

LITERARY SOCIETY
FIRST MEETINGMembers Debate on The
Question of "Borrowed
Plumes."

The first meeting of the Literary Society was held in the Assembly Room at Foss Hall on Friday evening. It was an open meeting in the form of a debate. The question at issue was, Resolved, You cannot hope to succeed in borrowed plumes. The speakers were Marjorie A. Everingham, '25; Ruth A. Allen, '24; and Evelyn Gilmore, '26, for the affirmative; and Claire A. Crosby, '25, Margaret C. Hardy, '26, and Mary E. Gordon, '24, for the negative.

Both sides were entertainingly given and the prevailing custom of borrowing was cleverly satirized. The affirmative side condemned borrowing from a moral, social and intellectual side. The negative gave its advantages as just, it produces thrift, it teaches serenity of poise, it encourages glibness of tongue and finally it strengthens one's power of selection.

The decision was by the audience in favor of the negative. Hilda Worthen, '24, president of the society, presided at the meeting.

KAPPA PHI KAPPA MEETING.

The Kappa Phi Kappa society were fortunate in securing Prof. Marriner to address them at their second dinner. Prof. Marriner gave some valuable information to the members of this society, which will help them in the teaching profession.

Prof. Marriner's lecture dealt largely on the importance of the selection of the kind of books to be used in the schools.

Prof. Marriner before coming to Colby, had much experience in the book business. Questions from the members were also answered by him.

The guests of the members who also attended the dinner were Ivan Richardson, Robert Jacobs, Verne Reynolds, Frank Adams, and Theodore Hodgkins.

TRI DELTS HOLD
ANNUAL BANQUETMany Alumnae Are Present
at Sixteenth Annual In-
itiation.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta Delta Delta held its sixteenth annual banquet at the Elmwood Hotel, Saturday night.

The room and tables were prettily decorated in the fraternity colors. Each member discovered her place by a crescent moon-shaped boat bearing her name. The favors were gold cuff pins with the fraternity seal. Mrs. Eleanor C. Marriner, '10, was toast-mistress.

Alumnae and guests: Nettie M. Runnals, '08, Mrs. Helen W. Cummings, '11, Katherine Andrews and Lorenda Orne, A. K., Eunice Chase, '18, Bortha Torrey, '18, Mrs. Doris Blackington, '21, Hildegard Drummond, '19, Anne Caswell, '18, Louise Springfield, '11, Anne Sweeney, '21, Katherine Coyne, ex-'25, Mrs. Catherine Dundas, '17, Alice Clarkin, '16, Naomi Maher, '21, Mrs. Bortha Chonte, '22, and Zadio Reynolds, '18. Initiates: Elizabeth Aldon, Idora Beatty, Paylone Decker, Harriet Fletcher, Phyllis Ham, Caroline Hald, Helen Hight, Mary Holland, Marie Holmes, Olive Lee, Frances Nason and Mabel Root.

POETRY SOCIETY OF AMERICA.
Walter Bynner Prize Offer for Un-
dergraduates.

Mr. Bynner is offering again a prize of one hundred dollars. Undergraduates in any American college or university may compete, and verse is not disqualified by publication; but not more than two hundred lines will be considered from any one person. Manuscripts should be typewritten, should bear on every sheet the writer's name and address, as well as his college, and must be sent before May 15, 1924, to Mrs. Edgar Sponer, 22 Washington Square, North, New York City, New York. The envelope should be marked: P. S. A. U. C. No Manuscripts will be returned. Mr. Bynner's judges this time will be Leonora Sponer and Ridgely Torrance.

Y. M. C. A.

The second of a series of race discussions at the Y. M. C. A. was held on Tuesday night. The meeting was led by C. B. Chapman who briefly outlined the purpose of these discussions. He said that whereas America is the melting pot of the world we should be proud that we are a part of such a nation and that by such discussions we may learn better each other's views and thus strengthen the bonds of brotherhood on and off the campus.

Men were present representing the Negro, Jewish and Chinese factions on the campus and a free discussion followed in which men from each faction expressed that race prejudice is very uncommon at Colby and that the prevailing feeling is for no race to predominate but for all races to have an equal share in the activities of the campus.

The discussion tended toward the Jewish Fraternity which has lately been petitioning for recognition on the campus.

It was voted unanimously to continue these discussions until the students on the campus have had sufficient opportunity to express their views and extend the present spirit of good fellowship throughout the entire college.

NON-FRATS WIN
FROM DEKE TEAMBasketball League Nearing
End With D. U. Still in
Lead.

In the fifth lap of interfraternity basketball league the Non-Frats defeated the Dekes 51 to 23 while the D. U. team retained its hold for the honors by defeating the Zetes 39 to 10.

In the first game the Non-Frats made several long shots from the center of the floor while the breaks of the game were all in their favor.

The summary:

Non-Frat. (51) (23) D. K. E. Rood, lf lf, Macomber Chafetz, rf rf, Peabody Mason, c c, Barnes Fasse, lg lg, Harriman Levine, rg rg, Wilson Substitutions: Koff for Levine, Levine for Chafetz, Chafetz for Levine. Goals from the floor: Chafetz 8, Mason 5, Fasse 5, Levine 2, Rood 2, Macomber 3, Barnes 3, Harriman 2, Peabody 2.

Goals from fouls: Chafetz 2, Rood 2, Mason 2, Levine 1, Peabody 2.

Referee, Shoemaker. Timer, Putnam. Scorer, Hale. Time 4-8 minute periods.

In the second game the D. U. five took the lead and kept a safe margin on the Zetes throughout the game.

The summary:

D. U. (39) (10) Zetes Soucier, lf lf, Soule Hebert, lf lf, Powers Weymouth, c c, Garland Beatty, rg rg, Tarpey Potter, lg lg, Cowing Substitutions: Larrabee for Hebert, Hebert for Larrabee, Pierce for Tarpey, Edmunds for Pierce. Goals from floor: Soucier 3, Weymouth 6, Hebert 3, Beatty 3, Soule 3, Tarpey 1, Larrabee 1.

