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In the death of Professor John Hedman, which occurred on Friday, February 20th, after a brief illness from typhoid pneumonia, the college suffers an almost irreparable loss. For fourteen years head of the Department of Romance Languages, Professor Hedman had proved himself an able and efficient teacher. A wonderful knowledge of phonetics coupled with great natural linguistic ability fitted him for the task. The rare faculty of inspiring the interest of his classes was also his, and contributed to his success.

In all deliberations of the faculty Professor Hedman took an important part. His keen, analytical mind, sound common sense, and capacity for bringing things to pass, gave a weight to his opinions which was well recognized by his associates. He had a place on every important committee, and the solution of many a perplexing problem was due to him. His devotion to the college was unbounded, and he gave unstintingly of his best to her interests. As a member of the committee on athletics, he exerted a strong influence for clean, sportsmanlike contests. His place on this committee will be especially difficult to fill.

But Professor Hedman's life was broader than the college world, and his influence extended beyond the campus. He was a force to be reckoned with in the life of the city, an active supporter of every good cause, a disinterested, public-spirited citizen of the best type, always ready to devote time and energies to the advancement of the common weal. At an early age he became identified with the Baptist Church, and ever stood loyal to his Christian faith, ready to do his part to promote the advance of the kingdom of God on earth.

With each passing year Professor Hedman's insight deepened, his outlook on life broadened, and his sympathies quickened, so that the most fruitful years of

service seemed to lie just before him when the hand of death suddenly terminated his activities. The loss which the community suffers may well be summed up in the words of a telegram received from Hon. Richard Cutts Shannon, '62, of the Board of Trustees:

"I have just read the sad news of Professor Hedman's untimely death and beg to offer the expression of my earnest sympathy. His splendid character as a man, coupled with a scholarship that was exceptionally high, must make his loss to the faculty and the college all but irreparable. R. C. Shannon."

John Hedman was born in Undersoken, Sweden, October 15, 1868, and came to this country with his parents while still a child. The family settled in Aroostook county, and there he received his preparation for college, displaying a marked ability, even while handicapped by the necessity of learning a new language. After graduating from the Caribou High School, the young man entered Colby, and at once took an active part in the life of the college. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. On graduation, in 1895, he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. For the year 1895-96 he was instructor in modern languages at Colby. From 1896 to 1899 he was instructor in Greek. The year 1899-1900 was spent in study at the University of Paris, where he received the highest honor which can be awarded to a foreign student, the Sorbonne prize. Returning to Colby in 1900, he was for one year Associate Professor of Modern Languages, and in 1901 was made Professor of Romance Languages and head of the department. He received the degree of A.M. from Colby in 1898. On July 22, 1902, Professor Hedman married Miss Delia J. Hiscock (Colby '01), of Damariscotta, Maine, who with one daughter, Helene, survives him.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church on Sunday, February 22d,

at 2 P. M. The faculty and students, together with representatives of the Board of Trustees, met at the college chapel and marched in a body to the church, where nearly the whole lower floor was reserved for them. The service was conducted by Rev. E. C. Whittemore, D.D., assisted by President Roberts.

STUDENT CONFERENCE.

More than three hundred young men representing associations in colleges and preparatory schools all over the state were registered as delegates to the sixth annual Student's Conference of the Y. M. C. A. of Maine, held in this city, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It was one of the most successful conferences ever held. Delegates were present from thirty-two associations, Colby being represented by forty-one men.

The first service of the convention was a business session and reception at the chapel, Friday afternoon, after which all marched down through Main street to the Armory. Here each man did his full duty to what is generally declared to have been the most sumptuous banquet ever served up at such a gathering. Mayor Pattangall was there in all his glory, with his usual good supply of wit; and two splendid addresses were delivered by Rev. C. M. Woodman, a Colby graduate, of Portland, and Albert E. Roberts, of New York.

Most of the delegates were on hand promptly at 8.30, Saturday morning and, with the exception of the last half of the afternoon which was set aside for recreation, the day was spent in departmental conferences. Saturday evening D. G. Latshaw, of New York, delivered a fine address on "The Problem of Waste."

Perhaps the most important service of the convention occurred Sunday afternoon, at which E. T. Colton of New York, delivered a stirring address before an audience of young men which comfortably

filled the auditorium of the Methodist Church. His subject was "The College Man's First Law."

At the closing session, Sunday evening, at the Baptist Church, Mr. Colton addressed a large company on the subject, "The Association as a World Power."

Mr. Latshaw spoke a farewell word, and the great conference was at an end.

The officers of the conference were: President, Clarence A. Brown, of Bowdoin; Vice-Presidents, P. W. Monohon, of Maine; A. H. McKormick, of Bowdoin; C. D. Marston, of Bates; and R. H. Bowen, of Colby; Secretary, F. D. Gillingham, of Colby; Assistant Secretary, Harold Drew, of Bates.

Directly following the final session, plentiful but expensive entertainment was provided the visitors in the form of a disastrous fire on Main street. This served only to add to the already good impressions of the kindness and hospitality of Waterville people.

HIGGINS CLUB.

