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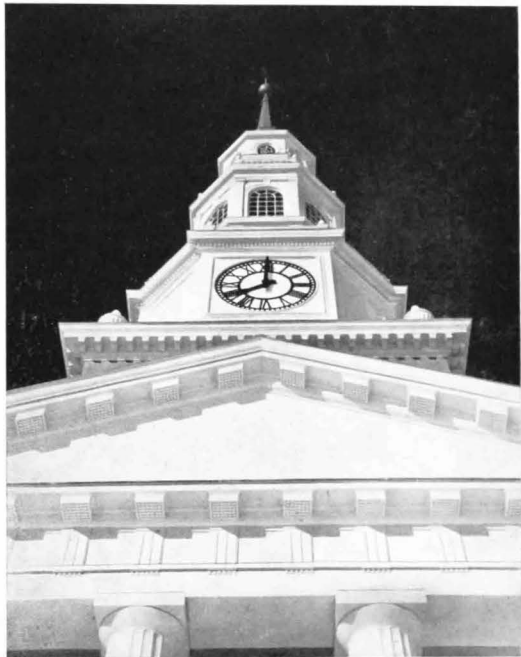
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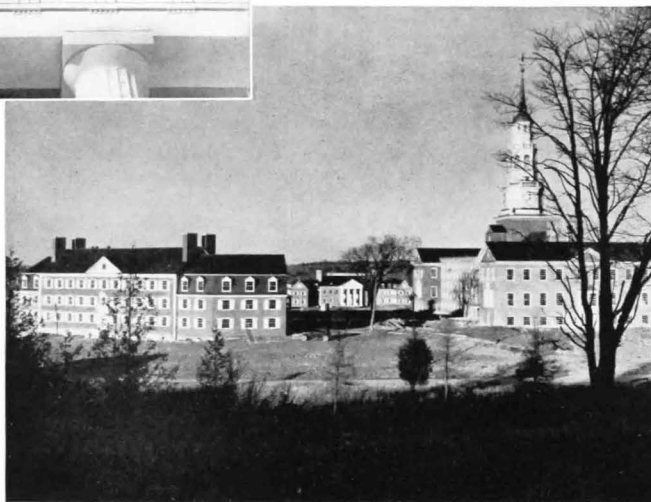


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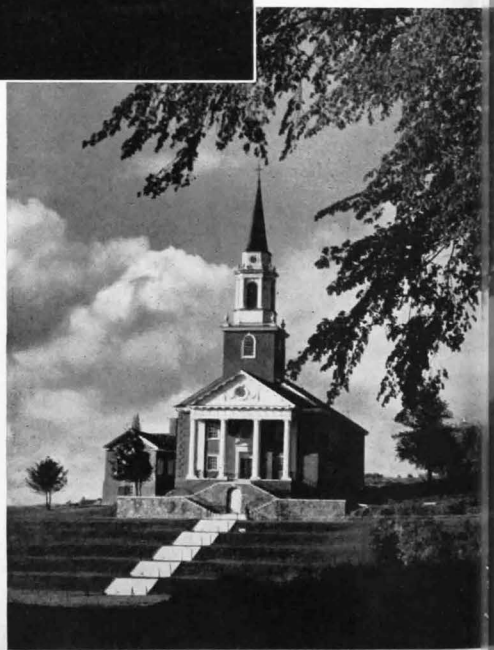


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## The Cover

In common with virtually all of the magazines this month, we tried to work in the American flag on the cover. The breeze would not blow it out for us, but it is there on the pole at the end of the wharf. This is a Saturday afternoon scene at the Colby Outing Club property on Great Pond. We hope that our readers with the armed forces in Missouri, Texas, Florida, New Caledonia, Australia, Ireland or Egypt will feel refreshed as they look at it, and not too homesick.

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## The President's Page



My first word to the alumni and alumnae must be one of appreciation for the cordial reception into the Colby fellowship you have given my family and me. It has been a heart-warming experience and all of us are most grateful. My second is a pledge that I will do all in my power to live up to this hospitable welcome. No one can take such a position as this especially at times like these without a haunting feeling of his own inadequacy. I have such a feeling, at times oppressively, but your kindly welcome has also made me aware of the loyal support on which the college may expect to draw.

The changes the war has brought are bound to have a drastic effect on all our colleges. We must be prepared to see changes take place in Colby. My own hope and belief is that they will come as a natural unfolding of the purposes for which Colby has always stood. Colby has steadily believed in the Christian and democratic way of life and has effectively shown what it is like. It must continue to teach it and must do this in a manner that the modern generation, in spite of its disillusionment, can understand. On this I am sure we are all agreed. I hope that together we may work out an educational plan that is flexible enough to keep abreast of rapidly changing conditions without losing sight of convictions that are basic.

Of course the government will expect a great deal from us in support of the war effort. We shall respond with loyalty and enthusiasm to any demands it makes. At the same time I feel that we shall best serve our country and our society if we try to keep alive in our community the spirit that has always characterized the liberal college in the detachment of its search for truth. We shall do everything we can to help win the war. We shall try also to cultivate those qualities which will be needed to win and maintain a just peace. This will be no easy task. Yet Colby has been through war before and emerged triumphant and we should be faint-hearted indeed if we thought it could not be done again.

My own part in this whole enterprise is made both easier and harder by the fact that I have such a distinguished predecessor. Dr. Johnson has done so much for Colby that the college will go a long way on the momentum he has given it, but at the same time he has set a terribly high mark for his successors to aim at. But, as I have already said to some of you, the best part of my coming is that it does not mean his leaving. He and Mrs. Johnson will still be active members of our community. They have built their house beside the road of progress, that is, the road that leads to Mayflower Hill, and we know that their efforts to bring the rest of us out to their neighborhood will be unremitting. When I think of this and remember also the warm welcome everyone has given us, with the assurance of loyalty to the college it implies, I have complete faith in Colby's future.

*J. S. Bixler*

# THE TALK OF THE COLLEGE

**A**VE ATQUE VALE—Was there ever a happier or more frictionless transition from one president of a college to another than has just taken place at Colby? Several factors brought this about. For one thing, President Johnson has been referring to his impending retirement for the last three or four years, thus getting the college family as reconciled as possible to the idea. Then, the next president was selected by an able and representative committee of the trustees after an unhurried and thoroughgoing canvass of potential candidates. All of this took place before their quest was widely known, thus they escaped a flood of self-nominated candidates trying to get "backing" from alumni and trustees, with inevitable embarrassment and disappointments. Then, the President-elect was named a year in advance, giving Colby folk time to get used to the idea and pick up glowing reports about him. He, on the other hand, had opportunity to get acquainted with the students, faculty and trustees in advance and to formulate his ideas about his new job gradually and without pressure. Finally, President Johnson took every opportunity to insure a friendly welcome for his successor and, best of all, left him an institution clicking away smoothly on all cylinders.

In a relay race, even a commanding lead can be lost if the baton is fumbled and the next runner has to get off from a standing start. While Colby is competing against nothing except its own sense of potential mission, we can be thankful that the torch has been handed from one leader to another without the loss of a single stride or an ounce of momentum.

**W**INGS—As of July seventh, Colby College will be playing a direct part in our country's military effort. The University of Maine is to put in a school for Ordnance Inspectors. Bowdoin has a highly specialized Radio Engineering School for Naval officers. Now, Colby has been chosen to conduct the preliminary pilot-training for the Army and Navy in Maine.

This is entirely apart from the normal operation of the college, as such, and does not include our own students. It is a full time, eight weeks' intensive training program, repeated six times a year, for Army and Navy enlistees, 70 at a time. The boys will be under military supervision, wear special gabardine uniforms, rise at 5:30, take daily drill and ten hours of classes, and live in Taylor House and Mary Low Hall. Primary and secondary flight training will be given by Airways, Inc., at the Waterville Airport. Ground school will be held at the college, chiefly in Shannon Hall, with a staff of instructors holding the proper aeronautical ratings. From here, the candidates will go to the big Army or Navy training fields, or into some other branch of the air services, according to their aptitudes as revealed here. It is just one part in the mass program for manning the planes and gliders which will be streaming off the assembly lines in the coming months. We are proud that Colby has been assigned this important part in the victory effort.

**D**EANS—During the Commencement reception, we eavesdropped on a couple of visiting Deans, hoping to glean a bit of august wisdom or some light on the Contemporary Educational Situation. Instead, we heard some illuminating definitions of their high office. Said Dean Mayo of the School of Applied Social Science of Western Reserve University (Len Mayo, '22, to you): "A dean is defined as a man who doesn't know

enough to be a professor and talks too much to be a college president."

Rejoined Dean Camp of Stevens Polytechnic Institute (Frederic E. Camp, trustee): "Well, a university chancellor once received a telegram asking for someone to give an after dinner speech and specifying, 'we hope he will be a wit and nothing lower than a Dean.' He wired in reply: 'There is nothing lower than a Dean, and since you want a wit, I am sending you two Deans.'"

All of which proves that a good Dean is one who does not take himself too seriously.

**A**NOMALY—"Please, may I be excused from classes so as to go home and graduate from high school?" This is a new excuse to college deans, but it is legitimate and actually took place several times in the opening week or two of the summer term. It is just one of the precedent-shattering anomalies which are shaking up our pre-war habits.

Colby's first summer session has drawn 170 undergraduates. (Earlier, 100 had seemed a reasonable expectation.) There are 15 freshmen and the others are pretty well divided among the three upper classes. While the plan was aimed primarily to accelerate the graduation of men before being called into military service, there are 51 coeds enrolled who wish to be accelerated too. Roberts Hall, the Deke House and Tau Delt House are housing the men, while Foss Hall accommodates the girls and dines a majority of the men, as well as the girls.

While it is too early to generalize safely, there is one significant underlying current that is very interesting. This is the students' sense of relief from the burden of extra-curricular activities. More than one has commented on this to us. It is the sensation which some alumni may recall in connection with their graduate school experience—the welcome opportunity to study as leisurely and as thoroughly as one wishes. In a sense, Colby undergraduates have adopted the graduate school attitude for the summer. Whether this will last, is something we will watch with interest.

## *We Point With Pride To—*

George H. D. L'Amoureux, '94, for his honorary degree of Doctor of Letters and Humanities from American International College, Springfield, Mass.

Merle Crowell, '10, for his essay reprinted in the Readers Digest for July.

Joseph M. Trefethen, '31, for his appointment as State Geologist of Maine.

**FUNDS**—In these days of Red Cross, China Relief and the U. S. O. campaigns, it means something that our Alumni and Alumnae Funds have not only held up this year, but show a gain of nearly one thousand dollars. The total is \$8,113, with the men topping the \$6,000 mark and the women going over \$1,800. This year the number of ten dollar givers increased markedly, but there was a drop in the one dollar gifts. If this means that they all increased their donations, that is good; but if it should mean that any of them felt that one buck was too small to bother with, that would be too bad. The biggest gifts, in our opinion, were the \$183 sent in by 36 men in the armed forces. If the rest of us contributed proportionately, our graduate associations would be able to turn over many thousands of dollars to the college annually. But even as it is, that \$8,113 will look pretty good to the Treasurer in a year of increasing costs and decreasing revenue.

**RESEARCH**—A lawnmower travels 68 miles in one cutting of the campus lawns . . . The boys who make up about half of the boarders at Foss Hall this summer consume about two-thirds of the food . . . Exactly 2,000 new address stencils were cut in the Alumni Office from July 1st to July 1st.

**TOKENS**—If the Johnsons' new house on Mayflower Hill Drive ever appears to have a slightly bulging appearance, don't blame the architect or builder—it will be caused by the pressure of good wishes exuding from the fifteen or twenty gifts which have been intermittently thrust upon the President and his wife during the last few months of his term of office, or what Mrs. Johnson is wont to call "Frank's plunder."

