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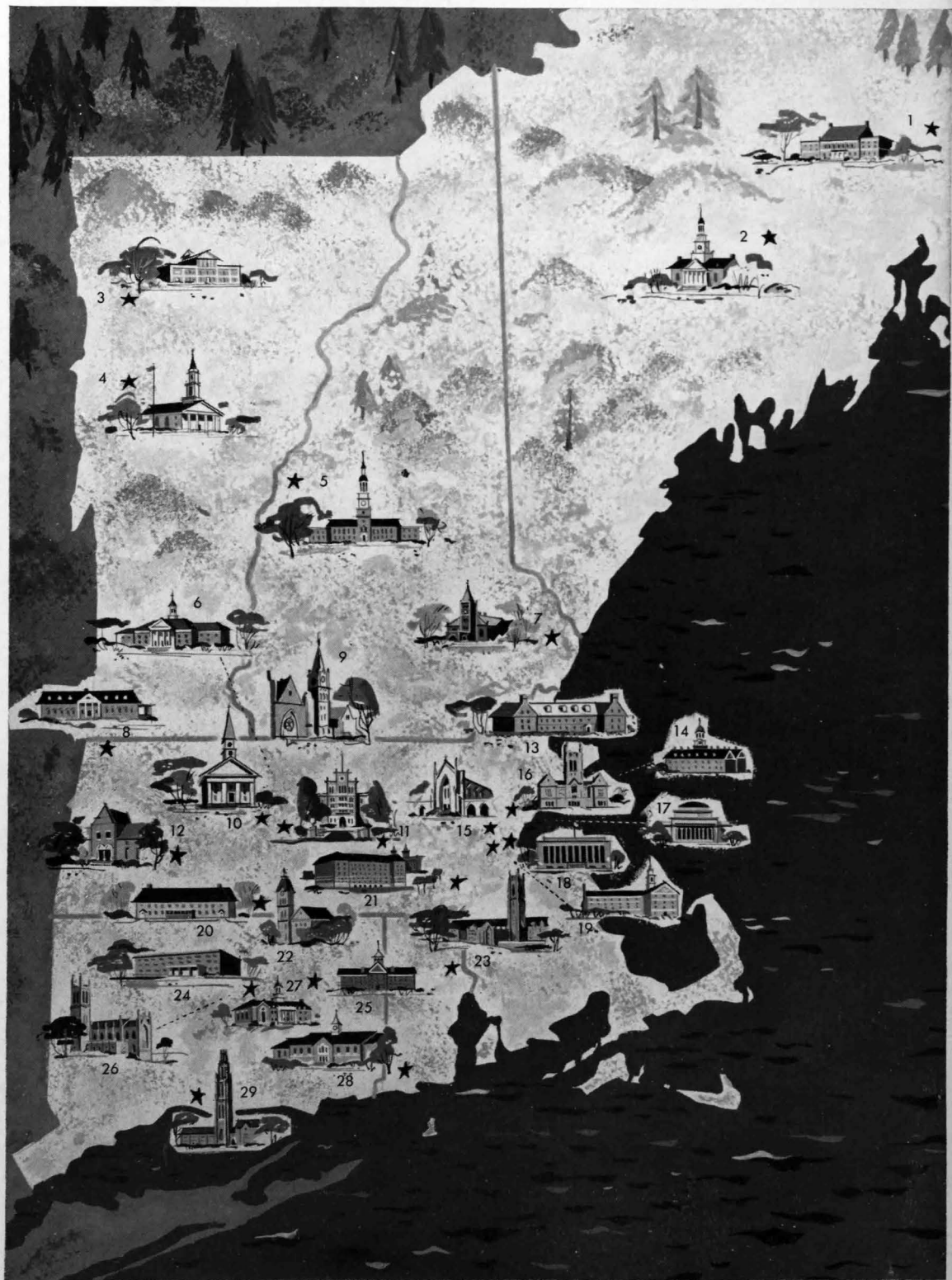
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# THE COLBY ALUMNUS



SUMMER 1959





# New England is a fertile land for growing minds

High on the list of New England's achievements is the scholarly tradition that has grown up here. New Englanders pioneered education in America — the first college, the first secondary school, the first public school, the first women's college. Today, New England schools and colleges are respected throughout the world . . . and the nation still looks this way for educational leadership.

These things didn't happen merely by an accident of time or geography. By respecting the scholar, admiring the inquisitive mind, New Englanders provided a fine climate for learning. Today, every state in the nation and

nearly every nation in the world is represented in the enrollment of the New England colleges listed below. This past June, more than 23,000 students graduated from these institutions. From these young people will come spiritual, educational, industrial and political leaders of tomorrow. Surely what they gain here, by living and learning together in a spirit of scholarship, benefits everyone, everywhere.

One of New England's proudest accomplishments is its continuing contribution to education. The First National Bank of Boston is equally proud to have worked with New England's schools and colleges for 175 years.

## NEW ENGLAND COLLEGES

### CONNECTICUT

Albertus Magnus College  
Annhurst College  
Connecticut College for Women  
Fairfield University  
Hillyer College  
Saint Joseph College  
Trinity College (26)  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Connecticut (27)  
Wesleyan University  
Yale University (29)

### MAINE

Bates College  
Bowdoin College  
Colby College (2)  
University of Maine (1)

### MASSACHUSETTS

American International College (20)  
Amherst College (10)  
Anna Maria College for Women  
Assumption College  
Atlantic Union College  
Boston College (16)  
Boston University (15)  
Brandeis University  
Clark University (11)  
College of Our Lady of the Elms  
College of the Holy Cross (21)  
Eastern Nazarene College  
Emmanuel College  
Harvard University (14)  
Jackson College for Women  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (17)  
Merrimack College

Mount Holyoke College (9)  
Newton College of the Sacred Heart  
Northeastern University (18)  
Radcliffe College (19)  
Regis College  
Simmons College  
Smith College (12)  
Springfield College (24)  
Suffolk University  
Tufts University (13)  
University of Massachusetts (6)  
Wellesley College (23)  
Wheaton College  
Williams College (8)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (22)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth College (5)  
Mount Saint Mary College  
Rivier College  
St. Anselm's College  
University of New Hampshire (7)

### RHODE ISLAND

Brown University (25)  
Pembroke College  
Providence College  
Salve Regina College  
University of Rhode Island (28)

### VERMONT

Bennington College  
Middlebury College (4)  
Norwich University  
St. Michael's College  
Trinity College  
University of Vermont (3)



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## FROM THE *President*

DEAR MR. LEONARD:

June 4, 1959

*After nearly two decades  
as President, Dr. Bixler  
announces his intention  
to retire.*

I FEEL THAT I must ask you and the Board of Trustees to accept my resignation as President of Colby College, effective one year from now. By that time it should be possible for the Board to find a successor and to make the adjustments such a change requires.

My reason is that I am now sixty-five years old and an office of this sort needs a person with the energy and vitality that only youth can offer. Mrs. Bixler and I have been at the College since 1942. It has been a strenuous but most rewarding period and we leave with the deepest gratitude to our Colby friends for the loyalty, understanding and affection they have shown. To no one else do we feel more indebted than to yourself.

Sincerely yours,  
J. S. BIXLER

June 5, 1959

COLBY COLLEGE is so deeply indebted to Dr. J. Seelye Bixler for his devoted service that the Board of Trustees feels bound to grant his request that he be relieved of his duties as President in June, 1960.

A review of Dr. Bixler's term of office gives convincing evidence that Colby once again has had precisely the right man at the right time. His predecessor, Dr. Franklin W. Johnson, was the person who initiated and sparked the move to the new campus, while Dr. Bixler has faced the responsibility of completing the campaign for additional funds to build this exceptional physical plant and at the same time to create an exceptional academic program and faculty.

When Dr. Bixler became the College's 16th President in 1942, he found a physically divided campus. There were but three buildings and the shells of five others on Mayflower Hill as compared to the twenty-seven buildings there today. Six years later the College was still operating on two campuses. Less than fifty per cent of the students were housed on Mayflower Hill and scarcely seventy per cent of the classroom and none of the laboratory work was conducted there.

The growth of Colby physically and financially has tended to over-shadow what has happened educationally. In the past decade, the faculty has doubled and ten department chairmen have been chosen by Dr. Bixler. These men, all of whom are still members of the faculty, form the core of the teaching team.

The College has emphasized higher and higher academic standards. Both admissions and graduation requirements have been substantially raised in recent years.

## FROM THE *Chairman of the Board*

The curriculum has undergone significant changes including the addition of several new, even pioneering, courses. Soon after Dr. Bixler became President, the departments of music and art were established. The Art and Music building, which is rising as a tribute to him, evidences the soundness of his concept. Close to President Bixler's heart, I am certain, is the fact that the enrollment in philosophy and religion has tripled over the past three years. It is now over six hundred. He has brought a steady stream of intellectual pioneers and outstanding scholars as lecturers. Colby has been one of the first colleges to make year-around use of its plant through a program of adult education.

When Dr. Bixler accepted the challenge presented by Mayflower Hill, I am sure it was with the hope that he could bring a rebirth to an old college, yet no one by any conceivable exercise of the imagination could have realized how overwhelming would be the contrast between the Colby he came to and the Colby of today. Mrs. Bixler has worked with him every step of the way in this Venture of Faith.

When Dr. Bixler leaves us a year from now, I understand he plans to spend a year abroad lecturing. When he returns, we look forward to his continuing affiliation with Colby as a member of the Board of Trustees and in other important capacities.

NEIL LEONARD

# COLBY ALUMNUS

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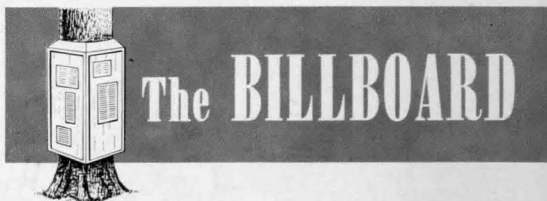
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## On the Cover

*No college president has served more devotedly, or with greater humility, than Dr. Bixler. His achievements have been immense, carrying Colby forward on all fronts with firmness and imagination. The college community is determined to make the coming year extra memorable and triumphant as an expression of admiration for superb leadership and unstinted friendship from a remarkable man.*

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THE most modern techniques of acoustical construction are being incorporated into the auditorium of the music and art building which will be dedicated the weekend of October 16. In place of the usual stage, the front of the room has curved raised platforms specifically designed for glee club rehearsals and recitals. Slanted



walls have been insulated with baffles; ceilings have been acoustically treated.

It will be one of the few auditoriums equipped to record musical programs stereophonically. Special cables, microphone outlets and loudspeakers have been carefully placed to make it possible. The alcove, from which vocal groups will perform, is to be separated from the main 400 seat auditorium by a curtain.

AMONG recent gifts to the college is this painting, The Fisherman, a landscape of the mid-nineteenth century by the well-known French master, Jean Baptiste Camille Corot (1796-1875). It is among close to 100 items which have been received in recent weeks through the efforts of the Friends of Art at Colby. Portrait painter Willard Warren Cummings and Mrs. Ellerton M. Jette are co-founders of the organization which is drawing membership from collectors, artists, scholars, and patrons from the nation's art field.



Sculpture, paintings, drawings, etchings, and antique coins are among the acquisitions and the list of artists represented reads like a *Who's Who*—Thomas Hart Benton, Rockwell Kent, Guy Pene DuBois, John Whorf, Jo Davidson, Robert Laurent, Dahlov Ipcar, Tom O'Hara, Henry Varnum Poor, Maurice Sterne, Marguerite and William Zorach, to name a few.



## Commencement 1959

COMMENCEMENT Weekend was crowded with emotions of opposite extremes. The announcement by President Bixler Friday night of his intention to retire next June hushed a dinner audience of trustees, faculty, and members of the Alumni Council. It was disappointing, sobering news. The following afternoon, at an Alumni Luncheon, Colby's spirits rebounded when a spectacular \$100,000 gift was presented from the Charles E. Merrill Trust which carried the \$2,500,000 campaign for the Fulfillment Program over the top.

This triumphant moment was greeted by a cheering, standing ovation. The presentation of the check, as shown above, was made by Edward McMillan, vice president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. The text of his remarks and of Dr. Bixler's acceptance are on pages 8-9.

The gift was the first of several exciting developments during the weekend relating to the Fulfillment Program. At a dinner the following noon, Dr. Bixler told seniors, parents, and alumni that trustees had authorized the foundation for the administration building and, although he stressed that the construction time schedule for its completion was still unknown, the

audience sensed the importance of this decision which means that the college is within striking distance of the final goal of the immediate Fulfillment Campaign. As this issue goes to press, steam shovels are shaping that excavation.

Immediately prior to the announcement on Sunday, the cornerstone was put in place for a music and art building which will open this fall.

Neil Leonard, 1921, chairman of the board, in introducing Ellerton M. Jette, (LL.D., 1955), also a trustee who was the principal speaker, recalled that Dr.

Bixler had mentioned the need of adequate facilities for art and music at the first meeting of the board he attended following his appointment as president.

"Fred Camp, after that meeting, said to Dr. Bixler, 'I will give you \$5,000 a year for the duration of the war,'" Mr. Leonard said, "and out of that generous beginning this building which now rises to the sky in honor of that great man, President Bixler, was found."

In his remarks at the ceremony, Mr. Jette placed art and music among the world vehicles for making peace.