At a meeting of all students in college from Higgins Classical Institute, held in Room No. 1, Roberts Hall, last evening, the following officers were elected: President, Frank A. James, '15; vice-president, Ralph W. Weston, '15; secretary, Merle F. Hunt, '15; treasurer, William B. West, '17. Executive committee: Frank S. Sawyer, '17, Wyman L. Beal, '14, and John A. Monroe, '17. Entertainment committee: Arthur D. Gillingham, '14, and Frank T. Gillingham, '14.

COBURN CLUB.

A meeting of the Coburn Club was held after chapel, Wednesday, and the following officers were elected: President, Harold C. Morse, '14; vice-president, Prince A. Drumond, '15; secretary, Donald Flood, '17; treasurer, Cyril M. Joly.

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That our new and elaborate system of excuse regulation serves to diminish the number of absences from class cannot be denied. On the other hand, however, doesn't it tend to encourage falsehood in the students? It seems that we can answer this question just as unequivocally in the affirmative. It is a fact all too well known that, as a rule, the fellow who invents a story to fit his case gets excused and the fellow who tells the plain, homely truth gets turned down. Hence a premium is placed on the prevarication. As to that phase of college, Colby would be no place for G. Washington: he couldn't tell a lie. Upon his return from a cherry-tree expedition, he'd walk into the sanctum of the excuse officer, relate his unvarnished reasons for absence, and walk out again without the coveted "H. P. L.'s." Still, he would be confronting the prospects of a row of "goose-eggs" on the rank-books.

Now this doesn't mean that we are complaining about the excuse officer. We have good faith in Dr. Little and we be-

lieve that he intends to deal justly and impartially. The fault lies in the system itself. It is so precisely stated, with such definite restrictions that a fairy tale is necessarily almost essential to fit its demands.

The college is deeply indebted to Mr. Herrick for his excellent work. His untiring efforts, his sacrificing spirit, and his thorough consecration to his calling—the service of Jesus Christ—did not fail to win the hearts of many Colby men. Some one has truly said that if a larger number of Colby students could be led to give their lives to the highest service of which man is capable, our college would be made richer than any endowment could possibly make it. This is true, for the aim of a college education is not to turn out "walking encyclopaedias" but rather men of well rounded character.

THE CLOSE OF THE SERIES OF RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

The last two meetings of the series which Mr. Herrick has been conducting took place on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

On Wednesday, the leader gave his last sermon, on the subject, "Without God," taking the expression from the second chapter of Ephesians, the twelfth verse. Mr. Herrick showed that the appeal of Christ comes to every one. He said: "I never saw a real infidel. I don't believe there is one. I don't believe that Robert Ingersol was one. No man can be without God. The most perilous thing a man can do is to leave God out of his reckoning, whether in business or pleasure."

He concluded by showing that Jesus Christ, merely as a theological proposition has no interest for young men; but that, as a friend and Savior, every one is vitally concerned in Him.

Thursday evening, several members of the faculty, together with Mr. Herrick,

gave helpful personal testimonies and many of the fellows took an active part in the meeting.

INTER-FRATERNITY BOWLING LEAGUE.

D. K. E. wins the only match rolled off this week in the inter-fraternity bowling league. The "Dekes" still continue their winning streak and cut down the lead of leaders by trimming them by sixty-three pins.

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TRACK.

Coach Cohn has ordered some blanks upon which will be kept a record of the physical condition of each man on the track team, from week to week.

The distance and sprint men are busy working on the boards and the field and weight men are busy in the gymnasium.

CAMPUS CHAT.

Football Manager Luce, '15, announces that a game is arranged for November 14, at Annapolis, with the U. S. Naval Academy.

President Roberts led the Y. M. C. A. meeting, Tuesday night, in the chapel.

Harvey Knight, '14, Chester Mills, '15, Ross Stanwood, '16, and Robert Hussey, '16, were present at the biennial conclave

of province IV, of Alpha Tau Omega, at Copley Square Hotel, Boston, Monday.

Stanley Miller, '14, spent the week-end at his home in North Jay.

Woodford Rand, '16, and Edmund Higgins, '16, went to Lewiston, Tuesday, to take Civil Service examinations.

Lorenzo Brunelle, '17, was called home, Saturday, by the death of his grandmother.

Crawford Treat, ex-'15, is about the college, appointing agents for the Frontier Press Company.

Harold Campbell, '15, was at Hebron Academy, Monday and Tuesday, coaching the debating team.

Hiram Ricker, '15, returned to college, last week, after spending ten days at his home in Poland Springs, where he was ill with the mumps.

The two Maine chapters of Zeta Psi, Chi of Colby and Lambda of Bowdoin, held their sixth annual joint banquet Saturday evening at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland.

J. Franklin Pineo, ex-'14, now a student in the Springfield Y. M. C. A. college, spent a few days with friends at the Delta Upsilon House, while attending the Student Conference.

Elmer H. Hussey, '13, called on friends at the Delta Upsilon House, Sunday.

Carl Taylor, ex-'16, visited the Phi Delta Theta House for the week-end.

Ernest D. Jackson, '12, was in attendance at the Y. M. C. A. conference, last week.

