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NINETY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT

The last good-byes have been said, the campus is deserted, and one more Colby commencement has passed into history. Except for showers on Sunday and just at the close of Wednesday's exercises, the weather was fair and delightful. Each commencement has its own peculiar flavor, and the ninety-fourth at Colby was no exception. A spirit of quiet comradeship and supreme satisfaction in meeting again with the friends of their youth seemed to pervade to an unusual degree the ranks of the returning graduates. The registration was slightly less than that of one year ago, but the difference was scarcely perceptible in the crowds that thronged the campus.

The changes made last year in the arrangement of the program were followed again this year, and the advantages of the new order were increasingly evident. Tuesday, as alumni day, was the big day of the week and was packed full of enjoyment. The decorations on the campus were more elaborate than last year and added greatly to the delightfulness of the exercises.

The Junior Exhibition on Saturday evening, June 19th, at the Baptist Church opened the exercises of commencement. Nine members of the Junior class presented essays of an unusually high order of excellence in a most creditable manner. The audience, as last year, was larger than has been the rule in previous years.

SUNDAY.

The members of the graduating class marched to the church from the campus on Sunday morning, and listened to the baccalaureate sermon, which was delivered by Rev. Woodman Bradbury, D.D., of the class of 1887. His text was from Ecclesiastes, "He hath set eternity in the heart of man," and the sermon was one which well sustained the reputation for excellence set in previous years. The audience was much larger than the seating capacity of the church. Dr. Bradbury also preached the annual sermon before the Christian Associations of the college at 7.30 Sunday evening. His subject was, "Faith—an Adventure."

MONDAY.

On Monday afternoon at two o'clock the Juniors held their Class Day celebration on the lower campus. The usual speaking parts were filled in a most excellent fashion, and the class added its gift of one hundred dollars to the growing fund for a memorial gateway.

At 4.30 P. M., the annual meeting of the Maine Beta of Phi Beta Kappa was held in the lecture room of Chemical Hall. Twelve members of the class of 1915 were elected to membership; their names will be found on another page in the list of graduation honors. Jeremiah Edmund Burke, of the class of 1890, Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Boston, was elected to honorary membership. The following officers were elected:

President, Charles P. Chipman, '06.

First Vice-President, Harriet M. Parmenter, '89.

Second Vice-President, Charles F. Warner, '79.

Secretary-Treasurer, Prof. J. W. Black.

Executive Committee, the officers and John F. Liscomb, '62, Evaline A. Salsman, '04, and Jason M. Hagan, '13.

The President's reception in Memorial Hall, from 8:00 to 10:00 P. M., brought the day to a delightful close. The campus was brilliantly illuminated by rows of electric lights hidden in Japanese lanterns, and the tower of Memorial Hall was outlined with tiny electric lights.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday was the busiest day of all the week. As last year, it had been set apart for Alumni Day, and the alumni were on hand in large numbers to share in its pleasure. At ten o'clock the Seniors held their class day exercises on the lower campus. At noon the alumni gathered to the number of 140 for their annual luncheon in the Gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated with the national colors in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the close of the civil war, to which Colby had contributed so large a number of graduates and undergraduates. After dinner had been eaten and the routine business disposed of, excellent speeches were delivered by Edward J. Colcord, '75; H. L. Koopman, '80; H. D. McLellan, '90; R. L. Ervin, '11; and President Roberts. One significant happening was the appointment of a committee of nine to co-operate with a committee of the trustees in planning for the future growth of the college with special reference to the coming centennial celebration in 1920.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Rex W. Dodge, '06.

Vice-President, Archer Jordan, '95.

Secretary, Frank W. Alden, '98.

Treasurer, Russell H. Lord, '12.

Executive Committee, R. W. Dunn, '68; T. E. Hardy, '95; and R. L. Ervin, '11.

Alumni Representatives on the Athletic Committee, A. F. Drummond, '88, and C. W. Atchley, '03.

The Alumnae Luncheon was held at Foss Hall at 1 P. M.

At 3 P. M. came the band concert on the front campus. Chairs and tables had been arranged about the lawn, and a tent was erected near Memorial Hall where ice-cream was served. At 3.40 the Alumni Parade formed on the campus south of Memorial Hall, and marched to Alumni Field for the ball game. Several classes were in costume, their gorgeous apparel and youthful antics enlivening the occasion in a most amusing fashion. The ball game between the championship Colby team and the Madison semi-professional town team proved more interesting than commencement games usually do. Colby won by a score of 3 to 0.

