

MUSICAL CLUBS 'HAVE GREAT TRIP

Have Very Successful Concerts at Pittsfield, Island Falls and Houlton.

SOME SIDELIGHTS THAT YOU NEVER SAW PUBLISHED

On the afternoon of December 13, 1921, the Musical club, or rather, the members of the Musical club, twenty-two strong, stepped onto a train bound north. This was the starting point of an eventful trip into Aroostook county.

The first stop was made at Pittsfield, a fairly good sized town. As the boys jumped off the train, their eyes met those of a score of girls and boys from M. C. I. The concert was promoted by the Maine Central Institute, hence the gathering of students at the station. It was surely a fine welcome. The young musicians were soon taken care of—some going to private families and some to the Institute.

There was a very appreciative and interested audience seated in Union Hall when the curtain rose. It was then—the first concert—that must disclose what weeks of rehearsing had done for the club. Suffice it to say that the concert was a huge success from beginning to end. After the concert, many "bouquets" were handed the members, but none seemed to get "swell-headed" over them—at least, not so it was visible to the naked eye.

At noon the next day, the club was on its way to Island Falls. There were some amusing incidents which occurred on the road—for instance, at Northern Maine Junction, where the change from M. C. R. R. to B. & A.

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COLBY SPELLING BEE BECOMES A SWARM

Schools from All Over the State Catch the Fever—Prof. Libby Publishes New Edition of the Colby Spelling Book.

When Professor Libby had the Colby Spelling Bee book published, he wrote on the fly-leaf, "Edited once in a life time." Little did he realize the consequences that were to result from that simple little affair in the chapel!

Today, the spelling bee appears to be the coming amusement in the high schools of the state. From Houlton to Calais to South Berwick come reports of spelling bee projects. High schools all over the state are taking up the new craze, as part of the nation-wide campaign for better English. Incidentally, the affair appears to be regaining the place that it held in the afflairs, when Edward Eggleston said it was to Hoophole County, Indiana, what a society ball is to Fifth Avenue.

Yes, it must be admitted. No matter how much instruction may be acquired from an old-fashioned spelling bee, the instructive side is not half as appealing to the younger generation as the fun of seeing the prize freshman spill down the important English teacher on the word "cancelled" or "ascariatina."

Hence the demand for the new-old form of amusement. And, because it is probably the only book in existence arranged deliberately for that purpose, hence the demand for the Colby Spelling Bee book. Of course, with a new edition, there are bound to be some improvements. The new edition is larger and on the whole a more substantial book, than the first edition.

The present list of schools ordering books is as follows: Lisbon High School, Brookline High School, Brownfield High School, Hampden Academy, North Yarmouth Academy, South Berwick Academy, Calais Academy, Ricker Classical Institute, Weld High School, Winthrop High School, Belfast High School.

COLBY DEBATING TEAMS ENTER ON STIFFEST SCHEDULE EVER

This Year's Program Most Gruelling in History of Any Maine College--Twelve Debates Already Arranged--Teams Picked to Face Maine--Western Reserve, William and Mary, Berea, and Clark Among the Opponents.

In the debating program which has been outlined for the Colby debating team this year the debaters will have the greatest task ever attempted by any college in Maine.

In preparation for this arduous program a class of ten men have been selected from the student body by competition. This class meets three times a week as it would for any three hour course and for which the members of the class receive the credit for a semester's work. Outside of class hours there are conferences to be held on the question and impromptu debates.

Dr. Libby, upon being questioned concerning the prospects of Colby this year, said that he was very much pleased with the present outlook and that he thought that Colby stood a very good chance of putting a winning team in the field. He feels that the teams that go out will be a credit to the college in every way.

The majority of the men in the class are experienced debaters so that the most of the time may be spent in whipping the material on the present question into shape.

The proposition for debate this year is: Resolved, that the principle of the closed shop is justifiable. It is a question that is very timely and one in which there is nation-wide interest. From what the writer has been able to observe it seems as though that the sides are about evenly matched and some great intellectual battles may be expected when the teams get onto the different platforms.

Among the men there are those who composed the team last year. Wolstenholme, Russell and Ames need no introduction to the students of Colby as debaters for last year they did nobly in upholding the honor of Colby in the debating field.

Perhaps it would be of interest to the readers if the full program up to the present date should be reviewed.

Of course, the greatest trip of all is the contemplated trip to the West. This trip is for the purpose of debating at the Annual Conference of the Pi Delta Kappa Society of which Colby is the only eastern member. It might be well to say that this society is for the purpose of furthering debating and public speaking. In the West there is a great deal of interest shown in this form of competition and any team that goes there will be sure to find a foe well worthy of its steel. It can be stated now without fear of contradiction that this trip is an assured fact and preparations are going forward that the team may be ready when the time comes some time during the first of April.

Not only will Colby debate at Indianapolis where the conference will be held but a very complete program has been arranged for the men to debate both on the way out and on the way back. A list of the colleges to be debated has been obtained and they represent a very formidable array indeed for the debaters of Colby College. It must be remembered that while interest in forensic activities has waned here in the East somewhat during the last few years and especially during the war it has at the same time grown in the west until now some of the best debaters in the country may be found in this part of the country.

The first on the program is one of the biggest colleges in the West namely, Western Reserve at Cleveland, Ohio. This college has a student body of over two thousand and is considered if not the most formidable, at least one of the hardest on the program.

Next Colby will debate the second oldest college in the United States, one that has an enviable record in all forms of public speaking and debate. The name of this institution is

familiar to all, William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va.

Another college that Colby will meet and one that also is universally known and appreciated for its remarkable success in its forensic ability is the University of Notre Dame.

After these come Heddings University at Addington, Ill., and Antioch college at Yellow Springs. Neither of these colleges need any introduction to those who are familiar with the activities of the western institutions. They have been represented for years by some of the best debaters that the collegiate world has known.