"As a matter of fact, I think they are possibly the only vehicles with which we will be able to crash the Iron Curtain. Art and music know no barrier — no language differential. They are respected and admired everywhere."

Placing articles in the copper box which was sealed into the cornerstone were members of the art and music faculty and several alumni, among them, Mrs. Willard Howe Cummings, 1911, who represented the newly organized Friends of Art at Colby, Leonard W. Mayo, 1922, national chairman of the Fulfillment Program, and L. Russell Blanchard, 1938, alumni chairman.



ANOTHER MILESTONE  
*Trustees Jette and Leonard*





#### MEET THE PRESIDENTS

*Receiving Colby Gavels from the Alumni Council were: front, left to right, Efthim Economu, James Doughty, Roland Andrews, Perry Shibles. Back, left to right, Henry Bonsall, George Anderson, George Nickerson, Winthrop Clement.*

Alumni were also featured at several other occasions. Coveted Colby Bricks, emblematic of outstanding service to the college, were presented to Mira L. Dolley, 1919, Elizabeth Swanton Allan, 1933, Carl MacPherson, 1926, Ruth Milton D'Amico, wife of A. A. D'Amico, 1928, Gordon B. Jones, 1940, and, posthumously, to Phyllis St. Clair Fraser, 1913.

In addition Colby Gavels were given to ten alumni who are presidents of state, national, or regional organizations. These included George T. Nickerson, 1924, president of the Maine YMCA; the Reverend C. Gordon Brownville, 1920, New York Baptist Convention; Efthim Economu, 1944, Maine Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French; Roland B. Andrews, 1928, Maine Superintendents' Association.

George J. Stumpp, 1941, Connecticut Swimming Coaches Association; W. Winthrop Clement, 1934, Insurance Advertising Conference; Henry G. Bonsall, 1931, Maine Philatelic Society;

Perry F. Shibles, 1927, The 98 Club, George H. Anderson, 1935, Municipal Finance Officers Association of the U. S. and Canada; and James F. Doughty, 1950, Pine Tree State Chapter, National Machine Accountants.

Speaking at the Saturday luncheon on behalf of the reunion classes were Clark D. Chapman, 1909, and Peter Mills, 1934.

"I am thinking today of three great presidents of Colby College," Mr. Chapman said. "President Arthur Roberts, whom we affectionately knew and loved as 'Rob,' Dr. Johnson and Dr. Bixler. Each has served according to the particular needs of Colby during his administration.

"President Roberts became president during our undergraduate days when Colby needed a student body. Rob went out and got it and it has been here ever since. Dr. Johnson followed. . . You know what he did without my telling you. He also served Colby with distinction. Then Dr. Bixler came. He has retained the student body, he

has continued the college's physical growth and he has developed a wonderful educational program until Colby today is one of the outstanding smaller colleges of this country and may it ever so continue."

Peter Mills, in a witty address, also praised the college's role and reputation and added in tribute to the Colby of 1934, "My class will concede nothing to the present-day students, the present-day faculty, and the present-day standing of this great college. We feel that when we were here giants walked the earth and they were the faculty at whose feet we sat."

Edith Emery, 1937, Dr. Frederick A. Pottle, 1917, and Professor Walter Breckenridge represented the Alumni Council, trustees and faculty at the dinner opening Commencement Week-end.

As a member of the faculty since 1928, Professor Breckenridge reviewed the changes that he had seen take place and spoke approvingly of them.

"If any college were today the college that alumni of ten years standing or more knew that would certainly not be a cause for commending the institution," he noted.

"Colby is dynamic—ever-changing—as any college must be if it is to hold its own, let alone improve its position in relation to other institutions."



#### SPOKESMEN

*Clark Chapman and Peter Mills*



**T**O SEEK the answers of life with vigorous, inquiring minds is the responsibility of all college graduates, President Bixler told seniors in his baccalaureate address.

"One measure of the success of our education is the extent to which we have been made aware of the problematic aspect of life," he declared.

Dr. Bixler based his text on the biblical story of Job, characterizing him as "the inquirer, the dialectician . . . the asker of deeply felt but rationally significant questions."

He said, "The love of wisdom and the eagerness for excellence that result from college experience at its best are characteristic also of religious experience at its best. Contrary to some of the voices raised today, the message of the author of the Book of Job is that faith, instead of avoiding questions, should cultivate them. Faith is the fulfillment of our intellectual and cultural life, not something which is at variance or in any way opposed to it.

"God is love and truth and beauty and righteousness, viewed as ends in themselves. When we seek these things with all our hearts we are seeking God and when we find them God is speaking to us."

In concluding, he offered this hope, "May all of us who have listened and learned and read and probed and worshiped together on this campus find in the memory of our common life courage and support for the moments of solitariness in which we confront the ultimate questions of our life and destiny."

Charles A. Foehl, Jr., treasurer of Williams College, was the featured speaker at a Sunday dinner for the senior class and their parents. His son, William, 1959, captained the Colby golf team.

Foehl pointed out the harmful effects of the nation-wide teacher shortage on American education and the gross inadequacies of the mass testing and teaching methods used to compensate for the shortage.

"I am confident that, as in the past, the challenge will be met, in the words of President Bixler, not with caution, but with courage," Mr. Foehl declared. "However the temptations may be very great to succumb to a change which represents an easy solution."

He closed with this sentiment, "May Colby have serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed and wisdom to distinguish one from the other."

The Boardman Vesper Services were conducted in Lorimer Chapel Sunday evening by the Reverend Nathanael M. Guptill, 1939.

Bachelor of arts degrees were conferred Monday morning upon 217 seniors (120 men, 97 women).

Among seven receiving degrees Cum Laude were Mary Elizabeth Shesong (daughter of the late Leo G. Shesong, 1913) and Erla Joyce Cleaves (daughter of Adelaide Jordan, 1934, and grandniece of the Reverend and Mrs. Paul Alden, both 1918).

The Commencement address was given by Philip Hall Coombs, secretary of The Fund for the Advancement of Education (Ford Foundation), who devoted his remarks to the question, Do our independent colleges have a future?

"The independent colleges can have a future of their own choosing provided they will apply to their own programs and practices the same critical analysis, the same creativity, the same self-liberation from the grip of conventional folklore and prejudice which they seek to foster in their students," Mr. Coombs stressed.

"If a young person emerging from college today seeks a career that promises an outlet for individual creativity, for adventure, for an opportunity to serve on a large scale; if a young person seeks to avoid the fate of being an organization man in some large and rigid organization, he or she will find no better outlet for such propensities than in the field of education," he said.



IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

*Colby Bricks were presented to: seated, left to right, Mira Dolley, Elizabeth Allen, and Janet Mitchell on behalf of her mother, the late Phyllis St. Clair Fraser. Standing, Bruce MacPherson, accepting for his uncle Carl MacPherson who was unable to attend because of illness, Gordon Jones, and Ruth D'Amico.*

\$100,000 Merrill Trust gift assures success of  
Fulfillment Campaign and enables  
the College to take

## Another Decisive Step Forward

🌿 *The \$2,500,000 campaign for the Program of Fulfillment went over the top Commencement Weekend with the dramatic presentation of a gift from the Charles E. Merrill Trust. The trust was established under the will of the late Charles Edward Merrill, a founder and directing partner of the nation's largest brokerage house which bears his name. Mr. Merrill, who died October 6, 1956 at the age of 70, had a lengthy and distinguished record of interest in, and support of, education.*

*Presenting the check to Colby was Edward McMillan, vice president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. He spoke in these words.*

I AM TERRIBLY HAPPY to be here on this magnificent campus on Mayflower Hill as a representative of the trustees of the trust established under the will of Charles E. Merrill. I want to tell you a little about that will — and about one of the very first distributions of cash to be made from this Charles E. Merrill Trust income.

Just as Charlie Merrill was a pioneer in his concept of his business so were his ideas ingenious as to how his capital could best continue (following his death) to serve the causes he loved most.

I had the privilege of being present at a dinner in New York City in 1953 when Mr. Merrill announced to his partners and associates the terms of his will. He told us that his entire estate was to be left in trust. The income

was to be paid each year by the trustees to educational, religious and charitable interests. His tremendous belief in the importance of the liberal arts college was evidenced by the fact that 55% of the income was to go to this type of educational institution. Included in the

that here was a continuing source of funds for college operating budgets which was not fixed in terms of 1956 dollars but related to the prosperity of the business community at some time in the future. Mr. Merrill hoped that this would provide a real measure of



trust was Mr. Merrill's entire partnership interest in Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith. Ten per cent of the firm's profits go into the trust each year. These colleges which benefit are in effect silent partners with us and we are mighty proud to be working for them.

The *New York Times* in commenting upon Mr. Merrill's will pointed out that here indeed was a unique instrument. The *Boston Herald* wrote

inflation protection for the colleges which share in the trust income.

Cardinal Spellman last week, at a luncheon with one of my partners, commented on this unique marriage of free enterprise and the liberal arts field.

Just last month the first distributions of income of the trust were determined. I am very happy to be here today to present to Colby College a check from the Charles E. Merrill Trust income in the amount of \$100,000.

You will be interested in why Colby was included among the first of the grants to colleges. The trustees and their advisors set a number of standards against which the many worthy colleges were measured. The competition was keen.

They looked at such things as the endowment per student, the percentage of alumni contributing to the college, the money spent on library facilities. Then the people of the college, the faculty, the administration, the management, were assessed. Many campuses were visited and both the academic stature and the business abilities of the college management were compared. Finally the opinions of well-informed people in educational circles were solicited.

You, Mr. Chapman, as representative of the 50th reunion class and your fellow alumni should be proud—terribly proud—that after this rigorous research Colby was chosen. This grant of \$100,000 is a tribute to the quality of your academic leaders, to the stature of Colby as a liberal arts college, to your growth potential, to the business acumen of the college's management—a witness to the respect in which your president, Seelye Bixler, and your faculty are held in business and academic circles.

Winthrop H. Smith, chairman of our board of directors, long a Colby trustee, and one of the trustees of the Merrill Trust put it this way: "The development that has taken place on Mayflower Hill is one of the great miracles in education. We are glad to be able to further Colby's continuing growth." Dr. Bixler, Win Smith sends to you his love and admiration.

Another trustee told me, "This is a grant from the trust I feel especially good about."

President Bixler, I am very proud to have a small part in this presentation. I wish Charles E. Merrill were here in my place on this platform to give you this check.

## President Bixler's Speech of Acceptance

THIS is a historic moment in Colby's development. This gift that you so kindly bring comes at exactly the right time to assure the fulfillment for which we have dreamed. I was glad to hear the reference to Charlie Merrill. To the best of my knowledge he did not visit this campus but I remember a long talk with him about Colby and I recall the particular hope he expressed that some kind of attention be paid on Mayflower Hill to the achievement of his great friend and business associate, Win Smith. We already have a plaque honoring Win but we want to recognize him further.

My colleagues on the board will agree with me that Win Smith is the type of unostentatious quiet person who does many good things and does them without fanfare. His wisdom has made him a real power in our deliberations and he has a very large stake in this new campus development. . .

Now, Mr. McMillan, I said that this comes at a most opportune and psychological time. Two years ago we started on this campaign. . . Since then all of us have had a great many qualms and doubts and to quell them we have thought back on the hazards the college has faced before. How we all wish that our beloved Dr. Johnson could be here today. How we wish that our beloved Galen Eustis, who worked so hard for this campaign, could be here with us at this time. We think of them in this moment of triumph.

I am very happy to say, ladies and gentlemen, that the campaign total stands, at present, at \$2,503,272.94. (Editor's note: As of July 1, the fund had reached \$2,531,649.44.) . . And so, this really is a time for rejoicing. Of course, it is also a time for humility because a great trust has been given to us.

Yes, we have reached our goal but, alas, our goals seem to recede in the distance as we approach them.

You will recall that Daniel remarked when he walked into the lion's den,

"Isn't the upkeep rather heavy on these lions?"

"Yes," replied the attendant, "they do eat up the prophets!"

Alas, there is a spiral of inflation and construction costs have gone so far ahead of us so we shall have to ask you to be patient about this third building which will be for administration. . . We shall have to go slow for two reasons: first, because a large part of the campaign is in pledges and we cannot pay construction costs with them, and second, because charges have gone up beyond our estimates.

Our long-term goal, as you know, is \$5,000,000. We have had our aggressive and strenuous campaign, but from now on we shall proceed much more quietly.

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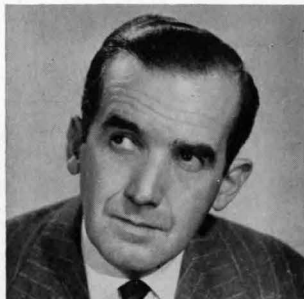
I can't tell you how much I appreciate the generous things that have been said and even more the very, very generous things that have been done. The extreme tolerance that you have shown and your great willingness to cooperate has been such as to make any person profoundly grateful. We have a perfectly magnificent team. I confidently expect that the next twelve months will be a banner year. After that I know you will rally behind my successor and push him ahead just as you have pushed me.

Twenty years ago when I was teaching at Harvard and knew I was coming to Colby but actually knew very little about what to expect I said to one of my colleagues,

"Do you know anything about the Maine colleges?"

"Yes," he said, "I can tell you there is one college that is going places and that is Colby."

