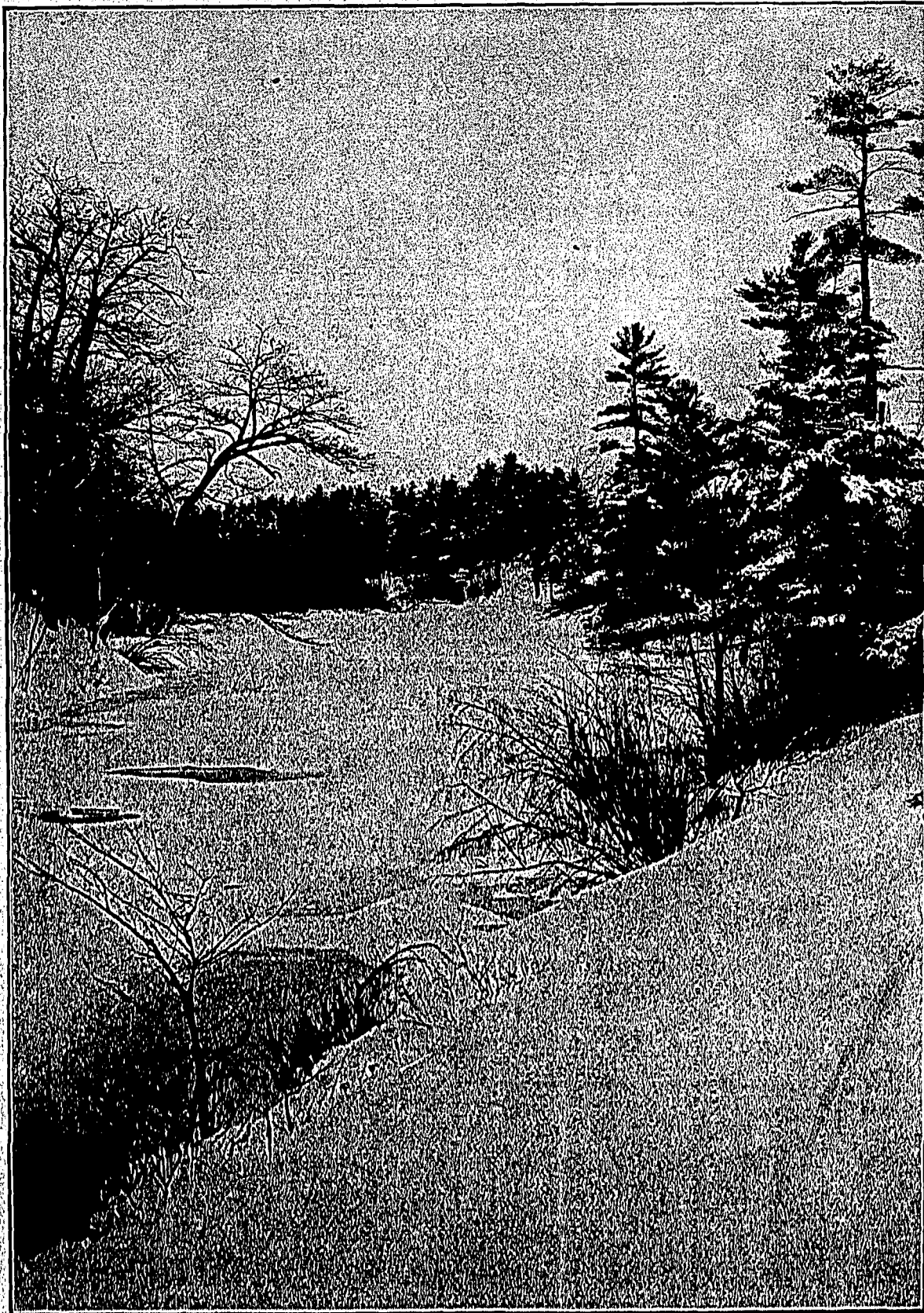


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## COLBY TO HAVE EXTENSIVE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

### Tentative List Games Announced.

Wayne W. McNally, manager of baseball, today made public a proposed schedule for the 1921 baseball season. As usual, the season will start with an exhibition game with the University of Maine at Waterville on Patriot's Day. Besides the Maine series, Manager McNally is practically certain of obtaining two trips, one to Massachusetts and another either to Connecticut and Vermont, or to New York.