Not only will Colby make this extensive trip to the West but also will meet many of the Eastern colleges of great reputation on the platform. Among these is Colby's old rival Clark, and in addition, the men will meet New Hampshire State. This debate will be of great interest since a former Colby man—Fred A. Pottle, '17, is now at the head of the Public Speaking Department of New Hampshire State and is therefore coaching the team in the very methods in which Colby's men are coached. When these teams meet an exciting encounter should result.

The first debate of the season will take place the third of February. The men who will represent Colby in this dual debate were selected by Dr. Libby last Friday. This selection does not mean that these men will be the ones to represent Colby in all the debates but is a tentative selection only in order that the coach may get a line on what the men can do when actually under fire. These men are: G. B. Wolstenholme, '22; A. L. Bickmore, '22; and S. Pinonsky, '23. These men will represent the affirmative side of the question and will debate University of Maine here. G. E. Russell, '22; L. W. Mayo, '22; and J. L. Dunstan, '23, will represent the negative side of the question and will invade the Maine campus, meeting Maine's representatives at Orono.

It is a stupendous task that has been outlined by the Debating Society and the men will have to look sharply to their honors but as the writer has interviewed each man he has been impressed by his earnestness and by his determination that he will show the colleges, lose or win, that Colby is putting out debaters, indeed, but chief of all—men.

GRADUATES GIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Alumni and Alumnae Donate Upwards of \$3100 in Response to Annual Appeal.

This year President Roberts sent his customary letter to Santa Claus urging him, or, if you are sophisticated, we might as well tell you, urging the alumni of the college not to forget Colby in the joys of the Christmas season.

Santa Claus—or was it 250 alumni and alumnae?—well, anyhow someone has given the college over \$3100 as a Christmas gift to help defray the running expenses of the college—to pay the professors, and the coal bill and the wear and tear on the college buildings and the like.

For years, this appeal to Santa Claus has been made and it is never shelved. It is a splendid proof of the devotion of the alumni that in spite of the Alumni Building Funds and Second Century Campaigns, the usual appeal at Christmas time has been even better responded to than usual.

MISS COBURN GIVES PRIZES FOR WOMEN

Coburn Prizes of Fifty Dollars to be Given Every Year to College for a Public Speaking Contest for the Women's Division.

Miss Louise Helen Coburn has announced that the Coburn prizes aggregating fifty dollars offered last year to the women of the college are to be continued from this time on. No doubt her decision was influenced by the very successful contest last spring, at which fully as much interest was evidenced as at any like contest of the men's division throughout the year. Last year eight young women competed and showed conclusively that, given a chance, the women of the college might speak as creditably as the participants in any contest, in any college.

The following rules are to govern the awarding of the prizes:

1. The contest shall be open to all students electing Public Speaking, 7, 8.

2. A contest preliminary to the public exhibition shall be held in which contestants shall present to a board of judges an original written address of not over ten minutes in length, and shall memorize and deliver an excerpt from this address of not over three minutes in length. The written address shall be judged on the basis of fifty points, and the spoken excerpt fifty points. The eight students ranking highest in the preliminary contest shall be appointed to the final contest.

3. A final contest shall be held at which the eight successful contestants shall deliver the addresses in full. A board of three judges shall pass upon the merits of the speaking, and shall award their decision on the basis of fifty points, of which interpretation shall count 25; appearance 15, and pronunciation 10.

4. The awards shall be as follows: First prize, \$25; second prize \$15; third prize \$10.

BOSTON ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET

Get-together Very Widely Attended by Colby People Around the City.

The Colby Forum met at the Twentieth Century Club, Boston, on the evening of December 16th. The usual attendance of about 50 got together early to renew class associations and were ready for dinner at 6.30. The music was particularly good and was in charge of Workman, '02, as choragus, as the boys used to say.

Prof. Edwards came up from the college and those who met him for the first time on the day following his election last spring, when he was one of the speakers at the Boston dinner, were glad to greet him again. His rehearsal of all what happened at Colby this fall was unusually complete and interesting.

During the discussion which followed, there was an opportunity for every loyal Colby man to get the latest news from the old college and it is fair to say that everyone went away full of renewed enthusiasm for Colby. Hamilton, '06, came down from Greenfield to be present and to confer with the other officers of the Boston Alumni association, of which he is president, regarding plans for the annual dinner in February.

It was voted to take part in the Intercollegiate smoker next year and Rogers, '17, was appointed to represent the college in that connection. About a dozen Colby men were present at the Intercollegiate smoker this year at the City Club, December 9th. There were 750 men present. Next year it is planned to include all colleges and hold the affair in a much larger hall.

WINTER SPORTS COME TO THE FRONT IN COLLEGE LIFE

Colby to Put Hockey and Basketball Teams into the Field in Addition to Relay Team. Practise to Begin Soon for Spring Track Team--Fraternity Basketball to Start Soon.

The outlook for winter sport at Colby, this year, is, on the whole, promising. There are various potentialities in the line of both indoor and outdoor sport which will come in for their full share of attention, if the statements of those prominent in undergraduate affairs are to be trusted. The student body is no more working on its own hook, with no leader and little or no organization. Professor Edwards has come to the fore both as a followable leader and a good organizer. Which fact is a good omen for the sport-lovers.

The interfraternity basketball league, in which there are eight fraternity and non-fraternity teams, will start its schedule within the next week. This organization will function throughout the winter, and will, successfully, it is hoped, supplant the bowling tournaments of yesteryear at the Casino alleys. The eight teams each have a manager, and have been assigned special hours and special days when the gymnasium is theirs for practice sessions. Professor Edwards is general supervisor of the league, and is helping the players with advice and coaching, as well as giving the managers a lift in the matter of organization. There is some talk that at the end of the season, in the later part of March, a varsity team will be chosen from the men in the league teams, and this possibility is serving as a strong incentive to eligible men to come out for the sport.

