution to grant the bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees. The name was changed to Waterville College, February 5, 1821. In 1897, it was changed to Colby University, and in 1899, to Colby College.

After the charter was granted, five years elapsed before the work of instruction actively commenced at Waterville. They were not years of inactivity, but were spent in securing from the state the township of land donated by the act of incorporation, in deciding upon a suitable location, and in endeavors to obtain fur-

ther state aid. In 1815, the Massachusetts legislature granted land for the college near what is now Argyle, Maine, about fifteen miles above Bangor, on the Penobscot river. This was then almost a wilderness, and, in 1816, the legislature empowered the trustees to locate the Institution elsewhere than on the township specified. In 1817, Waterville was chosen as the site. The first professors elected were Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin and Rev. Irah Chase, the latter declining the position of professor of languages.

Repeated attempts to secure further grants of land from the state were unsuccessful. The Massachusetts solons thought that one college was enough for the "District of Maine" and said so in a lengthy committee report. They added that all state grants should go to the one already established.

The college was opened, and instruction by Professor Chaplin commenced, July 6, 1818, in a house standing where the Elmwood hotel is now situated. In May, 1819, there were seventeen students. Tuition was four dollars a quarter; board was obtained for one dollar a week, and wood for one dollar and fifty cents.

The theological department of the college was of short duration. The first triennial catalogue, issued in 1825, gives the names of fifteen graduates in theology. No record of any other students in this department appears in subsequent triennials.

In the forty years up to the time of the Civil war, the college went through many dark periods, suffering many times from lack of money; but financial relief was obtained, in each instance, and hundreds of men were graduated. In 1840, a public

subscription was taken for the college, \$50,000 being raised in this manner.

With the coming of the war, the number of students was greatly lessened, owing to enlistments in the army. In 1864-5, there were only sixty-two undergraduates. With the invested funds of the college reduced to \$15,000, and rapidly growing less, the outlook was dark. But the dawn of a brighter day was approaching. Gardner Colby, of Boston, who had spent part of his childhood in Waterville, offered \$50,000, if the friends of the college could raise \$100,000. Enthusiasm brought results; this sum was subscribed in two years. In recognition of the gift, the name was changed to Colby University.

Memorial Hall, erected to the memory of the twenty Colby men who gave their lives in the Civil war, was built in 1869. Since that time, most of the present buildings have been erected, the last of which was Roberts Hall, the new men's dormitory, in 1911. Colby has gained an honored position among the colleges of the United States.

BOSTON COLBY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Boston Colby Alumni Association was held Friday evening, February 21, at the Boston City Club. Colby alumni to the number of one hundred and forty, ranging by classes from 1863 to 1912, were present. President Roberts was the chief speaker of the evening. When he rose to speak, he was greeted by such prolonged applause that it was several minutes before he could be heard. He gave a brief statement of the financial condition of the college, thanked the alumni for their loyal support, and urged the establishment of a graduate school of engineering in northern New England.

The other speakers were: Dr. F. B. Dyer, superintendent of the Boston

schools; G. E. Brock, chairman of the Boston school committee; Prof. H. L. Koopman, '89, librarian of Brown University; Rev. A. C. Archibald of Brockton, representing the University of Acadia, N. S. The faculty was represented by Professors J. William Black and T. Bryce Ashcraft. Ernest C. Marriner, '13, represented the student body. Several alumni addressed the meeting, including Emery B. Gibbs, '88, W. C. Crawford, '82, W. N. Donovan, '92. Merle S. Getchell, '93, retiring president of the association, acted as toastmaster.

An especially enjoyable feature of the evening was the unexpected appearance of Dr. E. C. Bryan, President of Colgate College. The Colgate Alumni of Boston were holding their annual dinner in the same building. While Pres. Bryan addressed the Colby gathering, Pres. Roberts spoke to the Colgate alumni.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Benjamin J. Hinds, '83; vice-presidents, Melville C. Freeman, '94, and Woodman Bradbury, '87; secretary and treasurer, B. C. Richardson, '98; assistant secretary, Fred H. Pike, '98; executive committee, F. F. Whittier, '81; W. N. Donovan, '92; H. L. Withee, '01; Lincoln Owen, '89; Richard Collins, '96; Harold E. Ellery, '06; Harry T. Watkins, '96; Albert Robinson, '73; George A. Gould, '08.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

In observance of the Day of Prayer for Colleges, the Colby Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. held a joint meeting in the Baptist church, last Sunday evening. There was a large attendance, the Methodist and Congregational churches uniting with the Baptist in the service. Rev. E. C. Whittemore introduced, as the speaker of the evening, Rev. George A. Martin of Bangor, a graduate of Colby, in the class of '99. Rev. Mr. Martin is pastor of the

Grace Methodist church in Bangor. For his theme, Mr. Martin took, "Can a man know God?" and, with an emphatic answer in the affirmative, he showed that there are many ways in which a man can know his Creator. Through his world house, through the history of his race, through the moral order of his being, and, greatest of all, through Jesus Christ, can a man come to know of his all-wise and merciful Father in Heaven.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity held a most delightful informal dancing party at the Club House, Friday evening, with about twenty couples present. The chaperones were, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Roberts, and Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Grover. A committee consisting of William A. Tracy, '14, Lester F. Weeks, '15, and Gershom B. Rollins, '13, had charge of the affair. Music was furnished by Morgan's orchestra.