I still think that is true and I know nothing can stop it.



Edward R. Murrow, L.H.D.



Dorothy Bethurum, L.H.D.



Eugene Paul Wigner, D.Sc.



Marshall Harvey Stone, D.Sc.

# HONORARY DEGREE

MARSHALL HARVEY STONE

*Andrew MacLeish Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Chicago*

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

ONE who deals with the furthest flights of mathematical speculation and whose travels as lecturer and consultant take you to the farthest corners of the earth your work is at the same time a symbol of the unified control over nature that modern scientific thought has achieved and the agreement among scholars that has made this possible. Former president of the American Mathematical Society, honorary member of the Indian Mathematical Society and the Union Matematica of Argentina, first president of the International Mathematical Union and now president of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction, having served brilliantly on the faculties of Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, Yale, and Chicago and as guest lecturer at dozens of other institutions, you have refused to be confined to any one country or campus. Nor has the ivory tower claimed you, for during World War Two you were consultant for the Navy Bureau of Ordnance, the Office of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and the Office of Chief of Staff of the Army, including overseas activity in the China-Burma-India and European theaters. Author, scientist, teacher, and traveller, as you return from your latest foreign tour, Colby College appreciates your willingness to make this campus your first port of call and expresses the hope that Mayflower Hill may become at least one of your spiritual homes.

EUGENE PAUL WIGNER

*Thomas D. Jones Professor of Mathematical Physics, Princeton University*

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

ENGINEER, mathematician, physicist, professor, man of research and also of action, the growth of your own intellectual life reflects, just as it has in turn influenced, many of the great forward steps of modern science. Born in Budapest, Professor of Engineering in Berlin and Göttingen, you came to this country in 1930 and were appointed Professor of Physics at Princeton. During the war, you directed a large group of engineers and scientists in the atomic bomb project, and at 3:25 p.m. on December 2, 1942, you were one of the historic band at Stagg Field of Chicago to watch the first man-made atomic fire. In the early years of the war, you were consultant to the Office of Scientific Research and Development and since 1947 you have been consultant to the United States Atomic Energy Commission. The imposing Hanford atomic reactors for peace-time production of atomic energy are a result of your design. Holder of many honorary degrees, and recipient of this country's Medal of Merit in 1946, you were awarded last year the much coveted Enrico Fermi Award. It has been said that to do justice to your career would require extended use of quantum mechanics along with generous portions of relativity theory. You have been compared to the versatile electron in that you seem to move with a velocity like that of light. You have been an integral part of recent scientific progress and your activities in the future have so many possibilities that prediction is unsure. Your presence on



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this occasion is all the more a source of satisfaction to Colby College and its friends.

EDWARD R. MURROW

*Commentator*

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

NOT many men would have either the imagination or the courage to break into the smooth running advance of a career like your own for stock taking purposes. In your decision to go off for a fresh look at yourself and your resources, you are acting in the best Socratic tradition and are living up to the principle that only the life subjected to constant examination is worthwhile. A man of integrity who faces controversy without flinching, a man of sympathy who helped hundreds of European refugee scholars to start a new life here, recipient of Freedom House and Emmy awards, acquainted personally with most of the leaders of our time and at home in practically every country, you are above all a man of faith in the truth, whose eagerness to make it available to many and whose confidence that they will use it for good have revolutionized our conception of the extent to which important ideas can be shared. By your ingenious exploitation of new media of communication, you have shown that in a world which shrinks as its techniques grow it is possible to replace suspicion with knowledge and fear with understanding and respect. As an educator of a new type and a creative worker in the effort to remove mass prejudice, Colby College recognizes the soundness of your aims and congratulates you on the brilliant success of your methods.

DOROTHY BETHURUM  
*Chairman of the Department of  
English, Connecticut College*

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

A DAUGHTER of the South who has graced the realm of higher education in the North, chairman of two Departments of English Literature (at Lawrence and Connecticut Colleges) which through your efforts have risen to distinction, you have enriched the intellectual lives of several college generations with your brilliant insights into the subtleties of Chaucer and Shakespeare. You have also established yourself as a leading scholar in Anglo-Saxon studies, bringing the homilies of Wulfstan to life with your thorough research work and discerning criticism. Holder of Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships, chairman of the Committee on English Instruction at Breadloaf, you have served effectively on the editorial committee of the Modern Language Association and the Council of the American Association of University Professors. Distinguished teacher and writer, conscientious citizen and wise administrator, Colby College recalls with pleasure your visit as guest lecturer and takes even greater satisfaction in your acceptance of its invitation to become a permanent member of its honorary society of scholars.

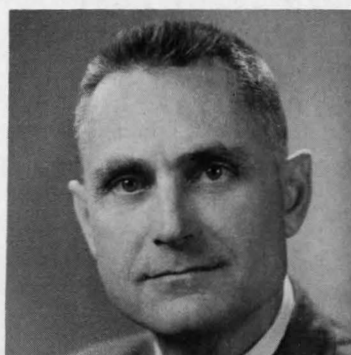
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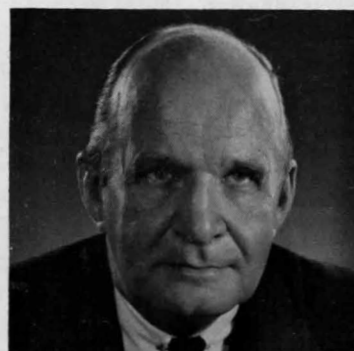
PRESIDENT and publisher of newspapers in Portland, Augusta, and Waterville, you are continuing a journalistic tradition inherited from your



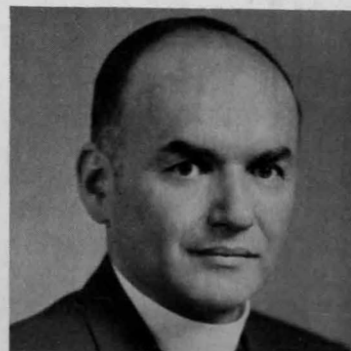
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Nathanael Mann Guptill, D.D.



pioneering father and grandfather. The love of music so characteristic of your gracious and much esteemed mother shows today in your efforts on behalf of the Portland Symphony Orchestra Association in your capacity as president. You are, however, not merely an inheritor of the past, but a person very much aware of the needs of the present, who is blazing new trails that point creatively to the future. With a steady hand and an instinct for imaginative leadership, you have been quick to adopt improvements for the internal structure of the enterprises under your control and just as quick to note added opportunities for public service. Your intellectual balance and sense of fair play have been supplemented by the kind of perceptive intuition and feeling for individuals only a woman can command so that just as you never will be called an Organization Man so it seems most unlikely that you will ever be referred to as an Organization Woman. Member of the Bureau of Governors of the New England Daily Newspaper Association, president of the Guy Gannett Broadcasting Services, trustee of the Salvation Army and the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, Colby College invites you to its rostrum today to honor you as a publisher whose enlightened policies and spirited independence have won you the respect of your colleagues throughout the nation and the warm-hearted approval of your friends nearer home.

ARTHUR T. LOUGEE  
*Art Director of Publications of the  
 Ford Motor Company*  
 DOCTOR OF FINE ARTS

**A**NATIVE of Maine, you attended the School of Boston Museum of Fine Arts and quickly made a reputation in the fields of painting and illustrating. Your work as a designer led to employment by several publishing houses and by the museum itself. During the war, you served as an editor of naval publications. In 1953 your fellow de-



James Stacy Coles, LL.D.

signers made you Art Director of the Year and now in 1959 they have made you president of their National Society. In your present position as art director of publications of the Ford Motor Company and executive editor of the *Ford Times*, you have shown that good art can produce good advertising and that good advertising can increase the influence of good art. The Ford Times Collection of American Art, with over seven thousand original paintings, has been formed under your guidance and shown in traveling exhibitions to millions of observers. Paintings by artists from all over the country have appeared in the magazine under your editorship. A servant alike of art and the public, a pioneer whose taste and discernment have affected the artistic understanding of a large section of our society, you are adding to the first mile of necessity the second mile of transfiguration, and Colby College applauds your contribution to the remaking of our common life.

EDWARD DURELL STONE  
*Architect*  
 DOCTOR OF FINE ARTS

**A**PIONEER in presenting the international style in architecture to the United States, you are now a leader in the effort to restore to modern architecture some of the manifestations of elegance and individuality that the machine age appeared to sweep away.



Rolland E. Irish, LL.D.

In a time of conflicting claims and loyalties, you have shown that architecture can be unmistakably modern without sacrificing beauty and spiritual enrichment. Your work on the Museum of Modern Art in New York started a new trend in museum planning. Your hotel in Panama revolutionized architecture for the tropics. In Pasadena you revealed a dramatic solution to the problem of factory design. The serene and spacious Embassy Building at New Delhi set an enviable precedent for government housing and the United States pavilion at Brussels made your compatriots who saw it glad they had come to the World's Fair. Winner of innumerable prizes and medals for your striking designs, an artist who understands and appreciates the past but takes an imaginative look at the present, you have met the problems of our common life with solutions that stress the affirmations of individual taste, and have forced architecture to offer a personal response to a co-operative demand. Colby College honors you as a responsible experimentalist and a revealer of the hidden glory behind the mask of fact.

NATHANAEL MANN GUPTILL  
*Congregational Church Official*  
 DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

**W**HATEVER your hand has touched has seemed to spring to life and whatever work you have begun has



Gilbert Holland Montague, LL.D.



Fred Clark Scribner, Jr., D.Sc.

led to conspicuous accomplishment. As an undergraduate at Colby, as a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, as a pastor both in Maine and in Massachusetts, and as director of field work for young ministers, you have been noted for the vigor with which you approached your various tasks and the dynamic energy with which you carried them through. A respected pastor, a valued guide, philosopher, and friend for students, your abilities have been recognized by your appointment as director of the Department of the Ministry of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches of America. As you return for your twentieth reunion, your college takes pride in your record and looks forward to an even greater scope in the future for the talents you so clearly display.

JAMES STACY COLES  
*President of Bowdoin College*  
DOCTOR OF LAWS

**N**EARLY a hundred years ago a young chemist became president of the oldest college in the land and the dynamism of his leadership is felt today throughout educational circles in America. A few years ago you came as a young chemist to the presidency of the oldest college in Maine and already both within Maine and outside the vigor of your educational leadership has had a marked effect. As supervisor of

the Underwater Explosives Research Laboratory at Woods Hole, and civilian technician of the United States Technical Mission in Europe, you served your country well — receiving in recognition the President's Certificate of Merit. A former dean at Brown, you have been awarded by that institution an honorary degree. Your present career at Bowdoin is marked not only by the college's growth in material resources and intellectual power but by the extension of your own influence on the surrounding community and its schools. A scientist who understands and interprets with sympathy the liberal arts, an administrator with courage who refuses to compromise, and an educational leader with a broad view of the responsibilities an institution of higher learning must assume, Colby College greets you on this occasion as a good neighbor and a valued friend.

ROLLAND E. IRISH  
*President of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company*  
DOCTOR OF LAWS

**S**UCCESS has come to you in business. You joined the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company in the period of green eye shades and stand-up desks to become its president and to usher it into a period of remarkable growth made possible largely through your own willingness to use modern techniques and modern ideas. When seri-

ous differences between stock and mutual companies brought the life insurance industry to a crisis, your associates met it in the best possible way by making you president of the American Life Convention. But your career has been just as notable for the quality of your service to the many philanthropic causes that have sought your support. As director of the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America, president of the Portland Community Chest, vice president of the Maine Medical Center, and president of the board of trustees of the Maine General Hospital, you have played an important part in directing the course of Maine philanthropy. Knowing as we do that as Maine goes so goes much else, Colby College honors you for your successful efforts to see that Maine itself shall take the right path and that its citizens shall keep constantly before their minds their personal and corporate responsibilities to society.

GILBERT HOLLAND MONTAGUE  
*Attorney and Bibliophile*  
DOCTOR OF LAWS

**B**ORN in the Connecticut Valley and a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard, a leading corporation lawyer in New York whose advice is frequently sought by the top echelon in Washington, a summer resident of Maine who has made this state his second home, holder of honorary degrees from Michigan, Springfield, and Kenyon, you have shown that it is possible to rise to the top of your profession and at the same time maintain scholarly and literary interests which keep you roaming far afield. Omnivorous reader, author of several books, fellow of the Pierpont Morgan Library, donor of the Houghton Library's famous Emily Dickinson Collection and recognized yourself as one of the ablest interpreters of her poetic genius, member of various boards of directors including that of New York Botanical Gardens, member of the Bronte Society of England and the Massachusetts

Historical Society, chairman or officer of many legal associations, in your versatile interests you exemplify that mastery of both the liberal and professional arts to which so many are called but for which so few are chosen. As you begin your eightieth year, Colby College is happy to welcome you to membership in still another society based on Mayflower Hill and to express the hope that it will be maintained for many years to come.