When you next call on the Johnsons, hint that you would like to see Prexy's study. Then look around you. That bronze fluorescent lamp on the desk is a gift from the New York Colby folk. The elegant onyx desk set with fountain pen and clock was presented at the Boston Colby dinner. The handsome Abraham Lincoln bookends bear the engraved sentiments of the Alumnae Council. Over there is the 1942 Oracle which was dedicated to the President and contains the sig-



Best wishes from hundreds of Colby men and women are expressed by this scene of President Johnson's desk. Spread out on the blotter is the document presented to him at the Commencement dinner, while starting at the left and going clockwise, we see the gifts of the Boston Colby Club, the senior class, the Boston Alumni Association, the New York Alumni Association, the Alumnae Council, the Athletic Council, and (the cane) the Alumni Council.

nature of every member of the senior class.

Hanging over the fireplace, shining against the background of pine paneling, is a beautiful illuminated parchment scroll (see text on page 6). Standing on the mantel are two certificates: the award of an honorary "C" from the Colby Athletic Council; an honorary life membership in the Boston Colby Club. (Incidentally, the clock between them bears an inscription indicating that it was presented to young Johnson at a testimonial dinner upon his retirement from the principalship of Coburn in 1905 to accept a post at Chicago—so trophies are nothing new in his life.)

Glancing downward, you note the urn-topped antique brass andirons and fire tools which express the cordial wishes of the Hartford alumni. Standing in the corner is a walking stick of polished wood. But it is no ordinary cane. The knob is made from a chunk of elm from the old Colby campus and the shaft was turned from a piece of Mayflower Hill black cherry. Those at the alumni luncheon saw it presented on behalf of the Alumni Council.

However, not all the trophies are in the study. On one wall of the living

room is a painting of a Monhegan cliff with breaking surf, the tones harmonizing perfectly with the blue and pink color scheme of the room. It was presented by the Colby DeKes and was painted by Brother Pepper, '89.

Somewhere upstairs are other gifts: one of those new-fangled traveling bags which won't muss up your suits, from the Colby faculty; a bedroom clock from the Providence alumni; and an electric razor from the Worcester Colby group. The list of presents should also include mention of the gold watch which the Waterville alumni presented to President Johnson last year to start off this parade of gifts.

Mrs. Johnson has also come in for tokens of affection. Besides the speeches of felicitation and the corsages given her at various gatherings, the Alumnae Council, as one woman to another, gave her a vial of choicest perfume; the faculty, a lucite boudoir set for a guest room; and from the college, at the Commencement dinner, a silver serving tray.

Our conclusion is that the best way to furnish a new house is to retire from the office of a college presidency after a decade or more of notable service. But it may not be the easiest way, at that!



# THE JOHNSON ERA

(From the Portland Sunday Telegram,  
May 24, 1942)

"IN with the depression and out on the war," sums up the turbulent thirteen years' term of office of President Franklin W. Johnson which comes to a close Sunday evening with the Commencement banquet.

During the last few months plaudits, citations and testimonial gifts have been heaped upon the Colby president by alumni and educators who realize the nature of his educational pioneering and the extent of his achievements against seemingly insuperable odds.

When he accepted the presidency early in 1929, the world was prosperous, everything was rosy, and this Columbia University professor of education looked forward, at 59, to a decade or so of pleasant administration of a comfortable little college, with opportunity to put into practice some of his academic theories.

In fact, it has since been a source of amusement to himself and his colleagues that he even stipulated in his contract that he could not be expected to "go out raising money." Little did anyone know that within a few weeks after he took office the stock market was to crash and almost simultaneously the State Educational Survey was to place in black and white on his desk the cold-blooded opinion of these outside educational experts that Colby must "move or die."

## Colby Advanced Through Depression

As it turned out, the next thirteen years were to be a period of turmoil and trouble when most college presidents felt themselves lucky to be able to stay afloat in the deluge of depreciated investments and scarcity of students. Yet, under Johnson, this has been for Colby the most progressive era of advancement in the college's century and a quarter of history.

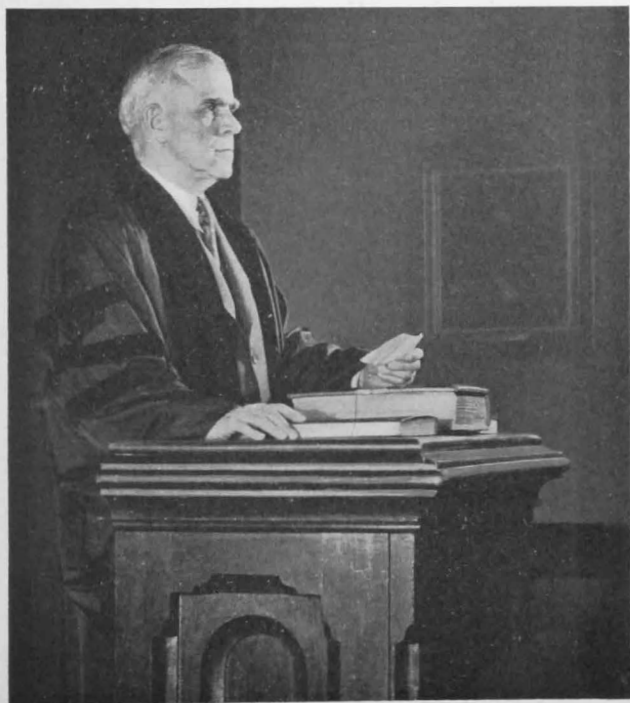
Out of President Johnson's office have emerged, one by one, educational changes, building plans, project after project of one kind and another. To those who might protest that a later time would be more favorable, he had one reply: "There may never be a favorable time; the only time we have is NOW!" His hair has turned whiter during this period, but his optimism and his ready grin have never faltered, his eyes still snap under his dark bushy brows.

Foremost achievement of his term of office, in the public eye, has been the transformation of some wooded slopes, fields and orchards into a site of stately Colonial buildings—the first units of the functionally-planned campus which will be in many respects unique and unexcelled anywhere. Here on this 600 acre tract the growth of the city will never again encroach upon the college and hinder its development.

## Girls to Occupy New Campus

The proposal to create an entirely new campus for old Colby was begun against such odds that for the first few years those who underestimated the Colby president's capacity for leadership spoke skeptically of the project as "Johnson's folly." With no large sources of funds to count on and with more than one promise of donations of single buildings wiped out during the depression years, the undertaking would have seemed hopeless to anyone of lesser fortitude. But over the years, the thousands of gifts of Colby alumni and alumnae, and friends of education in Maine and elsewhere, have made it possible for the new campus to grow brick by brick to the point where Colby could have moved into its new quarters in 1943, if the war had not made it impossible to complete the interiors and equip the academic buildings and men's living quarters.

As it is, the girls will be the first to occupy the new campus. Last fall, anticipating the need for increasing the numbers of women students to partially make up for the expected loss of young men to military service, the trustees decided to finish the women's dormitory, union and gym-





nasium for occupancy this September. The superstructures of these buildings were already up, so all materials and supplies were immediately purchased and, as it turned out, none too soon, for shortly afterwards priority regulations and freezing orders would have made it impossible to procure plumbing and electrical equipment.

#### Eight Buildings Now Standing

So, before he goes out of office, President Johnson has had the satisfaction of seeing the girls choosing their rooms on Mayflower Hill for next year and knowing that some of the students, at least, will actually be using the "dream college."

The "dream" has been long in fulfillment. The decision to move the college "if and when feasible" was made in 1930. Years of careful planning and study followed until 1937 when ground was broken for the first building, the Lorimer Memorial Chapel. As funds became available, other buildings were started and President Johnson began to feel himself a qualified mason, since every year saw him having a part in the ceremonial laying of one or more cornerstones.

Today on Mayflower Hill one can see the brick Colonial structures of the Chapel, the Miller Library, the Roberts Memorial Union, two men's dormitories and the three women's buildings already mentioned. Only one other building, a science hall, was needed before the college could move, and this became assured last winter when the will of the late Mrs. Jennie C. Keyes of Fairfield included a generous bequest for this purpose.

#### Educational Innovations Made

Full appreciation of President Johnson's accomplishments, however, must include credit for many vital but less spectacular improvements. The faculty under Johnson has been increased from 35 to 55 members, while the student body has been restricted to around 675, thus insuring smaller classes and more intensive instruction. Colby's curriculum was studied, revised and strengthened.

Other forward steps under Johnson's regime include the introducing of such things as: a reorganized and expanded administrative staff; infirmary and health service for men; placement and guidance service; alumni, alumnae and public relations

## Text of Scroll Given President Johnson

*INNUMERABILES amici, praesentes absentes, FRANKLIN WINSLOW JOHNSON suo plurimam salutem dicunt.*

*Tibi, jam tredecim annos Praesidi Collegi Colbiani, jam unum et quinquaginta annos amantissimo, amatissimo, ornatissimo alumno ejusdem Collegi, nunc ab onerosissimis numeribus Praesidis discessuro et haud minus utilia munera Praesidis Emeriti incepturo, maximas gratias meritissimo agimus, ac maximam in te amorem nostrum confitemur, idemque suppliciter Deum Omnipotentem conprecamur ut tibi etiam multos annos felicissime vivere et nobiscum collegium patriamque colere liceat.*

GEORGE OTIS SMITH  
*Praefectus Collegi Procuratorum*

CECIL W. CLARK  
*Praefectus Concili Alumnorum*

CHARLES A. LORD  
*Praefectus Concili Studiosorum*

GEORGE F. PARMENTER  
*Princeps Facultatis*

RUTH HAMILTON WHITTEMORE  
*Praefecta Concili Alumnarum*

MARJORIE CATE  
*Praefecta Concili Studiosarum*

Translation: Countless friends, both present and absent, to their friend, Franklin Winslow Johnson, express their heartiest greetings. To you, now for thirteen years President of Colby College, and for fifty-one years a most loving, most beloved, and most honored alumnus of the College, soon about to withdraw from the very onerous duties of President and assume the no less useful duties of President Emeritus, we express our most sincere thanks so richly deserved, and declare our great affection for you; also we humbly pray Omnipotent God that it be permitted you to live most happily for many more years and with us to love and cherish our college and our country.

departments; supervised freshman dormitories; plans for faculty retirement pensions and sabbatical leaves; consolidation of all athletic, physical training and medical services into one unified department; a sound policy of endowment investments and other fiscal matters; revision of the entrance and graduation requirements; and many other improvements which would be of special interest only to educators.

The confidence in which Colby's administration is held on the part of philanthropic persons is shown by the fact that over the past 13 years the Colby endowment has more than doubled, now exceeding \$3,000,000, not counting the donations for Mayflower Hill purposes. This has substantially increased the operating income of the college and has been passed on to the boys and girls in the shape of better instruction and better facilities, without necessitating higher tuition fees.

#### To Be President-Emeritus

Although he is now retiring from

active administration, Dr. Johnson does not plan to disassociate himself from the college. At the request of the incoming president, Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler of Harvard, and the Colby trustees, President-Emeritus Johnson will continue the direction of the Mayflower Hill development program.

No one knows better than he the ins and outs of the future buildings and no one is better able to convey the picture of Colby's needs to those who may wish to assist the project financially.

He and Mrs. Johnson are now occupying their new house on Mayflower Hill Drive, which was thrown open to returning alumni, seniors and parents for a reception. Their living room windows look towards the spires of the new college. Here he has the wishes of thousands of Colby people, friends throughout Maine and fellow educators all over the country, for many years of contented retirement, while he watches his college advance along the lines of progress which he laid out from 1929 to 1942.

# THE STORY OF COMMENCEMENT

A RECORD class of 140 men and women received their degrees at Colby's 121st Commencement on Sunday afternoon, May 24, with the sober prospect of many of them exchanging their mortar boards for steel helmets within a few weeks or months.

A survey of the 81 senior men showed that 18 had already enlisted in the Naval Reserves, 10 of them being in Aviation. Three were in the Marine Reserves, while 23 expected to go into the Army almost immediately. Of the others, the draft number of 32 had not yet come up, while six are definitely deferred because of physical handicaps or as medical or ministerial students. Five names were announced as receiving their degrees "in absentia, with the armed forces."

The urgency of the world crisis, however, did not prevent the college from carrying out the traditional ceremonies, many of which have their roots in medieval scholasticism. As the head of the college has done for 120 years, President Johnson addressed the standing seniors in Latin. Then, as their names were called, the seniors crossed the platform to re-

ceive their diplomas and the handclasp of the President who was presiding over his last Commencement. Again in Latin, he told them that they were "no longer pupils, but associates and brothers" and declared them to be Bachelors of Arts. Then honorary degrees were conferred upon ten distinguished men and women who were adorned with colorful "hoods," the trappings of century-old academic custom.