Goals from fouls: Larrabee 1, Soule 1, Powers 1.

Referee, Burke. Timer, Putnam. Scorer, Abbott. Time, 4-8 minute periods.

COLBY MEN SPEAK IN SCHOOLS.

On Lincoln's birthday, February 12, members of the class in Public Speaking 10 had an opportunity to apply their knowledge in actual practice. The men were each assigned to a school where they gave an address on Lincoln to the boys and girls. The results were said to be very satisfactory.

The speakers were as follows: Elmer L. Taylor, '25, at Oak Grove Seminary, Willard A. Seamons, '24, at Coburn Classical Institute, Russell M. Squire, '25, at Winslow High School, Kenneth E. Shaw, '25, at Lawrence High School of Fairfield, Percy G. Beatty, '24, and Ivan M. Richardson, '24, at Waterville Junior High School, Mark B. Ames, '24, and Theodore R. Hodgkins, '25, at Myrtle Street School, Manley O. Chase, '24, and Howard B. Tugger, '25, at South Grammar School.

STUDENTS GIVE
PREX RECEPTIONMany Attend "Bon Voyage"
Party in Chemical Hall.

"You may rest assured that, in my travels abroad, I shall find no college which I shall like as well as Colby, and no boys who will take the place of my own Colby students," said Pres. Arthur J. Roberts, at a farewell reception given in his honor by the Colby students, at Chemical hall, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Roberts was presented with a lovely floral tribute, and President Roberts was given a memorandum entitled, "My Travels in Europe." Mr. Ivan Richardson, '24, gave an appropriate address of presentation for the students, and President Roberts replied with a few heartfelt words of appreciation.

Mr. Joseph McGarry, president of the senior class, and students' council, introduced the speakers, and, representing the students, gave a few words of farewell.

The reception was well attended by the students and members of the faculty, who wished to say goodbye to President and Mrs. Roberts, and to wish them good health and success on their European tour.

Refreshments were served in a delightful manner by a number of college girls, and the party was enjoyed by everyone present.

PLANS MADE FOR
DEBATING TEAMSSpeakers Announced For
Intercollegiate and Murray
Prize Debates.

Prof. H. C. Libby has announced the members of the Intercollegiate Debating teams as follows:

Colby vs. U. of M. at Waterville. Affirmative team: Coburn H. Ayer, '25, Willard A. Seamons, '24, Clarence S. Roddy, '25.

Colby vs. U. of M. at Orono. Negative team: Russell M. Squire, '25, Kenneth E. Shaw, '25, Donald E. Sprague, '26.

The debates will be held on February 28, on the following question:

Resolved, that the United States should enter the permanent court of international justice under the plan as outlined by the late President Harding.

MURRAY SPEAKERS.

The following men have been selected to compete in the Annual Murray Prize Debate on the question:

Resolved, that Waterville should adopt the city manager form of government.

Chester A. Brown, '26, Arthur W. Coulman, '24, Clarence S. Roddy, '25, Roger A. Stinchfield, '26, Donald E. Sprague, '26, Clair E. Wood, '26. Alternates: Carroll S. Parker, '26, Paul M. Edmunds, '26.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIP.

Plans are also maturing for a cross country debate trip to be taken the last of March and the first of April, similar to the trip taken two years ago when the Colby team travelled nearly 6000 miles and won a long series of victories. The national convention of Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary forensic society of which Colby is the only eastern member, is to be held this year in Peoria, Illinois, and this will make the end of the debate trip. The Colby team will meet colleges on the trip to and from this convention, but just how many contests will be held cannot at this time be stated. The team that will take the cross country trip, and the question to be debated, will be announced later.

DEPUTATION.

The third of a series of ten Colby deputations was held at the Baptist church in Oakland on Sunday night. The meeting was led by Marjorie A. Squire, '25. The theme of the series is, "Japan on the Upward Trail." The meeting assumed the aspect of a candle light service for the lights of the town were out of order that evening but candles and lanterns were used to substitute for better illumination and the Colby deputation came through as usual with flying colors.

COLLEGES HAVE
LIT. CONTESTAnnouncement of State of
Maine Intercollegiate Lit-
erary Competition.

At a conference of the presidents of the four Maine colleges held last December, it was decided to establish intercollegiate competition in the writing of short stories and of verse.

Four competitions will be held, closing on April 1st, 1924. The first is for the male undergraduates of Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, and Maine, in short story writing. The stories will be limited in length to a maximum of 3000 words. Each institution will select from the competitors among its undergraduate body the three best stories and will submit them to a judge who will pick from among the twelve so submitted the stories which, in his opinion, rank first, second, and third best.

A similar competition in verse will be held. Poems will be limited to a maximum of one hundred lines. A different judge will be selected for this contest.

For the women students of Bates, Colby, and Maine similar competitions both in short story writing and in verse will be held under different judges. For judges, people of national prominence in the particular field concerned will be chosen.

The presidents of the Maine institutions, in establishing these competitions, the first real effort of the Maine colleges to compete in creative work, hoped not only that the winners of first, second, and third prizes in each group will be rewarded by the publication of their work in one of the large newspapers or magazines of wide circulation, but also that this competition, if successful, will be followed by others in the field of dramatics, music, essays or economic and sociological subjects, and possibly scientific work.

All undergraduates in Colby are eligible to compete. Poems or short stories should be submitted to Prof. Carl J. Weber, who with the help of the other members of the English department will select the three best poems by men, the three best poems by women, the three best short stories by men, and the three best short stories by women. These twelve will be passed on to the state judges.

