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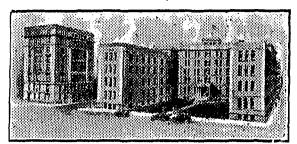
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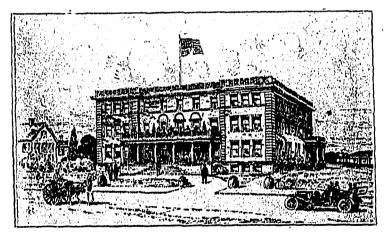
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Colby Wins Debating Championship.

Double Victory Gives Blue and Gray the Coveted Honor.

By defeating both Bates and University of Maine in the triangular debate, last Friday night, Colby won the championship of the Maine Intercollegiate Debating League, thereby scoring one of the most notable successes in the history of Maine colleges.

Both victories were clear cut and decisive. The winners showed a broad knowledge of the question and a keen appreciation of the important issues, driving home their contentions with forceful reasoning and effective presentation. Without quibbling or wasting time on the minor points, they met the larger issues squarely and won by sheer force of argument. The success of the teams is a tribute to the spirit and system of debating in Colby.

Unusual Interest.

Unusual interest was centered in this event, not only because it was the first triangular debating contest ever held among the Maine colleges, but also because it gave an opportunity to compare the merits of the debaters of the three colleges under identically the same circumstances.

"Resolved: That the Federal Government shall provide for the Compulsory Arbitration of all Labor Disputes on Interstate Railroads," was the question, and the barely averted railroad strike of last fall gave the debates present and vital interest.

Under the arrangements of the league, the three contests were taking place simultaneously, at Orono, Lewiston, and Waterville. While Colby's negative team was taking the measure of University of Maine's affirmative team, at Orono, the U. of M. negatives were meeting defeat at the hands of the Bates affirmatives at Lewiston, and the Colby affirmative trio was winning a close decision over the Bates negative team at Waterville.

COLBY DEFEATS BATES,

Before a large and appreciative audience in the Colby chapel, last Friday night, Herbert L. Newman, '18, Hugh S. Pratt,' 17, and Norman D. Lattin, '18, the Colby affirmative team, defeated the Bates negative trio, Charles C. Chayer, '17, Arthur E. Tarbell, '18, and Arthur L. Purinton, '17.

Rev. Charles F. Robinson of Waterville presided. The judges were Rev. Paul S. Phalen of Augusta, Melvin S. Holway of Augusta, and Hon. George W. Heselton of Gardiner. Professor A. Craig Baird of Bates and Principal Nelson I. Mixer, Colby, '09, were the timekeepers.

The debate was characterized throughout by strong arguments and clear cut, forceful delivery. The visitors were confident and aggressive, but were unable to break down the strong wall of logic and facts built up by the Colby debaters.

The Arguments.

Herbert L. Newman was the first speaker. After assuming the burden of proof, he set forth, briefly, some of the economic and industrial conditions with which the question has to do. He defined compulsory arbitration as legislation which compels parties in labor disputes to submit their differences to impartial arbitrators and to abide by the decision of the arbitrators.

The first point developed was that the present method of dealing with such questions is inadequate. Mr. Newman also showed that the step which the affirmative proposed was logically the next to be taken in industrial legislation. "If the railroads are public servants, is not the employee as much a public servant as the employer?"

The first speaker for the negative was Charles C. Chayer. He said that in several respects the negative agreed with the affirmative and told what these were. Next he showed the points of difference. Since compulsory arbitration would destroy the principle of collective bargaining, it would be detrimental to the public welfare. He also declared that such a measure would increase the antagonism of the great brotherhoods toward the capitalists.

Hugh S. Pratt, the second speaker for the affirmative, argued, first, that compulsory arbitration is right in principle and, secondly, that it is economically sound. "The idea that might makes right no longer prevails; but the proper way to settle disputes is by the process of law." The present methods of settling differences between capital and labor are those of expediency and not of equity and justice. In developing his second point he gave examples of great strikes in the past and showed the disastrous effects to society resulting therefrom.

Arthur E. Tarbell, the second speaker for the negative, challenged his opponents to answer whether the proposed change would put an end to strikes by making them impossible. He cited cases in which the principle had been tried and had failed, notably in Australia and New Zealand. He also believed that the awards of the proposed board of arbitration could not be enforced, since such a meas-

ure would antagonize 400,000 men in the employ of the railroads.

Conclusions.