Another possibility as a winter organization is afforded in the new, dormant outing club, which was organized with much gusto last winter, and which fell into a state of coma or innocuous desuetude for two main reasons, lack of snow and lack of interest. The club failed, because, in the opinion of some, membership in it was made open without restriction to anyone. It has been said on the campus this year that if some test of a man's ability on snow shoes, skates or skis had been evolved, and men wishing membership in the club had been required to pass such a test, the

outfit would have prospered. Be that as it may, there is strong agitation afoot for the re-organization of the club this year, with some such provision made for membership requirements. It is hoped that Professor Edwards will be able to supervise this branch of the winter sporting blood as well as the others. The year is pretty well gone, which makes the possibility of even a small winter carnival this year more or less of a vain hope, but it is thought in various rather well informed quarters, that if the outfit can be put back on its feet this winter, next winter it will be able to do something really worth while in getting representation for Colby in winter meets at other colleges, and in getting the college some good advertising in the line of a carnival here, either intra-mural or intercollegiate. Such clubs are functioning very well at other colleges in the state. The famous Dartmouth club has the mountain chain of cabins to help it along. Colby has something just as good waiting for it in the Belgrade lakes, a half hour's ride from the city by trolley, a series of lakes, almost fifty miles in length, with untold possibilities in the line of skating, iceboating, snowshoeing, skiing on the hills, tobogganning, and so on, if there be some organization in the college to foster such an idea.

Independent hockey is claiming the attention of many of our winter sportsmen. A team has been tentatively organized in several of the fraternity houses, and in the halls. There are about a dozen men in the college who have had more or less past experience, and who have signified their intentions of backing any move that is made in the direction of a hockey team this year in the college. Rumors run that there is a good chance next winter of hockey's being made a varsity sport, and a regular schedule being arranged. Some start being made this year, such a thing, in the opinion of those who are supposed to know, is highly possible, as well as highly desirable.

MURRAY DEBATORS ARE CHOSEN GOODWIN SUBJECT IS ANNOUNCED

MEN PICKED FOR INTRA-MURAL DEBATE

"ORATORS AND ORATORY" THE TOPIC

March 13 is the date that has been set for the annual Murray debate. On that date the sum of one hundred dollars, the gift of George E. Murray, '79, will be distributed among six of the members of the class in public speaking, 5.

For the past few years, these contests have been one of the finest training schools for the inter-collegiate teams, that could be invented. This year, a noteworthy change in the character of the contest appears. All the men, are either juniors and seniors. This is directly in line with Dr. Libby's theory of the purpose of the public speaking and debating courses. It is not his purpose to center all his attention on two or three men, in the hope of turning out one unbeaten and unbeatable team. Rather would he distribute the effort in the endeavor to benefit as many men as possible and still get real results.

The question for the debate is, Resolved, That the direct primary law of the state of Maine should be repealed.

The men who will defend the affirmative are: A. Moulton Pottle, '22, William J. MacDonald, '23, Marvin D. Farnum, '23. The negative team will be John A. Coyne, '23, Verno E. Reynolds, '23, Sam Pinonsky, '23.

The general subject of the Goodwin Contest for prizes aggregating one hundred dollars has been announced. While it means rather a general theme than an attempt to circumscribe the subject of each speaker into a fixed mold, the announcement of the subject is a matter of considerable moment to the budding orators of the college. This year the various speeches must take up some phase of the general subject "Orators and Oratory."

The date of the contest is announced as April 17. Probably this contest is the most important intra-mural event in the list of forensic events. Although the contest is required only for the members of public speaking, 9, it is open to every man in college.

FOSS HALL BUILDS SKATING RINK.

Great preparations are under way toward perfecting the skating rink in back of Foss Hall. Saturday afternoon several members of the men's division very graciously helped the girls clean off the ice in return for rising vote of thanks. There are still several large piles of snow to be removed and then the best rink in Waterville will be open.

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A SUMMER SCHOOL.

Today prospects seem brighter than ever before in the history of the college for a summer school. A faculty committee has reported favorably on the subject; the faculty itself approves it; and the decision of the trustees, it would seem, is fairly likely to be favorable.

The desirability of a summer school, almost no one questions; yet there are many who profess to doubt the demand for it. It would be fine for Colby—if there were a great many people who would attend it. Naturally, the doubt can hardly be cleared up by lists of those who would attend. We learn in economics something to the effect that a supply creates a demand. And we learn from common sense that people are not going to waste time in demanding that which they believe is not to be had.

We believe that Colby has much to offer in a summer school. Probably not a school in the country would have a better climate; at no other time in the year does the college appear to better advantage than in the summer months. Colby for this very reason might be able to get some of the finest teachers in the country for its summer school faculty. It would seem that the college would have every advantage of any school in the country and a good many advantages that could be no where else duplicated.

The question of demand must, then, assume rather modest proportions. Other schools have successful summer sessions. Why not Colby?

THE COBURN PRIZES.

Comes the announcement that Miss Coburn is to make the Coburn Prize Speaking Contest a perpetual and annual affair. The college may indeed be grateful for this fresh expression of Miss Coburn's abiding devotion. As the first woman trustee, she has set an example that will mean, undoubtedly, increased representation on the board, in the future.

Colby is unusually fortunate in the number and amount of the prizes which are available to the students. Almost a thousand dollars every year are given to students for excellence in various contests. About six hundred dollars in the public speaking department alone is available. Probably much of the interest in speaking and debating that is manifested in the college is due to the contests made possible by these gifts.

For Colby is interested in platform work. When any college numbering less than three hundred men can carry on three athletic teams through the winter term, besides all the fraternity teams and activities; when the college supports good musical clubs and publications and then embarks on a debating schedule including thirteen debates—there is interest in platform work. Not disproportionate enthusiasm, but good, wholesome interest.

Very much of the credit for the situation must go to Colby's generous benefactors, who make these two-fold gifts—to the college and to the prize-winners, who win vastly more than the monetary award.

A BASEBALL COACH.