FRED CLARK SCRIBNER, JR.  
*Under Secretary of the Treasury*  
 DOCTOR OF LAWS

THE *New York Times* has called you "one of the most able young men to come to Washington in many years." You have also been characterized as a hard worker who gives meticulous attention to detail and a New Englander who possesses "the skills of a successful lawyer, an experienced administrator, and an active politician." Native of Maine, graduate of Dartmouth and Harvard Law School, you practiced law in Portland and your contributions to civic life included the state chairmanship of your party and directorship of the Maine General Hospital. Called to Washington in 1955, you served successfully as General Counsel, Assistant Secretary, and Under Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. In your present position your diversified talents show themselves in such varied activities as guarding the person of the President, controlling the narcotics traffic, and collecting Federal taxes. Because of your knowledge and judgment, your advice is often sought on policy decisions of the Treasury Department outside your fields of special responsibility. Member of the scholastic fraternity Phi Beta Kappa and the forensic fraternity Delta Sigma Rho, Colby College admits you to its own community of learners, recognizing you as a thinker who acts, a man of both knowledge and decision, a student who makes his ideas count for the public good.



ONE of the busiest seniors Commencement Weekend was Joseph L. Grimm, Jr. of Haddonfield, New Jersey. As class president he participated in cornerstone ceremonies of the art and music building, spoke at two luncheons and presented a portrait of President Bixler, painted by Willard Cummings (above right), with these comments:

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EARLY THIS YEAR the Senior Class conceived the idea of presenting a portrait of President Bixler. We felt only one artist should be commissioned to do this portrait, the best! We chose Willard Warren Cummings who knows both Colby and Dr. Bixler. His portraits exceed 500 and include such luminaries as Cardinal Spellman, Diana Barrymore, Katharine Cornell, Vincent Price, General Mark Clark, and Adlai Stevenson. . .

"We are to be one of the last classes to benefit from Dr. Bixler's wise counsel, from his magnificent leadership, from his consummate example as a person. This man

has made college learning a magnificent experience for each of us. . . His portrait is to be placed in the new Art and Music Building.

Every parent and student in this room has a share in this gift. As we leave Colby's campus a bit saddened by the passing of a very great time in our lives, both as graduates and as parents, we leave knowing that we have left her with an unequalled remembrance of her great president.

In the years ahead there will come a time when we will bring our own future Colby sons and daughters to the foot of this portrait and, in a way that seems best to each of us, we will tell our children about our gift and about this man whose image, deeds, and presence have remained keenly in our minds and hearts.

"The Class of 1959 presents to Colby College a permanent remembrance of our president, Julius Seelye Bixler, as an initial, partial repayment for the scholarship and fellowship that we have found here with him and with Colby."



## Alumni Predominate Presidential Selection Committee

**T**HE RESPONSIBILITY for screening candidates to succeed Dr. Bixler as president has been delegated by the Board of Trustees to a 12 man committee headed by Reginald H. Sturtevant, 1921.

In making the announcement, Neil Leonard, 1921, chairman of the Board, said, "Colby has had a succession of great presidents and it is going to be most difficult to find a man who can measure up to the quality of these men.

"With the assistance of a committee comprised largely of alumni, we intend to make a thorough survey of the field. We hope our own constituency and the public-at-large will suggest candidates. We are anxious to receive from all sources the names of individuals who possess qualifications for the continuing outstanding leadership which the college seeks.

"I have extreme confidence in the committee and in its chairman, Reginald Sturtevant, who has a record of significant service to his college and, through his family, a distinguished Colby heritage."

In addition to Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Leonard, and Dr. Bixler, other members of the committee are: Gordon B. Jones, 1940; Leonard W. Mayo, 1922; Ellsworth W. Millett, 1925; Frederick A. Pottle, 1917; Dean Ninetta M. Runnals, 1908; Dwight Sargent, 1939; Mrs. Joseph (Ervena Goodale) Smith, 1924; Ellerton M. Jette, 1955, Hon.; and Professor Walter N. Breckenridge.

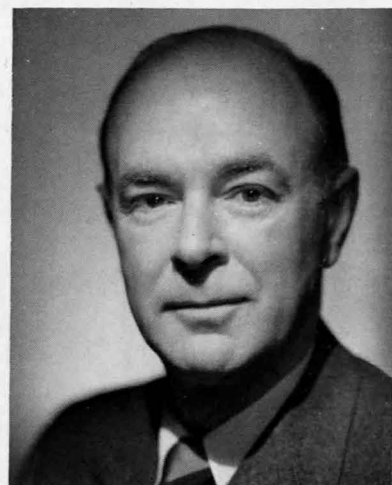
Mr. Sturtevant has been a trustee since 1949. He serves on the Board's executive and investment committees and heads the budget and finance committee. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Upsilon, he is president of the Livermore Falls Trust Company which his father, the late Chester H. Sturtevant, founded in 1895.

### To all Colby Men and Women:

Obviously, the selecting of a successor to the presidency of Colby College is a tremendously important assignment, and the committee designated by the chairman of the Board, Neil Leonard, to make recommendations to the trustees for that purpose is highly conscious of the responsibility resting upon it.

We feel that it will be helpful in reaching a decision to have as wide a range of opinions and suggestions as possible. We are mindful, too, that the fortunate choice of our own beloved President Bixler came about thru the casual suggestion of an alumnus.

Any alumni, therefore, who have any opinions or suggestions to offer in this connection may be sure that they will be welcomed by the com-



*Reginald H. Sturtevant, 1921*

mittee, and will receive careful consideration.

Please direct your suggestions to the undersigned.

REGINALD H. STURTEVANT, Chairman  
c/o Livermore Falls Trust Company  
Livermore Falls, Maine

The Sturtevant family has had a lengthy and close association with Colby. In addition to his father, other graduates were his brother, Ronald, 1924; a son, Arnold, 1951; a daughter, Joanne, 1956; and a son-in-law, Neil Stinneford, 1957.

His father, in the Class of 1892, was on the Board of Trustees from 1927 to 1933 and from 1939 to 1942.

✍ A letter to the *Alumnus* from Dean Ernest C. Marriner, 1913, historian of the college, reads as follows:

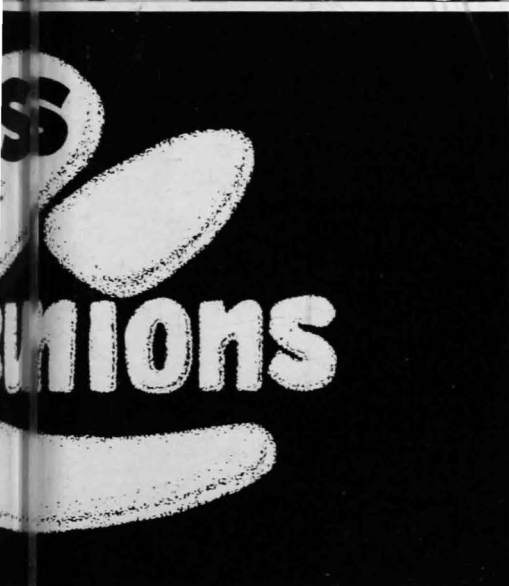
"The statement by Senator Ernest Gruening (Alaska) in the spring *Alumnus* that he was one of those who first suggested moving the college will arouse the interest of many older graduates who often heard President Johnson say that it was his friend, Henry Hilton of Chicago, who first insisted that Colby move to a new site. Doubtless there

are others who also claim to have made such a suggestion before 1930. In my opinion one who was certainly among the very first, if not actually the first, was Dr. Herbert S. Philbrick, 1897, who in the year preceding Dr. Johnson's election as president, proposed to a group of fellow trustees that Colby get away from its crowded situation between river and railroad, and erect a new plant on some favorable site. In the forthcoming history of the college, an attempt will be made to evaluate the claims of all the early promoters of moving the college."

✍ History will be made next October 30 at Brunswick when Colby and Bowdoin freshmen meet for the first time in football. This will complete the circuit as far as athletic relationships between the two freshman teams are concerned.









## The Faculty Procession

by Professor Richard Cary

### SEVEN TIMES SEVEN

PROSAICALLY, as it must, the dictionary defines *seven* as "a cardinal number, six plus one." But to the human psyche, imperviously disposed to the occult or the symbolic, seven has always connoted more than its mere numerative value. There are the ancient Seven Wonders of the World, the classical seven cities that claimed Homer, the Biblical seventh day of rest, the Talmudic seventh heaven, the medieval seven deadly sins, the Shakespearian seven ages of man, the geographic seven seas, the topographic seven hills of Rome, the astronomical Seven Sisters, the legendary seven-league boots, the portentous seven in dice—but that is another area.

All of this apropos in a year when seven Colby professors desert the classroom in their sabbatical (seventh) year. In *The Magic Mountain*, pundit Thomas Mann indulges a by-play with the special qualities of the numeral: "Seven is a good handy figure in its way, picturesque, with a savour of the mythical; one might say that it is more filling to the spirit than a dull academic half-dozen." While Mann is using the word *academic* in another sense, it is graphically applicable here. After a perhaps less-than-dull "academic half-dozen" years dedicated to periodical classes, examinations, term papers, committee meetings, student conferences, and talks to local PTA groups, these professors are released from routine schedules to work exclusively on scholarly enterprises of their own.

Four will be away for the entire college year. Associate Professor Alice P. Comparetti (English) will visit several university libraries rich in Milton materials as she pursues a long entrenched interest in that poet's imagery, with express attention to his use of personification, symbol and allegory. She will concentrate upon analysis and interpretation of his various works but will include reference to the corpus of Milton criticism, both traditional and modern. And she will apply two yardsticks to all she examines: that of 17th-century psychological theory and that of 20th-century thought.

Assistant Professor James M. Gillespie (Psychology) will be concerned with the dissertation stage of his doctoral studies, spending most of the two semesters at Harvard,

researching and writing on the adjustment problems of contemporary college students. Much of the emphasis of his investigations has fallen upon the relation of domestic background to academic success. In 1955 Random House published Prof. Gillespie's monograph along these lines, *Youth's Outlook On The Future*.

Also with doctoral dissertation in mind, Assistant Professor Clifford J. Berschneider (History) will split his time before Christmas between the Widener and Congressional libraries, then embark for Italy to track down a recalcitrant Piedmontese count. Said nobleman is in possession of invaluable source papers and has persistently eluded Prof. Berschneider on earlier ventures. The letters and documents in question are those of Costantino Nigra, a minor but powerful figure in the Italian Risorgimento era. By tracing more minutely the role of Nigra in the unification of Italy, Prof. Berschneider hopes to propel some light into a murky side-street of Italian diplomatic history.

Assistant Professor Henry O. Schmidt (Mod. Lang.) will make signal advances toward the Ph.D. through a year in residence at Ohio State University. Here he will concert his efforts on that peculiar literary blossom, the novella. He is particularly drawn to the 19th and 20th century German practitioners in this genre and may write his dissertation on either Theodor Storm or Werner Bergengruen.

The three remaining professors have chosen to absent themselves from campus during the second semester. Associate Professor Harold B. Raymond (History) is still dandling two propositions. (A) He has done some exploratory work on the Theory and Practice of Imperialism, at the moment not much more than an ambitious outline which he will bring to fruition as a book if sufficient publisher enthusiasm can be aroused. If this does not jell in time, he will revert to (B) his intellectual *amour fixe*—British political parties in the 19th century, which will involve a tour of England to scour regional newspaper files for pertinent data.

A volume prospectively titled *From Indignation to Vision* is the goal of Associate Professor John H. Sutherland (English). In it he plans to deal with major British satirists of the 18th century—from Alexander Pope to William Blake—analyzing their different reactions to the changing social-economic background as the age progresses. The pattern for this work evolved as an extension of the ideas broached in Prof. Sutherland's published essays on Blake, Jonathan Swift and Robert Bage.

Associate Professor Richard K. Kellenberger (Mod. Lang.) is not to be dissuaded by apparently insurmountable complexities. His intermission will find him returning to a project inaugurated twenty years ago, which may with reason be labeled, "Two Decades with *La Décade*." The story is a sinuous one but amply bears telling. It all started back in 1939 with Dr. Kellenberger's Ph.D. thesis on the

opic of *La Décade Philosophique*, a 64-page newspaper issued every ten days in Paris from 1794 to 1807, and covering the span of the nefarious Reign of Terror. The journal was sponsored and written by the *Idéologues*, a group of anti-Bonaparte, anti-cleric philosophers, largely to air their considered liberal opinions on philosophy, politics, literature, art, religion and science. By intent an intellectual rather than a propagandist sheet, it became notable as a mirror of the tremorous times, granting of course its obvious biases.

At this point the tale assumes a tricorn international character. Prof. Kellenberger learned from one of the omniscient bibliographies that Dr. Richard Fargher of Oxford University had completed a dissertation based on *La Décade*. He wrote hopefully to England but his letter, owing to a disturbance now known as World War II, never reached its destination. With the cessation of shooting and the resumption of normal postal relations in 1946, Prof. Kellenberger received a note from Dr. Joanna Kitchin of Glasgow University, who (1) had completed a dissertation on *La Décade*, and (2) had seen *his* name in a bibliography. Furthermore, she knew Dr. Fargher quite well. There was no escaping now; the plot simply *had* to thicken.