It has been suggested that stories not accepted for the state contest may still be used to compete for the prizes offered by the Granite Monthly (New Hampshire) and that poems may be used to compete for the prizes offered by the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas.

No information is as yet available as to how far contestants may be permitted to secure faculty advice or criticisms, or as to what class-room credit may be given for stories or poems written for the competition. If no further intercollegiate rulings are made, Prof. Weber informed a representative of the ECHO that he would assume that members of the faculty might serve in the same advisory capacity that the athletic coach does in intercollegiate athletic contests, and that the matter of giving class-room credit for competitive literary work would be left to the discretion of each individual instructor.

UNDERGRADUATE BANQUET.

An undergraduate banquet is to be held by the members of the women's division on Wednesday, February 13. This affair is to fill the need of a mid-winter get-together for all of the undergraduate women. It is hoped that it can be made an annual custom.

The banquet is to be held in Foss Hall and is open to all undergraduate women. Mrs. E. W. Hall, widow of Edward W. Hall, former professor of modern languages at Colby, is to be toastmistress.

PRES. AND MRS. ROBERTS EN-
TERTAINED AT FOSS HALL.

The members of the women's division, entertained President and Mrs. Roberts at dinner at Foss Hall, Wednesday evening. The dinner was given as a farewell to President and Mrs. Roberts before their departure for Europe.

Mrs. Donnie C. Gotohall, '24, president of Student Government, presented them each with a ten dollar gold piece as a token of the esteem in which they are held by the women.

HOCKEY TEAM LOSES
TO FAST BATES ICE-MENColby Unable To Stop Cogan, But Is First
College Team To Score On Bates.SNOW BIRDS LOSE
MEET AT ORONOArcher Jordan Wins Ski-
Jump. Bates Wins Meet.

The Colby Ski and Snowshoe teams went to Orono, on Saturday, February 9, to participate in the first official inter-collegiate Winter Carnival of the four Maine Colleges, held at the University of Maine.

The different events were a three mile cross-country snowshoe race, ski jump, snowshoe dash, ski relay, and five mile cross-country ski race. Colby had entries in all these events, with J. Barnes, '24, and Laughton, '25, on snowshoes, while Smith, '24, C. Jordan, '24, G. Barnes, '26, and A. Jordan, '27, did the honors on skis.

A surprise was afforded the spectators in the ski jump. The favorites in this event were Elliot of Maine, Matsunaga of Bates, and C. Jordan of Colby, but A. Jordan copped the first honors, out-pointing the others in form and the number of upright landings.

Bates took the ski-relay with the same team that the Colby quartet defeated at Waterville. Colby was out-classed in the other events but hopes to stage a comeback in the remaining two Carnivals.

The final counting gave Bates 21 points; Maine 12; Bowdoin 7; and Colby 5.

The summary:

Cross country snowshoe race, three miles—Won by Patten, Maine; second, Willis, Bates; third, Tiffany, Bates. Time—20m, 25s.

Ski jump—Won by A. Jordan, Colby, 84 9-10 ft.; second, Baker, Bates, 84 2-10 ft.; third, Stubbs, Bowdoin, 82 8-10 ft.

Ski relay races, 220 yards per man—Won by Bates (Fletcher, W. Gilpatrick, Matsunaga, C. Gilpatrick); second, Bowdoin, (Nelson, Spear, Andrews, Stubbs); third, Maine, (Sargent, Patten, Switzer, Elliot). Time—2m, 39s.

Snowshoe dash, 150 yards—Won by Eastman, Maine; second, Eastman, Bowdoin; third, Snow, Maine. Time—23 1-5s.

Cross country ski race, five miles—Won by G. Gilpatrick; second, W. Gilpatrick; third, Fletcher (all Bates). Time—23m, 39 3-5s.

AUBURN CARNIVAL

The Colby Ski and Snowshoe teams will compete in the Auburn Carnival next Saturday, Feb. 16. This is the second of the Intercollegiate Championship Winter Sports Carnivals and should provide strong competition. The teams will probably consist of the same men that competed in Orono.

The program for Saturday, the last day of the carnival is as follows: All day free skating, tobogganing, McMillan dog teams.

9.00 a. m. Pettingill Park, trials for State Championship Junior Ski Jumping.

9.30 a. m. Trials in college events. College 5 mile cross country ski race. 2 mile snowshoe race.

1.30 p. m. Hampshire street. Ski jumping.

2.00 p. m. Biggest afternoon attraction in carnival history. Expert ski jumping on 60 foot ski tower by jumpers from New England Ski Clubs, Margaret Towne, famous girl ski jumper, College ski jumping (Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Maine) State of Maine senior championship jumping. Carlisle and Bowdoin. Dog teams, Killies Band. Finals in college events.

Evening. Mammoth carnival ball at State Armory (Lowiston).

"Who discovered America?"

"Ohio," replied the little girl.

"No; Columbus discovered Amer-

ica."

"Yes'm. Columbus was his first

name."—Washington Star.

"So your husband has given up

smoking? That requires a pretty

strong will, doesn't it?"

"Well, I've got one!"—London

Mail.

By getting away to a flying start in the first few minutes of play and combining this start with good systematic work, the Bates sextet came out on the top end of a 5 to 1 tally against the Colby ice-birds, in the game played on the local college rink Saturday. The game, which was incidentally the first intercollegiate hockey game played on the new rink, was a top-notch, exciting and hot contest throughout, in spite of the safe score of the visitors, and was a well and hard earned victory. The several hundred spectators who witnessed the contest were kept at the highest pitch of excitement every minute and the Garnet men were forced to work their hardest and fastest to keep out the ever dangerous Helie-coached skaters.

To mention the superior work of any one man in particular on either team would be a difficult task as all gave their best and worked hard for a "win" throughout.