The schedule, subject to revisions, is as follows:

April	20	U. of Maine at Waterville
	23	Boston University at Waterville
	27	Harvard at Cambridge
	28	Open
	29	Norwich University at Northfield, Vt., or Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y.
	30	U. of Vermont at Burlington, Vt., or St. Lawrence University, at Canton, N. Y.
May	4	Open
	7	N. H. State at Durham
	11	U. of Maine at Waterville
	14	Open
	17	Lowell Textile at Lowell
	18	Boston College at Boston
	19	Tufts at Medford
	21	Bowdoin at Waterville
	25	N. H. State College at Waterville, or Bowdoin at Brunswick
	28	Bates at Lewiston
	30	Wesleyan at Middletown, Conn.
June	1	Tufts at Waterville
	4	U. of Maine at Orono
	8	Bates at Waterville

## ELECTION FOOTBALL MANAGER

The results of the election for the various managerial positions, held in the chapel last Wednesday, are as follows: Manager of football, William F. Cushman; assistant managers of football, J. Leslie Dunstan, Raymond Daniels; assistant managers of baseball, George F. Terry, Raymond Bates.

Blackburn College, Illinois, has every available space filled and the authorities were forced to turn away 175 prospective students.

## SPEAKER ON CONDITIONS IN INDIA

Rustam Rustamjee, former editor of the "Oriental Review" of Bombay, India, and member of the Indian National Congress, gave an address Monday evening in the chapel on the political, religious and educational conditions in India.

Mr. Rustamjee has addressed most of the colleges of the eastern states. He said that the situation in India is a hundred times more serious than that of Russia. He then spoke of the great menace of the Pan-Islamism movement, which is spreading through Arabia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Palestine, and Africa.

"Bolshevism is knocking at the gates of India. We do not dread Mohammedanism but the combination of Mohammedanism and Bolshevism might lead to the disruption of the British Empire. Great Britain is the greatest nation and influence in Asia and Africa.

He then spoke of the society in America called the "Friends of India" which maintains that economic conditions in India are far worse than in pre-British days; that Great Britain is denying the people of India education; that there is nothing to prepare them for self-government. Mr. Rustamjee refuted these statements by telling of the progress of India under British control.

"There have been vast changes since British power came. Justice has been established; schools and railroads have come into existence; wildernesses have been converted into fertile lands; social evils have been helped; religions have liberty; economic conditions are better; low caste people never had an education, now a larger percentage of the boys and girls are educated in India than in Japan. The Brahmins are opposed to educating girls. They want all of the power in their hands."

Mr. Rustamjee condemned the Irish Rebellion, saying that India was perfectly content to remain under the power of Great Britain, and that if there were a great war to free Ireland, India and Africa, there would be an end of Christianity and Bolshevism would rule the world.

The main address was followed by an open forum discussion.

China has 20,000 students in the universities of Japan, 2,000 in the colleges and universities of the United States, and nearly a thousand in the universities of France.



## AFFIRMATIVE TEAM WINS IN FIRST COLLEGE DEBATE

The first of a series of debates to be held under the auspices of the Colby Debating Society took place on Monday, December 6, 1920, in the College Chapel.

The question for debate was,—Resolved: "That any man elected to a legislative body in the United States shall be permitted to hold his office in such body irrespective of his political affiliations."

The judges, Charles P. Chipman, Euclid Helie and Josef F. Nelson awarded the decision to the members of the affirmative team composed of Basil B. Ames, Arthur L. Berry, and Stanley G. Estes. It was said that the members of the affirmative team did excellent work.