Since each of them had staked out a different claim on the inexhaustible materials in *La Décade* (Fargher the political, Kitchin the religio-philosophical, Kellenberger the literary theories and attitudes), and since nothing of import had been published on the subject, the idea of a cooperative volume to which each would contribute his phase of the study suggested itself. A spate of correspondence flowing in an erratic triangle left much to be desired and decided. On the occasion of his previous sabbatical in 1952, Prof. Kellenberger thought to bridge the difficulty by visiting Dr. Fargher at Oxford and Dr. Kitchin at Edinburgh. These meetings proved only that there would have to be a triple-headed conclave in which they could all get together and hammer out the necessary policies for the joint manuscript. This parley had to wait until last summer when, on a trip subsidized partly by the American Philosophical Society and partly by Colby, Prof. Kellenberger voyaged once again to Oxford. There, for six weeks over cups of tea (he says), the three doctors sat and read their chapters to one another, compared, criticized, wrestled with contradictions, settled upon some common strategies. Since then, correspondence has had to serve as unsatisfactory arbiter for new complications. But the project moves, moves despite all obstacles toward resolution. Prof. Kellenberger will devote his recess to whipping his share of the collaboration into publishable shape. Then the triad will have to accomplish the final, Augean coordination.

#### FIVE RUNGS UP

In his annual vernal list of faculty promotions, Dr. Bixler designated the following for advancement to the grades indicated.

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*Professor Kellenberger — Two decades with La Décade*

To associate professor: John H. Sutherland (English) A.B. Swarthmore, and Robert E. Reuman (Philosophy) A.B. Middlebury; both received masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

To assistant professor: Haroldene Whitcomb (Bus. Adm.) A.B. Colby '49, M.B.A. New York University; Donald S. Rothchild (Government) A.B. Kenyon, M.A. University of California, Ph.D. Johns Hopkins; Mrs. Marjorie D. Bither (Phys. Ed.) B.S. Simmons.

#### TWO PLUS ONE

With two action-crammed years under his belt and bracing himself for an eventful third, Dean of the Faculty Robert E. L. Strider was queried as to the highspot of his Colby experience. Grinning broadly, he recalled his very first day in office, poring over the multitudinous strange new details that had to be absorbed. Suddenly, the head of a former faculty member, seemingly devoid of body, popped into the doorway, glowered darkly and demanded: "Are *you* the new Dean?" Taken somewhat aback, the Dean smiled wanly and uttered a rather hesitant, "Why, yes." The head glowered even more fiercely. "Well, I'll be damned," it ejaculated, and popped out of the doorway.

Our disembodied friend may well be damned, but in the minds and hearts of the Colby community of students, faculty, administration, trustees and alumni, Dean Strider's virile and perceptive leadership seems more on the order of a benison.



Dean Marriner's Banquet Address  
to Phi Beta Kappa

## The Tradition of Scholarship at Colby

THERE is a lot of hazy thinking about academic excellence in American colleges. Until recently the general public has been divided into two camps. One camp looks upon scholars as impractical eggheads who never met a payroll, but tolerable as long as they remain in their ivory towers. The other camp holds that, while the scholars do no conspicuous harm, they are paid salaries that ought to be distributed to teachers who are concerned with the practical arts and the applied sciences. It is this latter group who are responsible for the slogan: "Let those who can, do; let those who can't, teach." Since the close of the Second World War, however, as the atomic age has emerged into the space age, even the man in the gray flannel suit has come grudgingly to admit that there is a place in American society for the scholar, especially within the halls of higher education.

There was a time, early in this century, when the trustees of many small colleges boasted that their faculties were made up of teachers and that they spent none of their meager income to maintain scholars. For that very reason many a small, non-prestige college had little standing among those who respected learned pursuits. That time has fortunately passed. During the last half-century some of the smaller colleges have won renown for the scholars on their faculties, and especially for the young men and women whom they have sent to the graduate schools.

Sound scholarship, regular publication, and recognition by other scholars all over the nation—these are expected and found in many of the smaller colleges today.

The purpose of this address is to show the members and friends of the Colby Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa that, long before this chapter was organized in 1895, there were outstanding instances of recognized scholarship at Colby, and that at the very time when this chapter was founded, Colby scholarship was brilliantly apparent.

This college had a reputation, if not for productive scholarship, at least for thoroughness of its instruction, as early as 1836. In that year a young man named Hewitt Fessenden transferred from Waterville College to Dartmouth. From Hanover he wrote to a friend in Waterville:

As I was a Waterville student, they expect a lot of me here. Waterville students who transfer to Dartmouth are esteemed as good scholars and good writers. As speakers, writers and mathematicians, the students here can't hold a candle to the students at Waterville College, but as linguists those here are better. We are studying mechanics to a man who is not nearly the scholar that Professor Keely is.

George Keely is best known in Colby history as the man who saved the college when it came near to closing in 1839. For two years no one could be persuaded to captain the sinking ship, and Keely reluctantly served as acting president, with only two other faculty

members remaining to support him. During those two precarious years, Keely raised \$10,000 in the immediate vicinity of Waterville and launched a campaign of wider scope for \$50,000.

It is not, however, Keely the money-raiser who concerns us tonight, but rather Keely the scholar. George Washington Keely had come to Waterville College in 1829 as professor of mathematics and natural philosophy. At that early date, the tiny new college on the Kennebec embraced all science within the term Natural Philosophy. Not until 1840 was the distinction between Natural Philosophy and Natural History recognized here. Therefore, Keely's early teaching, as well as his scientific interests, extended over the areas of chemistry, geology, paleontology, zoology and botany, as well as the fields of mathematics, physics and astronomy, to which his later teaching was devoted.

THE diversity of Keely's scholarly interests is revealed by a bill issued to him in 1849 by the Boston booksellers, Little and Brown. The bill included Nos. 232 to 244 of the *Philosophical Magazine*, a copy of Neander's *Church History*, a set of Whitehall's *Compendium of Science*, Reece's *Medical Guide*, and Dr. Sevegne's *Letters*. The bill amounted to \$29.14, no mean sum for a professor whose salary never exceeded \$800 a year.

In 1832, when he had been only three years on the faculty, Keely wrote to Amos Eaton at Yale asking his advice about basic books in botany for the college library. Eaton replied that Keely ought to have the one best publication, the London Encyclopedia of Plants; but since that work would cost \$24, Eaton also suggested several cheaper volumes. Keely at once ordered the \$24 work at his own personal expense.

We now turn to another man, Justin O. Loomis. When he came to this college in 1838, to be its first professor of chemistry and natural history, he was determined to keep on learning as well as teaching. He managed to get the use of a room on the first floor of South College, where he conducted experiments. So adept did he become at chemical analysis that when Waterville's first murder was committed in 1847, Dr. Sidney Thayer announced that there was no need to send the contents of the victim's stomach to the Bowdoin Medical School, because right here in Waterville was a man who could analyze it. So, without any delay, this man of the test tubes detected the poison that had killed young Ed Mathews.

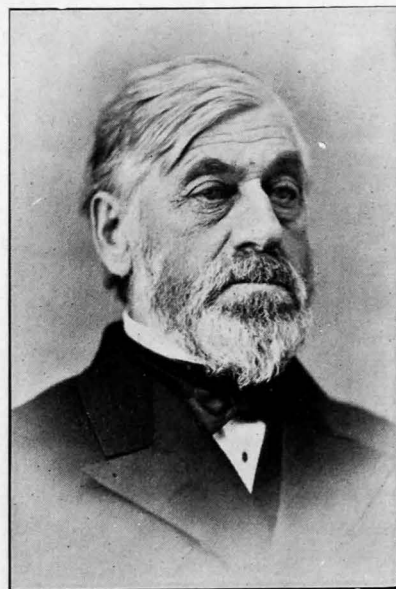
Science was by no means the sole field of scholarly interest at Colby in the early days. Before 1850, two men had shown the true spirit of scholarship in other areas. David Sheldon, who was president from 1843 to 1853, was the first Colby teacher to have had training in foreign universities. He had spent four years in France and Germany, studying with leading European philosophers. His sound scholarship and his persistent publication made his teaching of intellectual and moral philosophy outstanding and memorable. The fruit of Sheldon's labors is seen in the careers of some of the men who graduated from the college during his administration. Charles Hamlin, the noted conchologist; Timothy Paine, distinguished professor of theology at Newton; Mark Cummings, professor

of mathematics at the University of Vermont; Edward Mitchell, professor of Hebrew at the Union Theological Seminary; Charles Farriman, professor of mathematics at Brown; and Alfred Owen, philosopher and president of Denison University.

The other noted non-scientist, whose scholarship played a large part in establishing the tradition at Colby, was James T. Champlin, the first truly great president of the college, the best money-raiser the college ever had previous to the coming of Franklin Johnson, and the man who saw the college safely through the trying days of the Civil War. But James Champlin was never so busy with material things that he could neglect sound scholarship. In fact he always considered himself a scholar and a teacher, rather than an administrator. He had been professor of the Greek and Latin languages at Waterville College for 17 years when he accepted the presidency in 1858. During those years he had edited three texts in Latin and four in Greek, and had contributed numerous articles to the journals. Even after he became president, he continued with scholarly production, including a new edition of *Demosthenes On the Crown*, published in the very year that the Civil War broke out.

ON the faculty with Champlin were two scholars of wide repute: Edward W. Hall and Charles Hamlin. In spite of the fact that he graduated from this college almost a hundred years ago, one of those men I actually knew, for Edward W. Hall lived and continued as our college librarian until well into the spring of my freshman year in 1910.

Edward Winslow Hall, after graduating from Waterville College in 1862, was a member of the college staff for 44 years. From 1866 to 1901 he was a tutor, then a professor of modern languages, and from 1873 to 1919 he was the distinguished college librarian.



*James Tift Champlin*

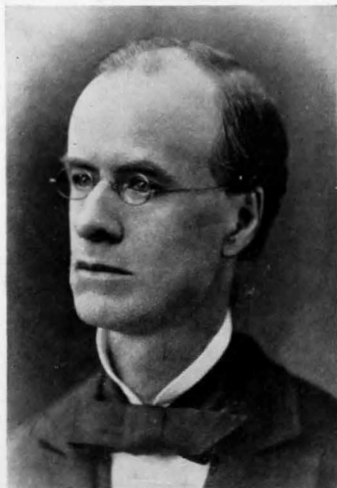
In 1872, securing a year's leave of absence, he studied with the noted linguist Wilhelm Mueller at the University of Göttingen.

Hall was the typical scholar-librarian. He never got so bogged down in bibliographical detail that he neglected the contents of books. He knew the classical writers, as well as the French and German authors whose works he taught. Professor Clarence White once told me that, on half an hour's time one day, Hall located the Greek account of Diogenes' lantern-lit search for an honest man.

Like Keely and Loomis, Charles Hamlin was a scientist, professor of chemistry and natural history, whose fame extended across the Atlantic.

Hamlin was the first member of the faculty to spend the long winter vacation regularly in study at a university. Winter after winter he went to Harvard to pursue research with the great Louis Agassiz. In 1859 Agassiz himself traveled to Waterville expressly to see Hamlin. The result was that Hamlin made a study of the hibernating habits of certain species of frogs. Another study, also urged by Agassiz, established Hamlin's reputation for painstaking research. It was his col-





Charles Edward Hamlin

lection and classification of the birds of Central Maine. A part of that collection was still preserved in Coburn Hall as late as the time of Professor Webster Chester. In 1873 Agassiz lured Hamlin away from Colby to become conchologist of the new Museum of Comparative Zoology and Paleontology at Harvard, where Hamlin went on to even greater renown.

HAMLIN'S scientific curiosity led him into the realm of the gruesome. When the old cemetery at the corner of Elm and Park Streets was abandoned in 1855, Hamlin was eager to enlarge his scientific knowledge. He was on hand when some of the last graves were opened as late as 1868, and in October of that year he wrote in his journal:

During the last two weeks seventy bodies have been removed from the old cemetery, now being cleared and converted into a park. I learned some interesting facts from seeing a dozen graves opened. Decay of bones, even in our light soil, is slower than I supposed. Of a boy of nine years, drowned in 1806, all of the larger and many of the smaller bones remained entire. A white flannel blanket, wrapped about an old man buried in 1837, was whole

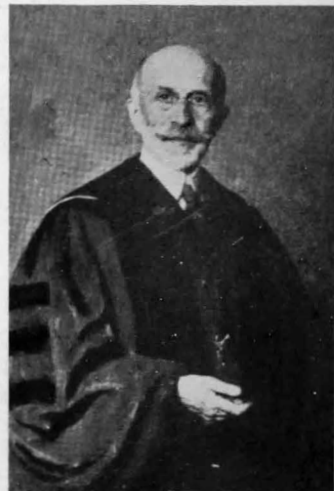
in places, and was lifted in ribbon-like stripes, but all vestiges of cotton clothing buried much later had entirely disappeared.

Hamlin's published works extended to more than a hundred scientific articles and to such complete books as *The Birds of Central Maine*, *Syrian Molluscan Fossils*, and his justly famous *Physical Geography and Geology of Katahdin*. Charles Hamlin was a true scientific scholar, not content until he knew all there was to know about a flower in the crannied wall.

The golden period of faculty scholarship at Colby during the nineteenth century was the decade between 1885 and 1895, when four distinguished scholars were members of a total teaching staff that did not exceed twenty. Those four men were Shailer Mathews, Albion Woodbury Small, William Rogers, and William A. Bayley.

A graduate of Colby in 1884, Shailer Mathews was first an instructor in rhetoric, then in 1889 became professor of history and political economy. He was one of several Colby scholars of the period who studied in Europe, his study being at the University of Berlin. He was one of three Colby men who were called to Chicago by President Harper, when he gathered an outstanding faculty for the new university made possible by the beneficence of John D. Rockefeller.