Cogan of Bates had his shooting eye and acting as the snap on the end of a whip he carried his end out to the letter, as his teammates worked the rubber up to him, and netted the five Garnet tallies. Corry was with him all the time, as was the rest of his team and the pair proved to be a fast combination. Wylie who held sway at the goal for Bates took care of many difficult shots.

Captain Vale, of the Blue and Gray warriors, proved once more to be a skater of merit and his individual work in breaking up the Garnet's offensive drives deserves no small credit. He made several good shots at the visitors goal but luck was against him in getting one by.

McGowan and Muir, on the wings, worked with everything they had in the line of speed throughout and convinced the many watching them that they could get over the slippery surface. McGowan slipped Colby's only tally by the sharp Wylie of Bates from an exceptionally difficult angle. MacPherson relieved Muir during the game and gave the visitors plenty to do keeping an eye out for him.

McBay and Millett played fast and hard all the time. They were facing the strongest opponents of this season but made the latter fight to get at the Colby end of the rink. Millett did several nice dribbling stunts with the puck and showed that he could get through his opponents in spite of their stone wall defense.

Pagerstrom, at Colby's goal, had a busy day. The Garnet men were crack shots and hammered away at him throughout. Even though he let five get by he proved continually during the game that he was an able goal man and could halt the flight of many a speedy and twisting shot.

Bates scored three in the first period, one in the second and in the final. Colby's only counter came in the second when McGowan drove by Wylie making the longest shot of the game and the only score that has been registered by a college team against the Bates team this season.

The Bates outfit showed, in every phase and angle of the game, that they had been well coached, and were capable of making a creditable showing against the fastest teams "on the circuit" this year. However in the Colby sextet they struck some real competition and were forced to go the limit against the fighting Blue and Gray collegians.

In the preliminary game of the afternoon the fast Coburn icebirds defeated the sextet from Cony High of Augusta, seven to one.

The summary:

Bates (5) (1) Colby O'Connor, lw lw, Muir Cogan, c c, Vale Corry, rw rw, McGowan J. Stanley, ld ld, Millett Wylie, g g, Pagerstrom Substitutions: (Bates). Lane for O'Connor, Bryant for J. Stanley; (Colby) McPherson for Muir, Gonia Cogan 5, McGowan. Referee, Haines of Coburn. Time 8 12 s.

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We are fully aware that much of our news writing has not been of the highest quality. The problem of rushing the material through in order to go to press on time prevents the revision and rewriting of many items. However, we have arranged a treat for our more critical readers. The next issue of the ECHO will be perfect, absolutely perfect. The entire work will be performed by the class in Journalism 2, under the editorship of Donald E. Sprague, '26, and Marion D. Brown, '24. We look forward with confidence to a flawless production.

CONSTRUCTIVE RIVALRY.

Many people decry the intense athletic rivalry between American colleges as compared with the English idea of sport for sport's sake, but there is no getting around the fact that the competitive instinct is fundamental and often inspires a high degree of accomplishment. Why not let this instinct develop writers as well as half-backs? This is the idea behind the new Maine Inter-collegiate Literary Competition. It is an interesting experiment, and if successful will be followed by others in the field of dramatics, music, essays on economic and sociological subjects, and possibly scientific work.

It should also be noticed that this offers another championship for Colby to win. If in football, why not in short stories and poetry? Colby has had many well known authors and poets in the past and this is an opportunity to show that the present Colby man is no less proficient in literary ability. This competition is a progressive step and we should make sure that Colby is to win the first state literary championship.

There seems to be a genuine interest in the poetry of college undergraduates. In this issue are announcements of three separate competitions for original poems by college men and women. The prizes will undoubtedly attract a good many works of genius. Why should not some of our own genius break into the winning column?

ON CRACKING BOOKS.

If a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, "safety first" is the motto of the average college student of today. At least so say Edison, Dad-who-signs-the-checks, and Idealistic Professors.

Undergraduates themselves affirm, although more or less facetiously, that we mustn't let our studies interfere with our education. We tell each other that college would be all right except for the studying. Some have even been heard to say that anyone can pass his courses by studying, but it takes brains to get by without working.

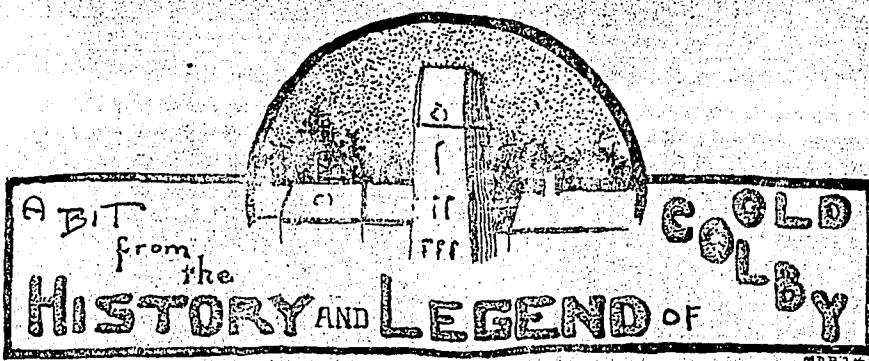
Others are serious minded enough, but soon find themselves so busy with so-called college activities that studying becomes only their avocation; a treat to be indulged in after the football season, after the musical club trip, or whenever there is a lull in his particular line of work. We are all familiar with the story of the father who said that his son was "in college and majoring in football."

After all, why should we study? Everyone agrees that a certain modicum of work is necessary simply as the price of the privilege of staying around for four years. But more than that, why study?

Well, for some there is an incentive in the prospect of receiving one of the Phi Beta Kappa keys. (Or, as cynics and misanthropists call them, Few Better Cribbers). There may be some good Yankees who study to get their money's worth out of the college. There should be some who study for the sake of doing an honest piece of work.

But perhaps the most convincing argument for study is the correlation between success and rank. An astonishingly large proportion of the successful men of our country have won scholarship honors in school or college. The best insurance against mediocrity is—STUDY. Sad, but true!