Norman D. Lattin, the last speaker for the affirmative, showed that the proposed change would be practicable. To establish the validity of his claims he referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission as an example of the success of a parallel institution. He then showed how compulsory arbitration would benefit both employer and employee by giving the former a feeling of security from sudden demands for exhorbitant wages and securing the latter from privation on account of loss of wages during periods of strikes.

In conclusion he gave a summary of the points as developed by the affirmative, as follows: Compulsory arbitration is needed, (1) because all other methods have failed; (2) because it is the next logical step; (3) because it is right in principle; and (4) because it is practicable.

Arthur L. Purinton, the last speaker for the negative, brought forward another method of dealing with such conditions; namely, that of an enforced period of mediation of forty days before any drastic steps could be taken. This plan, he affirmed, would be similar to that now in use in Canada, where, during the time that it has been in force, only one strike has occurred. He argued that such a step would be preferable to that of compulsory arbitration, in that the principle of collective bargaining would not be destroyed.

In rebuttal, Chayer, Tarbell, and Purinton vigorously attacked the affirmative arguments and advanced the cause for Bates. Colby's return, however, was sufficiently strong, meeting fairly the attacks of the opponents and constructing auxiliary defences to the affirmative.

COLBY WINS FROM MAINE.

By a unanimous decision of the judges, the Colby negative team won from the University of Maine affirmatives, at Orono. Assembly Hall was crowded with students and outsiders, thus manifesting the interest taken in the contest. Colby's team was at its best, and excelled the men of the university at every point. Carroll B. Flanders, '17, the veteran debater, was even more effective than usual, being especially strong in his rebuttal; Fred A. Pottle, '17, was very good in his delivery, and showed a clear grasp of the issue, while John F. Choate, '19, although a new man, proved himself competent, and is likely to be heard from again in intercollegiate contests.

Dean James N. Hart of the university acted as the presiding officer, and Raymond S. Owen, '20, Colby's alternate, and H. Vigor Cranston of the Maine Student Y. M. C. A. were the timekeepers. The board of judges was composed of Hon. George F. Haley of Biddeford, Mr. George E. Fogg of Portland and Mr. George H. Larrabee of Portland.

The Arguments.

The first speaker on the affirmative, Raymond H. Lovejoy, Maine, '18, defined the powers of an arbitration board and suggested that the Interstate Commerce Commission serve as such a board. He then brought out the fact that present methods of settling railroad labor disputes are dangerous and inadequate.

Colby's first speaker, Fred A. Pottle, '17, stated the position of the negative, and then proved that compulsory arbitration is wrong in principle, for three reasons: (1) It is economically unsound in that it destroys the principle of collective bargaining. (2) It involves questions of principle as well as of fact, and the former cannot be arbitrated. (3) It destroys the equality of the bargaining power between labor and capital.

Lee E. Vrooman, Maine, '18, the affirmative's second speaker, showed that compulsory arbitration is the only sure method of settling disputes and that it results in the greatest good for the greatest number.

Colby's second man, John F. Choate, '19, proved that compulsory arbitration is non-enforceable, and that neither labor nor capital want it.

The last speaker on the affirmative, Forrest R. Treworgy, Maine, '17, maintained that the method proposed is sound in principle and capable of enforcement.

Carroll B. Flanders, '17, Colby's final speaker, brought out the non-necessity of compulsory arbitration, in view of the satisfaction now being given by voluntary arbitration. His last point was that the theory of compulsion in settling disputes is un-American, in that it entails involuntary servitude by making a railroad man return to work against his will.

Rebuttal.

Colby was particularly effective in rebuttal, and refuted practically all the arguments of the affirmative. Choate gave statistics about unsatisfactory results of the plan as tried in New Zealand and elsewhere. Flanders proved that since 1906 there has been no railroad strike involving more than 200 men nor lasting more than 16 days. Pottle brought out the inadequacy of the Interstate Commerce Commission as an arbitration board. Throughout the debate Maine tried to make the negative assume the burden of proof by challenging it to provide a substitute, but this was held by the visitors to be beside the point. Maine's rebuttal centred around a recent decision of the Van Hise Board in favor of compulsory arbitration.

FIVE OUT OF SIX.