The members of the negative team were as follows: E. Stanley Kitchin, Chilton L. Kemp and Thomas G. Grace. Dr. Libby expressed his appreciation to Thomas G. Grace for filling a vacancy at the last moment.

Following the main debate a general debate was held on the topic:—Resolved, "That the honor system in examination should be adopted in Colby College."

From the time the general debate opened until it was forced to close at six o'clock it was a hot, intelligent discussion pro and con, over twenty men taking part.

The presiding officer was George B. Wolstenholme, president of the Debating Society.

## REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF THE 1919 ORACLE

### Credit Items

Receipts from Fraternities and Sororities and from the College Treasurer	\$1,413.90
Z. P. ....	\$56.00
D. K. E. ....	94.50
D. U. ....	105.00
P. D. T. ....	73.50
A. T. O. ....	161.00
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S. K. ....	157.50
P. M. ....	80.50
College ....	195.90
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	\$1,413.90
Receipts from Sale .....	108.50

Receipts from Advertising .....	383.50
Receipts from Discounts .....	37.73
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Total receipts .....	\$1,943.63

### Debit Items

Printing of Oracle .....	\$1,418.34
Additional charges .....	378.17
Miscellaneous Expense:	
Delivery of Oracle .....	\$14.83
Telephone and Telegraph .....	6.76
Carfares .....	38.28
Letterheads, etc. ....	29.90
Postage .....	14.35
Typewriter .....	25.00
Other Expenses .....	14.00
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	\$147.12
Total Expense .....	\$1,943.63
Total Income .....	\$1,943.63

Number of Oracles received .....	600
Number of Oracles sold, (except to societies or student body or thru College treasurer) .....	31
Number of Oracles delivered to Societies or Student Body .....	348
Number of Oracles Complimentary Copies .....	24
Number of Oracles delivered to Advertisers .....	23
Number of Oracles sold to College ...	174
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	600

I find the above report to be correct.

WEBSTER CHESTER,

Chairman Committee on Non-Athletics.

Dec. 7, 1920.

## BARON KORFF GIVES FORCEFUL ADDRESS

Topic "Russian Revolution and Some Phases of Bolshevism"

Optimism was the key-note of an address on Russia, in the college chapel, last Thursday night. The speaker was Baron Serguis A. Korff, a Russian, a professor of constitutional law in his own country, and a member of the peace commission of 1919. Baron Korff was rather slight, nervous man, witty, pungent and sure in his speech. He held a capacity audience for over an hour.

The address was the first of a series to be given this year under the auspices of The International Relations Club.

Revolution, said Baron Korff, was not a bolt out of a clear sky. As all well-informed Russians knew, it was a storm that had long been brewing. Liberal reforms traced only as far back as the period directly after the Crimean War, in which—significant fact—Russia was badly beaten. But ever since that time, an important group of the Russian people have been actively interested in securing the freedom of their country. In fact, some of Russia's greatest patriots were produced in the sixties and seventies. Yet their efforts were destined to come to nothing on account of a division of opinion.

The elder, conservative people desired self-government, but realized that it must be the work of years. The younger, radical group were too impatient to wait for this process and tried to hurry it. The only response was pressure by the government, followed by more agitation, which brought about further pressure.

The game continued. Many of the agitators were exiled. These political exiles formed colonies in the large cities of Europe—London, Paris, and Geneva. Out of touch with the conditions of Russia, they became theoretical, impractical. In these settlements, Bolshevism was fostered.

And then, when people were despairing of Russia's becoming free for this generation, at last, the Japanese War broke out. A second time, defeat meant liberty. Russia's first constitution was granted in 1905, and the Duma met for the first time the following year. Following this brief promise of liberty, a period of reaction set in, lasting until 1914.

It was but natural that many people should think that military defeat was the only method of gaining freedom. These, along with German sympathizers, made a powerful enemy to the government. On the other hand, there were many who feared a German victory above all things. These people feared a revolution during war-time, even while they prayed for it in normal times.