Therefore, as they say in the vernacular, it behooves us to snap to, crack our books, and burn the midnight klowatts! (Reprinted by request from the ECHO of May 9, 1923.)



THE OLD LIBRARY.

The east wing of Memorial Hall, now usually known as "the old library," has been for many Colby graduates a place of tender memories of book friendships. One of the most charming sketches of this room is found in the book "Cicero of Maine" by Martha Baker Dunn. The following is taken from the essay "The Book and the Place."

There is a certain college library whose delights often woo me, especially during the quiet of the vacation season. Then, in the summer mornings I not infrequently have the great room to myself, save for the quiet presence of the portraits and busts.

The sightless Milton with his hair Around his placed temples curled, often speaks to me from his pedestal and from the shelves the crowding voices of the masters call, but the green slopes and lawns of the campus are so silent that one may hear the trees that grow close to the windows whisper "their green felicity," as if the babble of term time had never known existence and the ancient nymphs and dryads were murmuring there still.

It is owing to the relation of this library to the outside world that the silver loop of water with which the Kennebec here bounds the eastern slope takes on such chameleon shapes.

From the window of this southern alcove, where one sees the full curve of the river as it plunges toward the falls, the shining stream becomes the Rhone as Ruskin saw it, "alike through bright day and lulling night, the never-pausing plunge, and never-fading flash, and never-hushing whisper."

In the golden dusk of twilight comes the fairest metamorphosis of all, for then the great mill that stretches along the eastern riverbank becomes a Venetian palace on the Grand Canal, with myriad lights reflecting in the glancing waters;

there in the vague distance, looms the shadowy bulk of St. Mark's, and in the little crumbling vestibule room, where the marble doge sleeps under the window, the last shaft of dying light falls full upon his answering face.

Inside the library the close-filled shelves open out into unending vistas. Along a shelf a row of faded volumes of De Quincey—faded? nay, rather let us say time mellowed—exhale a breath of the Lake Country where their author lived. On what depths these volumes open,—depths of the visible heavens, depths of the skies of dreams!

Here is that exquisite twilight atmosphere through which the child De Quincey views for the first time the pale and silent pomp of Death; here the midnight skies of London loom with a shadowed radiance over that rare and tender idyl of Oxford street; here, "in the broad light of the summer evening," we start from London to carry the news of Talavera to the waiting country-side. This is no opium mirage, but a glorious reality.

It was in the alcove where the elm and maple trees stand nearest the window that I chanced for the first time on Casimir Delavigne's "Toilette de Constance." It happened on one of those dazzling summer mornings when all the landscape seems to sparkle with light. The tall trees waved their boughs like banners, and the procession of college willows marched down the slope toward the shining river reaches, as if they celebrated a triumph.

I stood this morning in the same library alcove, and the swaying boughs weaving quaint patterns on the springtime grass moved to and fro to that old strain of dance music. The college willows, which have looked down on so many generations of youth, seemed full of the echo,—

Ses dix-huit ans, hélas, et son doux reve! for those swift-moving stanzas, without one superfluous word or line, all was there, the philosophy and the tragedy of life.

POETRY

ODE TO AN EARTHWORM.

Thou grim segmented creature,
Most efficacious bait;
How long we sit and ponder
O'er thy figure elongate.

With hesitating scalpel
Thy worthy skin we rend;
And if we cleave thy pharynx,
No human hand can mend!

At last thine epidermis
Pinned far from side to side,
Reveals thy stately organs!
'Twas to teach us that you died!

Oh, humble, lonely earthworm,
Life's lamp for thee is out.
E'er and anon be thankful
Thou didst not feed a trout.

—P. W., '27.

Effie: "Why hasn't daddy much hair?"
Mother: "Because he thinks a lot, darling."

Effie: "But why have you got such a lot, Mummy?"
Mother: "Get-on-with-your-breakfast."—Congregationalist.

Lafayette College has had an Open Forum Club for two years. To illustrate the benefit to be derived from an Open Forum Club at any college, the following paragraph was cut from the Lafayette and is worthy of consideration.

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PURINTON, '94 PASSES AWAY

Well-known Augusta Coal Dealer Dies at Home.

Charles Edwin Purinton, of the class of 1894, passed away at his home in Augusta, Friday evening, February 8. Mr. Purinton had been in ill health since 1920, but had continued to go to his office until about a week ago. His illness became suddenly more serious Wednesday and from that time on he failed rapidly until his death Friday night.

Charles E. Purinton was born at Richmond, Me., January 19, 1870, the son of Amos E. and Sarah (Moore) Purinton. He was educated in the schools of his native town and at Colby college where he was a member of the class of 1894. Mr. Purinton was united in marriage to Carrie Ripley of Burnham, who with three daughters and two sons survive him.

He came to Augusta in 1894 and with his brother F. B. Purinton established the coal and wood business

which has continued to be conducted by them for thirty years. The late Mr. Purinton was very active in the community, and was chosen to represent his city in both branches of the city government. He also served as president of the Board of Aldermen, and on the death of Mayor G. A. Robinson, he was acting mayor of Augusta.

Mr. Purinton will be genuinely missed, for few men possessed more friends than he. Interested in all matters of civic importance, democratic in manner and friendly to all, his thirty years of business life in Augusta will be remembered with affection. To those who knew him intimately, his love for his home and his daily home life, will be constantly remembered. Augusta has lost a good and beloved citizen and greater praise cannot be given any man.

Columbia University has organized a Fraternity Campus Board, consisting of representatives from the various fraternities, the purpose of which is to act as an advisory body to students' organizations. Similar to this is the Pan-Hellenic Council organized at George Washington's University for the purpose of promoting a friendly feeling among the sororities and to act as an advisory board.

COLBY ALUMNUS TO APPEAR

Second Quarterly of Alumni Publication is Ready for the Press.