Going to Chicago as professor of New Testament history and interpretation, Mathews soon became dean of the Divinity School. Although a majority of his numerous publications appeared after he left the Colby faculty, even at Colby he established the reputation of a sound scholar in history, especially in its religious aspects, and during his seven years of Colby teaching he contributed regularly to such periodicals as the *Biblical World* and the *World Today*. A religious liberal in a day when conservatism still prevailed among Baptists, Shailer Mathews was a leader in the movement to reconcile religious faith with sound scholarship.



Albion Woodbury Small

Albion Woodbury Small is best known to older alumni as the man who established the system of coordination at this college. When controversy over the status of women at Colby was rife in 1890, influential persons among trustees, faculty and alumni were so anxious to get rid of the girls that the board actually voted to set up a separate college for women as soon as the necessary funds could be obtained. The plan was for a separate college after the pattern of Radcliffe, Jackson and Pembroke.

President Small worked out a compromise. He agreed that coeducation should not continue at the college, that a separate college seemed not feasible financially, but that the Colby trustees should not abandon their accepted obligation to provide educational facilities for women. He proposed that there be set up two coordinate divisions, one for men, the other for women; that there be no academic competition between the two, each having its own set of honors and prizes; that all student activities be separated, and there be two distinct lists of class officers. As rapidly as possible all recitations were to be separated, although the same faculty would serve both divisions.

The plan went into operation with completely separate recitations and laboratory sections in freshman subjects. It was never fully implemented, because enrollment in upperclass courses, especially as the elective system expanded, was too small to warrant duplicate sessions. But, as a structural device, the plan was so successful that even today when Colby has become coeducational de facto, it is still coordinate de jure. Witness the distinctions made in the current Colby catalogue between the men's and the women's divisions.

It was not as a coordinator, but as a scholar, that the world would know Albion Woodbury Small, for during the early years of the twentieth century he became renowned as the Father of American Sociology. Graduating from Colby in 1876, the son of a prominent Baptist minister who was himself a trustee of the college, Albion Small spent two years in Europe, sitting at the feet of leading scholars at Berlin and Leipzig, then going to France to study political economy at the Sorbonne. Gradually he became aware of a whole area of related studies which men were beginning to call the social sciences. Joining the Colby faculty in 1881 as professor of history and political economy, he showed the Colby faculty that scholarship could and did extend beyond the realm of the established humanities and the budding sciences into the new, barely explored area of the social studies.

Small was the first member of the faculty to hold the degree of doctor of philosophy. Securing leave from his teaching position, he completed his doctoral studies at Johns Hopkins and took the degree in 1889, just in time to be elected president of Colby.

The third member of that scholarly quartette of the 1890's was William A. Rogers, professor of physics and astronomy. Like Small, Rogers achieved international renown. For bringing this brilliant man to Colby the credit goes to a non-academic layman, Colonel William Cutts Shannon. A classmate

of Professor Hall's at Waterville College, and an officer in the Civil War, Shannon had by 1885 amassed a fortune in the promotion and construction of South American railways. He became also a prominent diplomat, serving the United States in several foreign capitals. His interest in construction ventures had convinced Shannon that there was no more important study than that of physics, and he was ahead of his time in seeing that most advances in technology and engineering were dependent upon research in pure, not applied, science.

When Colonel Shannon attended the Colby commencement in 1885 his classmate Hall said to him, "We need a first class professor of physics and a new building for him to work in. Why don't you find the man, then give him a building?"

That is exactly what Colonel Shannon proceeded to do. A friend in Washington had told the colonel about a brilliant young physicist at the Harvard Observatory, who was more interested in physics than in astronomy, and wanted to get away from the night-long vigils with the stars into day-time teaching and research.

William Rogers had achieved a scholarly reputation before he came to Colby in 1886. He was one of only four Americans who were honorary members of the Royal Microscopical Society of England. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, of the German Astronomical Society,

of the Society of Mechanical Engineers, and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In 1890, after he had obtained his constant-temperature private laboratory in the new Shannon Building, Rogers perfected at Colby the standard yard for the U.S. Bureau of Standards.

**R**OGERS had to wait three years for the promised building, but when it was opened in 1889 it had been designed exactly according to his personal specifications. Here is what the *Colby Echo* of the time said about one of the rooms:

The first story consists of a single room, 56 x 30 x 16 feet, to accommodate experimental work in electricity, and for the investigations in meteorology and temperature changes in which Professor Rogers is engaged. It is insulated by a brick wall, ten feet thick, completely enclosing the main room, leaving an air space between the inner and outer walls of two feet.

In that room, up here in the northeast corner of the nation, distantly removed from the great university laboratories, William Rogers not only perfected the standard yard, but also spent several productive years measuring heat generated by pure radiation. He perfected a method of measuring light by counting the wave length of sodium light, himself designing instruments to accomplish the task. He made significant progress in the investigation of solar heat, with a view to ascertaining the nature of that heat which produces life. His supreme achievement was in discovering a new method of measuring minute changes in size caused by changes in temperature, whereby he succeeded in measuring changes as slight as one millionth of an inch.

It was not the attractions of a great university that lured Rogers away from Colby. He had had enough of that at Harvard. After twelve years at Colby he resigned for religious reasons. I believe that on the long faculty list that covers nearly 150 years he was the only



PROFESSOR ROGERS WORKSHOP  
*The Shannon Observatory*



*South College Hall, the first building on the Old Campus, erected in 1822, was destroyed by fire May 31. Although primarily a dormitory, the first classes of Waterville College were held here and it was in this hall that George Keely taught.*

person who was a Seventh Day Baptist. Not a Seventh Day Advent — a Seventh Day Baptist. He had been a national

officer of that sect, and he felt very much alone among the Calvinist Baptists at Colby. Although he was pleased with his building, satisfied with his students, and delighted with his opportunity for research, Rogers decided to move to the little Seventh Day Baptist college at Alfred, New York, where he remained until his death. Here, at least, is one case of a top scientist who took his religion so seriously that it determined the final site of his professional career.

The fourth member of this quartette and the last to leave Colby was William S. Bayley. He came as professor of geology and mineralogy in 1888. Like Albion Small, Bayley held a Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins. Already he was associate editor of the *American Naturalist* and an authority on the geology of the Lake Superior region. Within two years after he arrived in Waterville, he had produced a catalogue of the Maine Geological Collection and had persuaded the state legislature to place that collection at Colby. He

published a history of Maine's only previous geological surveys and wrote a textbook on Elementary Crystallography. That his interest extended beyond geology is shown by his publication of a Synopsis of Outline Lectures on the Classification of Animals.

How scholarship at Colby ebbed and faculty research became almost nonexistent, and how in later years it was renewed with increased vigor and splendid results — that is another story. My purpose tonight has been only to show that during the nineteenth century, when Colby was a struggling fresh-water college in the wilderness of Maine, even then there was created and sustained a tradition of scholarship of which we may all be proud.

In this year of 1959, when faculty scholarship is again ascendant under the leadership of President Bixler, it is well for us to know that, in the previous century, it was a succession of vigorous investigators from George Keely to William Bayley who paved the way for our scholars of today.

## *Colby Press Publishes Centennial Edition of Rubaiyat*

*As of March 31 the most famous poem in the English tongue on the subjects of agnosticism and wine bibbing had been in publication for 100 years. On that date, a handsome centennial edition of Edward FitzGerald's Rubaiyat was published by the Colby College Press, (158 pages. \$6.25).*

The quotation is from *Newsweek* and is one of many commentaries and reviews on the latest product of the Colby Press. Professor Carl J. Weber edited the book which has been designed by the world-famous Fred Anthoensen (M.A. 1951) of Portland and choicely printed in Caslon Old Face type with colored decorations.

In his column, "Speaking of Books," *New York Times* reviewer J. Donald

Adams, wrote (March 29): "No book has had a more interesting history than these adaptations made by Edward FitzGerald of selected quatrains from the work of the twelfth-century Persian astronomer. . . No famous book made its way more slowly, or so nearly fell into oblivion, and few have in the end achieved a wider popularity. More than two hundred editions of the Rubaiyat have been published in English, and one does not need to be as old as Robert Frost to remember the time when, if a young man gave his sweetheart a book (one of the few admissible presents) the chances were at least even that it contained the lines,

A Book of Verses underneath  
the Bough,

A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread  
—and Thou

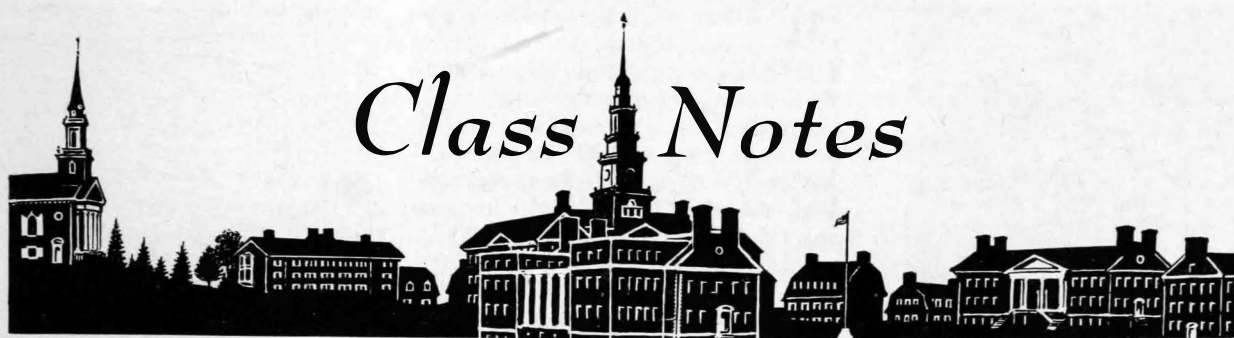
Beside me singing in the  
Wilderness —

Oh, Wilderness were Paradise  
enow!

"The Colby College Press edition reproduces the text of the first edition of 1859, supplementing it, under each quatrain, with the many changes made by FitzGerald in subsequent editions. There is a bibliography of all the editions in English, together with a 'census' of the extant copies of the first edition. Professor Carl J. Weber . . . has provided an excellent historical, biographical and critical introduction."

*Down East* magazine in its July issue calls the Centennial Rubaiyat "a classic blending of love's labor, skilled workmanship, scholarly acumen and old-fashioned Maine craftsmanship."





# Class Notes

**'14** Dr. *Raymond I. Haskell* has retired after 30 years as head of the department of English at Girard College, Philadelphia, Penna. At a special tea he was given a purse from the Faculty Club and a scroll prepared and signed by 57 members of the secondary school faculty. It had this citation: "In controversy his disciplined intellect gave just purpose to his words; in action he was too clear-headed to be indecisive or biased; loyalty and good work, understanding and patience marked this great teacher."

A doctor of science degree was awarded to Professor *Harold Marston Morse* at Williams College in June. Dr. Morse is professor of mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J. The degree citation read: "A son of Colby and inspiring teacher at Cornell, Brown and Harvard before being called in 1935 to the Institute for Advanced Study. A mathematician of the first rank; former president of the American Mathematical Society; joint winner of the Bacher Prize. Decorated by France and the U. S. for his contribution to the mathematics of ordnance."

**'15** *Robert R. Decormier* was chosen to receive the Horace Mann Award as Teacher of the Nation for 1959. He is president of the New York State Retired Teachers Association, Inc. It is the first time the award has been presented to anyone from the East coast. The presentation was made June 7 in Los Angeles where the idea was originated in 1951 under the sponsorship of the Senior League.

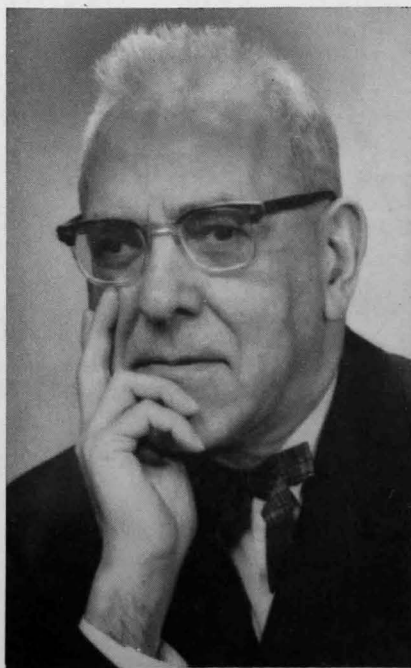
**'21** Dr. *Vernon G. Smith* has retired as chairman of the department of education at Connecticut College.

**'22** *Tom Cook* has been appointed associate professor of English at Wisconsin State College (Superior, Wis.).

Since 1956 he has been chairman of the department of English at Tusculum College (Greenville, Tenn.).

**'23** After 51 years of teaching in Maine schools, *Fred A. Tarbox* is retiring. He started just out of grammar school in 1908 when he instructed for a year at Hudson. After assignments at other schools, and with time out to further his own education, he went to Calais in 1924. From 1927 to 1939 he was principal of Calais Academy. Since then he has been teaching there in science and physics.

**'25** *Edward M. Archer* has moved to Bellows Falls, Vt. where he is engaged in research in the development of new products for the White Mountain Tissue Co. For the past 32 years he has



*Robert Decormier, 1915*

been a chemist with Brown and Co., Berlin, N. H.