But the revolution came and with it the Bolsheviks gained strength. Realizing something of their purpose, the Kerensky government let them alone for two reasons: First, they feared lest they should become tyrannical themselves—hence they abolished capital punishment; secondly, they believed that extremes always kill themselves. (They do, but such a death sometimes costs the state a good deal.)

On December 5, 1917, the Bolsheviks gained control of the government. Here, Baron Korff took the opportunity to define Bolshevism in contrast to Democracy. Bolshevism, he said, has the one idea of class struggle, class hatred. The Bolsheviks ar-

gue for rule by the four or five per cent. that make up the proletariat—the manufacturing class, without regard to peasant, bourgeois, or capitalist. Bolshevism is Autocracy, pure and simple. Democracy is concerned with two problems—production, which is largely solved already, and distribution, which is very important and must be solved in the immediate future. Democracy is absolute equality of opportunity. Bolshevism and Democracy are, then, exact opposites.

But Bolshevism is not a German invention. Nor is it the result of defeat, for Italy, a conquering nation, was almost overcome by it. It is a national product, having three or four direct causes. The first, perhaps the most important, was the land hunger of 85,000,000 peasants. The new government offered them land, and so they stood by the government. But when the land was taken from them as the property of the commune, this great class repented of their bargain. The second reason lay in the decay of the autocracy. The third cause was the disintegration of the army, brought about by several means—the loss of the sense of property, attendant on a community life, in which everything is supplied by a vague and impersonal "government;" the loss of family life, on account of being separated over a period of years; and the loss of moral and religious feelings, from the life in the trenches. When in 1917 the restraint imposed by the officers was lightened and the army came home, it was ready for the seeds of Bolshevism.

But, today, the reaction has set in. With the massacre of the aristocracy, the loss of rights of the bourgeoisie, the desertion of the peasants, the manufacturing classes are finding theirs a hard row to hoe. Their need for bankers, managers, and engineers is forcing them to call these classes back to work. They are finding their high vision to be a night-mare. Their freedom is mythical. They suffer acutely for even the necessities of life. Gradually the concept of a socialistic state is being superseded by a hope for a strong man to restore order out of the present chaos. Empty stomachs and shivering bodies are bound to spell the end of the present government, sooner or later.

The pendulum is swinging back from radicalism. Already we can see a brighter future. In the long run, some democratic system for Russia will come.

In the question and answer period, at the close of the lecture, Baron Korff's keenness of wit and readiness of thought were most apparent. In speaking of Lenine and Trotsky, the Baron said that the former was a "difficult fanatic" who, had he lived in the Middle Ages, would probably have been burned at the stake. Trotsky was depicted as selfish and insincere, a direct opposite to Lenine in character.

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What has become of the Colby Dramatic Club? Three years ago, in those wonderful days before the S. A. T. C., Colby was ably represented by this important student activity. A good play was given, trips were made. Last year, officers were chosen, apparently to officiate at the funeral.

But the Maine "Mask," and the Bowdoin "Ivy Play" and "Mask and Gown" are not inactive.

A Dramatic Club would of course be a source of valuable training, and would give some trips as good as any enjoyed by the Musical Clubs. But it would do more than that. Colby needs advertising. It is a strong argument in favor of the musical clubs that they keep Colby in the minds of

the people. The argument holds with equal force for a dramatic club. In every town visited, there would naturally be a high school. A good impression would mean prospective students. These should realize that there is such a place as Colby College.

We have faith in Colby. We believe she can take her place at the front in any worth while activity. But there are some who do not have that faith. Let's show them

C. E. R.

## RABBI WISE HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday night, the third event in the D. U. Lyceum Course is to take place. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, one of the best known orators in America today, is to speak on "Americanization, True and False," in the Baptist church.

This is not Rabbi Wise's first appearance in Waterville, for as the upper-classmen will remember, he was the lecturer for the Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Lecturer Foundation, in 1919.