The Colby Alumnus, edited by Herbert Carlyle Libby, Litt. D., is about to make its second quarterly appearance. Contents for this issue include:

Editorial Notes.
Acknowledgements.
Entertaining a National Sorority.
Officers of Colby Clubs.
Well Balanced Loyalty.
Colby's Policy in Debating.
Salaries at Colby.
Placing the Graduates.
The President's Vacation.

Special Articles.
Hitherto Unpublished Facts About Colby's Art Treasures, by Henry S. Burrage, D. D., State Historian.
Life Sketches of Colby Men and Women, by Herbert C. Libby, Litt. D., '02.

November Meeting of the Board of Trustees, by Edwin C. Whittemore, D. D., '79, Secretary.

The Colby Genealogy, by the Editor.

The Society of the Sons of Colby, by Joseph Coburn Smith, '24, President.

Occupation of the Members of 1923, Contributed.

More Concerning Class Reunions, by Ernest C. Mariner, B. A., '13, Librarian.

The Alumnae Building Project, by Rose Adelle Gilpatrick, M. A., '92, Chairman.

On Seaverns Field, by Thomas B. Ashcraft, Ph. D., Treasurer Athletic Association.

The Colby Christmas Club, by Arthur J. Roberts, LL. D., '90, President.

Honors for Two Colby Educators, by the Editor.

Colby in Calcutta, by the Editor.

With the Colby Faculty, by Herbert L. Newman, B. D., '18, Director of Religious Education.

An Appreciation of Colby Day, by Lizzie T. Hussey, B. A., '93.

Another Sheaf of Compliments, by the Editor.

"Colby University," reprint from the Colby Chronicle and Zeta Psi Annual, June, 1869.

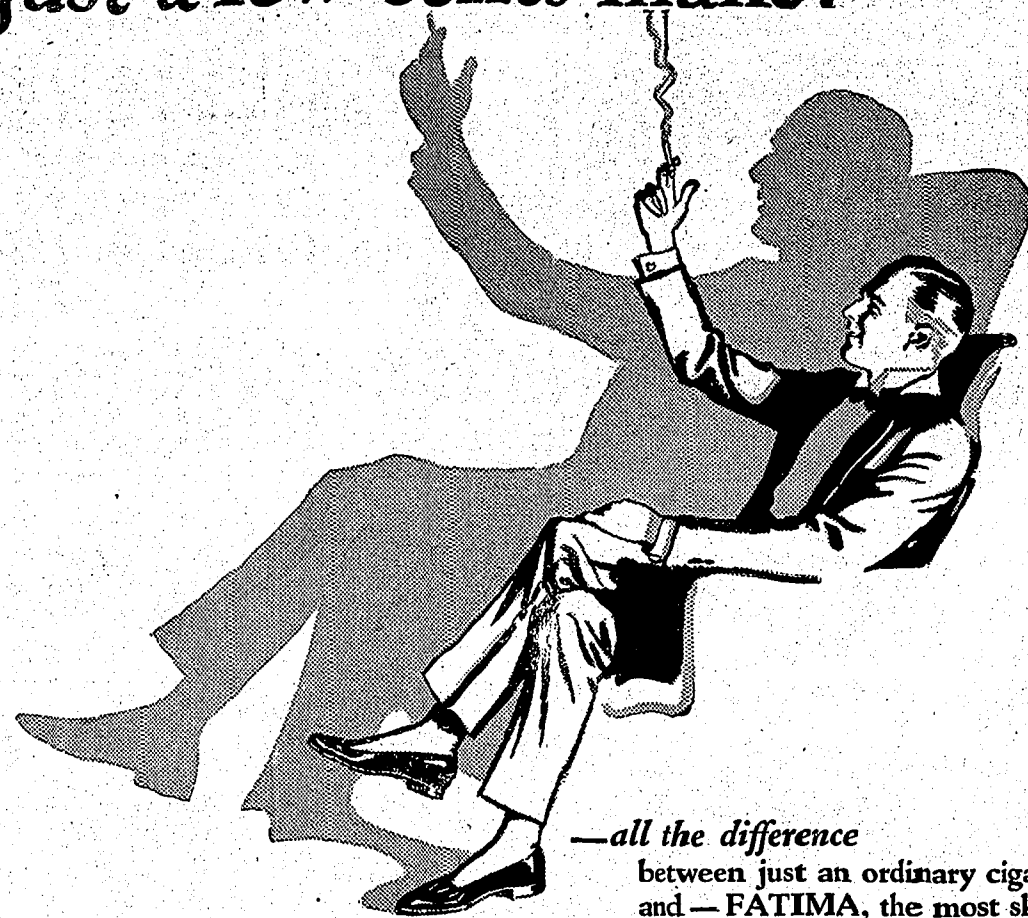
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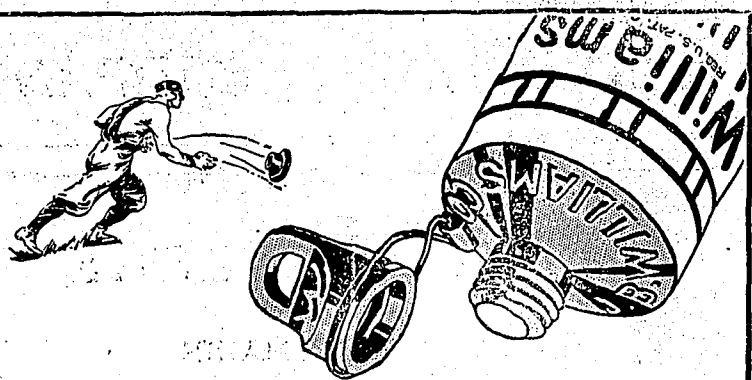
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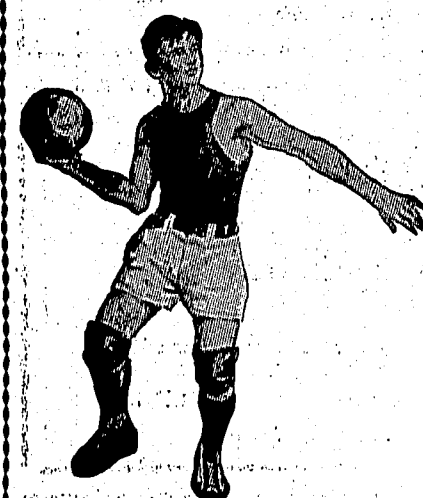


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CHAPEL VESPERS

The second regular vesper service of the year was held in the chapel Sunday afternoon. It was well attended by members of both divisions and of the faculty.

