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NINETY-SECOND COMMENCEMENT

The annual procession of Commencements moves steadily onward, and, to the casual onlooker without the college, each must seem to resemble its fellows greatly. But to those who are a part of the event, each year differs materially from all others. So to those Colby men and women who have been present for Commencement week in this year of grace 1913, there have come experiences which will forever stamp the year as one apart.

The attendance this year was not quite so large as that of one year ago, but the accommodations at the church and in Memorial Hall were taxed to a point where discomfort was perilously close. Why the Commencement dinner is not served in the gymnasium, where such crowding would be unnecessary, is a puzzle to many a graduate. The weather was delightful, seemingly especially designed for the out-of-door exercises. The renewing of old associations and the meeting of friends long unseen brought a glow to many a heart.

On Saturday evening, June 21, came the first event of the week, the Junior Exhibition at the Baptist church. Four men and four women delivered original orations in competition for the Junior prizes, and displayed at least a careful preparation and an earnest purpose, if no great originality. The prizes, which were awarded on Wednesday morning, were won by Arthur Harvey

Knight, first, and Robert Hall Bowen, second, from the Men's Division; Adelaide Lounsbury Klein, first, and Alice Maud Beckett, second, from the Women's Division.

Sunday morning brought an audience which completely filled the church for the baccalaureate sermon. The preacher was the Rev. Joel Slocum, '93, of the Central Baptist Church, Norwich, Conn. His theme was "Vision and Task." In the evening the Rev. E. C. Herrick, '98, preached the annual sermon before the Christian Associations of the college. His subject was "The One Unfailing Power." Both sermons were of a high order of excellence, practical rather than doctrinal, and showing a keen appreciation of the problems confronting the college graduate as he faces the world for the first time.

Monday morning was devoted to the class day exercises of the Junior class on the campus. At 3.30 the "old grads" crossed bats with the college ball team, to be covered with defeat and glory. The score was 14 to 1, and not in favor of the alumni. At 5.00 P. M., the annual meeting of the Beta of Maine of Phi Beta Kappa was held in Chemical Hall. Fifteen members of the class of 1913 were admitted to membership—nine men and six women, the full quota from each division. The annual meeting of the Colby Alumnae Association was held at Foss

Hall, at five o'clock, and was followed by the alumnae luncheon. The closing event of the day was the President's reception in Memorial Hall at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday was given to the Senior Class Day exercises, at the church in the morning and on the campus in the afternoon. The annual meeting and luncheon of the Alumni Association was held in Memorial Hall at 12.30 P. M. One hundred graduates sat down to dinner in the room so full of sacred memories, and listened to the reminiscences of the "old grads" representing the classes holding reunions this year. The speakers were President Roberts, Rev. G. B. Ilsley, '63, B. J. Hinds, '83, A. B. Lorimer, '88, L. C. Staples, '03, E. C. Herrick, '98, and J. B. Slocum, '93. Dr. Taylor, '68, refused to speak, but was given an ovation lasting several minutes. Hon. W. P. Bartlett, '53, was greeted with great applause as representative of the sixty-year class. Robie G. Frye, '82, presented a plea for the formation of an "Outing Club," to interest all undergraduates in out-of-door exercise during the college year. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rex W. Dodge, '06; Vice-President, Drew T. Harthorn, '94; Secretary, Frank W. Alden, '98; Treasurer, H. R. Dunham, '86; Necrologist, C. P. Chipman, '06. The Phi Beta Kappa oration Tuesday evening was given by Rev. Woodman Bradbury, D.D., '87, on the theme "The Significance of Personality." Many class reunions occurred during the afternoon and early evening, while the fraternity reunions following the oration brought the graduates and undergraduates together in that closest of all college relations.

Wednesday morning college prayers were said in the chapel at 9.30 by Rev. A. B. Lorimer, '88, after which

the procession formed on the campus for the march to the church. At the head came the grand marshal, H. L. Pepper, '06, and the honorary marshal, E. B. Gibbs, '88, followed by President Roberts, Governor Haines and staff, the Trustees of Colby, the faculty, the alumni by classes, the graduating class, and the undergraduates. The exercises at the church were dignified and impressive. The speakers were Donald W. Ellis, Meroe F. Morse, Sarah E. Pennell, Elmer R. Bowker, Frances H. Pollard, and Ernest C. Marriner. After the conferring of degrees, announcement of prizes, etc., the line formed anew and returned to Memorial Hall for the Commencement dinner.

