

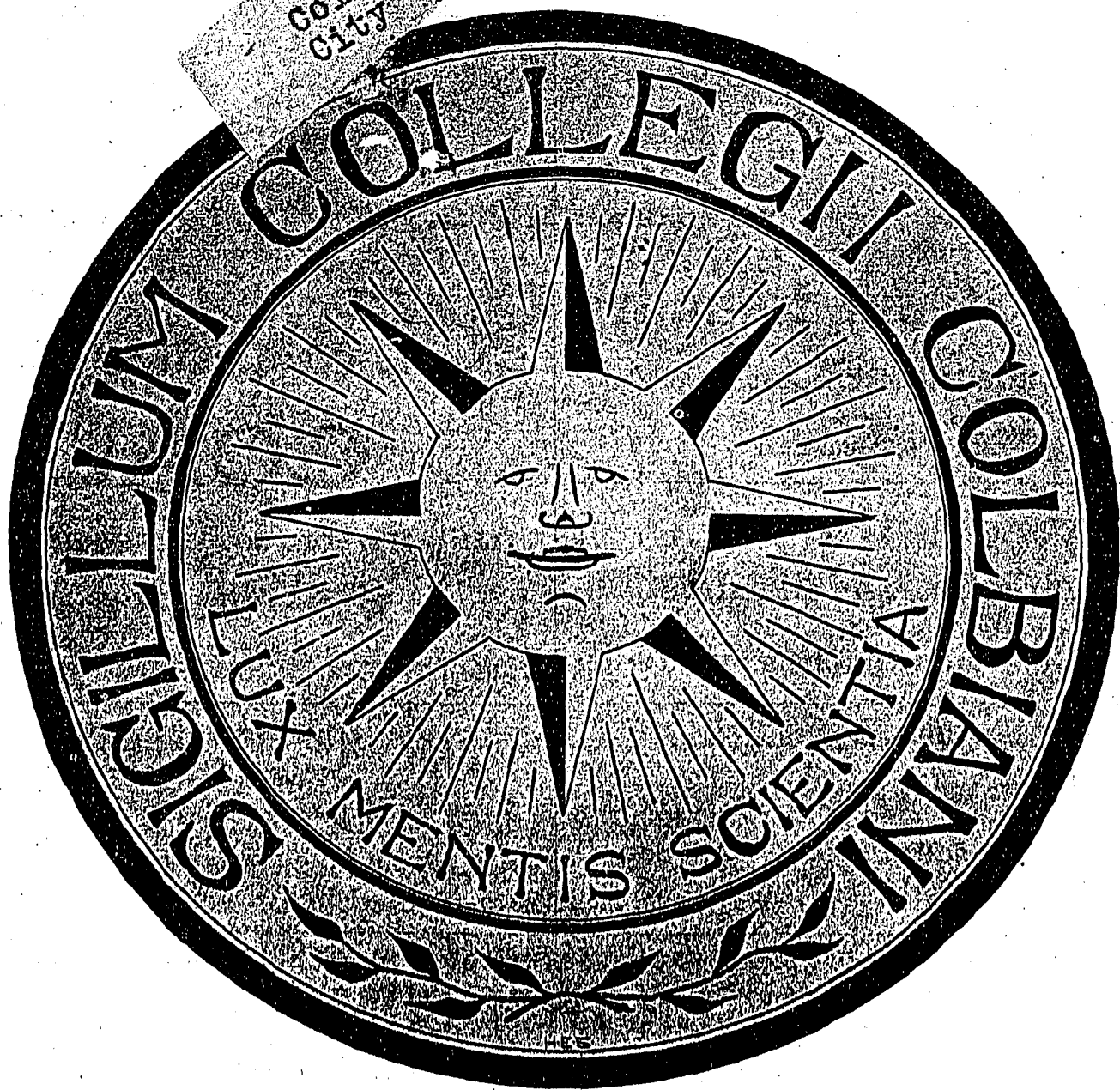
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BANQUET OF NEW YORK ALUMNI.