Four years ago, Colby won the baseball championship of the state of Maine. Three years ago, the entire championship team returned to college. The team won one championship game. The next year, Colby had good material, possibly not championship material, still, it was good material. Again Colby won one state game, and scored a percentage of 166. Last year, with what was as good material as could be found in the state, at least, Colby won half her games—her last half. Unluckily she lost one game—a home game—by the score of 11-0.

There has been good baseball material at Colby in the past three years—as good as in any college in the state. And Colby has the finest record of defeats in New England. What is the matter? We are not baseball experts. But, does it not look fairly reasonable that the situation MIGHT be bettered, if we got a coach before the season started? Wouldn't our chances of getting the right man be better? And wouldn't it be worth while to spend a little money on a baseball coach, as well as on track or football or hockey or basketball? Let us not throw away any of the advantages that we have in any of the other sports, but if we are to have baseball teams, let us see that we do all that is reasonable to make them a credit to the college.

Colby's coaching staff so far this year, has been as good as can be found in the state. Let us keep up the standard.

AS WE ARE.

This month there appears in one of the leading women's magazines, the first installment of a serial which claims to lay bare all the terrible secrets about "modern youth." Last month we read Mr. Ernest Poole's great novel—"The Harbor." We dimly remember something about the college pictured in "Salt," "A Far Country," and "Joan and Peter."

Last year Baron Korff compared the American with the Russian students, to the great disadvantage of the former. Year after year we hear and read the same old story—the depravity and the uselessness of college students and colleges.

It is a fact generally accepted by the authors, at least, that the colleges are falling down on their job. The "modern student body" and the old-fashioned one too, for that matter consists of jazz-mad erotics and drink addicts. The faculty consists and has consisted, from time immemorial, of crazy old incompetents. The sole reason d'être of the college, these authors earnestly tell us, is the painless relief of those overburdened with the unearned increment.

Physically, they admit, the American college man is fit. Walter Camp's figures prove, anyhow, that the modern boy is a better animal than his father.

Morally, they are not so sure. Dances and liquor and all the rest of the deadly sins are all the rage now. And when have they not been? It makes no difference that all these sins are not restricted to the young people. It is fashionable to criticize your youngsters and it is bad taste to talk about your elders. That is why we are doing it.

But the "real grievance" of the dyed-in-the-wool thoughtful critic is that colleges fail to develop the mind. The modern American college man does not think at all. Except about football.

We admit a very little of this contention. The American boy does not while away his time in a back restaurant drinking lager beer and discussing Nihilism and the tariff. Thank God Nihilism is a dead question and apparently he understands the tariff as well as Congress, already. But the American student does study the Kansas Law and the Closed Shop for weeks, as an extra course, for fun only. The college student of today doesn't wear flowing red neckties or go to Paris to study writing, but he pounds out a college newspaper and a magazine and a yearbook, in his spare time, for fun. Look at a few of them—THE MICHIGAN QUIMES, THE HARVARD CRIMSON, and THE JACK O' LANTERN.

The college student isn't eccentric or long-haired, but he gets some real music mixed with the regimine of the musical clubs.

The American college is a good subject for a serious novel, but why not print it as it is? Why not mention the small college, where the middle class of America goes to school? Isn't that middle class the largest and greatest? We could all read a novel

about the real American youth as quickly as some of the old-time playing-to-the-man-in-the-street lies.

OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Editor—

We greet you in the New Year. January is the synonym for soul house cleaning, when we attempt to slough off wasteful habits to make place for thriftier ones.

Probably you have noticed between the men's division and the women's division, the mutual censure and sarcasm, habitual rather than necessary. Do you like it? Would it not be more dignified to spend our energies in fostering an all Colby spirit rather than to squander them in puny criticism?

Granted that neither division is perfect, is it not equally true that each division has some admirable qualities? Let us take care, when we sharpen our wits that we cut no one.

FRANCES GOULD, '22.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 11, 1921.

Editor Colby Echo—

I read in the Mail Box articles signed by such as: Cynicus, One who values the Colby "C", Indignatus, Amator Bonae Scripturis, Curious Inquirer, Pro Minare Crabendi, Melissa Busteded, etc.

Shall we call this humorous or pitiful? Surely unsigned communications have no weight, when the writer fears to have his name made known.

I do not understand the consideration given by the "Echo" to unsigned letters.

STEPHEN AYER.

POEMS ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

LA CASITA.

(Mexican Folk Song)

Allá en el campo, muy a la orilla
De un arroyito murmurador,
Una casita llena de encantos.
Para ti ha puesto mi corazón.
Junto a la puerta hay madreselvas,
A la derecha se ve un jasmín.
Hacia el otro lado muchas violetas
Y otras mil flores también hay allí.

El no-me-olvidés sirve de alfombra.
Allí los lirios se hacen lucir;
Y las margaritas prestan su sombra.
Cuando en las tardes viene el colibrí.
Otro no falta para ser un cielo
Que un angelito como eres tú.
Deja tu tierra y sé mi esposa
Y ven conmigo vivir allí.

Allí la calma nunca se pierde;
Nunca hay tristeza, nunca hay dolor.
Allí se goza la paz del alma
Sin más testigos que el campo y Dios.
Si tú me quieres con el cariño,
Con que te busca mi corazón;
Vámonos juntos a esa casita
A ser felices mi bien tú y yo.

Revised by J. F. Nelson.

THE HOME IN JOYLAND.

Away in joyland beside a river,
Whose limpid waters low murmuring flow,
I've built a cottage of rare enchantments,
Where in profusion gay flowers blow.

There by the doorstep grow honey-suckles
And in the foreground two jasmín stand,
And all around them a thousand violets,
And other flowers all o'er the land.

Forget-me-nots form a lovely carpet
And splendid lilies look on with glee,
And shadowed daisies afford their fragrance,
When in the evening comes the colibrí.

The scene is perfect but for an angel
Duly to color my paradise;
Oh, leave your mother and be my sweetheart!
The only life that e'er satisfies.