Rabbi Wise is a holder of an advanced degree from Columbia, a preacher of twenty-five years experience, Chairman of the Zionist Commission to the Peace Conference, and a holder of the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, conferred by the French government for "eminent services to the republic." Notwithstanding all this, he is a man of the people and devoted to the people in the highest sense. During the war he worked as laborer in a Connecticut shipyard.

Always his great passion has been for America and the common people of every nation. Endowed with a magnetic personality and rare oratorical gifts, he has the power to kindle in his hearers his own burning zeal, nobler living, and a finer humanity.

Peter Clark MacFarlane says of him in Collier's Weekly:

"All will admit that to touch Stephen is to lay one's finger on the pulse of a man. His personality bristles. He is a lump of human radium. He has the square shoulders of an athlete, the firm face of a fighter. There is something of the eagle in the man. His speeches are whirlwinds of eloquence and humor, and there is always the spice of adventure in accompanying him on an after dinner oratorical flight, for no one knows except himself—and he always, for he is a calculating cruiser—when he is going to drop the dynamite."

## DEKE INITIATION BANQUET

The seventy-fourth Annual Initiation Banquet of



Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was held at the Elmwood Hotel on Friday evening, December 3, 1920, with forty-four Dekes in attendance. Old grads and undergraduates snake-danced around the hotel lobby and then marched into the banquet hall where the tables were set with appropriate Deke favors.

Libby Pulsifer, '21, as toastmaster, between the courses read telegrams and letters of greeting from alumni unable to be present.

The speakers, after the "feed" had been disposed of and cigars lighted, were: Donald A. Snow, 1921; Charles A. Barnes, 1895; George Otis Smith, 1873; Howard R. Mitchell, 1872; Leslie F. Murch, 1915; John O. Newton, Wesleyan, 1893; Hugh Cram Whittemore, 1922; John R. Gow, 1923; and Joseph C. Smith, 1924.

Alexander Thompson, Bowdoin, 1921, brought greetings from the sister chapter. Karl R. Philbrick, 1923, also of Bowdoin, was present.

The fathers of two initiates were present, George O. Smith and Charles A. Barnes. The initiates were: Mark E. Shay, Jr., Cranston H. Jordan; Joseph C. Smith; Richard C. Sackett; John A. Barnes, Edmund D. Reynolds, Grenville B. Vale, Chester L. Glenn, James A. Wilson, LeRoy W. McDonough, Fred E. Chase and Waino Enholm, of the class of 1924; and John Russell Coulter, class of 1922.

#### A. T. O. DANCING PARTY

The first informal dance of the season was given by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, at Elk's Hall, Tuesday evening, November 30. The hall was decorated with the customary fraternity and sorority banners. Music was furnished by the College Novelty Orchestra. Refreshments were served by the Spear Folks.

The patrons and patronesses were President and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. J. William Black, Dean Nettie Runnals, and Mrs. A. M. Drummond. Dancing continued from 8 until 11.30. The fifty couples who were present voted the affair an entire success.

#### PRESS CLUB ELECTS

Thomas G. Grace, '21, was elected President of the Colby Press Club, at its regular weekly meeting, November 30. Frederick G. Fassett, Jr., '23, was elected secretary. The Press Club intends to be a "live wire" organization this year, and meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon at 3.30. All reporters for newspapers are eligible for membership.

#### DEBATE NEXT WEEK

We want every member of the College at the next debate.

The next debate of the series will be held on December 13, 1920.

The topic for discussion will be:—Resolved, "That the members of the cabinet of the President of the United States shall be elected by popular vote."

The members of the teams are as follows:

##### Affirmative

HAROLD M. SACHS  
EVAN J. SHEARMAN  
CHARLES O. WHEELER

##### Negative

ROBERT L. STONE  
GEORGE H. WILLS  
DELMONT W. BISHOP

The topic for general debate will be:—Resolved, "That final examinations in Colby College should be abolished."

This debate promises to be fully as interesting and as lively as the last debate, for the subject is of vital importance to many men. Every man out!

#### THE COLBY ALUMNUS

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Among the Trustees:—Herbert M. Lord, '84; Franklin W. Johnson, '91.