At 5.30 came the "College Sing" on the lawn north of Memorial Hall. This was a new feature this year, and proved a delightful addition to the afternoon program. The committee having in charge the award of the Hedman Memorial Prizes offered by the class of 1895, was unable to announce their decision at this time, as had been their intention, owing to their inability to complete in time consideration of the songs submitted.

At 8 P. M. the Phi Beta Kappa oration was delivered in the Baptist Church by Professor Bliss Perry of Harvard University. His theme was "Phi Beta Kappa's Most Famous Day", and the address was one of the finest ever delivered at a Colby Commencement. The audience filled the church.

Class reunions were held by the various classes during the afternoon and early evening, and the day came to a close with the several

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HONORS AND PRIZES

HONORARY DEGREES

LL.D.

George E. Horr, president of Newton Theological Institution, Newton Centre, Mass.

D.D.

Rev. Nelson S. Burbank, 1889, pastor of the Baptist Church, Revere, Mass.

Rev. George B. Nicholson, pastor of the Episcopal Church, Waterville, Maine.

LITT.D.

Edward J. Colcord, 1875, teacher, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jeremiah E. Burke, 1890, assistant superintendent of schools, Boston, Mass.

A.M.

Theodore E. Hardy, 1895, physician, Waterville, Maine.

Miss Josephine H. Hodson, preceptress of the Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine.

HONORS IN SCHOLARSHIP

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Ruth Morgan, Odette Montgomery Pollard.

CUM LAUDE

Ray Cawley Young, Leslie Ferguson Murch, Harold Sterling Campbell, Marguerite May Chamberlain, Helen Nelson Hanson, Marion Ophelia Steward, Ina May McCausland, Lester Frank Weeks, Roy Maxfield Whelden, Vernelle Dyer, Mary Alida Washburn, Ruth Walker Goodwin, Lena Potter Blanchard, Evelyn Sadie Whitney.

PRIZES

Excellence in English Composition—Vernelle W. Dyer, Oakland, and Miss Ethel G. Chamberlain, Fort Fairfield.

Junior Exhibition—Men's: First, Robert C. Joudry, Somerville, Mass.; second, Erving M. Miller, Wellington. Women's: First, Miss Lois M. Osgood, Medford, Mass.

Excellence in German—Men's: First, Frederick A. Pottle, East Otisfield; second, Harry M. Stack, Brooklyn, N. Y. Women's: First, Miss Selma Koehler, Cliftondale, Mass.; second, Miss Helen B. Buker, Saco.

Freshman Scholarship Prizes—Men's: First, Hugh L. Robinson, Waterville; second, Ray W. Smith, Caribou. Women's: First, Madge C. Tooker, Cherryfield; second, Cornelia P. Kelley, Waterville.

MEMBERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Men's division, Ray Cawley Young, Lakeport, N. H.; Leslie F. Murch, Hampden Highlands; Harold Sterling Campbell, Ashland; Lester F. Weeks, Randolph; Roy Maxfield Whelden, Westbrook, and Vernelle W. Dyer, Oakland. Women's division, Ruth Morgan, Guilford; Odette M. Pollard, Waterville; Helen N. Hanson, Calais; Marion O. Steward, Lawrence, Mass.; and Ina May McCausland, Woodfords.

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fraternity reunions still in progress at the respective fraternity houses.

WEDNESDAY.

College prayers were said in the chapel at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. At 9.30 the procession formed in front of Memorial Hall, and marched to the church, where the commencement exercises were held. Six members of the graduating class delivered their assigned parts in a manner which reflected great credit upon the college. Seventy-eight members of the class of 1915 received the bachelor's degree, and one member of the class of 1914 received the master's degree upon completion of the required work. Seven honorary degrees were conferred, and the customary prizes were awarded, as shown on another page. At the conclusion of the exercises the procession formed again and returned to the campus. The final event of the week came at 12:30 P. M., when a large company sat down in the Gymnasium for the Commencement Dinner. The Class of 1906 Cup was awarded for the second time to the class of 1864, which had 100% of its membership present at the luncheon Tuesday. The Colby Alumnus Cup was awarded to the Class of 1895 for the most attractive appearance in the Alumni Parade. After-dinner speakers were Dr. J. E. Cummings, '84; W. S. Knowlton, '64; J. E. Burke, '90; Judge G. M. Hanson, honorary-'14; President G. E. Horr of Newton Theological Institution; E. J. Colcord, '75; and A. D. Small, '65.