The air is tranquil, no cause for trouble,
Then ne'er be sadness and never grief;
And there the heart shall have full enjoyment,
With no one looking but God and trees.

Then if you love me with that same fondness,
With which I sought you in ardent quest,
Going with me to my home in joyland,
Live there with me as my constant guest.

Yielding to the request of the editor for a translation of the "Casita" I humbly submit the above attempt though deeply conscious it would be beyond my power to render the simple language and the rhythm of the original into English.—J. F. N.

MEN WHO MADE COLBY

JONATHAN SCAMMON, '34.

Turning back through the history of Colby we often come across the name of a man not generally known or else overlooked in the scramble for new and empire-making men. Such is the case in the name of Jonathan Young Scammon.

Born in the small town of Whitefield, Me., he attended Kent's Hill for his preparatory education. He entered Colby, then Waterville College, with the class of 1834. After leaving college he studied law in Lowell in the office of Hon. John Otis. In 1835 he was admitted to the bar and immediately afterward he moved to Chicago.

Shortly after arriving in Chicago he was appointed attorney of the State Bank of Illinois. Chicago is indebted to him in many ways. First, he brought about the building of the Galena and Chicago Union railroad. He then established the public school system of Chicago and was school inspector in 1840. In 1841-43 he was secretary of the Board of Education and president of that board during the two years 1843-45.

In 1848 he received the Whig nomination for Congress and in spite of the fact that the Whig party was in the minority he carried Chicago by a large majority. In 1860 he was elected to the legislature by the Republican party.

He founded the first bank in Chicago which was merged into the Mechanics National Bank of which he was president. He was one of those prominent in the founding of the Chicago Swedenborgian Church and helped found the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

In memory of his deceased wife he established and built out of his own purse the Dearborn Observatory.

He was one of those who owned the Chicago Daily Journal which supported Henry Clay in 1842. Later he established The Inter-Ocean as a Republican paper.

It was through the efforts of Mr. Scammon that the Hahnemann Hospital and the Hahnemann Medical college were established. In 1865 he received the degree of LL. D. from Colby.

Two years after arriving in Chicago he was married to Miss Mary Ann Haven Dearborn and had four children by this union. His first wife died in 1858 and in 1867 he married Mrs. Maria Sheldon Wright. He spent his last years in practicing as a counselor, and died at his home "Fernwood Villa" in Chicago March 17, 1890.

CAMPUS CHAT

Campus question for this week. "What did you do while you were at home?"

The Chess and Checker club is having weekly practice, matches have been secured and active play is soon to commence.

The A. T. O. basketball team journeyed to Oak Grove Friday evening and got trimmed 23-21.

On the same evening the Lambda Chis trimmed a Belfast aggregation to the tune of 13-12.

E. V. Smith, '23, has returned to college after representing the Lambda Chis at their annual convention, held this year Dec. 28-31, at Dallas, Texas.

There were eleven men spent their Christmas vacation in Waterville, being quartered in Hedman Hall, all the fraternity houses except the A. T. O. house being closed.

All the houses on the campus will be closed to students during the coming summer by order of the trustees. In event of a summer school being established, arrangements will be made from rooms in the dormitories.

Track practice started Monday with about ten men out, independent of the relay men.

Baseball practice started Feb. 28 last year. No coach has as yet been procured, but as every indication points toward an early spring, baseball soon will be making its appearance among the undergraduates.

U. B. dance Saturday night. Visions of a Sophomore Hop are appearing on the horizon.

Wendell Grant, '23, has returned to college after completing his services as deputy sheriff at Houlton, Me.

Morlie Bamum, '21, has accepted a position teaching at the Houlton High school.

Elliot Chase, '23, is convalescing at his home in Skowhegan after an operation performed at Boston during the vacation.

Robert Jackson, '22, is out again after a brief illness.

Forrest M. Royal, '23, refereed basketball games in Winslow, Wednesday last week and Tuesday of this week.

The Delta Upsilon basketball lost to M. C. I. Friday night by a score of 44-28, or something like that.

Howard L. Boardman, '18, spent a few days at the D. U. House recently.

Several members of the M. C. I. and Belfast High school basketball teams were guests at the Delta Upsilon House for the past few days.

NOTES ON NEIGHBORS

Ethel Harmon, '24, spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Center Harbor, N. H.

The announcement has been received of the marriage of Merle Rokes, ex-'24, to Maynard C. Waltz, Bowdoin, '20.

GILRS' HOLD LIVELY MEETING.

A very lively rally was held Monday evening in Foss Hall Assembly Hall. This rally was called by President Gilliat for the purpose of getting up pep for the coming term. Songs were sung by each class and very enlightening talks were given by various members of the Health Board. Everyone went away full of enthusiasm promising herself to live up to the rules and regulations.

Mid-years are coming and it is the aim of the Health League to have every girl in bed by ten o'clock. No more late pies!

THEY SAY

That 250 alumni and alumnae wished President Roberts a Merry Christmas in a very fitting manner.

That Bates has an All-Maine debating team, but we doubt it.

That the library is a good place to put in an hour if you haven't the money to go to the Silver.

That some of the faculty seats in chapel were built for slender men.

That if the committee doesn't start a summer school till everybody writes the college a letter asking for it, it won't make many of us Ph. D's.

That some of the boys are hoping to pass their exams with Phi Beta Kappa rank, but more of them are just hoping to pass them.

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Being a clearing house for all questions personal and im-personal, wise and otherwise. For a personal answer, enclose a stamped and addressed envelope. Send all questions to Aunt Betsy, care of Colby Echo, Waterville, Me., or hand same to any of the Echo staff.

Dear Aunt Betsy:

I am a young man seventeen years of age and deeply in love. I have noticed however that she always closes her eyes when I kiss her. I am very worried and wish you would tell me why she does this.

Anxious.

Answer: Send me your picture and I think I can explain.