By winning the two debates, last Friday night, Colby establishes a debating record of five victories and one defeat, during the past three years. The former contests were dual debates with the University of Maine. In 1915, P. F. Fraser, '15, A. D. Gilbert, '15, C. B. Flanders, '17, H. A. Campbell, '15, C. A. LaBelle, '17, and A. R. Rogers, '17, made a clean sweep of the dual contest, winning two victories, the same night, over U. of M. Last year, H. L. Newman, '18, N. D. Lattin, '18, and A. R. Rogers, '17, won over U. of M., at Orono; but F. A. Pottle, '17, C. B. Flanders, '17, and N. W. Lindsey, '16, lost to Maine's trio at Waterville. This year's double win makes Colby's recent showing one worthy of just pride.

Further available records show Colby to have won a clean slate in two single debates with the University of Maine, in 1907 and 1908, respectively.

MURRAY PRIZE DEBATE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13.

This year's Murray Prize Debate will be held in the chapel Friday, April 13. The teams were picked some time ago and are now hard at work on their subjects. The question to be debated is, "Resolved: That the United States should establish a Protectorate over Mexico." Earle S. Tyler, '19, Richard L. Sprague, '18, and Cecil A. Rollins, '17, will uphold the affirmative, while Phinehas P. Barnes, '19, Isaac D. Love, '19, and John F. Choate, '19, will defend Mexican freedom. The sum of \$75.00 will be divided equally among the members of the winning team, while the losers will receive \$25.00. It is expected that George Edwin Murray, '79, the donor of the prizes, will be present to award them this year.

COLBY MEN EARN OVER \$25,000 DURING ACADEMIC YEAR.

According to statistics recently compiled by the ECHO staff, it is found that 138 of the 259 men in college are earning over \$700 a week, or more than \$25,000 during the academic year.

It may be stated that these statistics were taken directly from the students themselves and afterwards verified. The results include only the regular earnings of the men during the college year, the amounts received from vacation employment, odd jobs, and the irregular services of the musicians being entirely excluded from consideration. Moreover, it is possible that a few men were overlooked in compiling the total, so the foregoing figures are very conservative.

Although 138 students earning \$25,000 during the academic year may not sound startling to the American citizen accustomed to reading in millions, yet is not the fact remarkable considering that this small fortune is earned by students outside of class work and all other college interests? Many of these men are at the same time leaders in college athletics and other activities.

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THE SYSTEM.

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of much larger colleges. Moreover, there is something distinctive about Colby debaters. Their team work is irreproachable; they waste no time in high flown language or "hot air;" but, rather, they "saw wood" every moment they are speaking. Their attention is all centred upon the effort to present a forceful, clear cut, convincing argument. Without quibbling, they strive to meet the larger issues of the question and to argue upon its merits. Vos plaudite!

A REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor of the Echo:

Sir:—Your readers will be interested to know that the Endowment Committee now have in hand, in cash and pledges, two hundred and five thousand dollars towards the three hundred and seventy-five thousand which must be raised in order to secure the conditional one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars offered by the General Education Board. Contributions at the rate of ten thousand dollars a month from now to Commencement will go far towards assuring the success of this Centennial campaign. All who have not yet made their pledges are urged to do so without delay.

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OUTLINES OPPORTUNITIES IN Y. M. C. A. WORK.

Fred R. Rindge, of the International Industrial Committee of the Y. M. C. A., gave an interesting chapel talk, last Saturday morning, in which he outlined the vast number of opportunities for college men to work among the foreign and uneducated elements of our cities. Mr. Rindge is an author, social expert, and athletic director, and spoke from his own experiences, giving examples of excellent work being done by college students in many varied fields.

LYFORD PRIZE SPEAKING ANNOUNCED.

Announcements concerning the Annual Lyford Interscholastic Prize Speaking Contest to be held May 11 have been issued by Professor Libby. This contest is open to young men attending preparatory schools in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, the only restriction being that application must be made to the registrar of the college one month before the date set. Four prizes of \$40,\$20,\$12, and \$8, respectively, are offered, and each of the twelve contestants taking part in the final speaking will be awarded a medal. It is expected that the contest will be one of the largest in recent years.

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THIRTEEN SCHOOLS TO COMPETE IN GOOD-WIN DEBATE.

The Eighth Annual Goodwin Interscholastic Debating Contest will be held under the auspices of Colby College, on the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 20, 1917, in the college chapel. The prizes, aggregating one hundred dollars, are given in memory of the late Hon. Forrest Goodwin, '87.

Thirteen schools, the largest number ever represented in the Goodwin contest, will compete for the honors, this year. They are divided into two groups: Group A—Bangor, Fairfield, Madison, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Rumford, Waterville, and Lewiston High Schools; Group B—Coburn Classical Institute, Hebron Academy, Maine Central Institute, Oak Grove Seminary, and Thornton Academy.