The guest speaker at the exercises was Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts who told his audience to "pitch in now!" "The peril of the country calls for action," he declared. "It is total war. There is a place in the ranks for everyone, and everyone must drop what he is doing, no matter how much it hurts, and go into what is needed right away. . . . All education must be pointed up to winning the war. We can no longer think in terms of preparing youth for the future: today, youth have the future right in their own hands."

Striking an optimistic note, the Governor expressed his conviction that "after the war there will be the greatest opportunity ever dreamed of for channelling man's inventive genius

into dealing with the vast problems that will come with peace. When the last gun is fired, we shall have just begun the march to victory which will only be won when right is acknowledged to be master over might."

The undergraduate speakers were Theodora Weston Wright who made a plea for the inclusion of women in the writing of the next peace, and Linwood E. Palmer who eloquently emphasized the long view of spiritual forces in his address, "Things that Endure."

## Events of the Week End

This year's Commencement events officially began on Friday, May 22, when the Colby faculty played host to the seniors at a breakfast in the Elmwood Hotel. It was a warm and friendly occasion, with the students grouped according to their major subjects with the faculty members in those fields. President Johnson, in his happiest vein, spoke as the head of the family, saying the things which he could not express so well at the more formal occasions of the coming two days.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees occupied the forenoon of



AT COLBY'S 121st COMMENCEMENT

Governor Sumner Sewall of Maine (left) marches with Governor Leverett Saltonstall, who gave the address. On the right, the academic procession is shown forming on the front campus.

Friday. In the evening the senior dance was held, with a few alumni couples attending.

Class Day dawned on Saturday with rain pushing the events indoors. "In with the hurricane and out with the draft," was the theme of a novel class history which took the form of a reminiscent conversation between Betty Ann Royal and William F. Blake, recalling personalities and events of the past four years, with intermittent impersonations of certain faculty members by Robert Cohen bringing down the house. Others on the program were: Invocation, Raymond Stickney; Oration, Marilyn Ireland; Parting Address, Charles A. Lord, and the Class Ode, written by Burton L. Linscott.

Various special meetings held during the forenoon included the Phi Beta Kappa Breakfast, annual business meetings of the Alumnae and the Alumni Councils, and the Colby Library Associates meeting.

The graduate luncheons over the noon hour were attended far beyond expectations. The Colby women gathered in the Alumnae Building. Mrs. Ruth Hamilton Whittemore, '12, presided and first called on President Johnson who had to divide his time between this and the men's luncheon. Dean Runnals told about the new dormitory for girls on Mayflower Hill and gave an inspirational view of the work of the college today. Miss Grace Berry of Claremont, California, former Dean of Women, was introduced and spoke briefly. Two minute greetings from the five year classes were given by the following: Dora B. Sibley, '92; Grace Gatchell, '97; Edith Williams Small, '02; Grace Stetson Grant, '07; Mrs. Whittemore, '12; Helen D. Cole, '17; Miriam Hardy, '22; Dorothy Farnham Bragdon, '27; Martha Johnston Hayward, '32; Lucille Pinette, '37.

The men assembled in the old gym, passing by a serving table to pick up a steaming bowl of lobster stew before finding their seats. Dr. Cecil Clark, '05, was in the chair and introduced G. Cecil Goddard, Alumni Secretary, who announced the results of elections. Robie G. Frye, '82, sixty years out received an ovation, as did John E. Cummings, '85, and the "Commencement Twins," Charles H. Pepper, and Edward F. Stevens of the class of 1889. Dr. Winfred N.



#### JUST AN OLD COLBY CUSTOM

The 80 year old Class Day Pipe, first smoked in Civil War days, made the rounds of the class of 1942 according to ancient tradition. Class president Charles A. Lord here hands the carved mahogany pipe to Barbara Grant, president of the senior women.

Donovan spoke eloquently on behalf of the famed class of 1892, fifty years out. Mark R. Thompson, '17, recalled entertaining anecdotes of college life in the era of twenty-five years ago. President Johnson was the recipient of an honorary Colby "C" from Prof. Gilbert F. Loeb, an honorary membership in the Boston Colby Club from Linwood O. Workman, '02, and a walking stick composed of woods from the old and new campuses, given on behalf of the Alumni Council by the Chairman.

Rainy weather did not prevent most of the Commencement guests from accepting the invitation of President and Mrs. Johnson to take afternoon tea at their new dwelling on the road to Mayflower Hill. Faculty people and local alumni volunteered their automobiles, despite the gas rationing, and a stream of delighted friends wandered through the artistic and beautifully appointed house all afternoon.

Class reunions were badly hit by the lack of automobile transportation and by the pressure of duties elsewhere, especially among the younger classes, but successful and enthusiastic dinners were conducted by the classes of 1892, 1897, 1902, and 1917, and scattering members of the other

reunioning classes dined informally together.

The Alumnae Building proved too small for those who wished to see "Merchant of Venice" in the evening, but extra chairs in the aisles and overflowing into the reception room finally accommodated the audience. Expertly coached as usual by Prof. Cecil A. Rollins, '17, lavishly costumed, and uniquely staged so as to avoid changes of scenery, the large student cast presented Shakespeare's immortal drama with gusto and finesse.

On Sunday morning, the Baccalaureate Service was held in the First Baptist Church. The sermon by Dr. Herbert J. Gazork was frequently spoken of afterwards as perhaps the most stirring baccalaureate address presented at Colby within memory. The speaker, who was a Baptist youth leader in Germany in pre-Hitler days, warned against the easy complacency and lazy cynicism which will not go far when confronted with the deadly earnestness, the intensity and single-mindedness which characterizes those imbued with Nazi or Communist doctrines.

"Human history was never greatly influenced by the disillusioned and the faithless," he declared, "but always by men and women who believed

deeply and firmly in something, who had strong convictions and were utterly committed to them. It is necessary in days of great crisis to reaffirm our basic convictions and re-kindle our passion for them.

"Many seem to believe that military and technical efficiency is the greatest need in this hour of crisis. This is not so. Spirit is stronger than matter. Tanks and airplanes are important enough, but they are only instruments to be wielded by human beings. And these human beings must be sustained and inflamed by faith in the cause to which they are dedicated. Thus, faith is the strongest weapon in this struggle, and only such faith, such vision and passion, ultimately rooted in religious convictions, will enable us to win not only the victory, but also to establish a good and durable peace."

Over the noon hour, fraternity and sorority reunions were held by many of the societies, with buffet luncheons in their chapter halls or houses.

Following the Commencement exercises in the afternoon, already described, the banquet in the Alumnae Building brought the week end to an enthusiastic climax. Dr. George G. Averill, trustee, was the presiding officer. The informal and cordial re-

marks of the Governors of Massachusetts and of Maine made the occasion a notable one. Miss Florence E. Dunn, '96, expressed the affection of the Colby family for Mrs. Johnson. "We are happy that the Johnsons are to continue living in our community," she said, "and it is appropriate that they have moved out towards Mayflower Hill along with the other Colby bricks." Prof. Frederick A. Pottle, '17, delivered the valedictory to President Johnson, taking an amazingly apt excerpt from Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* as his text, and concluding by presenting the President with a beautifully illuminated parchment document with a tribute to his accomplishments inscribed in Latin and signed by representatives of the trustees, faculty, alumni, alumnae, and students. Visibly moved, the President responded. He disclaimed deserving all of the tributes that had been given him, but expressed his appreciation of the friendly spirit which prompted them. He spoke feelingly of the family feeling which pervades the college in its daily work and even at occasions such as this. In closing he commended the President-elect and bespoke for him the same cooperative and loyal support which he himself has enjoyed while President of this college.

### BEN AMES WILLIAMS Doctor of Letters

"Novelist and short story writer of wide popular renown. His scenes range from the storm-tossed seas to placid meadow streams, from isolated farms to teeming apartment houses. His characters include taciturn Yankee farmers, society debutantes, even historic Bangor hussies. But we love him best for his stories of the Maine hinterland between Waterville and the sea, where in his beloved village, 'Fraternity,' he found and immortalized his Chet McAusland."

### CHARLES GORDON BROWNVILLE Doctor of Divinity

"A versatile and dynamic alumnus of Colby College, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross in France, trained in the law, eloquent preacher to thousands from his pulpit in Tremont Temple, able administrator and inspiring leader of one of New England's greatest churches."

### HERBERT JOHANNES GEZORK Doctor of Divinity

"Minister of the gospel and Professor of Social Ethics at Wellesley College and Andover-Newton Theological School. Born in Germany with a rich Baptist heritage. Trained in Europe and America. An inspired leader of Baptist youth in Germany in pre-Hitler days and a liberty-loving Christian teacher of American Youth in these days. A welcome ally to the cause of true democracy."

### HELEN DOROTHY COLE Doctor of Social Science

"A graduate of this college in the class of 1917. For fourteen years head of the foster home department of the New York Children's Aid Society. A pioneer in the handling of Negro girls in an urban environment. In the expanding field of social service, she has shown constructive imagination and organizing ability of a high degree."

### LEONARD WITHINGTON MAYO Doctor of Social Science

"The twentieth century representative of two grandfathers who pioneered in missionary labor one in Maine, the other in New York,—Leonard Withington Mayo has become a conspicuous figure in modern welfare work. First, an inspiring leader of boys, he soon rose to prominence in the highly-organized social service program of the metropolitan area of New York City. Recently called to

## HONORARY DEGREE CITATIONS

**H**ONORARY degrees were conferred upon ten distinguished men and women at the Commencement exercises, with President Johnson reading the citations as follows:

### GOV. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL Doctor of Laws

"Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whose general court granted the charter for the founding of Colby College in 1813; honest and courageous public official, served with distinction in the earlier war, now effectively organizing the war effort of his state and planning with imagination for the peace that is to follow; giving his time and energy to works of private charity as well as to public affairs. His work as a public servant has been characterized by integrity and devotion to the common good."

### GEORGE GOODWIN AVERILL Doctor of Laws

"Physician, businessman, philanthropist, who regards wealth not as a means of personal enjoyment, but as a trust to be administered for the benefit of others. A generous friend of countless individuals and of many institutions. A trustee of this college, which he has served devotedly for many years."

### ELIZABETH REEVE CUTTER MORROW

#### Doctor of the More Humane Letters

"Educator, poet, philanthropist, contributor to better understanding among the nations of this continent and between this continent and Asia, distinguished as wife, as mother, and for her own outstanding achievements, a leader of liberal thought."

the headship of the School of Applied Social Sciences of Western Reserve University. His achievements are already distinguished. The future will offer scope for the further development of his unusual talents."

**WARREN EDGLIE KERSHNER**  
Master of Science

"A man who combines the sterling qualities of a native son of Maine with the practice of medicine as a service to his fellowmen. A member of the Medical Corps in the United States Army, for five years in the Philippines. Major in the First World War. At present, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Reserve Army. Highly respected by the members of his profession and by the citizens of Maine."

**DANIEL GILBERT MUNSON**  
Master of Arts

"Loyal son of Colby. Successful educator in a metropolitan boys' school. Confidant, counsellor and friend to a host of former students who hold him in high regard, not alone for his ability as a teacher, but even more for his sympathy and understanding and his inspiration to high ideals and the finer things of life."

**FACULTY CHANGES**

**T**HE following changes in faculty status were made at the annual meeting of the Colby trustees at Commencement time:

*Appointment:* To be Assistant Professor and head of the department of Physics, Sherwood E. Brown. Prof. Brown is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Electro Chemistry (1923), and Master of Science in Physics (1930). He has had experience as an industrial chemist with Dennison Manufacturing Company and the Shelloid Company. He has taught at M. I. T., the Detroit Country Day School and at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., where he has been since 1935.

*Promotion:* To be Assistant Professor of Biology, Henry W. Applington.

*Leave of absence:* To Coach Edward C. Roundy, who has entered the armed services as 1st Lieutenant, U. S. Military Police, Camp Dix, N. J.

*Resignations:* Prof. Nathaniel E. Wheeler; Prof. Euclid Helie.