Dear Aunt Betsy:

Please tell me what you think about bobbed hair. My hair is of that nice frizzly kind that looks stunning when short and I've noticed that the boys are always interested in the girls with bobbed hair. Would you advise me to have it cut or not?

Blonde.

Answer: Yes, by all means have your hair bobbed. Don't hesitate a minute but go right down to the barber's this moment. Be one of those who dare to try anything once. After it is done, think it over and if you decide that you don't like it as well, just let it grow and after about twenty-seven years, it will be just as good as ever.

Dear Aunt Betsy:

On New Year's eve my wife and I were at a dance. When the clock struck twelve, the lights went out. I felt a sweet young thing beside me and grasped her hand reassuringly. She seemed frightened at the darkness so I shielded her with my great strong arms in which she nestled coily. Then we kissed and just then the lights came on. Aunt Betsy, it was my wife, and she hasn't spoken to me since. What shall I do?

Desperate.

Answer: Ask her who she thought you were.

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PALMER AND HARD SUMMARIZE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CONFERENCE

Brilliant Journalists Tell What Has Been Accomplished at Washington in Past Three Weeks--Work Expected to be Ended Soon.

By Col. Frederick Palmer

Colonel Palmer, the Dean of American War correspondents, has been through every war of importance from the Greco-Turkish War of 1897 down to date. 1914-16 he was the accredited American correspondent with the British army; 1917-18, Lt. Colonel A. E. F. Author, "American in France," "The Last Shot," "The Folly of Nations," (1921), etc.

Washington, Dec. 16.—One of Elihu Root's favorite sayings refers to the dog who kept on going "Leg over leg over" until he arrived at Dover; that is, the dog followed the main road as expeditiously as he could by means of his ordinary means of locomotion. So this Conference continues to make progress by the only means of locomotion known to conferences.

This week it has passed another important milestone. The naval ratio for capital ships is no longer just a proposal by the United States; it is a fact agreed upon by the three great sea powers. As the battleship and battlecruiser are the offensive units of sea power, the three nations have struck hands in practice, as well as theory, against competition in offen-

sive navy buildings; and accepted the practice, as well as the principle, of the defensive. Moreover, following the Four Power Treaty of last week in which the signatories agreed to respect one another's island possessions, it has been also agreed this week not to fortify any further, the islands in the neighborhood of the Asiatic seas.

All this would seem finally to guarantee the peace of the Pacific, and to dismiss from our minds rumors of wars and fears of wars between America and Japan—but not too fast. Not all has been said on this subject of naval ratios. Other features of the naval program must be settled before there is a treaty covering the limitation of naval armaments. As a whole, France and Italy have not yet agreed to the ratios, even about capital ships. Britain is thinking of the security of her own, and not of the Asiatic Seas. France is separated from her, only by the British Channel; and France and Italy are athwart her sea route across the Mediterranean to India; she wants to be as secure a mistress of the European Seas, as Japan of the Asiatic, and struck hands in practice, as well as theory, against competition in offen-

This brings up the submarine, that

assassin of merchant ships, which forced Britain to short rations during the war, and threatened Allied success. The British people do not forget those hungry and anxious days when British babies went without milk. Unlike the airplane, the submarine is not a weapon whose development has any relation to peace progress. It is purely an instrument of war. Small nations see it as means of defense against great nations. Britain sees the danger of a European combination which will use the submarine to stab her merchant ships to death, and take bread from her mouth. She is ready to scrap every submarine that she possesses. She would abolish the submarine. That is her appeal, and the appeal she will make to the world from the pulpit of this conference. She has no fears of us; she is content with the equality of the American and British navies. If France and Italy want naval ratios which will make them as strong as she is, this she will resist.

When we have the naval ratio treaty; that will make the second treaty; one about Japan may make the third; the fourth will concern China. When we have the four complete, the work of the Conference will be complete, and presented to the public opinion of the World and the United States Senate.

By William Hard.

Mr. Hard is one of the most brilliant American journalists. His articles have been appearing in many of our well-known magazines for a number of years. Author, "The Women of Tomorrow," joint author, (with Col. Raymond Robins) "Raymond Robins' Story of Bolshevik Russia," etc. He is now writing articles on the Washington Conference, for Asia, the New Republic, and several other periodicals.

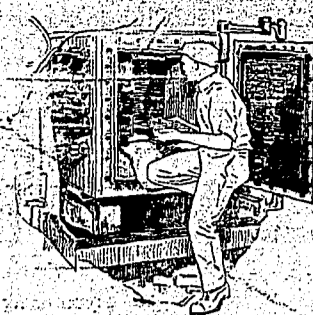
This week in the Washington Conference has been a disastrous one for the English-speaking nations. The question of the submarine has upset the British in Europe and there will soon be a realization of the fact that the question of the submarine has also upset the Americans in the Far East.

This conference was called to discuss armaments of all sorts. The question of land armaments was withdrawn from all important consideration by the speech of Premier Briand of France. The only part of it left was the matter of chemical warfare. It is very doubtful if the conference will be able to lay effective restriction on chemical warfare or on preparation of materials for chemical warfare.

The question of air armaments has never reached the conference. The air experts here gathered are unemployed.

The question of naval armaments has remained therefore the one question detaining the conference in the matter of the limiting of weapons of warfare. Naval warfare includes many weapons. The weapon of the capital ship has been put under the limitation of 500,000 tons for Great Britain, 500,000 for the United States, 300,000 tons for Japan, and 175,000 tons each for France and Italy. This limitation will have peculiar advantages for Japan and for France and peculiar disadvantages for Britain and for America unless there is at the same time a limiting of submarines. But the events of this week have brought forward the French demands regarding submarines and have seemed to make a limiting of submarines impossible.