The New Head of the Alumni Association.

Changes in the College Faculty.

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Colby's Track Coach.

#### SPECIAL ARTICLES

Letters from Colby's Sons and Daughters, by the Editor.

The Death of Richard Cutts Shannon, '62.

Among Maine's Preparatory Schools:—At Ricker, by Ernest H. Stover, '92; At Coburn, by Drew T. Harthorn, '95; At Higgins, by William A. Tracy, '14; At Hebron, by Ernest C. Marriner, '18; at Oak Grove, by Robert E. Owen, '14; at Lee Academy, by John K. Pottle, '18.

Athletics at the College:—New Proposals for the Alumni Association, by Archer Jordan, '95; Track

Athletics, by Michael J. Ryan; Report on Physical Training for the Women's Division, by Special Committee; Good Sportsmanship, by Frank W. Manson, '98.

The Profession of Journalism, by Oliver L. Hall, '93.

Colby's Foreign and Home Missionaries, by the Editor.

Some Well-Wishes from '65, by Augustus D. Small, '65.

The Aims of the Promotion Committee, by Rose Adelle Gilpatrick, '92.

Some Tabulations from the General Catalog, by Charles P. Chipman, '06.

A Word from the Orient, by Hazel E. Barney, '18.

Colby Sons of Colby Sons and Daughters, by J. Hardy Patten, '23.

Statistics of Student Enrollment at Colby, 1825-1920.

On the Campus.

Maine's Reformatory for Men, by Harold E. Donnell, '12.

Boston Colby Alumni Meeting, by One-Who-Was-There.

November Meeting Board of Trustees, by Charles E. Owen, '79.

In Memoriam:—George Martin Smith, '73; Jesse Hosmer Ogier, '93; Joseph Lincoln Colby, Trustee; George Stratton Paine, '71; Elgin Cameron Verrill, '83; William Ernest Smith, '78; Hubert Adams Emery, '20; Wilford Gore Chapman, '83; Thomas Putnam Packard, '84.

With the Alumni and Alumnae, by the Editor.

## CAMPUS CHAT

Joseph Pollock and Bernal D. Bailey were the guests of Robert D. Conary at Sunshine, during Thanksgiving holidays.

"Tom" Cook, '22, with his sister, walked to their home in Brooks for Thanksgiving. The trip was made in approximately twelve hours.

Gove spent Thanksgiving as the guest of R. V. Hazard of Gardiner.

Robinson, Peaslee, and Lovely spent Thanksgiving gunning at Lake Moxie.

Lovely spent the week-end in Skowhegan.

Hugh Smith, '20, sub-master at Higgins Classical Institute, was a recent visitor at the D. U. house.

Dr. Merrill, '04, gave a short talk at the D. U. House, Sunday evening.

Arthur Baker, ex-'22, called at the D. U. House, last Monday.

Olney Higgins of Foxcroft, is a guest of the D. U's for a few days.

The D. U's received a flying visit from "Dick" Sprague, '18, last week.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity has moved into the Hussey house on lower College avenue.

Prince A. Drummond, '15, has been elected graduate manager of sports filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Robert L. Ervin, who has been graduate manager for several years.

H. Thomas Urie, who is now with the Houghton-Mifflin company, was a visitor at the A. T. O. house over the week-end.

Harold White, '20, who is principal of the Franklin High School, visited the A. T. O. house during the Thanksgiving recess.

The following men were home over the recess: Charles Mitchell, Miff Umphrey, Verne Smith, '21, Williams, Chamberlain, Pottle, Robinson, '22, Radcliff, Berry, Dunstan, '23, and Nickerson, Scott, McGarry, McLeary, Tibbetts, Libby, '24.

Harvey Knight, '14, was one of the four Trenton, N. J., law students who were successful in the November examinations of the State Bar examiners. In the spring of 1919 he was admitted to the bar, with the right to practice law, in the states of Maine and New York. While in Colby, Knight was extremely active in debating and public-speaking circles.