The ladies of Latin VI entertained at the home of V. W. Dyer, '15, in Oakland, Saturday afternoon and evening, February 22. Mrs. W. S. Dyer was patroness. A dainty supper was served, after which the evening was spent in social past-times. The decorations were appropriate to Washington's birthday.

The Commons Club enjoyed a social gathering, last Wednesday evening, in the parlor of Roberts Hall, to which all the non-fraternity men were invited. Prof. Brown gave an interesting address, at the request of the club, upon Evolution. Refreshments were served, music was furnished by members and guests, and a jolly good time followed.

THE COLBY BAUBLE.

It has been necessary to change, somewhat, the cast of characters for the play. The changes made are as follows:

Mr. Augustus Billings . . . F. G. Davis, '13
Mr. Francis Faddish . . D. W. Ashley, '15
Henry McIntosh L. E. Warren, '14

Although the schedule has not yet been entirely completed, the first engagement is decided upon for Madison, on the night of March 25.

Harold S. Small, '14, has recently been elected manager of the dramatic club, in place of Harold Dubor, '14, who has left college.

Harold F. Dow, '10, will coach the club for the coming week.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, In His infinite wisdom, the Almighty has been pleased to call unto Himself Mrs. W. R. Peabody, a staunch friend of Colby college, the mother of Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the Student Council, acting for the student body of Colby college, extend to Mrs. Roberts and our President our deepest and most sincere sympathy, in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Roberts and also be published in the ECHO.

For the Student Council,

E. C. MARRINER, President.

C. J. KEPPEL, Secretary.

TRACK.

Interest in track athletics now centers on the Dual Meet with the University of Maine, to be held March 15, at Orono. A large squad of men are practicing faithfully each afternoon on the board track and besides the speedy relay team which trimmed Bates at the B. A. A. meet, much promising material is being developed for all the events of the meet. Colby is sure to be represented by a fast team and prospects of victory are very bright.

Dr. Black led chapel this morning.

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"THE WHITE MOUNTAINS," LECTURE BY DR. GEO. F. PARMENTER, MARCH 3.

"PHILANTHROPY," ADDRESS BY REV. GEO. W. HINCKLEY, MARCH 4.

WHAT? Y. M. C. A. conference.
WHEN? February 28 to March 2.
WHERE? Brunswick, Maine.

The death of Mrs. W. R. Peabody (the mother of our beloved president's wife, Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts), which occurred at White Plains, N. Y., on Sunday morning, removes from earthly associations a devoted mother, a strong Christian character and a helpful and interested friend of the college. In this, their sad bereavement, the ECHO extends the sympathy of the whole college to Mrs. Roberts and her family.

An unintentional error in last week's ECHO claimed that Colby had its origin in

a "secondary school." Mr. Chipman, the librarian, very generously furnishes the following, to correct the misstatement: "In a pamphlet dated May 21, 1819, setting forth the purpose of the new school, the trustees state that students entering the Literary (as distinguished from the Theological) Department 'are requested . . . to pursue, in general, the same course of studies as those who enter the several colleges of this commonwealth.' When it was found necessary to offer secondary instruction to those not prepared to enter the regular classes, a 'Latin school' was established by the college, for the purpose. This preparatory department ultimately became the Waterville Academy, now Coburn Classical Institute."

The ranks have been given out; the semester bills are about to be sent out; and the new catalogues will be given out—when?

Alas! It is beginning to be a cold winter—in Recitation Hall.

THE GRIGGS' LECTURES.

Edward Howard Griggs will lecture in the Baptist church, Wednesday, February 26, and also on March 5. Those who heard him last winter, realize how fortunate the college is to secure these lectures, from a man of such wide reputation and ability. The subject of the first address is, "Historic Sources of Modern Civilization"; and of the second, "The Social Ideal in Modern Civilization." Admission will be by ticket only, which the students may get, free of charge, from the librarian of the college.

CAMPUS CHAT,

Professor H. W. Brown addressed the Central Maine Theological Circle, at the library, Waterville, Monday last, upon,

"Some Scientific Side-lights upon Biblical Interpretation."

Hugh G. McKay, '16, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Higgins Classical Institute.

Jason Hagan, '13, was called home last week by the death of a relative.