CLASS OF 1865

The Class of 1865, whose semi-centenary of graduation occurs at this Commencement, may be considered the "war class" of the College. It entered during the first year of the Civil War and graduated, with thinned ranks, during the last year of that War. More properly it graduated the year when the War ended, and some of its first members were marshaled out of the Army service the very day of graduation, August 9, 1865, the usual season of graduation at that time. Moreover, the Class of '65 suffered quite peculiarly from the demands of the Union cause.

Before 1861, Waterville College had been growing and had attained, in 1860, the maximum number of that era, 122 students. '65 should have added a maximum Freshman class; but it entered only 35 students, making a total of 117 in the College. During its course, not only '65, but also the whole college, was many times decimated, at

the Nation's call and by the fervor of patriotism of the student body.

The preceding four years, '65's four, and the succeeding four yield an interesting tabular statement, which gives the Catalog numbers of the Students in College, the Freshman of that year, the Graduates from that class of Freshman, and their percentage on that Freshman enrollment.

Year of Catalog	No. of Students	No. of Freshmen	No. of Graduates	% Graduating
1857-8	69	21	8	38.1
1858-9	86	40	26	65
1859-60	117	51	24	47.06
1860-1	122	31	15	48.4
1861-2	117	35	8	22.86 ('65)
1862-3	83	21	6	28.6
1863-4	69	19	6	31.6
1864-5	62	26	15	57.7
1865-6	71	22	12	54.5
1866-7	52	14	7	50 Colby U.
1867-8	64	21	14	66.7
1868-9	51	13	8	61.5

Students left College for the War every year in large numbers; and, after the War was over, the College slowly convalesced and grew. While, in the four-year group preceding the War, 143 entered and 73 of them, or 51% graduated, in the War-group but 66 entered and 27 or only 40% thereof graduated; but, in the post-bellum group, of the 70 who entered, 41 or 58% graduated,—a small number entering but with good staying-quality.

In the class of '65, while a comparatively good number of students entered the College, the lowest percentage, to be found in the 12 years considered reached graduation,—namely 22.86%. Even this statement may be quite too favorable; for, as we have not been able, for lack of time, to eliminate the numbers falling back in the several classes, we have taken the Catalog enrollments in all cases. In 1865 class, two graduated, who entered earlier than 1861, and were not of the original 35, of whom but six graduated,—Clow, Donham, Grover, Hanson, Lambert, and A. D. Small. Four had entered the class, after 1861,—Dura Pratt Morgan in 1862, Edwin Ruthven Mayo in 1863, and Henry Merrill Bearce and William Thomas Chase in the Senior year, 1864-5, to graduate with the class, with the 17% of the original 35. Morgan and Mayo did not graduate, and no one of the four now survives. The losses to '65 were 15 after one year, three after two years, 10 after three years, and one during the Senior,—for Asa Hutchins Snow did not graduate, went into business, and has recently deceased. The total loss was therefore 29.

Of the 39 belonging to '65, in all years, only seven survive. They are: G. M. Donham of Portland, H. H. Grover of Winfield, Kansas, and A. D. Small of Boston, Mass., graduates, and A. G. Drury of Cincinnati, S. R. Morse of Trenton, N. J., W. H. Russell of Illinois, and Dr. F. C. Thayer of Waterville Maine.

The careers of these living members might make interesting reading to those who were of that period of Colby's history or who know them or who delight in College antiquities. If desirable, we may collate the data required, of which we are not yet fully possessed and which will require longer research.

Prof. C. P. Chipman has aided us greatly, as only the Professor can, and Howard Haskell Grover of Winfield, Kansas, is a mine of our class lore, equipped to date, and richly productive, constantly and actively working. If those who have further information about '65ers will send their facts to A. D. Small, 67 Ashford St., Aliston, Mass., he will make good use of it. Relatives and Friends, help with your favors.