Thirty-four loyal alumni—the largest attendance in the history of the association—gathered at 8 o'clock, last Saturday evening, at Hotel Navarre, corner of Seventh Avenue and thirty-eighth Street, New York City, for the ninth annual banquet of the New York alumni.

Albert H. Bickmore, '93, presided as toastmaster. Owing to the unusual fact that not a single minister was present, grace was omitted. Among the prominent speakers were: Clarence E. Meleney, '76, Associate Supt. of Schools of New York City; Justice Putnam of the New York supreme court; Ira Waldron, one of the two living alumni of the class of '62, who told with just pride how his class was the only one ever graduated in which every member received at graduation the highest honor the college could bestow—that of delivering an English oration; Harry Jordan, '93, Supt. of the B. F. Keith Construction Co., of Philadelphia; and Allen P. Soule, '79, of Hingham, Mass.

Josiah R. Melcher, '81, of New York, reported as chairman of a committee appointed to secure a portrait of the late Professor Hall for the college library.

President Roberts was received with great applause. Among other remarks he stated that he believed that fully one-fourth of the living alumni had been present at the various alumni association banquets this year. All previous records of attendance have been shattered.

Robert H. Bowen, '14, attended as representative of the student body. He spoke in part as follows: "The moving spirit in Colby today is one of optimism. It is one which is bringing into the lives of the college men thoughts of a broader

usefulness—the feeling that we are truly progressing—a confidence in our ability to compare with greater rivals. In fact, the whole college is premeated with the idea of a bigger and better Colby."

The officers for the coming year are: President, Albert H. Bickmore, '93; secretary and treasurer, Benjamin A. Gootch, '06; executive committee, Edward H. Nash, '98, Edward B. Winslow, '04, and Albert I. Lockhart, '05.

THE WORCESTER LECTURE.

Hon. Dean C. Worcester, former secretary of the interior of the American administration of the Philippines, delivered the second lecture of the Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Lecture Foundation before a large audience, at the City Opera House, Tuesday evening. His topic was "The Philippine Islands," a subject on which Mr. Worcester is believed to be the greatest living authority. Of these islands the average student knows practically nothing, and consequently the lecture was intensely interesting as well as extremely valuable from an educational point of view. By way of illustrations, both still and motion pictures were shown upon the screen.

Mr. Worcester began his lecture with a description of the geography of the islands, which, he stated, are more than 3000 in number. He then told of the native tribes and of their manners and customs and astonishingly rapid rise into comparative civilization. During the last seven years, not a head has been taken by tribes whose chief ambition, formerly, seemed to be to capture the heads of their enemies. From the white men the natives have learned the arts of peace.

These once-savage tribes have now many brilliant scholars and perhaps the best soldiers in the world,—loyal and obedient and unexcelled in marksmanship. In them is found a perfect type of physical development. Better education has brought a knowledge of sanitation and cleanliness. Most remarkable it seems to us, is the interest the natives take in athletic sports. The most common of these are: baseball, basket-ball, the pillow fight, the high jump, wrestling, the thigh slap and the tug-of-war. In all of these they are highly proficient.

FIRST CALL FOR BASEBALL.

In response to Coach Daley's first call for baseball men, a large number of candidates met in the gymnasium, last Monday afternoon. The freshmen only were called out at that time, the upper classmen being requested to report this afternoon. Cauley, Lawrence, Brunelle, Smith, Harriman, Deasy, McCormick, Jacobs, and several others showed baseball ability of promise; and, with the addition of several good freshmen to the remaining men of last year's team, Colby ought to hold a prominent place on the baseball map, this spring. The practice, Monday, was light, consisting of tossing the ball around and limbering up. Just enough work done to get the stiffness out of the men's arms and to revive the idea of what a baseball looks and feels like. Indoor work will be given during the next fortnight, and then as soon as it is dry, the entire squad will get out onto the diamond.

HEBRON WINS FIRST DEBATE.

