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Mrs. B. K. Emerson, of Amherst. Realizing Dr. Bixler's vision for Colby's future, it seemed to Mrs. Cowdery that a highly representative collection of Ex Libris could be more appreciatively made known in the new Miller Library at Colby than elsewhere. There the Cowdery Bookplate Collection will prove in variety and appeal not the least fascinating display setting forth the Arts of the Book.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, last month, provided an appropriate occasion for announcing the recent gift to the Colby Library by Mr. Richard Shannon, of Waterville, of an extensive collection of papers, documents, diaries, and other material written by, or dealing with, Colonel Richard Cutts Shannon of Civil War fame. At the head of the list stands the military appointment of Shannon, signed by President Abraham Lincoln. There are two military appointments signed by Andrew Jackson, two diplomatic appointments signed by President U. S. Grant, and two diplomatic appointments signed by Benjamin Harrison.

Among Colonel Shannon's own writings, the collection includes his vivid first-hand account of his military service in the Civil War, the diary he kept while a military prisoner in Libby Prison in 1863, his journal of an official visit to Brazil in 1877, and his diary of a trip to China in 1886. Among his later compositions are his "Remarks upon being officially notified of his renomination for Congress" in 1896, and his "Reminiscences of College Life."

Finally, the Shannon Collection includes genealogical and biographical matter, photographs, some personal correspondence, and Professor E. W. Hall's Memorial Address, delivered in the Colby Chapel on June 25, 1911. The library is deeply indebted to Mr. Richard Shannon for the gift of this rich historical and literary material.