## Colby College Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Gifts and Bequests Over The Past Year

A bequest of \$175,000 and half the residue of the estate, from the late Mrs. Jennie Keyes of Fairfield, for a science building.

A grant of \$30,000 from the Carnegie Corporation for Mayflower Hill building and development purposes.

Approximately \$15,000 in gifts to the Mayflower Hill project from various friends of Colby College.

From the estate of Julian D. Taylor, '68, \$12,996.71.

Income from a trust fund established under the will of Henry C. Barton, '83.

The sum of \$8,113 from the men and women of Colby through the Alumni and Alumnae Funds.

An additional subscription of \$5,000 for the Women's Union from Florence E. Dunn, '96. Also, a costly oriental rug for the informal group meeting room in the same building.

The furnishings and decorations for the lounge in the new women's dormitory, west wing, as a memorial to Gertrude B. Lane, Hon. '29, from Mrs. Sophie Kerr Underwood, Miss Sarah Field Splint and members of the family.

Fund of \$1,000 to conduct a series of conferences at Colby with distinguished visiting scholars, from Dr. George G. Averill.

About \$500 worth of valuable and unusual books for the Library, purchased through the proceeds of the membership fees of the Colby Library Associates.

Sum of \$245.35 for a Book Prize Fund, from the Class of 1941.

A collection of some 3,000 books, bequeathed by Bertha Bearse Graham of Bar Harbor, in memory of Ada Bearse Herlihy.

A collection of 75 letters written by William James and members of his family, given by Pres. Julius Seelye Bixler.

A set of the Mosher publications and other rare items, from Ruby Carver Emerson, '04.

A 15th Century manuscript volume of the Four Gospels, from Dr. Charles W. Spencer, '90.

Additions to the Colby Book Arts Collection, from Edward F. Stevens, '89, founder of the collection.

Manuscript of the book, "Small Town Boy," by Rufus Jones, given by the author.

Valuable and unique additions to the Edwin Arlington Robinson Collection, from the estate of George Burnham, intimate friend of the poet.

Awards and prizes as follows: \$100 from Lewis L. Levine, '16, for the Julius Levine Extemporaneous Speaking Prize; \$100 from Dr. George G. Averill, for the Hallowell Public Speaking Prizes; \$30 from Marston Morse, '14, for prizes in mathematics, physics or astronomy; \$15 from Bernard H. Porter, '32, for a prize in the field of physics.

An oil portrait of Albion W. Small, '76, tenth president of Colby College, from his daughter, Lina Small Harris.

Set of the works of Asher C. Hinds, '83, from his sister, Mrs. John Reed of Benton.

A museum oil painting, "Egyptian Funeral," by Leroux, from Miss Bell Gurnee of Washington, D. C., and Bar Harbor.

A marble statue, "Woman with Veil," from A. Cressy Morrison of New York City and Stonington, Me.

Sum of \$100 for library equipment, from Mabel A. Holbrook, in memory of Benjamin P. Holbrook, '88.

A library of choral music from Joseph N. Ashton of Andover, Mass., in cherished memory of his friend, Harry Lyman Koopman, '81.

A grandfather clock for the Roberts Union, once presented to Charles A. Hill of Belgrade as a testimonial of esteem from a group of Waterville citizens, given in his memory by H. Frederick Hill, Mrs. Gertrude Hill Thayer, and Mrs. Lawrence B. Hill.

Various autographed volumes, other books and periodicals, given to the Library from alumni and friends too numerous to list.



# "I'M GLAD I STUDIED UNDER . . ."

A Co-ed Sixty-five Years Ago  
**R**EADING several articles lately in the ALUMNUS entitled "I'm Glad I Studied Under . . .", I am minded to go back of the nineties and bring to the attention of present students and graduates, the professors I studied under from 1877 to 1881. They were few in number as follows:

Prof. Taylor—Latin  
 Prof. Foster—Greek  
 Prof. Warren—mathematics  
 Prof. Smith—rhetoric  
 Prof. Elder—chemistry  
 Prof. Hall—French and German

Our first recitation was at 8:00 A.M.; then chapel and a recitation right after. We girls, four in my class, could go home between classes or in the forenoon go into the Boardman Missionary Room and study till the 11:30 recitation, and then home to dinner, to return for another recitation the last of the afternoon. Girls having been admitted on equal terms with the men, there was never anything extra provided for them. I lived at home, half a mile away, and walked to and from classes. Three sisters living two miles away also walked. The others had to board in private families, except Peace Meader, who lived at home.

At one time an elocutionist was secured who gave us instruction in the art of reading and speaking, and her hour was 4:30 P.M. certain days. Our class, 1881, entering 56, has now but three living graduate members.

One could not get ahead of Prof. Elder's keen insight. Once, a bug was made up of parts of several bugs and submitted to him for identification. Looking it over, he said, "I think it is a humbug."

One morning Prof. Foster was late and when 8:00 A.M. came and he was not in sight we every one fled so we had no recitation that morning. I do not recall that there was any call-down from the professor. Prof. Foster had a wonderful memory for quoting poetry.

The greatest prank I recall was the students taking a load of wood left by the road for over-night and getting it to the top of Memorial Hall—cart and all.

—MRS. SOPHIA HANSON MACE, '81.  
 Portland, Maine.

## Olympus in the Nineties

**T**HE Gods of Olympus—such were the Colby Faculty to a green, gawky girl fifty years ago. Jupiter was Small (Albion). But mighty, Oh, My! He taught me to say, "innocuous desuetude." (With accent asked on the second word.)

Judy always came first in my heart. A sort of Pythagoras. The curtain—his unpunchable reserve. His "ipse dixit," my creed. Ever since those days Horace has been "him glad to hack with hoe his father's field." Terence and the "Andria" kept me from swearing (for years), because Judy translated "bona verba, quae so," "Don't swear, please."

I can still see vividly Johnnie Foster twirling those eye-glasses in his hand and murmuring in his sweet, soft voice something about the Prytanes or the Funeral oration of Pericles. (Came near being mine!)

Cosine Warren, gentle and kind—unless you tried some smart-aleck quirk. Then a snap from those black eyes and keen sarcasm from the mild lips. We all loved him. Never did he go "way down below" in our evening carols about the professors. Oh, no! He always went "up on a parallelopipedon." "Hark, Oh hark, I hear him singing." Yes I do.

Robbie! All through my Freshman year I worshipped him. Such a god! But the next year when he began decorating my Sophomore Composition papers with P's and SP's and carets and such, I decided he was only human. Now I think of him as one of the grandest "humans" Colby has ever known.

Dear old Dutchy—a sort of curiosity when he landed fresh from Germany. But we soon learned his friendly heart, and the cherubic face and widening smile made us glad (provided we had put three or four hours on our "Dutch"). One day three of us were studying "Die Journalisten" at Ladies' Hall. We shook hands on a certain translation. It came to the most correct and perfect one. But Lora was game. She boldly proclaimed: "All men are cranks" ("Alle Männer sind krank"). In a tone of broken-hearted disappointment Dutchy only said: "Oh, Fraulein Cummings!"

My life-slogan came from grand old Shailer. Not so old then. Just a young professor full of pep and go and Puritanism. It wasn't in the history class. We didn't get along so well there. At least I didn't; he seemed to be doing all right. He taught the Freshman Bible class. Every Sunday morning a few of us sanctimonious sinners assembled in the history room. No sermons or Sunday talks since then have blessed my life as did his earnest words. He was talking about Browning's "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came" and closed with this: "Did he succeed? The poem doesn't say. Did he succeed? Of course he succeeded. He had conquered himself."

—EVANGELINE MacKENZIE, '93.  
 Florence, Montana.

## Tribute to a "Stiff Marker"

**P**ERHAPS one of the sharpest and most unjustified criticisms leveled at a professor by undergraduates is his alleged practice of "stiff marking." Even an occasional Phi Beta has been known to seek refuge from the horror of a B-plus and, seemingly, to rise above it by flatly stating that the donor was "too tough." Obviously, such a complaint is based on the self-admission that the student's standards aren't up to those of his professor.

If there has ever been an example of consistently high teaching standards set at Colby, it rests in the person of Professor Everett F. Strong. Because of the nature of his courses, it may have taken some a long time to catch up with Prof. Strong. But when we finally got into one of his classes, it was a definite challenge—a challenge because most of us were warned in advance that he was just about the stiffest marker in school. How much truer it would have been to be informed that he was, instead, a scholar—a scholar in the full meaning of the word—a man far above the mere markings of a red pencil on a piece of exam paper or in a "blue book."

I like to think that this man, who has the intellectual integrity to keep his standards on a plane which requires his students to come up to him, obtains his satisfaction from



sharing his wealth of knowledge with those who finally arrive. He should obtain tremendous satisfaction from it for he has so much to offer those who wish to undertake that mental mission. In cold, catalogue print he is identified as a professor of Romance Languages. How much more complete it would be to say: "musician, gentleman, scholar . . . a definite challenge to your intellect."

I'm glad I studied under Professor Strong, for all the reasons listed above and for none of them. I didn't get up there to take advantage of what he had for me, and only since graduation have I fully realized what priceless qualities he offered. I am sure they are still with him there at Colby. Perhaps the student body of today isn't so easily dismayed by a reputation for stiff marking, or, better still, maybe it knows what it wants. Professor Strong has it.

— JANE C. BELCHER, '32,  
AND HUGH D. BEACH, '36.

*Sweet Briar, Va.*

#### Liberators of the Soul

FOR several months I have been thrilled reading, "I'm Glad I Studied Under . . ." I, too, have been wanting to make my contribution to this column. However, when a person is responsible for the moral and religious activities of a post or an entire regiment during time of war, no chaplain can safely retire at night and feel that his work is finished for that day. For this reason my contribution is late.

Of all students, I owe more to Colby College than anyone else, being indebted to both the Greeks and the barbarians, but chiefly to Wilkinson and Colgan. Their textbooks are forgotten, but their influence still lingers. They are not only great teachers, scholars and spiritual leaders, but transformers of the human heart. Wilkinson and Colgan do something more in class outside of teaching history and psychology. Both are liberators of the human soul, and what is more they have liberated me. They have saved me from much soap-box oratory, fool statements, furnishing me more light than heat. What I would have preached without their guidance I do not know, but if it contains any reason, sanity and balance at all I owe it to them. That's something!

Ever since I left Colby these two great teachers have been dear to my heart, and during my stay in the Canal Zone I think of them every day. They knew their stuff, and couldn't they motivate? After all, one can't lose what they exemplified and taught: intellectual inquiry, justice, righteousness, social consciousness, kindness, love of country and love of God.

Wherever I walk I am constantly reminded of their presence, for the influence of both personalities is abiding. List to Colgan . . . "You can't psycho-analyze anyone." . . . "Behaviorism is excellent as a methodology, but not much good as a philosophy." . . . "Emotionalism is the enemy of intellectualism." . . . "A teacher must be armor-proof," . . . "A teacher must know more than any one textbook." . . . "A teacher must be both a prince and a pal."

Some student may think of Colgan in terms of the bell-shaped curve, behaviorism, motivation, mirror drawing, conditional reflexes, the experiments of Pavlov, but I think of him in terms of something else. In my consultation with others I have learned to apply his interpretation of teacher and principal to myself, a chaplain. When I see a broken heart or a soldier in trouble I say I must be a prince and a pal.

There is much more that I could say about Colgan. In class his nerves would often twitch because of excessive strain. I have seen his eyes blood-shot and weary of fatigue. Little did he realize how we sympathized with his condition. His courses were not easy. In my senior year I studied three of them at one time, too much of a load for anyone to carry. Yet, there was fun in his class and release of emotional strain, friendly guidance. I once rang my alarm clock in his class, and just at the time when visitors unexpectedly came in. Some carried in snowballs. Our happiest time, of course, was during the Kappa Phi Kappa meetings, and the annual strawberry shortcake party in his home.