Dr. Taylor's lecture will occur next Monday night.

The D. K. E. house party is indefinitely postponed.

Rafe N. Hatt, ex-'15, visited the Zeta Psi House, last Saturday.

E. S. Kelson, '14, W. B. Dexter, '14, and R. C. Young, '15, represented the Colby Chapter of the Commons Club at the Convention of the National Federation of Commons Club at Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Herbert P. Warren, of Keene, N.

H., visited his son, Ernest Warren, '14, during the week-end.

Cecil A. Rollins, '16, has resigned his position as Assistant Manager of the Oracle.

The following men were appointed on the nominating committee for next year's officers of the Y. M. C. A.: Chester Wood, '14, George Perry, '14, Harvey Knight, '14, and Frank Gillingham, '14.

There was a meeting of the Student Council held Wednesday afternoon.

George Pratt, '14, Murray Morgan, '15, Leonard Shea, '17, and Norris Stevens, '17, furnished music for the fiftieth anniversary of K. of P. at Guilford, Me., Thursday evening.

NOTICE.

The announcement, "What is it? See next week's ECHO," has its answer in next week's paper because certain things conspired to prevent the answer being given in this edition. Don't forget to see the surprise in next week's paper.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

IDELLA KATHRINE FARNUM, Editor.
MARION EDITH DODGE, Business Manager.

May H. Sargent, '15, has returned from a two weeks' rest at home.

Mrs. Levi French of Winthrop visited her daughter, Violet French, '17, at Foss Hall, last week.

Ethel Merriam, '14, had as guests, last Saturday, her sisters, Miss Marguerite and Miss Marion Merriam, of Skowhegan.

Claire McIntire, ex-'16, of Solon, is spending a few days as the guest of Esther French, '16.

Dorothy Tubbs, '14, Marjorie Barker, '16, and Ruth Hussey, '17, were guests at a house party at the University of Maine, over Sunday.

Anne Dudley, '14, spent the holiday with Lillian Fogg, '14, at her home in Freeport.

Grace Farnum, '17, is confined to her room by a serious sprain.

Sadie Pennell, '13, was a caller at Foss Hall, this week, Monday.

Christine Whittemore, '14, spent Sunday at her home in Livermore Falls.

Katharine Singer, '16, has been at her home in Damariscotta for a few days.

Mildred Bedford, '15, has been called home to Plainville, Conn., by the illness of her mother.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting Tuesday evening was led by Henel Hanson, '15, and the attendance was unusually large. Prof. Libby spoke, bringing a message that was greatly appreciated and that will be long remembered by the girls who heard it.

NOTICE.

Maine Woman's Christian Temperance the library:

The following notice has appeared in Union, Department of scientific temperance instruction in public schools. To the students of Colby College:

This department announces the opening of an intercollegiate prize essay contest. A state prize of ten dollars in gold is offered for the best essay by a Maine college student written under the "Subjects and Rules" of the national department of scientific temperance instruction. The state prize essay will be entered in the national contest to compete for the one hundred dollar prize. All essays must reach this office on or before June first, next, the prize being awarded as soon thereafter as possible.

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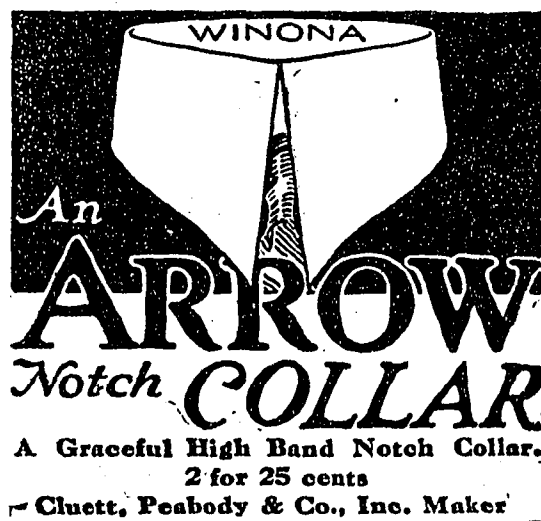
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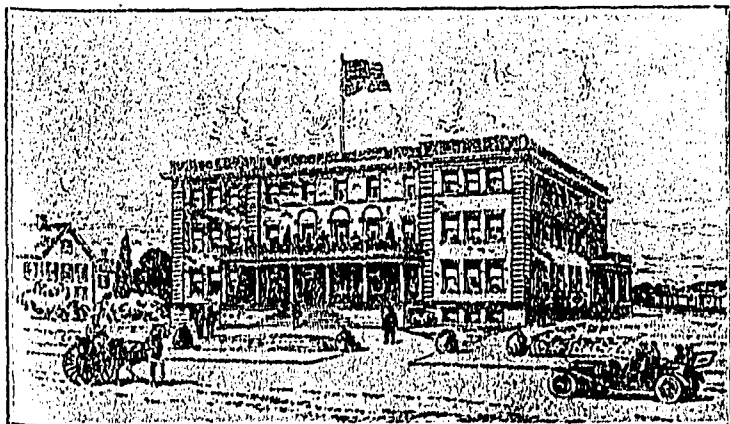
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