At this moment the conference cannot limit submarines. But if it cannot limit submarines it will not be able to limit anti-submarine craft. Among anti-submarine craft we must number the seaplane and the destroyer. Mr. Balfour has made it clear that if the French build large numbers of submarines the British will be obliged to organize anti-submarine craft in large numbers. But if the British are free to organize them, so are the



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Japanese. These craft, however, if they include destroyers and seaplanes, are useful also against capital ships. The Japanese therefore will be free to equip themselves with a great resistance against capital ships. The Americans meanwhile have limited themselves to the ratio of five capital ships to Japan's three. It is accepted doctrine among naval men that a war between the United States and Japan would have to be fought in the Far East, where the ambitions of Japan are located. It would be an aggressive war by us and a defensive war by Japan, navally considered. It follows that the situation created by present developments in the Conference is manifestly enormously advantageous to Japan. We have limited the capital ships which are the only ships that can take an aggressive command of the sea and we have not been able to limit the little ships (whether under the sea or on the surface of the sea or in the air) which are able to counteract the capital ships.

The more this conference proceeds, the more it becomes plain that we are going to find the limiting of armaments an extremely difficult technical problem if it is approached simply as a technical problem. The more this Conference proceeds, the more it becomes plain that justice and a sense of accomplished right between nations will be highly necessary to the state of mind which will not demand prodigious armaments. This justice and this sense of accomplished right have not yet been reached, nor can they be reached till European questions as well as Far Eastern questions have been more fully adjusted. The next international conference will have to consider those questions—questions embracing the whole world—and consider them in a larger assembly of nations. That is the special lesson of this discouraging week.

The net total of the Washington Conference so far may be defined as (1) a compromise, and (2) a British compromise. This is not to be understood as implying that Mr. Hughes has succumbed to anything that could be called the wiles of British diplomacy. It is not British wiles but general circumstances which have produced a situation of compromise and a situation of outstanding British influence.

The situation of compromise is illustrated in all three of the principal phases of the work of the Conference so far. In the matter of China the freeing of the Chinese government from the various foreign treaty rights which it regards as encroachments on its sovereignty is to be conducted for the most part in stages and not in one great crash of emancipation. The American government itself is unwilling to make any immediate full surrender of its treaty rights in China.

In the matter of the Anglo-Japanese alliance we have secured an abrogation of that particular alliance through the so-called four-power treaty signed between America and Britain and Japan and France—but we have done it only through accept-

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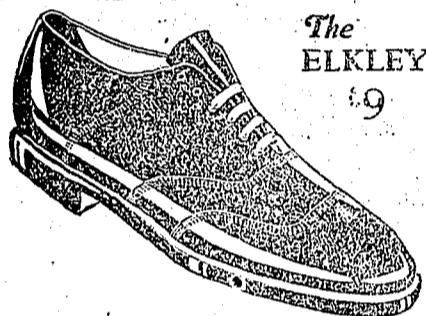
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R. R. was made—but these will be set down later by themselves. Upon arriving at the Island Falls station, the boys were met by a coach and a "coach." These two conveyances will be described at a later time also.

The concert here went off with "a snap," and it was greatly appreciated by the audience. Unlike Pittsfield, Island Falls had a dance after the concert. Members of both the orchestra and the Mandolin club furnished the music. At 11.30, the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" were played and a thoroughly enjoyable evening came to a close. Why at 11.30 and not 12? There's a reason! Every light in Island Falls—street, avenue, store, hall, dwelling house—went out at midnight, and at midnight sharp. Hence, the thirty minutes in which to—well, go home, if you must know.

The next day, December 15, found the club in Oakfield, still on its way to Houlton, the big objective. There was a very good crowd turned out to hear "the noise." In fact, considering the size of the town, it was the best crowd yet. There was no dance after the concert, much to the dismay of "the young 'uns" and the club.

Dec. 16, 1921, shortly after noon—Houlton. That's the beginning of the setting for the next "scene." In the afternoon, some went to the show, some went shopping, some went walking, and still some others stayed in "side of the fireplace" talking. All met that evening in the hall, and soon the concert was over—the best



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concert of the whole trip. Then everyone hustled and bustled from the theatre up to the high school auditorium, where dancing was enjoyed the remainder of the evening. The dance orchestra, composed of members of the club, surely would have made Paul Whitman and his orchestra or the Club Royal orchestra blush with ill-concealed envy. The soft, dreamy, and all-together musical strains of a string quintet, accompanied by the steady, harp-like, rhythmic tattoo of the ever-faithful piano was enough to make any dancer feel as though he were gliding along on air.

For the success of the trip, much credit is due George B. Wolstenholme, manager of the Glee club. From the afternoon of Dec. 13 to the morning of December 17, each and every member of the club lived like kings. Mr. Wolstenholme was directly responsible for the personal welfare of each individual, and not one was neglected.

For the success of the concerts, the honors are to be divided among the three leaders—leader of the Glee club, Harold L. Baldwin; leader of the Orchestra, George M. Davis; leader of the Mandolin club, Leon Warren. For weeks before the trip, these three strived untiringly to make the 1921-1922 Glee club the best that has ever been produced by Colby college. Future trips and the "home concert" will "pass" or "flunk" the attaining of this goal.

As has been previously stated, there were some amusing happenings during the trip. Some of these follow:

With a two hour wait in Northern Maine Junction and the thought that about that time dinner was being served "the rest of the Colby family" in Waterville, I say, with those two thoughts playing leap-frog with one another, we could not suppress the longing for "a wee nip o' suthin' to eat." Accordingly, we all walked across the fields, towards a sign which read "Restaurant." It was a combination of general store, lunch room, and "Copley Plaza." The proprietor, a robust man of foreign extraction, turned pale at the sight of "the gang." It was the most business, no doubt, he had had since the last Glee club trip a year ago.

"Give me half of that jelly roll, please."

"Give me the other half and coffee."

"What have you got good to eat?"

"Couple of doughnuts and coffee."

"Same thing—no coffee."

That is what it sounded like when all had been seated who could find a seat, and those unfortunates who had to stand were crowded around the small counter.