Rev. Cyrus F. Stimson, '93, preached his farewell sermon at the Congregationalist Church, last Sunday. He will be missed by the students.

The A. T. O basket ball team defeated the Skowhegan A. C. team, last Thursday, by a score of 22 to 19.

Professor H. C. Libby is able to attend his classes again.

Librarian C. P. Chipman attended the Boston Colby Alumni Association Reunion, last Friday, and Saturday he visited his home in Connecticut.

Roy Gillmore, '15, has been sick with the German measles.

R. H. Williams, '15, and R. C. Young, '15, attended the Portland Auto Show, last Saturday.

F. H. Dubor, ex-'14, is Democratic candidate for councilman in ward 7.

Florian G. Arey, '15, of Stonington, returned to college Thursday, after passing a week at his home, on account of the illness of his mother.

Aaron L. MacGhee, '13, and Wilbur B. Dexter, '14, attended, as delegates from the Colby chapter, the annual convention of the National Federation of Commons Clubs, at Tufts college, last Friday.

At the Y. M. C. A. last evening plans for the Student Conference at Brunswick were discussed.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

MARY PHYLLIS ST. CLAIR, Editor.
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Esther French, '16, and Berle Cram, '16, spent Sunday in Skowhegan.

Lillian Beckett, of Woodfords, and Mary Becket, who is attending Gorham

Normal School, were the guests of Alice Beckett, '14, over Sunday.

Laurel Wyman, '12, has been visiting at Foss Hall, during the past week.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A., on Tuesday evening, was led by Alice Beckett, '14. The subject was, "Sermons from Nature."

Emily Hanson, '14, attended the D. K. E. house-party, at Bowdoin, on Friday, February 21.

The All-Outdoor Club took advantage of the holiday on Saturday, February 22, and went on an all-day trip. They took the nine o'clock car for Oakland, and from there walked on the ice up Snow Pond to Gleason's camp, where the rest of the day was spent in fun and feasting. The trip was pronounced by all a complete success.

For the Junior Play, this year, it has been decided to give, "As You Like It." Miss Flood met the Junior girls, Monday evening, and the following parts were assigned:

Duke	Abbie Sanderson
Frederick, usurping duke	
.....	Emily Cunningham
Amiens, a Lord..	Marjorie Scribner
Jaques, a Lord.	Dorothy Tubbs
Oliver, son to the duke...	Cora Patterson
Jaques, son to the duke..	Erma Reynolds
Orlando, son to the duke..	Adelaide Klein
Adam	Idella K. Farnum
Touchstone	Edith Washburn
Corin	Florence Cole
Silvius	Helen Thomas
William	Grace Weston
Rosalind	Emily Hanson
Celia	Anne Dudley
Phebe	Grace Hamilton
Audrey	Lillian Fogg
Music for the play....	Marjorie Scribner

RECITAL.

The recital given by Mrs. Nellie Bakeman Donovan, '92, at the Congregational

Church, Monday evening, was thoroughly enjoyable. In a most charming manner, Mrs. Donovan told of the development of the understanding, by grown-ups, of children. Beginning with the impersonal lullabies of the sixteenth century, she traced the change in attitude down to the tender, "Mothery" sleep-songs of today, several of which she sang in a most pleasing manner. Then, turning to poems and songs about children, she recited, first, some of Isaac Watts's stern, and rather forbidding child-classics, dealing with original sin, etc. From Dr. Watts, she turned to the more sympathetic Blake; and then, coming to more recent times, she recited and sang selections from Robert Louis Stevenson, Eugene Fields, James Whitcomb Riley, Elizabeth Preston Peabody, and others, whose sympathetic understanding of the child has endeared them to all of us. She closed with that beautiful little poem of Van Dyke's—"The Child in the Garden." As has been said, the program was most delightful, and we all thank Mrs. Donovan for so charmingly taking us, for a little while,