After the meal was over President Roberts introduced Hon. W. T. Haines, Governor of Maine, who gave a masterly address on the question of the recently enacted public utilities law and the coming referendum upon it. The next speaker was the Hon. William Pitt Bartlett, '53, of Eau Clair, Wis. Although more than 80 years of age Mr. Bartlett spoke with a vigor which held the close attention of his hearers for more than twenty minutes. Other speakers were: Rev. B. F. Lawrence, '58; E. B. Gibbs, '88; Judge W. E. Philbrook, '82; Col. F. S. Hesseltine, '63; J. H. Ogier, '93; and Dr. R. J. Condon, '86, Superintendent of Schools, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The class of 1893 gave the college, in recognition of their twentieth anniversary, a fund of \$1,000. The class of 1888 pledged themselves to maintain for five years, prizes amounting to \$100 a year to be awarded for the best thesis on some phase of political science.

The band concert on the campus at 3 o'clock brought the exercises of the 92d annual commencement to a close.

HONORS AND PRIZES

HONORARY DEGREES

LL.D.

Francis Snow Hesseltine, '63, of Boston, Mass., lawyer.
Randall Judson Condon, '86, Superintendent of Schools, Cincinnati, Ohio.

D.D.

Rev. Joel Byron Slocum, '93, of Norwich, Conn.
Rev. Cyrus Flint Stimson, '93, Field Secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, New York City.

HONORS IN SCHOLARSHIP

MAGNA CUM LAUDE.

Donald Witherle Ellis, Donald Heald White, Melvin Philip Roberts, Ernest Cummings Marriner, Mary Phyllis St. Clair, Meroe Farnsworth Morse.

CUM LAUDE.

Elmer Roy Bowker, John Hess Foster, Jason McClintock Hagan, John Wells, Clair Frank Benson, Clara Elliot Winslow, Ada Edith Waugh, Pauline Hanson, Diana Josephine Wall, Avis Christine Thompson, Lucy Isabel Clough.

MEMBERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Donald Witherle Ellis, Donald Heald White, Melvin Philip Roberts, Ernest Cummings Marriner, Elmer Roy Bowker, John Hess Foster, Jason McClintock Hagan, John Wells, Clair Frank Benson, Mary Phyllis St. Clair, Meroe Farnsworth Morse, Clara Elliot Winslow, Ada Edith Waugh, Pauline Hanson, Diana Josephine Wall.

PRIZES

For Excellence in Interpreting Greek Authors—Men's Division: Not awarded. Women's Division: Divided between Lucy Isabelle Clough, Kennebunkport and Meroe Farnsworth Morse, Waterville.

German Prizes—Men's Division: First prize, William Henry Gaylord, Upton, Mass.; second prize, Harry Gabriel Shohet, Portland. Women's Division, first prize, Elizabeth Mary Hodgkins, Brockton, Mass.; second prize, Vivian Luetto Skinner, Woodfords.

Freshman Scholarship Prizes—For excellence of scholarship during the Freshman year. Men's Division, first prize, Cecil Augustus Rollins, Vassalboro; second prize, Scott D. Staples, North Haven. Women's Division, first prize, Katherine Hallowell Singer, Damariscotta; second prize, Vivienne Lutte Skinner, Woodfords; honorable mention for excellence of work for the first semester, Louis McCurdy, Calais.

Junior Exhibition Prizes—Men's Division, first prize, A. Harvey Knight, Eliot; second prize, Robert H. Bowen, Waterville. Women's Division, first prize, Adelaide Lounsbury Klein, Mt Vernon; second prize, Alice Maud Beckett, Calais.

History Prize—An annual prize of \$50 known as the Mary Floyd Neeley prize, is offered by the Colonial Dames of the State for the best essay on some topic in the Colonial history of Maine. The competition is limited to women who are pursuing courses of history in the colleges of Maine. The prize offered in 1913 was won by Meroe Farnsworth Morse of the class of 1912, Waterville.

Senior Prizes for Excellence in English Composition—Men's Division, Elmer R. Bowker, Bryant's Pond. Women's Division, Frances H. Pollard, Old Town.

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"The best laid schemes o' mice and men
Gang aft a-gley."

Also the most carefully elaborated plans of editors, more's the pity! We make no excuse for our failure to redeem our promises for a Commencement issue. Our plans met shipwreck, that is all. But we hope to make amends by publishing in the fall issues the Phi Beta Kappa oration, and other matters omitted from this number. For those who were present, no report is needed; they have carried with them vivid impressions of Commencement week. For those who were not so fortunate as to attend, no report, however full, can take the place of the actuality. So we console ourselves for our disappointment.