Coaches from the class in Debating 5, have been appointed, as follows:

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Thornton Academy—R. W. Smith, '18.

HEMENWAY OFFERED SCHOLARSHIP AT JOHNS HOPKINS.

On the recommendation of Professor T. B. Ashcraft of the Colby mathematics department, Leland D. Hemenway, '17, has been offered a scholarship of \$150 to pursue graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. The granting of this scholarship is a new departure at the university, and Mr. Hemenway is fortunate to receive the offer.

Mr. Hemenway has been the college tutor in mathematics during the past three years and has met with great success. He possesses rare natural ability in this line and should make good use of this excellent opportunity.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the society has been postponed to 7.80 o'clock, Monday evening, March 19. At that time, Dr. Caswell of the chemical department will read a paper, "On the Constitution of the Atom."

STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Miss Phoebie Vincent, '17, treasurer of the Student Endowment Fund Committee, makes the following financial report:

Taft lecture:

Sale of tickets	\$668.25	
College lecture fund	100.00	
Expenses		\$400.51
cital	26.56	. •
Cash on hand	\$394 30	

Further Plans.

The interest of the students in the Endowment Fund and their eagerness to have a part in raising the amount has led the Student Committee to make further plans for increasing the Student Fund.

John Corey Richardson, '11, of Boston, a vocal soloist of rare ability, has offered to give a concert here, assisted by college instrumental artists. Later in the year, a second concert will be given by the Men's Glee Club and Women's Glee Club. In this program, the orchestra, trio, quartet, and soloists will be added attractions. For the concluding entertainment, the committee is trying to secure Theodore Roosevelt to lecture, but if he is unable to come, an effort will be made to engage William Jennings Bryan, or James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany.

It is hoped by these various means the students may contribute a substantial sum toward the Centennial Fund by 1920. This movement, moreover, is not only giving the students an opportunity to help in this great work, but it is also giving excellent chances to hear some of the best known speakers in the United States.

FORTY-TWO MEN WILL COMPETE IN HALLOWELL CONTEST.

The fact that the class in Public Speaking 6 numbers 42 members, will make the Hallowell Prize Speaking Contest, this year, of more than usual interest. All the members of the class compete in the preliminaries which will be held April 16, and twelve men will be chosen to participate in the finals, which will occur Friday evening, May 4.

The Hallowell differs from the other speaking contests in that the contestants write their own articles, thus making a pleasing variation from mere declamations. Prizes aggregating one hundred dollars will be awarded the winners.

CAMPUS CHAT

The battery candidates for the baseball team are working out every day in the cage. Since we have already won the football and debating championships, the men are anxious to make a clean sweep of all three honors, as was done in 1914-15.

Professor Franklin gave a very interesting lecture, Thursday afternoon, at the St. Mark's vestry, on "Alfred Noyes." It was the third of his series of lectures on English literature.

Professor Brown spoke to the Boy Scouts, at the Methodist church, Monday evening. His topic was, "Friendly Stars."

Wednesday evening, Dr. Black entertained various members of the Country Club with a formal party at the Country Club House.

Y. M. C. A.

Fred H. Rindge, industrial secretary of the National Y. M. C. A., spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday doing practical association work among the Syrians of Waterville. Together with a number of college men he started an English class on the plains for the benefit of the Syrians. Mr. Rindge also left many good suggestions for the Y. M. C. A. service program.

Two deputations were sent out last Sunday: C. A. Mitchell, '20, went to Athens and E. C. Dunbar, '19, spoke at North Fairfield.

Last evening, Professor Franklin led the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the regular Y. M. C. A. room. Refreshments were served after the meeting. The room has been remodeled and cleaned and two large pictures of the Y. M. C. A. delegates to Northfield add to its attractiveness.

Next week, the Y. M. C. A. meeting will be an informal gathering in the Y. M. C. A. room. William B. West, '18, will be the speaker, and an excellent musical program has been planned.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

The third out-of-town performance of "Higbee of Harvard" was given at Albion, last Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. A fifteen mile sleigh ride to and from the town was enjoyed by the actors.

D. K. E.

Harold C. Harris of Boston, who has just entered the freshman class, is a guest at the Deke House.