Percy Beatty, '24, was in charge of the service. Marion Cummings, '24, read the scripture and R. D. McLeary, '27, offered prayer. A double mixed quartet rendered a pleasing selection. A. W. Wassel, '26, gave a violin solo and Grace Fox, '24, gave a vocal solo.

Rev. Alexander Henderson of Fairfield was the speaker of the afternoon. His talk was very helpful and he touched points of vital importance to college men and women.

Rev. Mr. Henderson said that many people, college folks in particular, entertain the idea that the world owes them a big debt. The truth of the matter is we owe many things to the world rather than the world to us. Going to college does not make life easier for us but causes us to owe so much more to our home and our civilization, inasmuch as we are better equipped to make contributions to the world.

We owe a debt of friendship to everyone. We can repay this by giving the highest and best in us to society.

Rev. Mr. Henderson established early in his talk the principle, "I am debtor to the race." He applied this to tradesmen and professional men selected at random and carried it back even to Jesus.

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Rules Governing the Contest.
The contest is open only to under-

graduates in American universities and colleges.

Every poem entered must be accompanied by a statement from some one in an official position—preferably the executive officer of the department of English—to the effect that the contestant is a bona fide resident undergraduate student. Last year a large number of poems were ruled out because there was nothing to show that the authors were entitled to compete.

No contestant may submit more than one poem or a group of closely related poems under a single title.

The poem submitted must not have been previously published (college publications excepted).

The poem submitted must not exceed two hundred lines.

Each contestant must send three typewritten copies of the poem (or group of poems) which he submits. All poems not submitted in triplicate will be ruled out. The author's name should not appear on the manuscript.

No manuscripts will be returned, but all contestants will be informed concerning the outcome of the contest.

No subject or literary type is prescribed. The poems may be lyric, dramatic, or narrative; and they may be written in either free verse or the regular metrical forms.

Each person is to remain the property of its author; but it is stipulated that when a prize poem is published, the words Southern Methodist University Prize Poem, 1924, shall be added.

All poems submitted must reach Dallas not later than March 15, 1924. Manuscripts should be sent to the following address: Jay B. Eubell, Professor of English, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Judges.
The following well-known poets have consented to serve as judges:

Carl Sandburg, author of Chicago Poems, Smoke and Steel, Slabs of the Sunburnt West, etc.

John Hall Wheelock, author of Dust and Light, The Black Panther, etc.

Mr. Rachel Lindsay, author of The Chinese Nightingale, has been asked

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to serve as the third judge, but has working steadily eight hours a day! I would not think of such a thing!"

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First Steno: "The idea of your"

HEDMAN HOLLERINGS

Ye good frigate Hedman passed over the Midyear bar without loss of crew although one or two of the boys did fall over the side and went down twice before they were saved.

After looking at some of the marks for the semester one realizes why the paper on which his results are written is called a "rank" card.

Ernest Abbott, better known in New England wrestling circles as "Iron Man," has joined the ranks at Hedman. He dropped in at the beginning of this semester and hung up his coat and hat in Room 14.

Harry Kaufman, the big boy from White Plains has returned from a few days visit at Dartmouth college where he went to attend the winter carnival.

Ralph Lewin spent a few days at his home in Houlton recently. Says the 'tater crop looks ter' be a hum-dinger fur' next fall.

"Blondie" Lord and "Al" Warren had a game of catch-as-catch-can with a felt hat full of water the other night. They were about nip and tuck in the scoring so they called the game even and tossed the hat and water into little Willie Macomber's room.

You can rave about your Rodolph Vaseline all you want to but there will never be but one Sheik Blake. He may be identified as the gentleman from Roostook who called up the

Waterville undertaker and asked for Mr. Kopp's. Bill's hitting the old courses right on the nose anyhow so why shouldn't he grin?

Kanter and Seiderman, Inc., have returned from New York prepared to catch all the loose A's for this semester.

After all was said and done up at the Maine Carnival who should come back to Hedman dragging the first prize pelt from the ski jump but our own Creek Jordan, one of the Hedmanist of Hedmanites. Heartiest "congrats" to you Creek.

Hedmanites are holding up their end in keeping the hockey rink clear of snow. Did you see 'em down at the Colby-Bates game Saturday? That was only a public exhibition to show their skill. They exercise in that very same way after every snow storm.

Lewin is fast becoming a perfect Sheik. He now has a "uke." Mutt Peavey will probably be the next one to take this step toward advancement in the sheiking line.

The Phi Beta Kappa student who said that Link MacPherson was a woman hater ought to be wearing a dunce cap.

Too bad some Shylock didn't chase Tubby Allen and make him lose a pound (or 50 pounds?) of flesh. Tubby says the Waterville air agrees with his appetite.

MUSICAL CLUB CONCERTS.

The combined Musical Clubs of Colby college will give a concert in Skowhegan, Friday evening, February 15, under the auspices of the High school.

The Waterville Concert will be given Tuesday evening, February 19, in the City Opera House. Manager Bramhall states that the talent this year is among the best in the state and has been successful in every appearance.