With this issue of the ALUMNUS the venture launched in November, 1911, rounds out its second scholastic year. We have done what we could to make the magazine worthy of the alumni in whose interest it has been published. The commendations received from numerous graduates of Colby have been highly gratifying, but the support accorded in the form of subscriptions has been not quite so satisfactory. A certain number of subscribers is necessary to meet the

cost of publication. For the past two years that number has not been reached. The future of the ALUMNUS depends on an increased support by the alumni.

"SAMUEL OSBORNE JANITOR"

The graduates of Colby owe Dr. F. M. Padelford, '96, a lasting debt of gratitude for the service he has rendered by the publication of this little memorial to one whose memory all hold in reverence. No man who attended Colby during the nearly forty years when "Sam" was janitor can ever forget the genial little black man, with his kindly smile, his ready sympathy, and his boundless love for the college. Many a man went out to do better work in the world because of the silent influence of Sam's confidence in his abilities. To many a graduate Colby is no longer the same place without the familiar figure, always ready to greet a visitor with a word of recognition, no matter how long his absence.

Dr. Padelford has done his work well, and the thin little volume of only 37 pages gives an admirable picture of Sam. It is enlivened by numerous anecdotes illustrating the native wit of the old man, and his boundless enthusiasm for the college. Every story told will call to the reader's mind a half dozen others equally diverting, and it is a cause for wonder that Dr. Padelford was able to confine his narrative within so narrow limits. The book is one that will be read and re-read by every friend of Sam, and cherished because of the memories which it awakens of student days.

Ah, dear old Sam, how you would have rejoiced had you lived to see the present prosperity of Colby!

SAMUEL OSBORNE, JANITOR. By Frederick Morgan Padelford. Boston, LeRoy Phillips, publisher. 50 cents net.

COLLEGE LIFE

BASEBALL

The glory of the old days has certainly departed from baseball at Colby. Not since 1906 has the college seen a championship series won, although this year, as last, the Colby nine stood in second place. It would be an interesting theme for research work to discover the causes for this phenomenon. Possibly the increasing interest in foot ball and track on the part of the students has something to do with it. Be that as it may, the season just closed did not bring the intercollegiate pennant to Colby.

After losing the first game of the series to Bowdoin, on May third, the team came back with a four to one victory over Bates at Lewiston, May 7th. This was followed by the loss of the second game with Bowdoin, May 14th, at Brunswick, by a score of 9 to 2. The Colby team was charged with a total of six errors and Bowdoin scored eight hits off James. But on May 21st, at Orono, the Colby boys took Maine into their camp to the tune of four to nothing, playing an almost errorless game. The seesaw continued with the loss of the next game with Maine, at Waterville, May 28th, when the score was 6 to 2 in favor of the State University. The final game of the series, that with Bates at Waterville on June 4th, was easily won, 9 to 4. Meanwhile Bowdoin had won four out of six games and the pennant. Colby and Maine were tied for second place, and Bates brought up the rear.

Two games not in the championship series completed the schedule. Brown won at Providence on May 31st by a

score of 8 to 2; and the Maine Centrals of Portland defeated Colby at Waterville on June 14th, 8 to 5. Out of a total of thirteen games for the season, Colby won but four—one from Harvard, one from Maine, and two from Bates.

TRACK

The first dual track meet with Holy Cross was held on Alumni Field, Saturday, May 10th. The weather was cold and windy, distinctly unfavorable for good work. Holy Cross won easily, scoring 74 points to 52 for Colby. Colby was strongest in the hurdles, broad jump, hammer throw and shot put, scoring 35 points in these events. Meanix, '16, was the individual star for Colby, winning sixteen points, three firsts and a third.

In the Maine Intercollegiate Meet at Orono on May 17th, when nine records were broken, Colby secured the third place, with a total of 19 points. Maine won the meet with 47 points and a lead of only four points over Bates, after a stubborn fight. Bowdoin, for the third year in succession, was forced to the fourth place, scoring 17 points. Meanix was again the chief point winner for Colby, making the quarter mile in the record time of 51 seconds.

Colby sent six men to the New England Intercollegiate Track Meet at the Harvard Stadium, May 23 and 24. Five qualified for the finals and two secured points—Meanix a second in the low hurdles and Nardini a third in the 100 yard dash. This gave five points to Colby.

WHAT COLBY MEN ARE DOING

1866.