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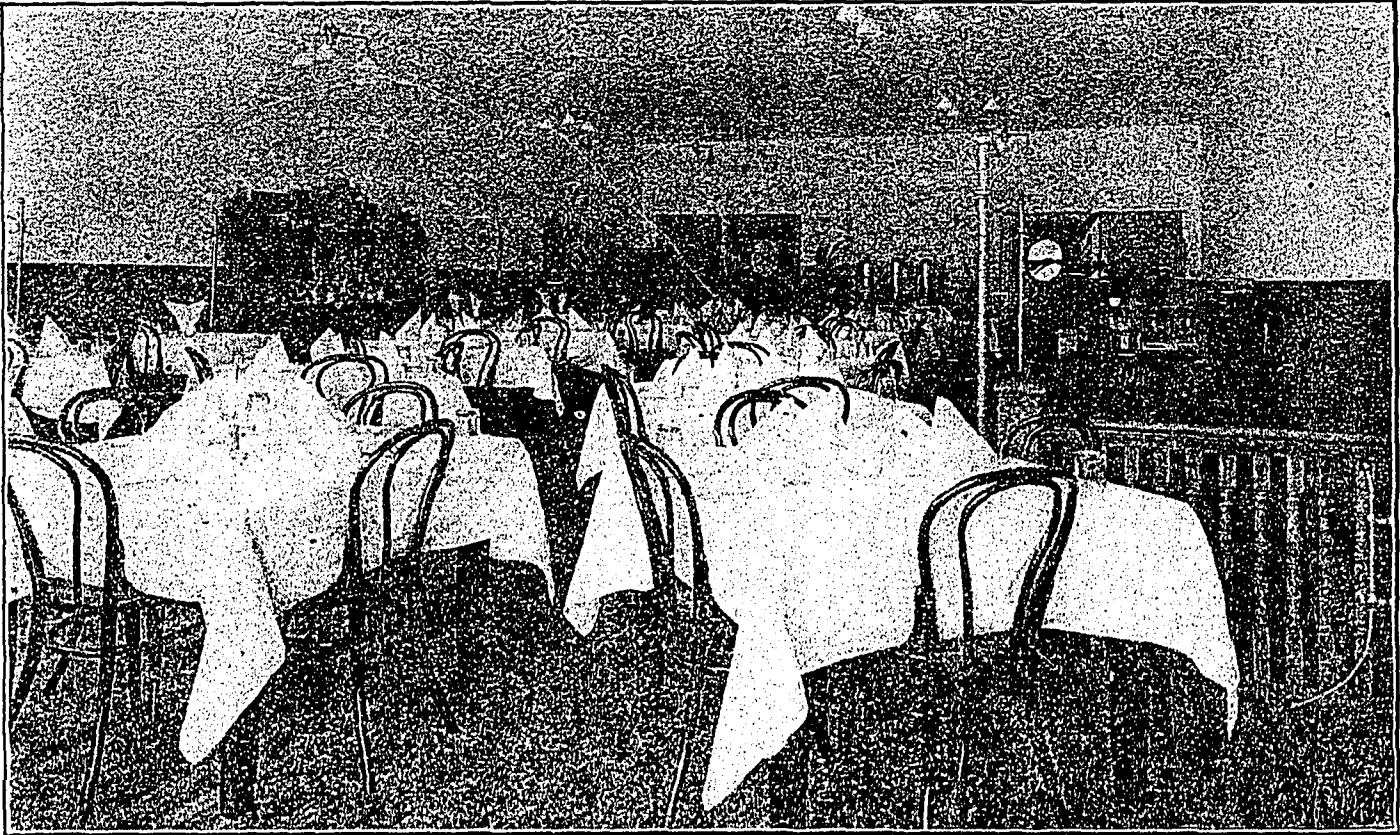
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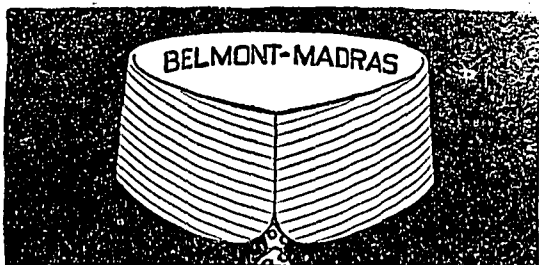
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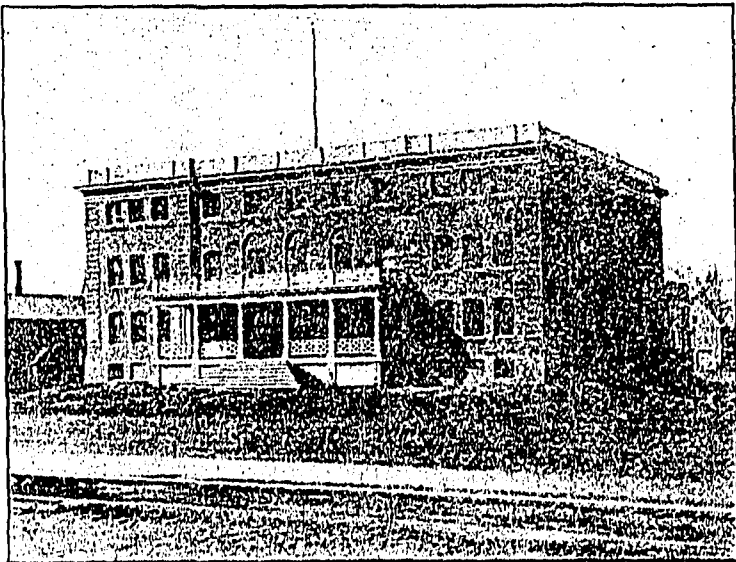
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