R. J. Miranda, who has transferred to Colby from Cornell, is also a guest at the House.

The third annual banquet of the Maine Dekes will be held at the Augusta House, Augusta, Me., this evening. Xi chapter will go in a body.

D. U.

G. F. Hendricks, '19, accompanied the Waterville High School basketball team to Belfast, last Friday. J. Bramhall, brother of "Dutch" Bramhall, '15, and F. Robinson, both of Belfast, were at the college, last Friday, to attend the intercollegiate debate.

A. T. O.

Olin K. Porter, '20, who was obliged to go home last week because of trouble with his eyes, has again returned to college.

Harold Umphrey of Washburn visited his brother Milford Umphrey, '20, over Saturday and Sunday.

Theodore N. Levine, '17, will represent Maine Gamma Alpha of Alpha Tau Omega at the initiation banquet of Gamma Beta of M. I. T. to be held at Young's Hotel in Boston.

During the spring vacation the A. T. O. dramatic club will present "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," in the following six towns: Oxford, Bolster's Mills, Harrison, Bridgton, Norway, and Bethel. Mrs. Franklin is now coaching the play.

C. C.

Among the callers at the House, Sunday afternoon, were Professor and Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. C. A. Young, Mrs. Elizabeth Rackliffe, Miss Olive Allison, Miss Hilda Bradbury, Miss Olive Gotlander, and Mr. Harold Young. A pleasant afternoon was spent singing and enjoying a delicious marshmallow toast over a crackling fire in the fireplace.

J. F. Everett, '17, was called to his home in Pittsfield, Mass., Saturday, by the serious illness of his father.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Edited by the News Department of the Colbiana.

1917—Selma Koehler.

1918—Jennie Odelle Sanborn.

1919—Mary Elizabeth Tourtellott.

1920—Alice Helen Clark.

Business Manager—Grace Farnum, '17.

LITERARY SOCIETY, MARCH 16.

Subject: Nature in Spring.

Birds—Elsie Lane, '17.

Flowers—Grace Lermond, '19.

Insects—Lucile Rice, '18.

Vocal Solo, Hazel Whitney, '18
Current Events: Mabel McCausland, '20, Helen
Getchell, '20, Retta Carter, '20.
Piano Solo, Hazel Robinson, '17

Extemporaneous criticisms.

Miss Beatrice Pond of Houlton has been the guest of Ethel Duff, '17, at Dutton House, recently.

Bertha Norton, '20, spent the week-end at her home in Madison.

Miss Genevieve Robinson was the guest of her sister, Irene Robinson, '20, over Sunday.

Mr. Parkman Collins of U. of M. called on Violet French, '18, recently.

Marion Starbird, '18, spent the week-end at the home of Lucile Rice, '18.

Miss Berle Nye of Skowhegan called on Lucy Taylor, '17, Monday.

Leonora Knight, '17, spent Sunday at the home of Susie Smith, '17, in Augusta.

Flora Norton, '17, has returned from Monson, where she has been teaching for the past two weeks.

Last Thursday evening, the sophomore delegation of Tri Delt gave a birthday party to Elizabeth Hoffman. A five course dinner was served during which mirth and jollity held sway.

The prizes offered by the Colbiana for short stories were awarded as follows: First prize, \$5, "The Blossoming of Patricia the Less," Lyda Turner, '18; second prize, \$2, "True Colby Spirit," Selma Koehler, '17; third prize, \$1, divided between Gladys Twitchell, '20, "Dorothy's Plan," and Lucy Teague, '20, "Separating the Sheep from the Goats." These stories will appear in the next number of the Colbiana which will be out just before the spring vacation.

About a dozen Alpha Delta Pi girls entertained the patients at the Sanitorium, Saturday afternoon, with music and readings.

RESOLUTIONS.

At the close of the conference on Vocational Opportunities held at Wheaton College, the speakers and delegates assembled to draw up the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Conference on Vocational Opportunities for College Women, held at Wheaton College, has been an inspiring revelation to the assembled delegates, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of this conference recommend that similar conferences be held at Educational Centers, with a view to stimulating interest in Vocational Bureaus and the establishment of a system of such Bureaus throughout the country, co-operating with Institutions, Organizations or Government in sympathy with this movement.

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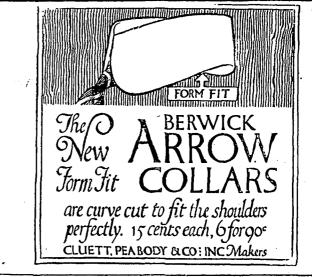
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