Rev. Francis W. Bakeman, D.D., completed his twenty-ninth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chelsea, Mass., on May 4th. This is the only downtown Baptist church in Greater Boston (except Tremont Temple) which has been able to maintain its strength and standing. Its prosperous condition is a high tribute to the power of Dr. Bakeman's ministry. Dr. and Mrs. Bakeman sailed June 24th for an extensive tour in Europe.

1869.

Cor: JUSTIN K. RICHARDSON
Denver, Colo.

The very elaborate observance of Memorial Day here in Denver yesterday, with a division of U. S. troops, cavalry, infantry and artillery, with its military band; a division of state troops; a variety of other military and semi-military organizations, as well as a camp of ex-confederates, four G. A. R. Posts, four bands and drum corps, with various Relief Corps and Women's Circles, turning out to do honor to the occasion, served to recall to my mind the first observance of this day in Waterville. I suppose it was in 1868, although I had it in mind as one year earlier; but I am told that Gen. Logan's first order that began the celebration of the day was in 1868. If so, it was in my Junior year and in the very year that Waterville College became Colby University.

When the order was issued, no one in Waterville seemed disposed to act upon it. At length I made bold to see what could be done. I finally succeeded in interesting quite a number of the school children, mostly, I think, members of the Baptist Sunday School in which I was a teacher.

Except myself I think there was no other adult that appeared on that occasion. I do not recall that they even came to look on. Of necessity I was general manager, Grand Marshal as we should say today. The children, at my request, had brought such flowers as they could obtain and carried them in their hands. I

formed them in line and marched them to the cemetery, which was a long walk for some of them. At the cemetery we strewed the flowers on all the graves of soldiers buried there so far as we could discover them. I think I made a very brief address to the children, either before or after strewing the flowers. Then we reformed and marched back to the Baptist church. It was all very simple, almost insignificant, as compared with the services here, and in multitudes of other places, yesterday; but it is a pleasure to me to recall that, even in this simple way, Waterville was represented on that day and that Colby led in so doing. I wonder if any of those, then children, who thus assisted, are still living in Waterville and recall this first observance of Memorial Day?

1872.

Rev. John H. Barrows, for ten years pastor of the Baptist church in Marblehead, Mass., has recently resigned his charge and goes to the pastorate of the church in Bolton, Mass.

1875.

The address of Prin. E. J. Colcord is now 624 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1876.

A new book from the pen of Dr. Albion W. Small of the University of Chicago is announced by the Inter-Collegiate Press of Kansas City, Mo. It is called "Between Eras: From Capitalism to Democracy."

1880.

Education for May contains a most suggestive article on "How students actually read" by Dr. Harry Lyman Koopman, Librarian of Brown University.

1884.

Dean Shailer Mathews of the Divinity School, University of Chicago, gave the Commencement address at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans., on June 4th. It is announced that Dr. Mathews will be one of the speakers at Chautauqua this summer.

1886.

A signal honor has been paid Supt. Randall J. Condon of the Cincinnati schools, who was a graduate from Colby College in 1886. He has recently been appointed by Secretary of the Interior Lane as one of the seven Americans who will attend the International Conference of Education at the Hague next September. This convention is regarded as one of the big events in educational work. Supt. Condon, it is said, has accepted the invitation, as have the following other well known educators: Dr. David Starr Jordan of the Leland Stanford university; Dr. Charles H. Judd, director of School of Education of the University of Chicago; Charles N. Kendall commissioner of education of the State of New Jersey; David Jayne Hill, former ambassador to Germany; Mrs. Fannie Forns Andrews, secretary of the American School Peace league and special collaborator in the United States Bureau of Education, and Philander P. Claxton, commissioner of education of the United States. The honor paid to Dr. Condon is made the more notable by the fact that he is the only school superintendent in the country to be selected.

1887.

Hon. Forrest Goodwin, representative in Congress from the third Maine district, died in Portland on May 28 of cirrhosis of the liver. Mr. Goodwin was born in Skowhegan, Me., June 14, 1862, and graduated from Colby in 1887. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar. In 1888-89 he was a member of the lower house in the Maine legislature; and served in the State Senate in 1903 and 1905. An extended biography of Mr. Goodwin was published in the *Alumnus* upon his election to Congress last fall. In his death Colby loses one of her most loyal sons and supporters.

1891.

Edwin C. Teague, treasurer of Hebron Academy, has resigned his office and entered the grain business at Buckfield, Me. Mr. Teague had been at Hebron for twenty years, first as an Instructor in science, and later as treasurer.