Then the proprietor caught up with his mental self.

"Jus' a minute, jus' a minute! Take your time. I can give you all soup, then meat and pies. How many soups? One, two—you soup?—three—soup?—four! yes, yes—coffee will be ready right away."

"Coffee, please?" one small voice asked.

"Take your time! Everything will be here soon. You sound like kids. Didn't you never been in a house before?"

"Spoon, please?" another voice.

Finally, the watery soup and the "canny" or uncanny meat and the pasty pies were stored away.

It was a long ride from Northern Maine Junction to Island Falls, and so some of the boys annexed themselves to companions. One very conspicuous character was Sammis. Now, somebody on the trip must necessarily be "the goat," and Sammis was unanimously elected. It would be stating it mildly indeed to say that Sammis was progressing in "leaps and bounds." In fact, the state of affairs grew to be such that the boys deemed a wedding inevitable. When Baldwin, the minister superbe, asked the "green-eyed groom" the fatal question, he readily assented. However, when the question was asked the "blushing bride," the answer was smothered by the pearls of laughter which burst from the other occupants of the car. Thereby hangs the tale—will she or will she not have Sammis? That is the question!

When we jumped off the train at Island Falls, as stated before, a coach and "a coach" met us. The coach was a canvas-covered sleigh, with benches running crosswise of it. The "coach" was a decidedly different thing. It was a canvas-covered sleigh with a bench on either side running lengthwise of it, and directly in the center of it was a stove—a red-hot stove, too—with a chimney going out through an opening in the side. The writer was seated beside the door, and even then he was plenty warm enough. Can you picture the facial expression on those seated beside the stove? That was the only time on the whole trip that they "made it hot for us."

All in all, it was a very successful

trip, and future engagements of the Colby Glee Club in Aroostook county are assured.

PALMER AND HARD SUM UP CONFERENCE

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ing in that same four-power treaty, a form of words which many British and Japanese and French statesmen and journalists regard as committing us to a new alliance. Myself, I have been among those who deny that this form of words constitutes an alliance. I am obliged to observe now that it is a form of words which gives an impression of alliance to some of our foreign friends.

In the matter of the limitation of naval armaments, we have been able to limit capital ships and aircraft carriers; but there is no present substantial prospect of any limitation either by ratio or by absolute quantity on aircraft themselves, or on cruisers, destroyers, submarines, or mines.

The compromise regarding China is a victory for American policy in that it represents an advance toward the freeing of China but it is an even greater victory for British policy in that it represents precisely that gradual method of freeing China which the British have always favored.

The compromise regarding the Anglo-Japanese alliance is a victory for American policy, in that it rids us of that alliance; but it is an even greater victory for British policy in that it binds us through the four-power treaty to an active participation in conferences, and to at least a search for "adjustments" and "understandings" in those conferences regarding the Far East where the British have long wanted our diplomatic presence in friendly conjunction with the diplomatic presence of the Japanese.

The compromise regarding the limitation of naval armaments is a victory for American policy in that it represents a certain act of progress toward limitation but it is an even greater victory for British policy, in that in the course of the submarine discussion the sentiment of America was, in a certain sense, turned away from France and turned toward Britain, thus promoting the Anglo-American understanding which is the supreme aim of British statesmanship.

Diplomatically considered, the circumstances have been somewhat favorable to the Americans and especially favorable to the British. Morally considered, the Conference has produced the customary compromise between, on the one hand the millennium, Nirvana, and the Elysian fields; and on the other hand, the world, the flesh and the devil. We may congratulate ourselves that the theory and the faith represented by the millennium had some saving grace and effect among us; and that the facts of a jealous, and suspicious, and distrustful international flesh-pot world did not win every point on the table.

Y. M. C. A.

The regular Tuesday night meeting of the Colby Christian Association was held in the C. C. A. room. Prof. Brown spoke on some of the scientific objections to prayer and wherein they are false. In the first place, "science always asks 'where' not 'how' and 'why.'" This is perfectly correct since that is the field of science, but when science does ask "how" and "why," the explanation always depends upon the existence of a Supreme Being.

Some may say that the universe runs according to natural laws and not by the will of God. There can be no law, however, without a lawgiver, and a law-enforcer, and this points to the existence of God.

There is a notion that all the great minds have abandoned belief in God and prayer. The fact is that such men as Bergson, the great philosopher, Sir Oliver Lodge, the spiritual investigator, and almost without exception all the modern thinkers believe implicitly in God and the efficacy of prayer. Prayer is something that does not fail when put into use, and so those who pray the most are those who have the firmest convictions regarding its reality.

Some argue that prayer is merely a role of superstition. This is a strong point in favor since it shows that prayer is instinctive and it is known that our instincts are never false.

CHESS AND CHECKERS.

President Chafetz of the Chess and Checker Club has arranged an interesting series of tournaments for the coming weeks. The first occurs next Thursday night when the chess team,

consisting of M. Chafetz, '24, Herbert A. Perkins, '22, and Joseph C. Smith, '24, meet the Elks team in the first round of a tournament.

A checker team has been selected from those who have been coming out and consists of Thomas R. Cook, '22, Graydon Tripp, '24, Meyer Chafetz, '24, Arthur O. Rosenthal, '25, and Ernest G. Harvey, '25. The first match will be held next Friday with North Vassalboro in the C. C. A. room at seven o'clock. The public is cordially invited and no admission will be charged.

Sometime next week a combined chess and checker match will be held with the Teconnet Club. A checker match with Fairfield is pending and it is expected that the chess team will meet a team representing Waterville.

Possibly the above teams are not the best in the college, so if anyone can prove his ability, he may displace one of the players. The season is short, however, so those who wish to play should make themselves known immediately.

Y. W. C. A.

The members of the cabinet of the Colby Y. W. C. A. were guests of the Colby Y. W. C. A. cabinet Monday evening. After dinner the guests attended the Health League Rally, and later a joint meeting of the two cabinets was held.

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