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COLBY WINS BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

	Won	Lost	Tied	Percent.
Colby	6	2	1	.750
Maine	6	3	0	.667
Bates	4	4	1	.500
Bowdoin	1	8	0	.111

After a preliminary season which gave little promise of bringing the Maine championship to Colby, the Colby team won its first championship game on May 8, defeating Bowdoin by the score of 3 to 2, and stepped at once into first place, to remain there until the end of the season. The scores of the various games follow:

May 8 Colby 3 Bowdoin 2
 May 12 Colby 12 Bowdoin 7
 May 19 Colby 5 Bates 5
 May 22 Colby 5 Maine 3
 May 24 Colby 2 Bates 11
 May 29 Colby 5 Bates 1
 June 1 Colby 7 Bowdoin 4
 June 5 Colby 4 Maine 2
 May 8 Colby 1 Maine 8

In an exhibition game at Gardiner on June 12, the Colby team proved its claim to championship form by winning from Bates, 8 to 7, with a team largely composed of substitutes. Much of the credit for the success of the season is due to Coach Houser, who made of last season's material a real ball team, of the kind for which Colby was known in the old days. The winning of the championship was suitably celebrated on the evening of June 10 by a parade and a huge bonfire on Alumni Field.

COLBY THIRD IN TRACK MEET

The Maine Intercollegiate Track Meet was held on Alumni Field on May 15. The first place went to Maine, with 60½ points to her favor. Colby had been listed for second place, but owing to the failure of Royal to show his customary form in the hurdles, Bowdoin came in second with 32 points, and Colby stood third with 27. Bates was a lonesome fourth, scoring only 5½ points.

Colby's points were scored almost wholly in the track events. Levine landed second place in the two-mile run; Thompson did the same in the one-mile; Golden was third in the half-mile; Merrill took first in the quarter, with Webster third; Howe was an easy first in the 100-yard and the 220-yard dashes; Royal secured second in the 220-yard hurdles, but failed to land anything in the 100-yard hurdles. The only other point won by Colby was a third in the discus, won by Joyce.

At the New England meet held in Cambridge on May 22, Colby was sixth, with 13 points. Howe was an easy winner in the dashes, scoring ten points for Colby, while Joyce secured a second in the discus throw.

WHAT COLBY MEN ARE DOING

1852.

Rev. Daniel Webster Wilcox died at the home of his son, Charles H. Wilcox, in Springfield, Mass., on May 8, 1915, after an illness of two days. He was born in Colerain, Mass., on December 2, 1829. For a year after his graduation from Colby he taught, and then entered the Rochester Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1855. He held brief pastorates in Green Bay and Sheboygan Falls, Wis., but was obliged to retire from the ministry because of a throat trouble. From 1859 to 1909 he made his home at Shelburne Falls, Mass. There he was for many years librarian of the Arms Public Library. For the past six years he had made his home with his son in Springfield.

1862.

Lewis Edwin Norris, M.D., ex-'62, died recently at his home in Hampden, Me. After leaving Colby he studied at the Bellevue Medical College, New York, and was for many years a practising physician in Hampden.

1871.

Walter F. Marston died on February 5, 1915, in a hospital in Connecticut. He was born in Danville, Me., July 6, 1849. He prepared for college at the Bath, Me., High School. After his graduation from Colby he taught in Hallowell, Me., Somerville, Mass., and Bristol, R. I. In 1878 he became proprietor of the Hallowell *Register*, retiring from this business in 1908. In 1887 he served as a member of the Maine Legislature. From 1901 to 1905 he was a Trustee of Storer College, West Virginia. He is survived by a widow and four sons.

1872.

In the first verse of the lines written by Wilder W. Perry on the death of his classmate, Rev. Alfred Sweetser Stowell, published in the May ALUMNUS, a slight misprint of the word "here" for "higher", is hereby corrected:

Treading the aisle where saints have trod,
He heard this message from his God:
"Son, come on, come on, come on up higher,"
So he mounted the altar, his soul on fire.

1884.

At the annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, held at Los Angeles, Calif., in May, Dean Shailer Mathews, of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, was elected President.

1892.

William Bertram Andrews died at Portland, Maine, on May 24, 1915. He was born in Springfield, Mass., May 6, 1868. He was principal of the Cochituate, Mass., grammar school, 1892-93, and of the Pennell Institute, Gray, Me., 1893-98. From 1898 to 1901 he was connected with the U. S. Light-House Inspector's office in Portland. Since 1901 he had been principal of Westbrook, Me., high school, and manager of the New England Teacher's Agency of Portland.