1892.

Prof. W. N. Donovan of Newton Theological Institution sailed with his family on June 6th for Europe, to be absent until August, 1914. Prof. Donovan will spend the greater part of his absence in study in Germany.

1894.

Rev. F. W. Padelford, D.D., for five years Secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society, has been elected Educational Secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Padelford has been serving as Educational Secretary of the Convention for several months, but has just announced his final decision to accept the position permanently. He will close his work for the Massachusetts society in October and devote his entire time to the educational work.

1896.

Ralph H. Richardson is an assistant engineer in charge of road and bridge building on a portion of the new extension of the so-called "Moffat Road" (now called the Denver and Salt Lake), from its present terminus at Steamboat Springs, Colo., to Craig, Colo., on the way to Salt Lake City, Utah.

A. M. Sanborn was recently elected Head-master of the Waterville High School, to succeed C. L. Haskell, resigned.

Benjamin Coffin, since 1905 registrar of probate for Cumberland County, died at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary in Portland on May 11, 1913, after a long illness due to blood poisoning. Mr. Coffin was born at Freeport, Me., on February 14, 1872. After leaving Colby he taught for several years. In 1901 he was a member of the House of Representatives in the Maine legislature. In 1902 he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of law. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice T. Coffin, and one son, Benjamin T. Coffin.

1898.

The following item is from a recent issue of the local daily:

John E. Nelson has formed a partnership with Charles L. Andrews of Augusta and is planning to make his

home in that city in the future. After the death of Hon. Herbert M. Heath, Warren C. Philbrook of this city took his place as senior member of the firm of Heath & Andrews, giving up the business to become associate justice of the Maine supreme court. Now Mr. Nelson will take his place in the firm.

Mr. Nelson graduated from Colby in 1898 and after being principal of the Waterville high school four years, completed his law studies at the University of Maine. He then became associated with Governor William T. Haines, taking over much of Mr. Haines' law business which he was unable to handle because of his other activities. He has made a fine reputation as one of the best of the younger lawyers of the state and is especially strong in court work. He has had a very prosperous practice and his removal from the city will be regretted by everyone.

1904.

William A. Cowing, for several years Principal of Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston, Me., has recently accepted the principalship of the Winthrop, Me., High School.

A son, Edward Burton Winslow, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Winslow, Mohegan Heights, Bronxville, N. Y., on May 7, 1913.

1905.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Maxfield are rejoicing over the birth of a son, David Kempton, on May 12, 1913.

1906.

Arthur G. Robinson, for the past two years connected with the boys' department of the Kansas City, Mo., Y. M. C. A., goes to China in September to enter association work there.

1907.

Arthur Kenelm Winslow died on June 5, 1913, as the result of injuries received on June 3d in a fall from his bicycle. Mr. Winslow was born in Saco, Me., twenty-seven years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Winslow. He was graduated from Thornton Academy in 1903 and from Colby in 1907. In college he was distinguished for high scholarship and attained Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Two brothers, E. B. Winslow, '04, and Winthrop Winslow, ex-'14, and two sisters, Mrs. Nellie P. Rideout, '07, and Clara E. Winslow, '13, besides his father and mother, survive him.

1908.

Emmons P. Burrill, ex-'08, was ordained a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the cathedral at Portland, Me., on June 1, 1913.

1909.

E. W. Merrill was ordained a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Chicago on June 1, 1913. His address after September 1st will be St. John's Military School, Salina, Kans.

Austin Shaw received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Johns Hopkins University in June. Dr. Shaw goes immediately to Seattle, Wash., for hospital work.

1910.

Alton Blake, recently of Eastman Brothers & Bancroft, of Portland, Maine, has charge of the coat and suit department at the L. H. Soper Company's store, Waterville.

J. M. Maxwell and J. A. Tidd were graduated from the Newton Theological Institution at the recent Commencement. Mr. Maxwell also received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

1911.

Wilbur V. Cole died at his home in Waterville on June 2d, as the result of injuries received on May 28th, while running to catch a train in the Union Station at Portland. He was born in Prospect Harbor, Me., December 8, 1885. While in college he took an important part in student activities, especially in track athletics. Since his graduation he has been in the employ of Boothby and Bartlett, insurance agents, Waterville. He is survived by a wife and infant son.

1915.

C. V. Smith, ex-'15, was married on June 11th to Miss B. M. Rich of Bradley, Me.