Word has been received of the death on April 16 of *Aldo Louis John Fasce* who made his home in Flushing, Long Island. "Dutch" was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

**'26** *Mildred Woodworth* has received her master's degree in education from the University of New Hampshire.

**'27** *Erna Wolfe Fullerton* will teach languages next year at the Masconomet Regional High School, Danvers, Mass. . . *Muriel Robinson Ragsdale* has been elected president of the Maine Art Educators Association. This September she will re-join the faculty of Waterville High School as art instructor.

**'29** Congressman *Chester Merrow* is much in demand as a speaker. In one recent address, he was introduced by Allan Lightner, Jr., former U. S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Public Affairs Division. Mr. Lightner, who is now the top American civilian official in West Berlin, is the son of Colby's able assistant to the president.

Congressman Merrow's speech was devoted to foreign policy. He and a fellow member of the House, A. S. J. Carnahan, Democrat of Missouri, have been involved in one of the most remarkable adult education endeavors in the history of Congress. In cooperation with several national organizations who sponsored them, they have, for the past two years crisscrossed the U. S. with a bi-partisan lecture on mutual security. This year they have broadened their talk to include U. S. foreign policy.

**'30** Tribute was paid to *Clarence Lamb* this spring with a "This is Your Life" program on the occasion of 25 years of teaching in Rangeley where he is high school principal.





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**'31** Robert Allen, Jr. is associate superintendent of the Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. and the Massachusetts Protective Association, Worcester, Mass. . . Dana Simmons is the new principal at Bangor High School. He has been serving in a similar capacity at Stephens High School, Rumford, where he was appointed in 1954.

**'33** The Rev. H. John Murchie was honored May 3 at the First Baptist Church of Woburn. The occasion marked his 35th anniversary as a Baptist



Carroll Abbott, 1935

minister and his 10th anniversary as pastor of the church. . . Henry Oldham McCracken died May 12 after a long illness. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

**'34** Francis Allen has been promoted to associate professor and assistant librarian at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo) where he has been on the faculty since 1953.

**'35** Carroll Abbott has been elected treasurer of Keyes Fibre Corp. He joined the company in 1951 and has served as assistant treasurer since 1955.

**'36** Dr. Edmund N. Ervin served as liaison chairman for the First International Medical Conference on Mental Retardation, July 27-31, in Portland. . . Ruth Michalek McAlary will teach mathematics this fall at the Intermediate School, Westfield, Mass.

**'37** Roland Gammon has merged his public relations firm with two others to form Peed, Gammon and Lip-sky, Inc. with offices in New York City and Los Angeles. Roland, who is vice president and editorial director, has had his own publicity agency, The Roland Gammon Associates, specializing in educational and religious accounts.

**'38** The Rev. Victor W. Vincent is the new pastor of the United Church, Randolph, Vt.

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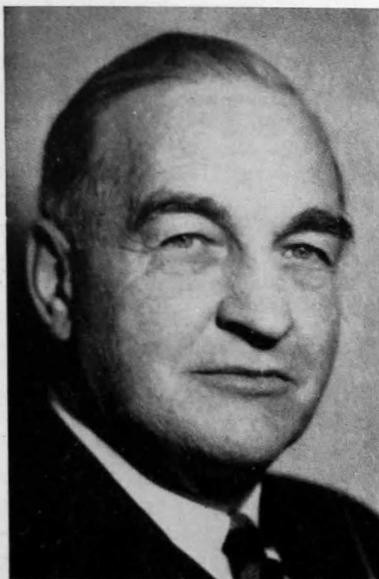
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*"Born in and still a resident of Exeter, Maine; an alumnus of Colby College from which he received an honorary degree; successful agriculturist, business man, and public servant; large crop farmer and cattle breeder, former Commissioner of Agriculture of this state, vice president of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, legislator and member and chairman of many important state and national committees, including the Committee on Agriculture of the United States Chamber of Commerce; recipient of an Outstanding Farmer Award from this University in 1938; father of five children, two of whom graduated from this University and three of whom are farming at present.*

*"Your long and extremely valuable services to this state and nation, your constructive leadership so freely given, have won for you the esteem, confidence, and commendation of your associates in agriculture and business."*

**'39** Dr. Bernerd H. Burbank has been named medical director of the McGraw Hill Publishing Co., New York City. For the past three-and-a half years, he has been assistant clinical director of Socony-Mobil Oil Co., Inc., New York City. He is on the teaching staff of Cornell University Medical School and is on the attending staff at New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center. . . *Raymond Stinchfield* has been appointed superintendent of schools in Manchester, Conn.

**'40** *Dorothy Bake* Kesaris has joined the faculty of Wilton High School to teach social studies. . . *Rufus Brackley*, principal of East Greenwich (R. I.) High School, is president of the Rhode Island Secondary School Principals Association.

**'42** *Norman David Jones* has been appointed manager of labor relations for the Campbell Soup Co. He is assigned to the general offices in Camden, N. J. and lives in Moorestown with his wife and two children. Norm joined Campbell in 1952 as assistant manager of employment. . . *Barbara Holden* has been elected chairman of the modern languages department at Malden (Mass.) High School where she has been on the faculty for the past 14 years.

*Priscilla George Ross* has been awarded a master's degree from the School of Library Science at Simmons College, Boston. . . *Betty Anne Royal Spiegel's* new address is 8803 Clifford Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md.

**'43** *Ethel Paradis Emerson* has been appointed instructor in mathematics at Jay Junior High School.

**'44** *Russ Brown* writes from Rangoon, Burma that he and his family enjoyed a lengthy vacation in the Southern Shan States of Burma, staying on the campus of the Shan States Bible School. . . *John P. Turner* is membership chairman of the Melrose (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce. . . *Mary Weeks Sawyer* will be teaching next fall at the Western Avenue School in Waterville.

**'45** *Hope Mansfield Jahn* has been appointed general science teacher in the Junior-Senior High School, Cohasset, Mass. . . *Edward J. McCormack, Jr.*, attorney general of Massachusetts, was the principal speaker at the second annual Alumni College June 5 at the University of Massachusetts.



*Bowdoin College honored Phyllis Carolyn Weston, 1932, with an honorary master of science degree on June 13. The citation read:*

*"Member of the faculty of the Skowhegan High School, she has . . . rigorously trained in mathematics a long succession of boys and girls, not only preparing them to meet exacting standards for college admission, but more importantly, giving them the basis for outstandingly successful work in college mathematics. Teaching a severe discipline, inculcating sound work and study habits, she has equally supplied to her students the incentive and encouragement to continue with their education. Her former pupils number many capable Bowdoin men. In his recent cogent report on the American High School, James Bryant Conant states unequivocally that in the last analysis 'on the quality of the teacher, the quality of education must depend.' Honored by the accomplishment of her myriad students for devotion to academic discipline, she now basks in the reflected glory of their achievements. Bowdoin today, in honoring her, honors all teachers, unknown and unsung, of such integrity, ability and dedication."*

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**'46** Fred Rogers has been appointed superintendent of School Union 76 in Hancock County.

**'48** Phyllis Harnden Combs has been awarded a master of arts in education by Rutgers. . . Charles Kramer has resigned as manager of the chamber of commerce in North Adams, Mass.

**'49** Dave Clark has been appointed food and beverage manager at New York's Hotel Astor. For the past two years he has had a similar assignment with the Statler-Hilton, Washington, D. C. . . Ray Deltz is technical assistant to the personnel administrator at the Endicott, N. Y. plant of International Business Machines Corp. He has been elected a director of the Broome County Social Planning Council. . . William Slemmer has been awarded a master's degree from the School of Library Science at Simmons College.

**'50** William Lawry has joined the McFadden Insurance Agency, Waterville. . . Jerry Baker is an account executive in marketing research, analysis, planning and service at Arnold & Company, Inc., Boston.

**'51** John Gilhooly, Jr. has been visiting with his parents in Waterbury, Conn. while waiting for a new assignment with the State Department. He has completed a tour of duty as second

secretary and vice consul with the American Embassy, Rangoon, Burma. . . Gilbert Tibolt is sales manager of United Parcel Service, Inc., and makes his home at 83 Hawthorn Avenue, Needham, Mass.

Joyce Hutchins has received a master of science degree from Boston University. . . Richard Raymond received the Merck Award for scholastic excellence at the class day of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. . . Fenton Mitchell, Jr. has been promoted to assistant branch manager of New York and Bridgeport warehouses and offices for the Carpenter Steel Co. He has been with Carpenter since 1951 as a salesman.

**'52** George F. Terry, III has assumed managership of the A. M. Drummond Co., Terry Insurance Agency, a Waterville firm that was established in 1884. He is the company's vice president and treasurer. . . Hugh Burgess received his master's degree in education June 1 from Western Maryland College. . . Kemp Pottle, instructor in history at Maine Central Institute, is writing a history of the school which he plans to publish as partial credit towards his master's degree.

**'53** George Hobart has received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts. . . Malcolm Andreus will teach mathematics next year at Littleton (Mass.) High School. . . Mike Manus has been named the home office field supervisor for Europe of the United Life and Accident Insurance Co. (Concord, N.H.). His headquarters is in Frankfurt-Main, Germany.

**'54** Mary Hitch Bowles is living in Basin, Wyoming, where her husband is a scientist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. . . Since 1956 Geneva Smith has been an "Associate" in the Atomic Energy Project of the University of Rochester (New York). Her group has been concerned, in general, "with evaluating the hazard to animals — and thus to man — from radio-active isotopes having industrial or other application."

This month she resigned from Rochester to accept a position as radio biologist with the Public Health Service's Radiological Health Program, Las Vegas, Nev.

In 1958 she was part of a group from Rochester which went to the National Reactor Station in Idaho as a field team to carry out the biological part of a series of tests conducted by the air force. The

test site was about 60 miles from civilization in the middle of the Idaho desert and their "lab" and animal quarters were three huge tractor trailers especially built for the purpose. Geneva was there nine weeks. . . *Mary Louise Belden*, who has been teaching at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass., has received her master's degree from Smith College. . . *Barry Levow* has been promoted to vice president in charge of sales at Beltone in Boston. . . *Edward Sherman Webber* has graduated from Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, Boston.

**'55** *Ted Brown* is author of an article "What Happens to Patent Applications" in *Product Engineering* (April 20). Ted has completed his third of four years of evening law school at George Washington University. . . *Charles Macomber* received his M.D. degree from Tufts University Medical School and is taking his internship at Delaware Hospital in Wilmington. . . *Bob Hale* is an underwriter with the State Mutual Life Assurance Co. in the Worcester (Mass.) home office. . . *Ronald Swanson* has received his degree from Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Swanson will intern for a year at the Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital, Harrisburg, Penna. He and his wife (*Eleanor Turner* '54) are living at 2540-13 Green St., Harrisburg.

**'56** *Bonnie Barron* is director of Christian education at the Plymouth (Mass.) Congregational Church. . . *Patricia Bateman* has graduated from the Theological School at St. Lawrence University (Canton, N. Y.). She will begin her duties next September as director of education at the Church of the Unity (Universalist-Unitarian), Springfield, Mass. . . The Rev. *Donald Dunbar* has been named curate at Trinity Church, Melrose, Mass. He was ordained June 20. . . *David Durrell* is with the trade book department of McGraw Hill Co.

*Charlie Morrissey*, living in South Acton, Mass., is training assistant for the Mitre Corporation and editor of the company paper. Mitre is the management group for the Air Defense Systems Integration Division of the air force. . . *Charlotte Wood Scully* will teach freshman English next September at Naugatuck (Conn.) High School.

*L. Clifford Warner, Jr.* has received the degree doctor of dental surgery from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.



*Michael Manus, 1953*

**'57** Lt. *Tom Brackin* has received his "Wings of Gold" following completion of advanced flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. . . *Michalene Chomicz* appeared as Miss Pawtucket of 1959 in the Miss Rhode Island Pageant in Providence, June 6.

*Edward N. Harriman, Jr.*, graduated from the American Institute for Foreign Trade, June 3. . . *Terry Mayo* has been named teacher of English and director of guidance at Jay High School. . . Lt. *Peter Merrill* has been graduated from the basic pilot training school at Webb Air Force Base, Texas. . . *Leslie Wyman* has been awarded a master of arts degree by Radcliffe College.

*Judith Murnik* has been appointed to teach at Fitchburg (Mass.) High School.

**'58** *Sandra Doolittle* is chief of social services at Meriden (Conn.) Hospital. . . *Richard Estes*, a public administration student at the University of Maine, is spending the summer as an intern on the municipal staff of the City of Portland. . . *Margaret Fox* received her master of arts degree in teaching from Radcliffe College. . . *Carol Heeks* graduated in June from the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine at Columbia University. She has accepted a position on the staff of the Babies' Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, NYC. . . *Gladys Thomson* teaches in Shawsheen, Mass.

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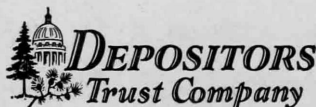
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'59 Don Megathlin and Gard Rand are in training at the Naval Officers Candidate School, Newport, R. I. . . Nancy Lee Gross has received her B.S. in education from Tufts University and the Certificate from the Eliot-Pearson School for Kindergarten Teaching (affiliated with Tufts). . . Sandra Beck will teach mathematics in the Junior High School, Abington, Mass. next year. Sally Weber has taken a post with the U. S. Central Intelligence Department.