No professor ever worked harder and longer hours correcting papers. No professor was ever more sympathetic towards his students, and no professor ever entertained so many of them in his home. Some of us practically lived there night after

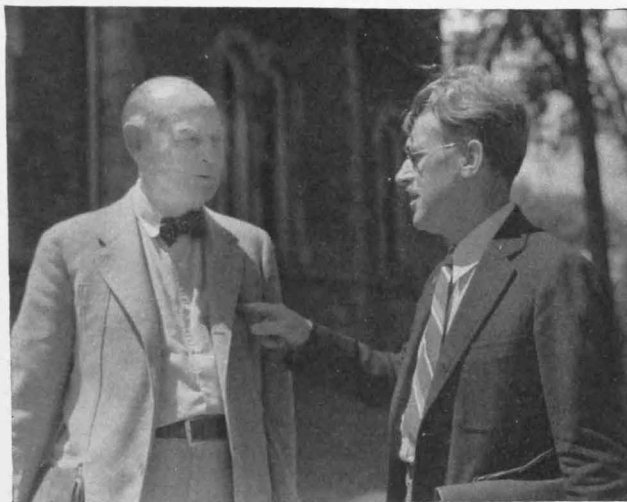
night till three o'clock in the morning. One day when I sat opposite him in his house he noticed the threadbare places in my trousers. Without any comment he wrote me a check. A letter reached him asking for a contribution toward the maintenance of a negro school, and again he wrote a check. Then he would wrap up a few packages and mail them as presents to his former students. He secured a membership for me in a teacher's agency, and when I lacked funds for new textbooks he would furnish me a copy free of charge. At a time when his wife was dying, shortly before my graduation, he forwarded me without delay his recommendations so that I might advance my studies in another school. I know of no professor who has ever done this, during such trying circumstances of sorrow and grief. Do any of us?

Professor Colgan did not teach religion in name. No, he taught psychology, psycho-analysis and education, but he practiced religion during his daily living. He used to say, don't do anything below human dignity. "When a high school girl gets sick in your class treat her as though she were your little sister." Don't I know Colgan? Shall I ever forget him?

Wilkie, too, is a marvelous man, an astute student, a discernor of the times, with a tremendous grasp of history. I still possess all his textbooks, some of which were given free. Like Colgan, he did a great deal of personal work, probably on a lesser scale. He was more interested in individuals than in his department. Our happy times were in his home with the International Relations Club, listening to his lectures on Russia and India, and America's delegation to the League, while Mrs. Wilkinson would gracefully smile, pass candy and refreshments.

To my knowledge, he gave more supplementary reading than any professor. Student Foster, who had the uncanny ability to read paragraphs and whole pages at a glance, was the only person who did all the reading. He, at least, made me and the old professor believe it. Blessed are those with photographic minds.

In classroom his lectures were the most outstanding and fascinating. In his courses covering the French Revolution, the causes of the World War,



Wilkinson, Colgan & Co., "Transformers of the human heart"

government, politics and world problems he would wax eloquent like Mark Anthony. When he commenced to rub his abdomen there was something coming. In his utterances he practices less restraint than Colgan, calling people "yokels." We thoroughly enjoyed it, but he told me more than once that he should never behave like this.

He disliked the "Bourbons" ancient and modern, Louis XV ("after me the deluge"), Count Metternich, all those who were afraid of change and of anything new. He disliked Buchanan because he was weak-kneed. In his references to Coolidge he would shut the door. He did not care for presidents who were led by Congress.

No, Wilkie's heroes were the famous John Bright, Daniel O'Connell, William Pitt, Gladstone, Disraeli and Lincoln. He stood up for Al Smith, for, like Teddy Roosevelt, Al had power to arouse, and dominate, if necessary, a dormant legislature.

Wilkie's lectures were simply marvelous, and I know of a certain student who said that he would not part with his class notes for a million. I remember one time when Wilkie was invited to speak in chapel; when Louis Charron, who did not go as faithfully as I did, made this comment: "Come on, Jim, now we are going to hear words of wisdom." Wilkie himself told me once of his own teacher in the University of

Columbia whose lectures were so good that at the end of each period the students would clap their hands. A similar appreciation could well have been accorded to Wilkie in Colby.

When I traverse the Isthmus by plane or train, and view the ancient cities of Colon and Balboa, the institutions and customs of the people, the work of their hands, or when I watch the strength of our country's might passing through the Canal, I think of Wilkie. Of course, no one could forget Wilkie's lectures in surroundings like these. Consider his lecture as to how we acquired this wonderful Canal. Needless to say, the Canal is wonderful, but how we acquired the territory is less wonderful.

During our recent maneuvers I came upon a shrine in a clearing surrounded by the thickest of jungle. It was a grave of one of Panama's great heroes built in the form of a church, and on top stood a small cross. On this spot the Panamanians successfully won one of their jungle warfare encounters against the Colombians. Year after year at stated occasions the Panamanians from far and near pay their homage at this shrine, symbolic of their sacrifice for freedom. We dismounted our horses and gazed at this shrine in the silence of a beautiful tropical moon. I bowed my head in prayer, and thought of Wilkie.

Yes, Wilkie and Colgan still live in my heart, in floods of memories. I

have not forgotten their passion for righteousness, their love of learning, their zeal for truth. No, not I! When I feel weary at the end of the day's work I look at their photos and instead of going to sleep I continue my studies. No chaplain during this tragic hour can safely rest. His work is not done, but Wilkie and Colgan continue to exercise their influence over me, even when I am tired.

What a sentimental Jimmie Blok, thinking of Wilkie and Colgan, men of human clay! Strange, yes, very strange, but when one thinks of the fact that I once labored among the suffering peasants in the Netherlands and worked my way through Colby, wearing suits from Professor Libby and Dick Hall, eating at Foss Hall kitchen, and getting a room furnished me by Professor Ashcraft, sharing many kindnesses from the citizens of Waterville and the Baptist Church, to say nothing of all of Colby's rich tradition of truth and love, now serving this great country of ours in the spirit of what these professors taught, America and Colby will always be in my heart.

What Judy and Professor Elder mean to the old grads, Wilkie and Colgan mean to the new. So the Colby tradition marches on, and on to victory.

—JAMES BLOK, '32.

Chaplain, U. S. Army,  
Fort Davis,  
Canal Zone.

## A Contribution

### Recalling Old Faces

To the Editor:

Ed Stevens recently closed one of his delightful letters to me with this abashing request: "Won't you write an article for THE COLBY ALUMNUS? . . . Tell of Portland of *your* day, or Colby of *our* day, or Laramie of *this* day."

Well—my folks moved from Boothbay to Portland (Deering) in '72 and I resided there almost sixty years. You see Ed has been our class boss for many years; but does he want a history or an autobiography? Besides, there are some things "not for publication." Moreover, as I have read THE ALUMNUS, it has often come to me that, reaching as it does its several thousands of select and

intimate readers each month, there is scarcely a brief paragraph of its contents that does not revive and vivify pleasant memories, recall cherished experiences and associations of years gone by, even to the local ads—the places mentioned, the festive occasions, the persisting habits and traditions of Colby. These all stir a memory or bring a thrill to some of these many readers. So it's a matter of pre-empting your space.

There comes a time in our advancing years when memories become one's most cherished wealth; when, alas! those who can share them with us are few, and dear to the heart; when one plans not for long; but often recalls. And so we know that editors must observe the proportions in serving their people, and we "oldsters" are the small minority. Those of you loyal ones who have been in closer touch with Colby and its progress have kept us all well informed of its life and changes, for which we are grateful.

It was while living in Evanston, suburb of Chicago, that the then new President, Dr. Johnson, visited our alumni meeting, just after the great "deflation" of '29, when the country was suffering intensely with the "financial jitters." A score of us men listened to Frank Johnson as he exposed and explained his blueprints for the new Colby campus, whereabouts still a problem. Among us were Shailer Mathews, Herbert Philbrick, Elwood Wyman's two sons, those stalwart members of Colby's numerous Drummond clan, and the experienced Mr. Hilton. May I confess that some raised their eyebrows at this magnificent project at such a financial season. We all know what has come out of it. Who but Frank Johnson of '91, with his faith in the mission and *esprit de corps* of Colby men and his splendid constructive vision, could have done this?

My associations with Colby men through life have been lasting and among the most valued and valuable. To mention but few of the men besides my classmates and contemporaries—there were "Father Drummond" with whom I read law; Judge Bonney and Judge Leslie Cornish; Shailer Mathews of '85; Dr. Albion W. Small; my life-long intimate friends, Edward F. Tompson of '82, Wilford G. Chap-

man and Asher C. Hinds of '83, George Phenix of '86, and Maurice Small of '87, whom I last visited in 1934 in northern Wisconsin where he had become a retired professor after thirty-five years of constant service and was living happily with his two daughters and grand-children. All I have mentioned are now no more; but they have meant much to Colby and to me. Others have been writing you of the faculty of our day, which I have greatly appreciated.

As to Laramie where we have resided several years, it is a small

checker-board city, about the size of Waterville, in a mountain-basin, treeless plain of about seventy-five miles in diameter, surrounded, at a distance, by lofty ranges; the shire town, with the state university at one end and the Union Pacific dominating the other. Personally we like the country and the people and have enjoyed good health, though we often think of good old Maine, our home and friends, especially of Colby.

—FRED V. MATHEWS, '89.

Laramie, Wyoming.

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

AS a result of the alumni and alumnae balloting, the following representatives were elected to the Board of Trustees—For a term of three years: ending 1945, E. Richard Drummond, '28; Leslie F. Murch, '15; and Mrs. Marion White Smith, '17. To fill out the unexpired term of two years of the late William P. Jack, '00: Richard D. Hall, '32. Other Commencement elections follow.

*Officers of the Alumni Council:* Chairman, Cyril M. Joly, '16; vice-chairman, Paul M. Edmunds, '26; chairman of executive committee, Francis F. Bartlett, '26; chairman of finance committee, Richard D. Hall, '32; chairman of the fund committee, Frederick E. Baker, '27; chairman of

the nominating committee, Raymond Spinney, '21; council members for three year term (by election), John W. Brush, '20; Prince A. Drummond, '16; Raymond Spinney, '21; Robert E. Owen, '12; council members for three year term (by appointment), Lewis L. Levine, '16; Robert E. Wilkins.

*Officers of the Alumnae Council:* president, Ruth Hamilton Whittemore, '12; 1st vice-president, Evelyn Short Merrill, '39; 2nd vice-president, Doris Garland Russell, '26; recording secretary, Louise Weeks Wright, '38; new council members for three years, Marion McArdle Burnham, '41; Eleanor Creech Marriner, '10; Pauline Walker Deans, '37; Muriel Scribner Gould, '37; council member from undergraduates, Elizabeth Tobey, '43;



Council Chairman  
CYRIL M. JOLY, '16



Fund Chairman  
FREDERICK E. BAKER, '27

council representatives from local alumnae associations, Ruth Marston Turner, '37 (Western Maine Alumnae Association); Pauline Higginbotham Blair, '20 (Boston Alumnae Association); Helen Thomas Foster, '14 (Connecticut Valley Alumnae Association); Diana Wall Pitts, '13 (Knox County Alumnae Association); Louise Williams Brown, '34 (Waterville Alumnae Association).

*Alumnus Editorial Board*, for term expiring 1945, Hugh D. Beach, '36; Elizabeth Whipple Butler, '21; Alfred K. Chapman, '25; James McMahon, '44; Betty Ann Royal, '42; Edward F. Stevens, '89.

#### BOSTON ALUMNAE LUNCHEON

THE Boston Colby Alumnae Association held its annual meeting at the Pioneer, 410 Stuart St., Boston, on Saturday, May 9. Twenty-eight members enjoyed lunch in the dining room, then adjourned to a pleasant lounge for the meeting.

Mrs. Alona Bean, '05, reported on the April meeting of the Alumnae Council in Portland, and its dinner for President and Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Pauline Blair, '20, reported on the joint meeting with the Boston Alumni Association at the testimonial dinner to President Johnson, at which President-elect Dr. Julius Seelye Bixler was introduced.

Grace Gatchell, '97, presented the report of the nominating committee and the following officers were elected for two years: President, Helen Hanscom Hill, '97; Vice-President, Aldine Gilman, '15; Secretary, Marguerite Chamberlain, '15; Treasurer, Selma Koehler, '17; Directors: Pauline H. Blair, '20, Stephanie Bean Delaney, '31, and Mary Wasgatt, '30.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Annie Pepper Varney, '98, who gave a vivid and illuminating account of her trip to Mexico and the culture and civilization she observed there.