Hebron Academy won from Oak Grove Seminary in the first debate of the Goodwin Interscholastic Debating League, last Friday evening, at Hebron. The question for debate was "*Resolved: That the Federal Government of the United States should own and operate the railroads within its borders.*"

Lawrence P. Merriman, George M. Abbott, and M. E. Mogannam took the affirmative for Oak Grove and John Matthews, Julian Gray, and Forrest Thompson defended the negative for Hebron. The arguments were strong on both sides, and the decision was close. Harold S. Campbell, '15, coached Hebron, Oak Grove being in charge of Arthur F. Bickford, '16. Harvey Knight, '14, acted as presiding officer, and Harry H. Upton, '17, as chairman of the board of judges.

Next Friday evening, Good Will High school and Madison High school will debate. Waterville High school and Skowhegan High school will also clash. The officers of the debates will be announced later.

PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The Prohibition League of Colby College was organized Wednesday afternoon with the following officers: Harry H. Upton, president; Chester F. Wood, vice-president; Cecil A. Rollins, secretary; Asa A. Morrison, treasurer. It is the object of this league to promote broad and practical study of the liquor question and related social and political questions, and to advance the application of these principles in every way possible.

The Colby league ranks second in membership in the college leagues. Syracuse is the largest with 95, and Bates ranks third with 65.

COLLEGE RALLY.

Next Wednesday evening, March twenty-fifth, there will be a College Rally in the gymnasium. This rally will be for whole men's division of the college, and all men in the college are urged to be present. The purpose will be to promote interest in this spring's track and baseball games.

A feature of the rally to be introduced is an interfraternity tug-of-war for a silver cup which will be awarded as a trophy. Everybody out!

Y. M. C. A. CABINET

The newly elected officers of the Y. M. C. A. met with the old officers, Friday evening, March 6, and appointed the rest of the cabinet as follows: Verne H. Sanderson, '16, chairman religious meetings committee; Vernelle W. Dyer, '15, membership committee; Lester E. Young, '17, social service; Norman W. Lindsay, '16, finance; Everett P. Smith, '15, Northfield; Scott D. Staples, '16, handbook; Lester F. Weeks, '15, Bible and mission study; Roy C. Hurd, '16, deputation work.

DELTA UPSILON DANCE.

The members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity held an informal dancing party at Woodman's Hall, Saturday evening. The young ladies present included the Misses Barker, Barton, Brown, Chamberlain, Collins, Danforth, Donnelly, Fogg, Dudley, French, Morrisette, Towne, Vincent, and Whittemore.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Bryce Ashcraft were the chaperones. Music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Stevens, '17, piano; Hutchins, '15, violin; and Morgan, '15, trombone.

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEES.

A meeting of the various alumni committees connected with the next Commencement celebration was held, Monday evening, at the Elmwood. Rex W. Dodge, '06, was present and took part in the discussion of plans for next June. Mr. Dodge is president of the general alumni association, and he has put considerable effort into making arrangements for such slight changes in the Commencement program as would seem to bring an even larger measure of success to the graduation days. Some of the changes, at least, are to take effect this coming June. The senior class some time ago voted to try out some of Mr. Dodge's ideas.

SENIOR CLASS DAY ELECTIONS.

At a meeting of the senior class, Friday morning, the nominating committee for Senior Class Day submitted its report and elections were made as follows: History, Harold C. Morse; oration, Harvey Knight; prophecy, Robert E. Owen; parting address, George W. Pratt; ode committee, Everett L. Wyman, Roscoe E. Johnson, Frank H. Jones; senior hop committee, Stanley B. Miller, William A. Tracy, Lorenzo E. Warren, Frank S. Carpenter, Emmons B. Farrar, Wilbur B. Dexter; marshall, Ray I. Haskell; chaplain, Chester F. Wood.

PHI DELTA THETA.

The 66th anniversary of the founding of Phi Delta Theta fraternity was appropriately observed by Maine Alpha of Colby College, Monday evening, at the "frat" house. Charles W. Atchley, Esq., '03, gave a very interesting speech on the topic, "Efficiency."

Music was furnished by the fraternity trio, composed of Lewis K. Murchie, '16, piano; Arthur B. Hutchins, '15, violin; and Florian G. Arey, '15, clarinet. A social hour preceded the address.

JUNIOR NOMINATIONS.