The Deke "military" initiation caused no little amusement last week.

Paul H. Eams, '21, and John E. Woodard, '21, of Bowdoin spent the week-end as guests of Charles W. Carroll, '21.

To-night will be guest night of the Zeta Psi Fraternity. The Dekes will be our guests and President A. J. Roberts our speaker.

Leslie Ferguson Murch, '15, who is teaching physics at Dartmouth, spent the week-end at the D. K. E. house.

Libby Pulsifer attended the Hebron football banquet at Hebron Saturday evening.

P. Tarpey, '24, visited his home in Fitchburg, Mass., during the Thanksgiving recess.

Joel E. Taylor, '21, spent his vacation with friends in Haverhill, Mass.

W. J. Brown, '23, enjoyed the vacation at his home in Lowell, Mass.

C. H. Stevens, '20, of Dartmouth college was entertained by A. Richardson at his home in Fairfield during the Thanksgiving recess.

Robert L. Stone, '22, and Richard Pike, '24, failed as hunters on their trip into the woods over the recess period.

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### Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Tuesday, Nov. 30, chapel exercises were given over to the furtherment of the swelling of the fund for the needy students of the world. Miss Grace Foster was the first speaker; she outlined the purpose of the drives, presenting vividly the deplorable conditions among students of the foreign countries. Miss Daphne Fish then urged the girls to give generously to these friends. Mite boxes, some for the Oriental students, others for the European students, are conveniently placed as follows: For Foss Hall, under the custodianship of Alice Dyer, Hazel Drew and Helen Raymond; for Mary Low Hall, Melva Mann and Marion Cummings; for Dutton House, Helen Williams; and for the town girls, Ruth Goodwin.

Under the direction of Miss Daphne Fish, chairman of the drive committee, a pageant will be presented on Tuesday, Dec. 14. It is entitled "Lighting the Christmas Candles;" the following girls will take part: Misses Marion Cummings, Celia Clary, Helen Emmons, Beatrice Ewan, Mary Lord, Ivian Hubbard, Margaret Turner, and Evangeline York.

At the close of the presentation of this pageant, all the mite boxes will be opened, and the Christmas candles will be lighted, if enough money has been given.

There will be a Vesper Service under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in the chapel at four o'clock Sunday, Dec. 12. This is to be a Christmas Service with several especially interesting features. Everybody is welcome.

The Junior delegation of Sigma Kappa had breakfast Sunday morning in the sorority hall, in honor of Catherine Bates, ex-'22.

The Annual Initiation and banquet of Sigma Kappa took place on Saturday evening. The following girls were initiated: Lucy Osgood, '23; Mildred Todd, '23; Ruth Allen, '24; Marion Brown, '24; Cathryn Cole, '24; Siprelle Day, '24; Ruth Fairbanks, '24; Ervina Goodale, '24; Helen Pratt, '24;

and Hilda Worthen, '24. Among those present were Lydia Bisbey of B. U., Miss Parmenter, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Small, Phyllis St. Clair, Helen Cole, Adrienne Clair, Margaret Buswell and the active girls.

Marguerite Craig, ex-'22, called at the Hall Wednesday.

Miss Irma Tapp of Kingston, N. C., national inspector of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, was the guest of Alpha Delta chapter on Friday and Saturday.

Doris Ackley passed the Thanksgiving recess in Fairfield.

Merle Rokes spent Thanksgiving with her aunt in Gardiner.

Elizabeth Kellet, Marrjoie Kemp, Arlene Ringrose, Louise Jacobs, Dorothy Chaplin, Lena Cooley spent the holidays at their respective homes.

Linna Weidlich passed the week-end with Mrs. Chester O. Wylie at Thomaston.

Louise Steele passed the Thanksgiving holidays with friends in Camden.

Marion Waterman was a guest at Mary Low Hall Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 23.

The Delta Delta Delta fraternity held its Trident Degree of initiation at the fraternity rooms last Wednesday night.