After the meeting adjourned, members lingered for reunion with old friends and classmates. The class of 1905 was especially well represented.

#### COLBY A. T. O. CHAPTER

##### FIFTY YEARS OLD

ACCELERATED to coincide with Colby's stream-lined war-time commencement, the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the



#### ALPHA TAU OMEGA FOUNDERS FETED

Five of the charter members of Colby's A.T.O. chapter are in the front line of the reunioning brothers. They are, left to right: George W. Hoxie, '94; Arthur H. Berry, '94; Wellington Hodgkins, '93; Fred S. Latlip, '94; and Ernest H. Pratt, '94.

Gamma Alpha chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was observed at the chapter house Sunday noon, May 24.

With thirty-odd alumni and undergraduates present, Dr. Frederick A. Pottle, professor of English at Yale, presided at a formal meeting in the chapter hall at which he presented the Thomas Arkle Clark award for distinction in scholarship and extra-curricular activities to Harold J. Bubar, and Fifty-Year Golden Circle Certificates to the five living charter members present.

Following a buffet luncheon, a meeting of the alumni association of the Colby chapter was held, at which G. Cecil Goddard presided. Speaking for those who were initiated June 25, 1892, Wellington Hodgkins divulged the fact that they had had an able champion in Arthur Jeremiah Roberts, when endeavoring to get permission from the faculty to affiliate with Alpha Tau Omega. Otherspeakers were Dean Ernest C. Marriner and Alexander Macomber, a national officer of the fraternity.

### New Books by Colby Authors

*SKOWHEGAN ON THE KENNEBEC.*  
By Louise Helen Coburn. 2 vol.; 1,050 pages; 123 illustrations. Skowhegan: The Independent Reporter Press, 1941. \$5.00.

ANYONE who wishes insight into the traits of the New Englander, especially the pristine variety found in Maine, could do no better than to browse through these two volumes written by Miss Louise H. Coburn, '77.

For example, consider the New England traits exhibited by one of the

first settlers, Eli Weston. It seems that in later life he was sued, unjustly as he claimed, and indignantly refused to pay when a verdict was brought against him. In due process of law, he was put in the county jail. Forthwith, he got himself appointed jailor, moved his family there, and thus made a living as custodian of himself while he served his sentence. Thus, the law was satisfied; he was vindicated; the county saved money; he made money; everybody happy. There's the Yankee for you.

Those pioneer women had the stuff, too. You may read about the mother who sent her three sons off to the War of 1812 with the farewell sentiment: "Don't come home shot in the back!"

Or, the young wife who, alone in her cabin one day, saw a marauding bear headed for their precious patch of corn. Quick-thinking, she filled a pan with rum and molasses and set it where a whiff of the brew side-tracked bruin from his purpose. When he had lapped it all up he rolled over in a drunken stupor and she chained him to a stump until her husband came home and disposed of the beast.

Then, there was the small boy who was left to guard the home with a gun that wouldn't work, while the men-folk took a journey to get their corn ground. Whenever an Indian appeared, he would brandish the gun and the redskin would skulk back into the brush.

Intriguing personalities keep popping up on these pages. Old Doctor Mann peddled his own brand of medicines and edited a newspaper with the motto: "Neutral in nothing; independent in everything!" None of this wishy-washy journalism for him. We'll bet he got the circulation, too.

Items of interesting information sprinkled through these pages are worthy of Ripley. For example, "believe it or not"—Silk, iron, and potash were produced in early Skowhegan . . . Salmon were so abundant in the Kennebec that it was necessary to protect farm laborers with the stipulation that they should not be fed this fish more than once a day . . . At one time, the average monetary wealth of nearby Norridgewock averaged only 2 cents per person, nearly all transactions being by barter . . . Goods had to be priced in both English and American currency for many years . . . Young men returning with their wages from the Maritime Provinces introduced Spanish doubloons into circulation . . . The U. S. Treasury once declared a cash dividend which, for Skowhegan people, amounted to \$.04 per person . . . Early postmasters were paid by a 30% commission on their postage receipts . . . It was once seriously proposed to link the Kennebec with Quebec by a system of canals.

Research scholars in many fields should find valuable source material in these volumes. Here one may learn: the barter rates for the late 1700's; price ranges at various periods; how West Indian rum forced the initial experiment in a prohibition law; the incoming and outgoing currents of population in an expanding New England mill village; the home arts and handicrafts of different eras; the progression of architectural innovations and fads in home building; first hand accounts of the "underground railroad" conveying runaway slaves to Canada; the evolution of a thriving and diversified industry from the first water wheel at the falls; the story of the birth and development of banks, hotels, schools, streets and highways, the Post Office, newspapers, churches, clubs and societies; accounts of the first electric lights, the first trolley line, the first automobile, the first airplane, the first wireless, the first movies. Since the chapters are all topical and the work has been professionally indexed, such material is easily accessible to the scholar. Here is grist for the historian, the economist, the sociologist, or the writer seeking local color and authentic Americana.

From these volumes there emerges in the reader's mind the pattern of how a village—any village—comes into existence and grows. The inhabitants were sturdy, independent and self sufficient, but they were also intelligent. So, whenever they perceived a way to better their situation by common effort, they did so—and thus the community institutions came into being. But, every new idea had to make its way on merit. It had to survive the winnowing of general store discussions, newspaper debate and town meeting argument. Some of these bitter controversies—over bridges, boundaries, locations of schools, town halls, or banks—make peppery reading, but it seems that stubbornness would always stop just short of obstructionism and the sensible compromise or best solution would be reached. There is a sort of inevitability about the right answers that gives the serious reader new confidence in the survival value of self-government.

Such a fragmentary review does little justice to the methodical and exhaustive way in which Miss Coburn

has covered the ground, topic by topic. In relating the picturesque, she has not forgotten to set down with painstaking accuracy the records of titles, boundaries, rosters, biographical material, office holders, statistics, and the like. Posterity can have confidence that these facts are facts.

Several chapters on specific topics have been contributed by others, including Charles W. Judkins, '79, Elise Fellows White, '01, Lizzie T. Hussey, '93, and George Otis Smith, '93. The last named, brother-in-law of the author, wrote the foreword, the final two chapters, and assumed the burden of seeing the books through the press.

The second woman graduate of Colby and the first woman trustee, Miss Coburn has published a book of verse, has been one of the State's leading botanists, has been an imaginative and constructive force in various educational, patriotic, religious and civic enterprises, and now adds the title of historian to her list of accomplishments. In creating what could well become a model for all local histories, she brought to bear a keen and trained mind, a sense of historical perspective and relish for the picturesque, a memory stored with town and family lore, a gift of incisive and graceful writing, and the perseverance to pursue this project over a decade or more of loving labor. Fortunate is the town which has an historian with such qualities.

## Colby Men With The Colors

### SERVICE PERSONALS

Robert A. St. Pierre, '44, is at Scott Field, Ill., where he is taking courses in radio theory and code, eight hours a day, six days a week. He expects to be stationed here until late fall.

2nd Lt. John D. Powers, '39, has acquired his wings, gold bars, and a wife. Expecting to be stationed for some time at Westover Field, the wedding took place at Westfield on June 11. (See "Milestones.") The next day, however, he was shifted to Langley Field, Va., where he is now navigating a B-18 on patrol, using some new equipment which is very hush-hush and very good.



Pvt. Harold Wolff, '36, was one of those who took part in the 42 mile "gas-saving" hike of the Medical Replacement Center from Camp Lee to Camp Pickett, Va.

Maurice ("Ritz") Searle, '40, is an Aviation Cadet at Shaw Field. He joined up on Jan. 9, took his preliminary work at Maxwell and his primary training at Dorr Field.

Ens. Machaon Stevens, '39, enlisted on Jan. 9 in the Navy V-7 and took a four months' course at Annapolis, receiving his commission on May 5. He is now attending a Diesel Engine School at Cornell for an indefinite length of time.

Ens. Nunzio Giampetruzzi, '43, has been stationed at Pensacola since receiving his commission. After taking the pilot training course at Colby he continued until he was a qualified instructor, serving as instructor at Bowdoin, Norwich and at the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Okla., before entering the Navy.

Myron L. Mantell, '41, is an Aviation Cadet at Kelly Field, having been there since Feb. 7, except for a sojourn at Bruce Field.

James Fox, '38, writes from Fort McClellan, Alabama, where he is taking training at the "Basic Immaterial Replacement Training Center."

R. Irvine Gammon, '37, was caught in the draft just as he was about to leave for Alaska as an accredited war correspondent for Life Magazine. Now in the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach, he writes glowingly of the luxury hotel in which he is billeted. He occasionally sees former Prof. Addison Pond, now a Lieutenant in the Classification Section.

Sgt. Richard N. Ball, '35, has reached Australia safely and writes that he is very busy working on rations, clothing and equipment. The voyage was monotonous and crowded, but the trade winds alleviated the heat, he said. What were probably the most interesting parts of his letter were censored.

John E. Stevens, '42, is an Aviation Cadet at Decatur, Ala. He writes longingly for a swim in a Maine lake, adding that the Tennessee River is forbidden to them for sanitary reasons. However, he says that the people in the town are very friendly and try to make things as enjoyable as possible for the boys. Two of the West Pointers there, ex-football stars,

he says, are the sons of Col. John E. Hatch, '08.

Jay J. Conlon, '42, visited the college recently. He is an Aviation Ordnance man, USN, and serves as gunner on a plane that patrols regularly out of Floyd Bennett Field combing the Atlantic for subs. He enjoys indulging his hobby for guns and has been put in charge of a unit.

Ens. Robert V. ("Shanty") McGee, '38, sends his greetings to the college from shipboard with the Atlantic Fleet. He writes that we have nothing to worry about as "my buddy Whit Wright, '37, is taking charge of the other ocean."

Clayton E. Young, '39, has been transferred from Camp Shelby to Sherman, Texas, and is in the Adjutant General's office at the Tenth Army Corps Headquarters as Staff Sergeant.

A newsy letter from Ens. William L. Guptill, '41, a few weeks ago gave some news about a few recent Colby men in Naval Aviation. Ens. Alfred E. Brown, '41, is flying Grumman Wildcats and Ens. Stetson C. Beal, '41, is piloting a Catalina Flying Boat, both being stationed at Norfolk at time of writing. Bill himself is flying Curtiss shipboard scouts off a carrier. Charlie Maguire, '41, was flying a Sikorsky Kingfisher during his final stages of training at Jacksonville. Also at "Jax" are Ens. Harold P. Davis, '38, as an instructor, and the following Cadets at various stages of training: Victor P. Malins, '39, Dwight K. Beal, '41, Saul Millstein, '42, Richard C. McDonald, '41, and Arnold M. Myshrall, '41. Ens. Paul M. Kittredge, '39, is instructing at Corpus Christi, Ens. Laurel W. ("Lop") Hersey, '39, is instructing at Pensacola, and Elmer M. Tower, '42, is a Cadet at Miami.

Conrad W. Swift, '40, has entered the Navy and was assigned to the Communications School at Noroton Heights, Conn., but expected to be moved in June. In one of his classes was Ens. Robert S. Borovoy, '39, who has since been shipped to the Naval Base at Trinidad.

Clarence R. ("Doodie") Reid, '42, wrote from mid-Pacific that boys from all Maine colleges were in his outfit. His address is now: APO 919, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

John Roukema, '44, is at Fort Bragg, N. C., where his outfit is

training in amphibious work (invasions and shore landings) in conjunction with the Marines and Coast Guard. Johnny has been serving as typist-clerk in the regimental office.

Pvt. M. Edson Goodrich, '37, writes that when he landed in Australia recently he found awaiting him a copy of the Colby Echo, forwarded from his previous address.

Jim Davidson, '30, who now holds the rank of Major and is stationed at Fort Davis, C. Z., has charge of all the "animals" on the Isthmus.

Bob Borovoy, '39, stationed in the West Indies, writes that he likes it very much in the tropics since, though it is hot, there is usually a breeze and the officers are very well cared for in a ritzy resort hotel.