The committee, consisting of Everett G. Holt, Leon P. Spinney, and Raymond P. Luce, appointed by the juniors to make nominations for Junior Class Day officers met at the D. K. E. house, Monday afternoon, and drew up the following slate: Marshall, Paul F. Fraser; orator, Roger A. Putnam; historian, Leonard W. Grant; chaplain, Harold S. Campbell; presentation of class gift, Lester H. Shibbes; awarding of gifts, Albert M. Guptill; ode committee, Albert D. Gilbert, Leon P. Spinney, Merle F. Hunt; executive committee, Walter C. Dacey, Robert H. Williams, Carl B. Lord, Arthur F. Clark, Raymond P. Luce, Albert R. Willard.

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MUSICAL CLUBS, CITY OPERA HOUSE, TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

The combined Musical Clubs will give a concert in the City Opera House, next Tuesday evening, March 24. The Waterville concert is always the best of the whole series, and that is saying a good deal, this year. After the brilliant successes in other cities and towns, there is no reason why the home town concert shouldn't be a hummer. The city people will be present in crowds, and if you want a ticket you will have to get right after it as soon as they go on sale. Heretofore, ten-ninths of the students have attended the Waterville concert, and this year there should be an even greater percentage.

As a result of the trips of the Outing Club the past few Saturdays, the membership has more than doubled. Visits to manufacturing plants in and about the city afford both interesting and highly instructive trips, and a great many of the places visited refuse admission except to such groups. After vacation, the time

will be spent more truly out of doors and many places of interest are in mind by those planning the "hikes." There is no denying but that the Outing Club affords excellent opportunities for the right kind of beneficial exercise, and it can, by our co-operation, be made a credit to college.

While there is no fear that the club will not prosper, a greater work could still be done with a greater roll of members. At the time of organization not all the offices were filled, and although the membership has greatly increased it is hoped that more students will join soon, when the remaining officers will be elected.

With the return of warmer weather and the coming out of the frost from the ground, we have again the same muddy condition of the sidewalk in front of the college that we have had for, lo, these many years, and the simple word *muddy* doesn't half express the state of affairs either. If the word were to be written with a capital "M" and printed in bold-faced type, it would still be inadequate to suggest the true conditions of that section of the street called the "sidewalk." It seems rather strange that so extensively traveled a section should be left, year after year, without a single dollar's worth of improvement. It seems rather odd, also, that the residents of upper College Avenue do not get tired of wading through such a section of Aroostook cross-roads. There may be a good reason upon the part of the Waterville authorities, for leaving untouched this unsightly and troublesome public highway; but it would seem that a hundred thousand dollars' worth of business from the college students, each year, ought to make up for a small amount of public appropriation for this purpose, at least. Let us hope that when we come back to a class reunion, some five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years hence, we shall find a real sidewalk in front of our fair campus.

As stated in another column, a rally will be held in the gymnasium, next Wednesday evening, for the purpose of intensifying the interest of the student body in the athletic contests of the coming season. We have remaining from last year some of as good baseball players as Colby has ever had. Trying out at the present time are some most promising freshmen. We also have with us again the coach who showed us so much baseball a year ago. All in all it looks as if we might do something in baseball this year. What we need, to fill out the measure that means success is the solid support of the students behind the teams. Come to the rally and imbibe or renew some spirit for victorious baseball warfare. You may have enough spirit yourself, but if you attend and show the live, active interest that you might show, your less enthusiastic neighbor will pick up too, because a good, healthy college spirit is contagious.

Further, as to track for this season. Boasting about our track team is entirely unnecessary. We don't have to convince anyone about this year's team, because its speed and capability are admitted. Our present coach is unquestionably the best yet, and the rest of us are beginning to catch the spirit of conscientious work for Colby's track supremacy. This spirit really is growing in the college; and when it gets so that every last man has a desire to do his share, whatever it may be, toward insuring Colby's success, then success will come.

It would be a good thing for some of us to imitate Coach Cohn in his zeal. His untiring endeavors have not only produced for us a powerful team, but have advertised the name of Colby in the bigger sporting circles of the country. In this way, alone, the value of his services are inestimable. A handicap meet will be held, Saturday, and there will be a continuation of it next Wednesday. At the

conclusion, Coach Cohn will award prizes which he himself has donated. This is not the first time that the coach has done this, and we surely ought to be grateful to a man who will take such an interest in a college which is not his alma mater.