1903.

Rev. George W. Thomas is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Three Forks, Mont.

1905.

Fire which broke out early on the morning of May 18th damaged the home of Alfred M. Frye at Leicester, Mass., to the amount of \$1400. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

1906.

Arthur G. Robinson and Miss Marian Ryder were married in the First Congregational Church, Kansas City, Mo., on Friday evening, June 11, 1915.

E. C. Lincoln, head of the English department in the Fergus County High School, Lewistown, Montana, delivered an address at the recent meeting of the North Western Teachers' Association in Spokane, Wash.

La Cultura Popolare, an Italian magazine published in Milan, contains in the issue for March 15, the following review of Professor Chipman's book, "Books and libraries:"

"Books and libraries, their makers and use (Libri e biblioteche; loro storia e loro uso).—Waterville, Me., Colby Alumnus Press, 140 pp., 1 doll.—Il volume è una raccolta di conferenze tenute dall'a. agli allievi del Colby College. E' diviso in tre parti, la prima delle quali, sulla storia del libro, è quella di maggior interesse (storia dell' alfabeto, papiri e manoscritti, sviluppo della stampa, edizioni antiche e moderne, biblioteche medioevali e attuali). La seconda parte, sull'uso del libro ha carattere esclusivamente tecnico (catalogazione, classificazione, opere di consultazione, ecc.). La terza, sulla biblioteca degli studenti, dà utili suggerimenti per la scelta e la lettura dei libri."

1907.

The address of Fred W. C. Rideout, ex-'07, is 53 Vermilyea Ave., New York City.

1908.

R. F. Thompson is manager of the F. W. Woolworth Company's store in Streator, Ill.

1909.

Rev. R. B. Davis is pastor of the Baptist Church at Putney, Vt.

Wallace E. Hackett, ex-'09, is Director of Practical Arts in the public schools of Reading, Penn. Under his direction an investigation of manual and vocational training in the United States has recently been made, the results of which have been published in a volume entitled "A Survey of Manual, Domestic, and Vocational Training in the United States."

1913.

Rev. J. K. Romeyn, ex-'13, who has just completed his course at the theological department of Colgate University, has become pastor of the Baptist church at Penacook, N. H.

Frederick Joy and Miss Eleanor Gertrude Welsh of Waterville were married in the Congregational Church, Waterville, on the evening of June 2, 1915. Their home will be in Westbrook, Me., where Mr. Joy is employed in the Dana paper mills.

1914.

F. D. Nardini, 'ex-14, and Miss Louise Gibson of Lowell, Mass., were married on Wednesday, June 2, 1915, at the bride's home in Lowell.

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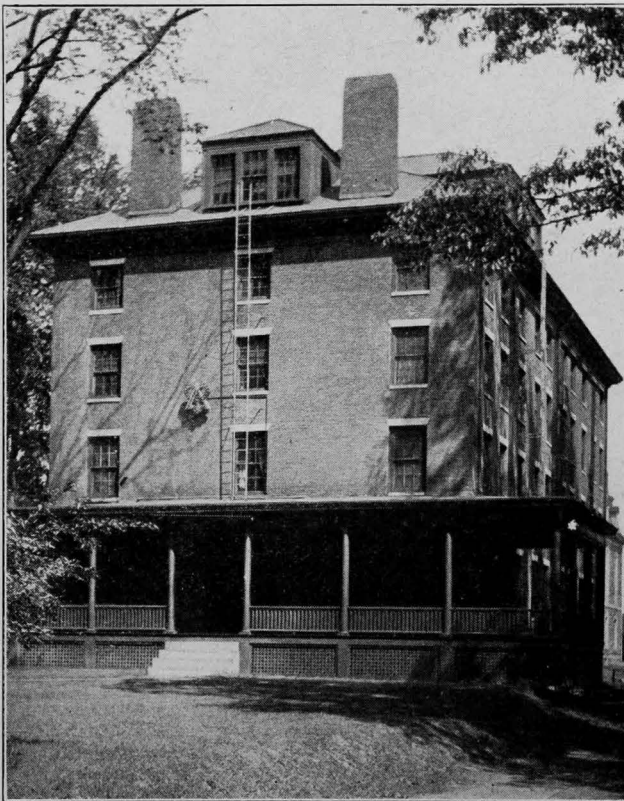
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