Lt. Robert E. Anderson, '42, is in the 43rd Calvary Reconnaissance Troop, stationed at Fort Shelby, Miss. This troop is known as "the Commandos of the 43rd Infantry Division" and is considered to be one of the toughest and roughest units in the division, its function being to seek out the enemy.

Charles D. Keef, '39, writes from Camp Shelby that Prof. Wilkinson should bring his class in Modern European History to New Orleans to study the likenesses of famous personages depicted by dolls in the historical museum.

Lt. Raymond A. Fortin, '41, is evidently as good a flyer as hockey player, for we learn through a classmate that at Maxwell Field he had the unofficial rank of "H.P." (Hot Pilot). He is with an observation squadron at Langley Field, Va.

#### ADDITIONS TO SERVICE ROSTER

Capt. E. P. Craig, '06, Army Air Corps, Officers Training School, Miami Beach, Fla.

Capt. Emmons B. Farrar, '14, Westover Exchange, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Major Otto L. Totman, '18, Chief Harbor Boat Branch, Transportation Service, Water Division, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Lt. Ralph H. Ayer, '28, Army Flying School, Roswell, N. M.

Lt. Rodolphe J. F. Pomerleau, '29, Camp Edwards, Mass.

Lt. Lewis H. Kleinholz, '30, Randolph Field, Texas.

Ens. Clarence Lewis, '33, USN Training School, Notre Dame, Ind.



Pvt. Leo Barron, '35, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

Pvt. Laurance E. Dow, '35, 574B Technical School Sqdn., Miami Beach, Fla.

Pvt. Harold M. Wolff, '36, Camp Lee, Va.

Ens. Norman W. Beals, '37, USNR, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

Pvt. Roland I. Gammon, '37, 576th Technical School Sqdn., Miami Beach, Fla.

Lt. Frederick K. Poulin, '37, 160th Station Hospital, Fort Story, Va.

Pvt. Foahd J. Saliem, '37, Fort Standish, Mass.

Pvt. James Fox, '38, Fort McClellan, Ala.

A-C Maurice C. Schwarz, '38, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Ens. J. M. Thayer Jr., '38, U. S. Navy Receiving Station, South Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pvt. Thomas S. Vose, '38, 579th Technical School Sqdn., Miami Beach, Fla.

Ens. Robert S. Borovoy, '39, USNOB, Trinidad, B. W. I.

Pvt. Lester Jolovitz, '39, Medical Corps, Camp Pickett, Va.

Ens. Machaon E. Stevens, '39, Naval Training School, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Y 3-C Alexander Anton, '40, Signal Station, Peaks Island, Maine.

Ens. Halsey A. Frederick, '40, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

Pvt. Earl C. Lord Jr., '40, Manchester Air Base, Manchester, N. H.

Ens. Conrad W. Swift, '40, USN Training School, Noroton Heights, Conn.

Pvt. George L. Beach Jr., '41, Fort Getty, Jamestown, R. I.

Cdt. Heber C. Brill, '41, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Pvt. John C. Eaton, '41, Camp Devens, Mass.

A-C Myron L. Mantell, '41, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Pvt. Howard A. Miller, '41, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

Pvt. Richard E. Noyes, '41, 179th Inf., c/o Postmaster, New York City.

A-C Max A. Holzrichter, '42, Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.

Pvt. Melvin N. Lock, '42, 302nd Technical School Sqdn., Keesler Field, Miss.

S-2C Charles W. Nightingale, '42, U. S. N. Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C.

S-2C A. Wilder Pearl, '42, U. S. N. Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Pvt. Roger W. Perkins, '42, Fort Knox, Ky.

Pvt. Roger A. Poor, '42, Ordnance Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Ens. Nunzio Giampetruzzi, '43, U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Pvt. Ralph K. Harley Jr., '43, Camp Blanding, Fla.

Pvt. Charles W. Heath, '43, AAFTTC Replacement Center, Miami Beach, Fla.

2nd Lt. Howard H. Pratt, '43, Turner Field, Albany, Ga.

Richard Hall, '44, Edgewood, Md.

### PROMOTIONS

To Major, John L. Berry, '24, Camp Stewart, Ga.

To Major, James E. Davidson Jr., '30, Fort Davis, C. Z.

To Lieutenant Commander, Samuel R. Feldman, '26, Medical Corps, USNR, Lockwood Basin, East Boston, Mass.

To Captain, Donald F. Larkin, '35, U. S. Army Medical Corps, stationed in the Pacific.

To First Lieutenant, David M. Tre-cartin, '37, Turner Field, Albany, Ga.

To First Lieutenant, Stanley J. Washuk, '37, Boca Raton, Fla.

To First Lieutenant, Robert E. Anderson, '42, Fort Shelby, Miss.

To First Lieutenant, Vita Fedorovich, '42, Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C.

To Second Lieutenant, Edward J. Gurney, '35, Fort Knox, Ky.

To Second Lieutenant, John D. Powers, '39, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

To Second Lieutenant, Gabriel O. Dumont, '40, Sloan Field, Midland, Texas.

To Sergeant, Asa H. Roach, '36, Officers' Candidate School, Fort Sill, Okla.

To Staff Sergeant, Clayton E. Young, '39, Hq. X Army Corps, Sherman, Texas.

To Corporal, Howard O. Sweet, '36, Officers' Candidate Course No. 21, Fort Sill, Okla.

To Corporal, Ralph MacBurnie, '40, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

To Corporal, John W. Daggett, '41, The Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va.

### TRANSFERALS

Com. John N. Harriman, '16, to Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

Capt. Albert G. Snow, '23, Commandant, Qm. Det. Indian Motorcycle Co., Springfield, Mass.

Capt. Samuel D. Ferster, '26, to Camp Sutton, N. C.

Lt. Samson Fisher, '34, to Army Glider School, Elmira, N. Y.

Ens. F. C. Lawler, '34, to USNR Midshipmen's School, Chicago, Ill.

Sgt. Richard N. Ball, '35, to Australia.

Lt. Eugene A. McAlary, '35, to Fort Davis, C. Z.

Pvt. John J. Pullen, '35, to Officers' Candidate School, Fort Sill, Okla.

Lt. E. N. Ervin, '36, to U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Pvt. Harold M. Wolff, '36, to Camp Pickett, Va.

Pvt. M. Edson Goodrich, '37, to Australia.

Pvt. Frank H. Baker, '38, to Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cand. Royal G. Luther, '38, to 2nd Engineer School Regt., Fort Belvoir, Va.

Sgt. Eugene V. Williams, '38, to Officer Candidate Course No. 23, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla.

Ens. Horace F. Burr, '40, to USS Indiana.

A-C John T. Foster, '40, to Advanced Flying School, Moultrie, Ga.

A-C Maurice O. Searle, '40, to Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C.

Cpl. Gordon O. Merrill, '41, to Officers' Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

A-C Arthur G. Beach, '42, to Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C.

A-C Harold A. Johnson, '42, to Army Flying School, Greenville, Miss.

A-C Gilbert A. Peters, '42, to Ben-nettsville, S. C.

Pvt. Clarence R. Reid, '42, to overseas service.

A-C John E. Stevens, '42, to Decatur, Ala.

Pvt. Burleigh E. Barker, '43, to Fort Mason, Calif.

A-C Robert A. LaFleur, '43, to Santa Ana, Calif.

Sgt. Robt. H. Carey, '44, to Officers' Training School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Cpl. William E. Pierce, '44, to Ben-nettsville, S. C.

Pvt. Robert A. St. Pierre, '44, to Scott Field, Ill.

## Class Notes About Colby Men and Women

1934

In conferring the degree of Doctor of Letters and Humanities upon George H. D. L'Amoureux, on May 18, by American International College, the citation in part was read as follows: "In his educational career of 48 years he has served as principal of elementary and high schools . . . For the last 24 years he has been on the faculty of the American International College as head of the department of history and political science. In recognition of his work in the field of American history, he was appointed three years ago Bissell professor of American constitutional government."

The retirement of Dr. Drew T. Harthorn, for twelve years a member of the Washington State Normal School faculty at Machias, Maine, was recently announced. For nearly fifty years Dr. Harthorn has taught in Maine schools in Wilton, Rumford Falls, Waterville, and Machias. At the normal school he has served as an academic instructor and head of the English Department. In 1926 he was awarded an L.H.D. degree from Colby. He has served on various Maine Teachers Associations, county associations, and teachers college organization committees and at one time was vice-president of the Maine Teachers Association. Dr. and Mrs. Harthorn were honored at a tea following the Baccalaureate services at the normal school.

1914

Clara Collins Piper is Social Director of Student Nurses at the Newton Hospital, Newton, Mass. She has been in Newton since February, 1942 and expects to be there at least another year.

1916

Ernest C. Simpson has been chosen chaplain of the Waterville American Legion post.

1918

Herbert L. Newman has been elected historian of the George N. Bourge Post of the American Legion in Waterville.

1920

Everett A. Rockwell of Oakland was recently elected moderator of the North Kennebec Baptist Association for the ensuing year.

1924

George M. Davis of Skowhegan, Maine, has been elected Governor of District 41-A of Lions International.

Marion D. Brown, who has been at Colby Junior College in New London, New Hampshire, teaching Religion and Dramatics since 1929, has accepted a position at Southern Union College, in Wadley, Alabama. This summer she will be on the staff of the Colbytown Camp at the Colby Lodge, Colby Junior College.

Sippelle Daye is now Mrs. Harry J. Niven and lives at 759 Hale St., Beverly Farms, Mass. Her husband is doing defense work in Lynn and Sippelle is dietitian at the Woolworth Store on Tremont Street, Boston.

Margaret Gilmour Norton lives in Lubec, Maine, and she and her husband have bought a lovely old house and are remodeling it.

Katrina Hedman Ranney and her husband have moved to Natick, Mass. They have two children, a daughter, Karen and a small son, Peter.

Margaret Turner Howe has recently moved to So. Portland with her husband and family of four children. Margaret's husband is in the shipyards at So. Portland.

1926

Paul Edmunds is the Boston representative of the Paul A. Udall Distributing Corp., manufacturers of dead-light port ventilators.

Prof. Claude Stineford has been serving as head of the department of economics at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. He expects to be doing some sort of government work this summer.

J. Frank Goodrich was recently re-elected chairman of the Waterville Chapter of the American Red Cross.

1927

William A. Macomber has been elected principal of Cony High School, Augusta, Maine, for the year 1942-43.

1930

Ralph Hurlburt is a civilian instructor at the U. S. Air Corps Technical School in Belleville, Ill.

1931

Leon Tebbetts has just had published another book entitled "The Amazing Story of Maine," described as "the dramatic story of prehistoric Maine, tracing the development of life and scenery. . . A popularized scientific account of the marvels of early seas, ancient reptiles, and the first men."

Joseph M. Trefethen, assistant professor of geology at the University of Maine, has been appointed Maine State Geologist.

1932

Pauline Russell Berry of Portland is president of the local chapter of Alumnae of Phi Mu and was in charge of a luncheon given at the Congress Square Hotel for Phi Mu's in greater Portland.

1933

Harold Chase is instructor in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Wayne University Medical School in Detroit, Mich.

1935

Deane L. Hodges is now preaching at Westmoreland, N. H.

1936

Raymond Farnham has been elected principal of the Madison (Maine) High School.

Alton D. Blake, Jr. has been interning at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Pennsylvania, but expects soon to do research work under Dr. Strumia, the plasma expert.

Bob Merrill has been principal of Carmel (Maine) High School for a year. He plays his teams in a league composed of four Colby principals, among them Herb DeVeber, whose teams Bob takes special delight in beating. Bob is now eligible to join the Dad's Club.

John P. ("Scoop") Roderick has been promoted to the Washington staff of the Associated Press. He has been in the Maine bureau for several years.

Catherine Laughton has been teaching at Wrentham, Mass. this year and is looking forward to another summer at Middlebury French School. She expects to receive her M.A. this year unless "that woman's auxiliary really needs recruits."

### 1937

Joel Allen, who received his M. D. from the University of Vermont last year, is house physician at the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, Vt. He expects to be called to duty as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy (Medical Reserve Corps) this summer.

Lucille ("Chi") Pinnette has resigned her teaching position at Millinocket High School and plans to enter Syracuse University for graduate work in mathematics leading towards the A.M. degree.