So we can all see that we have something for which to come to the rally; and if an outsider can do what our track coach has done, we who make up the college community can certainly, at least, lend our presence. Just remember that the rally is next Wednesday night.

CAMPUS CHAT.

Frank B. Condon, '08, visited friends at the Delta Upsilon house, last Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Condon has not yet fully recovered from injuries received in a New Haven wreck last September.

Matthew A. Golden, '17, has recently been giving Victrola concerts before the various fraternities in the interests of the Wentworth Music Co.

Professor Parmenter gave a very interesting talk at the Phi Delta Theta house, last week, on the subject of color photography. He traced the process through from the beginning and showed some highly instructive slides from his exceptionally fine collection. Many of these slides were taken by himself and are very expensive, one of the plates exhibited having been the only one of its kind in the United States at the time it was obtained.

The Outing Club visited the Keyes Fibre Company, last Saturday, and inspected the plant. A guide showed them around and explained to them some of the steps of the special process, parts of which are secret.

Robert H. Bowen, '14, returned, Tuesday night, from New York City where he addressed, last Saturday evening, the Colby New York Alumni Association.

R. A. Craig of Pittsfield has been visiting Murray Morgan this week.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

IDELLA KATHRINE FARNUM, Editor.
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Miss Ethel Lancaster of Winslow visited Lena Cushing, '14, on Sunday.

Fossie Seekins, ex-'15, now a teacher in Jonesville, visited at Foss Hall, this week.

Miss Ruth Fish of Kents Hill was a guest of Hazel Gibbs, '17, this week, Monday.

Mrs. Crowell's Sunday school class, the college girls of the Congregational church, gave a sociable, last Saturday evening, to the other classes and invited guests.

Margaret Adams, '13, now of Pemaquid, visited in town this week.

Marion Steward, '15, has gone to her home in Lawrence for a few weeks of rest.

The juniors are already making plans for the annual play, the evening before Ivy Day.

The parts for junior class-day have been assigned: Historian, Marion Steward; Poet, Dorothy Webb; Ode Committee, Mildred Holmes, Odette Pollard, Marguerite Robinson.

Dr. Ashcraft's talk last Thursday evening on "Playing the Game: Striving for the Goal," gave us a new realization of the importance of knowing the rules of the game of life, and of playing it with our best effort.

Ethel Armstrong, '17, goes home this week because of illness, and Margaret Forbes, '15, because of trouble with her eyes.

Ethel Merriam, '14, returned from New York last Thursday. At the Y. W. C. A. meeting, Tuesday, she gave a brief report of a few of the points especially emphasized in the National Board meeting.

A "Progressive Pantomine Party, proceeds paying for Palmer House piano," will be held at Foss Hall, next Saturday evening. Those who know say it will be worth while to be there. There will be ice cream, and a social time after the "Pantomime."

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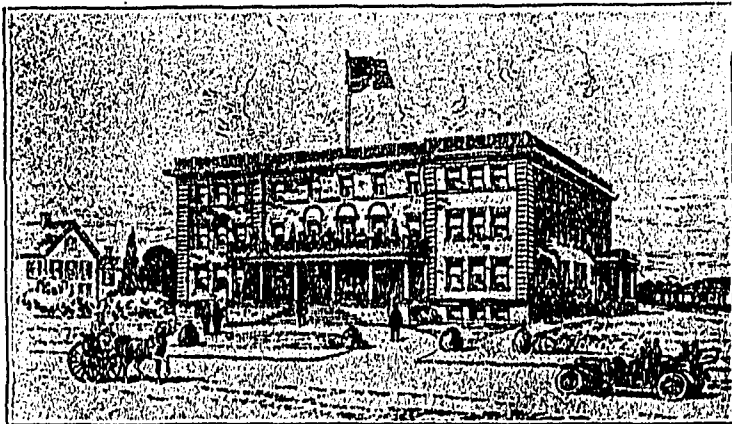
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