WORLD TRAVELER TO SPEAK AT COLBY.

Sherwood Eddy, world traveler, writer and speaker, has just returned from another long trip around the world where his work among students in Asia and Europe took him to 22 countries. He is just back from Russia, Germany, the Ruhr, Japan, China and India. He has been in the throbbing centers of the political, industrial and social life of Europe and Asia, interviewing statesmen, political and industrial leaders. He brings a story of vivid narrative and thrilling interest to the young men of America today. He will speak upon the subject "The Challenge of the Present World Situation."

Mr. Eddy will be at Colby, March 14 to 16 and will address the students on several occasions.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Elsie I. Bishop, '25, conducted the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on Tuesday evening, February 5. She read from a very inspiring poem, "The Telling of Felix," by Henry Van Dyke. The moral lesson clearly pointed out by the story of Felix, is that the divine spirit of Christ can be found only in untiring incessant work.

FOSS HALL NOTES

Miss Claire Crosby, '25, recently gave a birthday party in her suite. Attractive favors were given to the following girls: Annie Brownstone, '24, Marion Drisko, '24, Ethel Harmon, '24, Mildred Briggs, '25, Marguerite Albert, '26, Jennie Nutt, '25, Leota Schoff, '25, and Eva Alley, '25. Refreshments consisting of walnut ice cream, cake, and cocoa were enjoyed. Cards and games of various kinds were in progress throughout the evening and the ten o'clock song sounded only too soon for the merry guests.

Fourteen members of the P. H. club enjoyed a five mile hike last Saturday afternoon, their destination being out to Nolin Sawtelle's. Arriving there about six o'clock, they held a short business meeting before they were ushered into the dining room, which was attractively decorated in the club's colors. Attractive favors and menus were found at each plate and the banquet consisting of oyster stew, whip cream cake, ice cream, and many other delectable dishes were enjoyed by the ravenous members. Many games were played and a delightful program was given. At ten o'clock the party broke up to catch the last car back to Waterville. Many thanks and much credit should be given to the hostesses who made the evening such a success.

SIGMA KAPPA.

Mary Drisko, '24, is recovering from the measles.

Dorothy Giddings, '25, refereed a basketball game at Unity last Saturday.

Helen C. Smith, '27, has as a week end guest Virginia Woolley of Wash-

ington, D. C., who is a student at Wellesley college.

Olive Soule, '26, refereed a basketball game at Clinton Saturday night.

Marion Drisko, '24, went to her home in Columbia Falls last Thursday.

CHI OMEGA.

Miss Leonora Hall, '27, spent the week end at her home in Bangor.

Miss Helen I. Kyle, '26, and Miss H. Hope Chase, '26, attended the winter carnival at the University of Maine.

Miss Edna A. Briggs, '22, is visiting Miss Flora M. Harriman, '25, for the week end.

Miss Eleanor F. Taylor, '26, was a delegate to the Christian Endeavor conference at Oakland last week.

Miss Esther M. Holt, '24, went to Augusta, Saturday on business.

DELTA DELTA DELTA

Marjorie Sterling, '25, refereed a basketball game at Augusta, Friday.

Ruth K. Turner, '26, spent the week end at her home in Augusta.

Helen C. Hight, '27, was home for several days last week on account of illness.

Naomi Maher, '21, has been visiting Margaret E. White, '25, a few days.

Katherine Andrews and Lorenda Orne, A. K. of U. of M. spent the week end at the Hall.

Imogene F. Hill, '26, is recovering from the measles.

Celia I. Clary, '24, attended the Maine Winter Carnival at Orono last week.

Initiation service was held at the Chapter rooms Saturday afternoon.

ALPHA DELTA PI.

The friends of Miss Arbine Smith, '26, will be glad to hear that she has recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Arlene J. Harris, '23, is at her home in Fairfield. Miss Harris is teaching at Phillips, this year, but the school was forced to close on account of scarlet fever.

Miss Helen H. Gray, '24, spent the week end with Miss Velma I. Briggs, '23, at Carmel.

Miss Dorothy E. Farnham, '26, and Miss Madeline M. Merrill, '26, spent the week end at their homes.

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week end with friends at Oak Grove.

Miss Louise B. Butler went to her home at Bluehill for the week end.

Miss Marguerite O'Roak was at her home at Pittsfield over Sunday.

Miss Feneda Hawksley has left college because of illness.

The Misses Alice E. Manter and Phyllis C. Buck have been ill this past week.

Malcolm Howe of Milton, Mass., visited Miss Margaret E. Turner over the week end.

FRATERNITY NEWS

ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

"Bob" Jacobs, '24, spent the week end in Augusta.

George Nickerson, '24, attended the Tuft's Initiation Banquet at Medford last Friday.

The Hebron and Kents Hill basketball teams were entertained at the house Friday night.

Brother "Tommy" Thompson, '15, spent Friday night at the house. He is head of the science department at Hebron Academy, and coach of basketball.

The "Sheik," '26, pitched his tent in Farmington over the week end.

Farmer Hodgkins, '25, and the "Gander," '26, spent the week end in Skowhegan.

"Venus" Crowley, '26, of Snow Pond was called to Buffalo but he expects to return to college again next fall.

"Bob" McCobb, '25, has transferred to Maine for the second semester.

"Bull" MacDonald, '24, has accepted a position teaching little nutmegs proficiency in athletics. We wish him the best of luck.

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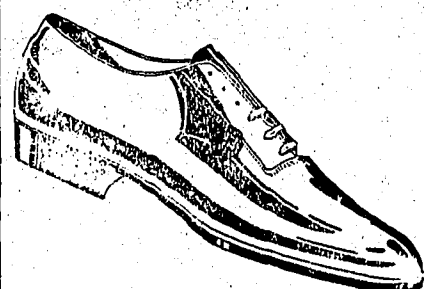
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