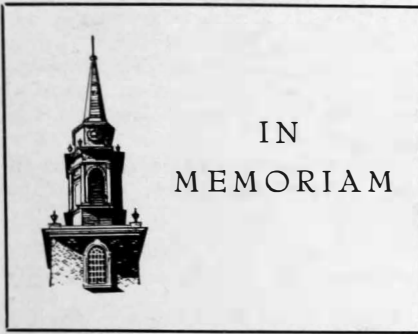
#### MARRIAGES

Fred F. Lawrence, '00, to Mrs. Allan Stevens, June 3, Portland.  
Richard W. Baldwin, '52, to Barbara R. Shulze, June 13, Andover, Mass.  
Jess H. Smith, '53, to Marcia Jane Blank, May 30, Bridgeport, Conn.  
Barbara J. Guernsey, '54, to C. Arthur Eddy, Jr., '54, June 21, Lexington, Mass.  
Robert A. Hale, '55, to Vieanna Charles, June 6, Portland.  
Richard William Bartlett, '55, to Donna Rae Callahan, June 27, Marblehead, Mass.  
David Oliver Durrell, '56, to Adele H. Juressen, May 29, Scarsdale, N. Y.  
Beatrice Henderson, '56, to Robert Warren Morse, April 12, 1958, Portland.  
Hepzibah Reed, '56, to Henry Martin Powers, Jr., June 20, Bath.  
Lucinda Allerton, '58, to William Rocknak, '58, May 23, Alexandria, Va.  
Leigh Buchanan Bangs, '58, to Sonia Elizabeth Wuellner, June 13, Reading, Mass.  
Joan A. Tilden, '58, to Ens. Robert M. Snyder, May 3, Marion, Mass.  
Rachel Loring West, '58, to Gerald Kenneth Jones, '58, June 20, Pembroke, Mass.  
Carolyn D. Cummings, '59, to Warren H. Crain, June 6, Waterville.  
Cornelia Egan, '59, to Brian L. Alley, June 8, Waterville.  
Ann Fuller, '59, to Laurence S. Douglas, '59, May 30, Orleans, Mass.  
Marion F. Kimball, '59, to Frank F. Guth, '58, June 19, Madison, N. J.

#### BIRTHS

A son, Norman Bruce, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Delano '40 (Muriel Howe '42), June 21. The Delanos also have an adopted son, Ralph Carleton, 23 months of age.

A son, James Cornelius, to Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Engert (Jane Soule '42), May 22.  
A daughter, Judith Manning, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Greene, Jr. '47, June 18.  
A son, Paul Conrad, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bauer '48 (Mildred Hammond '48), January 26.  
A daughter, Emily Lyn, adopted by the Reverend and Mrs. David A. Choate '48, May 20.  
A daughter, Cynthia May, to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart C. Gile (Ardis Hennigar '48), May 21.  
A son, Michael Christian, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Waller '49, May 12.  
A daughter, Martha Devon, to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harriman '50, April 30.  
A son, David Hillson, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Nathan Abramowitz (Barbara Hillson '51), March 15.  
A son, Philip Allan, to Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian J. Cultrera '51 (Nancy MacDonald '52), June 24.  
A daughter, Heather Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. McIntyre '51 (Joan Cammann '51), June 17.  
A son, Nicholas Joseph, III, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Meagher, Jr. (Dale A. Dacier '52), February 1.  
A son, Michael Harris, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Sacks '52 (Arlyne Rosenthal '54), May 8.  
A son, Peter Webster, to the Reverend and Mrs. Chester B. Ham '53, April 10.  
A daughter, Barbara Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Howard '54 (Sally L. Baines '53), October 21, 1958.  
A son, Lawrence Nathan, to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Levow '54 (Judith Holtz '55), May 8.  
A son, Peter, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Wyeth '54, May 14.  
A son, Peter, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Brown '55 (Nancy Weller '54), December 29, 1958.  
A daughter, Ellen, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Deering, Jr. '55 (Ann D. Burnham '55), May 28.  
A son, Andrew Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Hickey (Eleanor Cawley '56), May 20.  
A son, Justin Allen, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Justin Allen Cross '56 (Kay Litchfield '58), April 29.  
A son, Peter Stewart, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart Leavitt '56 (Nancy Roseen '57), June 12.  
A son, Joel Shorey, to Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Harris (Eleanor J. Shorey '57), June 4.



## — '99

*Varney Arthur Putnam*, 83, a former member of the Maine Legislature and Senate, died May 10 in Houlton.

He prepared for college at Ricker Classical Institute and received his law degree from the University of Maine in 1901. He attended Colby from 1895 to 1898, where he was a member in 1897 of the college's first undefeated football team.

Mr. Putnam was born in Danforth and resided there until 12 years ago when he moved to Houlton. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and a 32nd degree Mason.

His late wife was the former Minnie Bubar. He is survived by a daughter, a brother, Edgar, 1901, and two sisters.

## — '05

*Stephen Grant Bean*, 78, author of the words of Colby's *Alma Mater*, died May 16 at a Lowell (Massachusetts) hospital.

Born in Saco, where he prepared for college at Thornton Academy, he received his master's degree in education from Harvard University in 1917.

Prior to his retirement in 1950, Mr. Bean served as superintendent of schools in Wilmington, Tewksbury, and Middleton, Massachusetts. He started his lengthy teaching career in 1905 at Salisbury (Connecticut) School.

Mr. Bean was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and of Phi Delta Kappa. He wrote the lyrics of *Alma Mater* while an undergraduate.

His survivors include his wife, Ethel Nicholson, 1905; a daughter, Mrs. Francis (Stephanie, 1931) Delaney; and three grandchildren.

## — '08

*Ethel Hayward Weston*, 77, died May 8 in Skowhegan. She was born in Portage and during her undergraduate days was president of the Alpha chapter of Sigma Kappa.

Mrs. Weston held several national offices in the sorority, serving as Grand President from 1918-22 and as a delegate to National Panhellenic from 1915-25. In this capacity she was the first person ever to hold office for six years, the last two as chairman.

When Colby introduced the class agent system in 1931 she accepted responsibility for her class and over the years conducted correspondence personally with the 40 members of her class. Mrs. Weston was on the Alumni Council (1929-30) and a trustee from 1932-35.

She was married in 1909 to Benjamin Thomas Weston of Madison, a civil engineer, who survives her. During the last 16 years she has lived at Madison in the Weston Homestead, built in 1820 by her husband's great-grandfather.

Among her survivors is a sister-in-law, Susan Weston, 1906.

## — '11

*Raymond Clifford Bridges*, 71, died May 15. He made his home in Rutland, Vermont. Mr. Bridges was born in Brooklin and graduated from Hebron Academy.

Following six years of teaching, he joined the army during World War I and became an insurance broker upon his discharge in 1919.

He was married to the former Inez Mace, 1911, who survives, as does a daughter. Mr. Bridges was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

## — '13

*Donald Witherle Ellis*, 68, died May 25 in his native community of Fairfield. A graduate of Good Will High School, Mr. Ellis represented the Eastern States Farmers Exchange for several years and was a well-known farmer. For a period he taught school and for nine years was a member of the Fairfield School Board.



Survivors include his wife, the former Hazel Moore (1916), and four children. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

## — '15

*James Edward McMahon*, 68, died May 8 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Togus. He was a prominent American Legionnaire.

Born in Portland, Mr. McMahon was a graduate of Waterville High School and attended Colby from 1911-12 where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He served overseas in World War I in the Yankee Division.

His newspaper career included a period as night editor of the *Waterville Sentinel* and positions on the staffs of the *Houlton News* and the *Kennebec Journal*. He also served as a staff correspondent for the *Portland Press Herald*.

Mr. McMahon was head of the Office of War Information in Maine during World War II and worked with the Waterville Office of Price Administration.

Surviving are three sons, among them James, 1944. His wife, the former Harriet Murphy, died in 1930, while a fourth son was killed in action during World War II.

## — '16

*Lewis Keith Murchie*, 67, died April 12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Murchie was former Marion County deputy prosecutor and Indiana deputy attorney general during the 1940's. He retired from law practice a year and a half ago.

For two years before his retirement he was an editor for the Bobbs-Merrill Publishing Company.

Born at Concord, New Hampshire, Mr. Murchie had lived in Indianapolis since 1914 and was a World War I veteran.

He attended Colby from 1912-14 where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta and was graduated from Indiana University School of Law.

He is survived by his widow, Gladys, and a son.

*Earle Raymond Steeves*, 66, died February 4 at the Augusta General Hospital. The Reverend Mr. Steeves had retired to North Pownal in 1957 where he started his career in the ministry 42 years ago. He attended Colby from 1912-14, being elected to Delta Upsilon.

For 17 years, prior to his retirement, he was minister of the Unitarian Church in Leominster, Massachusetts. He had served on the committee of the Ministry of the American Unitarian Association and was past president of the Worcester Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches.

A native of Fairfield, he received his early religious training in the First Universalist Church of that town. He studied at the Maine Conference Seminary and at Union Theological School.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Vosmus, a daughter, and four sons, one of whom is Addison, 1942.

## - '17

*Charles Bruso Price*, 68, died April 10 in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. He was living in retirement there after 39 years as an executive with the Norton Company of Worcester, Massachusetts.

A founder of the National Association of Office Managers, Mr. Price was the first to hold the title of office manager in the Norton Company. From 1941 until his retirement in 1955 he was the firm's district manager in Pittsburgh.

He was born in Worcester where he attended Worcester South High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Completing a four-year college course in two years at Colby, Mr. Price graduated magna cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Survivors include his widow, the former Dorothy Williams, a son, three daughters and four brothers.

## - '18

*Hyman Lewis Paikowsky*, 62, a dentist in Fairfield for the past 27 years, died in a Waterville hospital May 31.

Dr. Paikowsky attended Colby from 1914-16 receiving his D.D.S. from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. He was a member of Alpha Omega Kappa and Sigma Phi.

Born in Waterville, he is survived by his wife, the former Esther Pearlman, two brothers and a sister.

## - '22

*William Franklin Cushman*, 59, died at Pompano Beach, Florida, May 7 where he maintained a vacation home. He was vice president of the American Foreign Insurance Association.

Mr. Cushman's entire business career of 38 years had been with the association, an assignment that took him to many of the 70 countries in which it has business connections. He was made fire insurance underwriter in 1932, secretary in 1943, and assistant general manager in 1954. Two years later he was named vice president of the association's foreign administration.

A leader in the field of American insurance abroad, Mr. Cushman, an army veteran of World War I, was also considered an authority on fire underwriting. He was a member of various interna-



*William Cushman, 1922*

tional business and insurance groups and contributed many articles to trade publications.

Mr. Cushman was born in Stonington, Connecticut where he graduated from high school in 1918. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, former vice president of the Lions International of New York, and on the board of governors of the Australian Trade Association. He also served on discussion panels of the Far East-American Council of Commerce and Industry and on the National Foreign Trade Council.

He served very ably for many years as a class agent for Colby's alumni fund.

He leaves his widow, the former Helen Williams, 1923, two sons and two daughters, among them William, Jr., 1952.

## - '25

*Amy Robinson Cumming*, 55, died in Hamden, Connecticut, May 19. She was born in Lake View and graduated from Higgins Classical Institute.

Mrs. Cumming, a member of Chi Omega, taught from 1925 to 1931 at Houlton High School and for a period, after her marriage to A. Raymond Cumming, lived in Manchester, New Hampshire.

She is survived by her husband.

## - '29

*Jo Longfellow Pattangall*, 54, died in Providence, Rhode Island June 19 at the home of her son, William P. Nicolet.

Born in Machias, she was the daughter of the late William R. Pattangall, former chief justice of the Maine Supreme Court

and Gertrude McKenzie Pattangall. She attended Colby from 1926-1927. During her marriage to Charles C. Nicolet, a newspaperman, she lived in New York City and New Jersey. She was later divorced.

Besides her son, she leaves three sisters, among them Grace, 1927, (Mrs. Frederick C. Fassett, Jr.).

## - '32

*Robert Corthell McNamara*, 48, former Maine legislator and well-known restaurateur, died June 12 in Winthrop.

A graduate of Winthrop schools and of Cony High School, Augusta, Mr. McNamara and his brother operated in Winthrop one of the state's finest restaurants.

From 1939-41 he served in the Maine House of Representatives and in the air force as a captain and food specialist from 1942-45.

He leaves his widow, a son and a daughter. He was a member of Zeta Psi.

## - '33

*Howard Higgins Whitten*, 49, died May 12 in Waterville.

A resident of Clinton, where he was born and where he had been active in community projects and Masonic work, Mr. Whitten had been employed by Scott Paper Company for 30 years, lately as a process control engineer. He began work in the mill at night while he was still in college as a paper tester in the production department.

His survivors include his widow, the former Dorothy McNally, 1932, a son and a daughter. He was a member of Zeta Psi.

## - '39

*Donna deRochement Wetzel*, 42, died in Washington, D. C., May 14.

A native of Rockland and a graduate of its high school, Mrs. Wetzel received a dental hygienist degree from Forsyth Dental Infirmary and a master's degree in public health from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Following her graduation from MIT, she was employed in the Andover (Massachusetts) public schools, after which she returned to Forsyth as academic supervisor from 1941-45.

In recent years Mrs. Wetzel has made her home in Rockville, Maryland. She was a member of Cap and Gown and of Phi Mu.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne, two daughters, two sons, her parents, two sisters, Marguerite, 1933, and Helen (Cole), 1936, and one brother, Clarence.