The Delta Delta Delta fraternity recently entertained their patronesses at a tea in honor of Mrs. A. J. Roberts.

Clara Gamage, '21, Helen Dresser, '23, Avis Newman, '23, Helen Pierce, '23, and Evangeline York, '24, spent the Thanksgiving recess in Portland.

Bertha Norton, '21, spent the Thanksgiving recess in Oakland.

Doris Gower, '21, spent the Thanksgiving recess at home in Skowhegan.

Marcia Davis, '21, and Celia Clary, '24, spent the Thanksgiving recess at their homes in Livermore Falls.

Ruth Jameson, '23, spent the Thanksgiving recess at her home in Warren.

Marion L. Drisko, '23, spent the Thanksgiving recess in Gardiner.

Miss Theodosia Siebold of Washington, D. C., visited Beta chapter of the Chi Omega fraternity this week.

Helen Freeman, '23, left yesterday for her home in Bath, called there by the illness of her mother.

Sympathy is being extended to Miss Ruth Goodwin, '15, of Silver street, whose father passed away recently.

"An angry man—a full kettle; the more he boils, the more he slops over."—Bill Osborne.





## What Is Air?

**B**EFORE 1894 every chemist thought he knew what air is. "A mechanical mixture of moisture, nitrogen and oxygen, with traces of hydrogen and carbon dioxide," he would explain. There was so much oxygen and nitrogen in a given sample that he simply determined the amount of oxygen present and assumed the rest to be nitrogen.

One Great English Chemist, Lord Rayleigh, found that the nitrogen obtained from the air was never so pure as that obtained from some compound like ammonia. What was the "impurity"? In co-operation with another prominent chemist, Sir William Ramsay, it was discovered in an entirely new gas—"argon." Later came the discovery of other rare gases in the atmosphere. The air we breathe contains about a dozen gases and gaseous compounds.

This study of the air is an example of research in pure science. Rayleigh and Ramsay had no practical end in view—merely the discovery of new facts.

A few years ago the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began to study the destruction of filaments in exhausted lamps in order to ascertain how this happened. It was a purely scientific undertaking. It was found that the filament evaporated—boiled away, like so much water.

Pressure will check boiling or evaporation. If the pressure within a boiler is very high, it will take more heat than ordinarily to boil the water. Would a gas under pressure prevent filaments from boiling away? If so, what gas? It must be a gas that will not combine chemically with the filament. The filament would burn in oxygen; hydrogen would conduct the heat away too rapidly. Nitrogen is a useful gas in this case. It does form a few compounds, however. Better still is *argon*. It forms no compounds at all.

Thus the modern, efficient, gas-filled lamp appeared, and so argon, which seemed the most useless gas in the world, found a practical application.

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And the discovery of new facts is the primary purpose of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company.

Sometimes years must elapse before the practical application of a discovery becomes apparent, as in the case of argon; sometimes a practical application follows from the mere answering of a "theoretical" question, as in the case of a gas-filled lamp. But no substantial progress can be made unless research is conducted for the purpose of discovering new facts.

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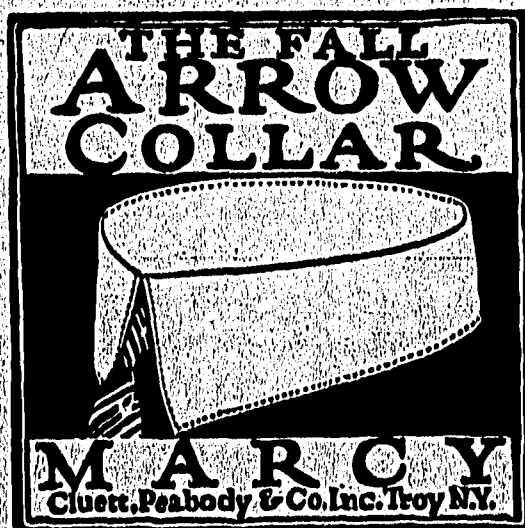
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