### 1938

Edwin Leach, who received his degree from Jefferson Medical College in June, is internist at Cooper Hospital in Camden, N. J., and after a year will enter the Naval Reserve, in which he has a commission.

Eliot Slobodkin, who received his medical degree in May, has a six-month position in pathology at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. He also holds a commission as first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps Reserves.

Roger Bourassa, who received his D. M. D. degree from the Louisville (Ky.) School of Dentistry in 1941, is now practicing in Waterville with an office at 27 Main Street.

Edwin H. Shuman was ordained into the ministry at the First Baptist Church in Wakefield, Mass., on May 21, 1942. Assisting in the service were the Rev. W. N. Donovan, '92, Rev. John W. Brush, '20, and Rev. Everett C. Herrick, '98.

Henry Kammandel, who just received his degree from Tufts Medical School, is surgical house officer at the Flower—Fifth Avenue Hospitals, New York City.

Dr. Harold M. Wolman, a recent graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, is internist at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, N. Y.

### 1939

Mike Spina writes that he's a chemist working for the Interchemical Research Laboratories in New

York, trying to improve on inks, oils, paints, etc.

Louis Sacks wrote a long letter describing his wanderings since he "became the first Colby Exchange Student who was never exchanged." As you know, he's in the army, trying to get to be an officer with probable success. They just don't know Lou if they turn him down.

Fletcher Eaton is working at the Vought-Sikorsky Airplane Factory in Bridgeport, Conn. True to his Forum training, he's still interested in church young people's work there in the First Methodist Church; and on the side he's taking up drafting at the Bridgeport Engineering Institute. So far the draft has deferred him because of defense occupation.

Steve Greenwald is to be married soon.

Leon Braudy works for the OPA in Washington.

James S. Chase was ordained at the Cavalry Baptist Church, Lowell, Mass., on May 13th.

Tiffany Manning, who is attending the Long Island College of Medicine, has received his commission in the U. S. Naval Medical Reserve Corps. He will continue school this summer and graduate in March, 1943.

—Nathanael M. Guptill.

Virginia Kingsley is working as a laboratory and X-ray technician at St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Connie Averell is working as a bookkeeper for Firestone Co. in Akron, Ohio.

Donna DeRochemont will study at the University of New Hampshire this summer and in the fall will continue her studies at M. I. T. where she will receive her Certificate of Public Health.

Sally Aldrich has accepted a position as secretary to the Dean of Women at Colby. Formerly she was secretary to the Director of Admissions at Middlebury College.

Elizabeth Solie has just accepted a new position with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in Hartford. She is doing personnel work and her address is Imlay Street.

Elizabeth Coffin Mills is teaching in Farmington High School, Farmington, Maine, while her husband is on duty as a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserves.

Alma Moses, R. N. has been sent to an unknown destination following

her enlistment in the Army Nurses' Corps for foreign service. She has been commissioned a second lieutenant.

—Evelyn Merrill.

### 1940

Harley Bubar has been sent by the W. R. Grace Company to New Orleans, where he is the chief accountant, "with a secretary and assistant." His address is 3530 Carondelet Street.

### 1941

Alta Gray, 1941's "Apple Annie," is now assistant to the secretary to the president of the Lookout Hotel at Ogunquit, Maine.

### 1942

Martha Rogers is working for Connecticut Life Insurance Company and is living with "Ippy" Solie, '39.

Florence Perkins has gone to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she will do graduate work in geology. On June 15 she joined a class of graduate students who traveled by beach wagons across the country, studying and mapping mountains and plain areas as they traveled. The party will settle for study at Camp Davis, Jackson, Wyoming, the University's summer school site at the edge of the Rocky Mountains. At the end of three months she will return to the University to complete her work for a Master's degree.

## Milestones

### ENGAGEMENTS

Louise Hagan, '42, of Houlton, Me., to Harold J. Bubar, '42, of Linneus Maine.

Betty Barter, '42, of Stonington, Maine, to Gordon A. Richardson, '42, of Rockland. Mr. Richardson has accepted a position with Swift & Co.

Gladys J. Wein, '37, of Waterville, to Dr. Selvin Hirshon of Portland, Me. Dr. Hirshon has recently received his D. D. S. from the University of Michigan Dental School.

Katheryn E. Reny, '40, of Waterville, Maine, to Barnard W. Jordan, '40, of Auburn, Maine.

Caroline F. Piper, '40, of Waterville, Maine, to A-C Walter A. Overfors of Shan, Minn.

Ruth A. Wolf, '43, of Hartford, Conn., to Walter S. Schriener of Col-

lege Point, N. Y. Miss Wolf, who attended Colby for two and a half years, is employed by the Connecticut General Insurance Company of Hartford. Mr. Schriner, a graduate of Columbia, is now stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island, awaiting transfer to an officers' training school. No date has been set for the wedding.

### MARRIAGES

Pauline Pratt, '39, of Portland, to Ensign Robert L. Plaisted, U.S.N.R., of Sanford, at the Central Congregational Church, West Falmouth, Maine, on June 11, 1942. Ensign Plaisted, a graduate of Sanford High School and Bates College in the class of 1940, received his commission in May after training in the engineering corps on the USS Prairie State. For two years he taught at Kennebunk High School. Prominent in Boy Scout work, he was a member of the Governor's Staff. Mrs. Plaisted, since her graduation from Colby in 1939, has taught at Porter and Falmouth High Schools. She is a member of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, playing the flute and piccolo, and of the Portland College Club. Ensign and Mrs. Plaisted will reside in Philadelphia for the summer.

Alice Emmet Whitehouse, '39, of Everett, Mass. to Ensign Ernest Jordan Freeman, Jr., USNR, of Portland, Maine, on March 10, 1942 at Boston, Mass. Janice Ware, '39, was maid of honor and Ruth M. Buchanan, '39, was bridesmaid.

Edith Hendrickson, '39, to Paul Williams, at Washington, D. C. in March, 1942. Mr. Williams is in the U. S. Navy.

Eileen Oswald to Lt. Vita Fedorovich, '42, USA, at Marianna, Fla., on April 12, 1942.

Florence J. Rideout of Bingham, Maine, to Lt. Albert B. Parsons, '39, U. S. Army Air Corps, at Yuma, Ariz., on March 6, 1942. Lt. and Mrs. Rideout make their home at 840 Country Club Dr., Burbank, Calif. Lt. Parsons is now a flight leader, as well as holding down ground jobs as engineering officer and supply officer. At present he is stationed at Muroc, Calif.

Jean P. Mitchell of Fairfield, Maine, to Ronald H. Wallace, '41, of Mars Hill, Maine, on May 23, 1942, at Fairfield, Maine. The Rev. Roy H. Short, '26, performed the ceremony in the First Baptist Church. Keith Thompson, '41, of Fairfield, was the best

man. Mrs. Wallace is a graduate of Lawrence High School and Burdette College and has been employed in the office of the American Woolen Co. in Fairfield. Mr. Wallace is employed as sales technician by the Remington-Rand Company in Boston.

Mollie M. Smith of Waterville, Me., to Kenneth C. Sutherland, '35, of Hartford, Conn., at Waterville, on May 30, 1942. Mrs. Smith has been employed in the business office of the Waterville Sentinel. Mr. Sutherland, who attended U.C.L.A. after his graduation from Colby, is employed at the Standard Hamilton Propeller Co. at East Hartford, Conn.

Harriett A. Felch, '38, of Presque Isle, Maine, to Sgt. Ralph S. Weeks of Bridgewater, Maine, in Gainesville, Fla., on March 28, 1942. Mrs. Weeks taught English for three years at Washburn High School and graduated in June from the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston. Sgt. Weeks is with the First Medical Battalion and is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Jean Cannell, '42, of Everett, Mass., to Weston MacRae, '42, of Searsport, Maine, at Everett, Mass. Mr. MacRae has a position with Swift & Company in Watbury, Conn.

Patricia Ann Long of Presque Isle, Maine, to J. Ronald Livingston, '43, of Hartford, Conn and formerly of Presque Isle, at Presque Isle, June 3, 1942. Among the ushers was Charles B. DeLong, '42. Mrs. Livingston graduated from Aroostook State Normal School. Mr. Livingston attended Colby for two years and is now in the Marine Corps.

Mary L. Carr, '42, of Norridgewock, Maine, to Lt. John D. Powers, '39, U. S. Army Air Corps, Westover Field, Mass., at Westfield, Mass., on June 11, 1942.

Muriel Lydia Farnham, '40, of Belgrade, Maine, to Cpl. Albert Johnson of Belgrade Lakes, at the Old South Church, Belgrade, on June 14, 1942. Mrs. Johnson has been a teacher at Stratton (Maine) High School for the past two years. Cpl. Johnson is at present stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

C. Dolores Dignam, '32, of Waterville, and Washington, D. C., to Charles V. Morgan of Butler, Pa., on May 12, 1942, at St. Matthews Cathedral, Washington, D. C.

Mary Hitchcock, '41, of Chicopee Falls, Mass., to J. Ande Baxter, '40,

of Waterville, at the Congregational Church, Chicopee Falls, Mass. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Harry S. Hitchcock, minister of the church. Mrs. Baxter, who is the daughter of the Rev. H. S. Hitchcock and Mrs. Hitchcock (Cassilena Perry, '10), has been teaching at Bethel, Vt. Mr. Baxter, the son of Mrs. E. J. Colgan of Waterville, has been a ground school instructor at the White River Junction (Vt.) and Dartmouth College airport and is now attached to Colby's aviation training school.

Mary Madelyn Herd, '38, of Madison, Maine to Dr. Frederick C. Emery, '38, of Ellsworth, Maine, at Madison, June 17, 1942.

Mrs. Emery was graduated from the Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in 1938 and completed a four months' course in Public Health Nursing at Simmons College. Before coming to Madison as Red Cross Nurse, Mrs. Emery was Public Health Nurse in the Portland district. Dr. Emery was graduated this year from the Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, Penna. They will make their home in Chelsea, Mass. where Dr. Emery is stationed at the Chelsea Naval Hospital.

Anne Barker Jones, '42, of Waterville, to John Edwin Gilmore, '40, of West Springfield, Mass., in the Congregational Church in Waterville, on May 30, 1942.

Mary Reynolds, '43, and Mary Farrell, '42, acted as bridesmaids and Richard Standish Jones, '44, brother of the bride, was best man.

Mr. Gilmore has been teacher of history and athletic coach at Gorham High School. He expects to enter the United States army in July.

Elizabeth Sinclair Thompson, '36, of Portland to Douglas Kenneth Goodspeed, of Falmouth, Maine, in the State Street Congregational Church, Portland, on June 20, 1942. Mrs. Goodspeed has a secretarial position with Porteous, Mitchell and Braun Company in Portland and Mr. Goodspeed, who is a graduate of the Pratt Institute School of Architecture is employed in the Public Works Department of the U. S. Navy. They will make their home at 18 Fleetwood St., Portland for the summer.

Isabelle Johnson Miller, '33, of West Newburg, Vermont, to James W. Hutchinson of Randolph, Vermont, in May, 1942. Mrs. Hutchinson has been

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teaching mathematics and science at the South Royalton high school and will continue in that capacity. Mr. Hutchinson is a farmer in Randolph and is well known throughout the state as a baseball and basketball official. They will make their home in Randolph.

Harriett N. Sargent, Massachusetts State College, '42, of Brooklyn, Mass., to Floyd L. Fitts, '40, on May 23, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Fitts are living in Pompton Plains, N. J. Mr. Fitts is a chemist with the DuPont company in Pompton Lakes.

Jane Russell, '41, of Tuckahoe, N. Y., to Henry W. Abbott, Jr., '41, of Waterville, at the home of the bride's parents in Tuckahoe on June 27, 1942. Carroll W. Abbott, '35, brother of the groom, was best man. Mrs. Abbott is with Collier's Magazine. Mr. Abbott, the son of Dr. Henry W. Abbott, '06, and Mrs. Abbott, has been attending Harvard Business School and will enter the military service immediately.

Claire W. Tilley, '41, of Ashland, Maine, to Edward A. Henderson of Hodgdon, Maine, at the home of the bride's parents, on May 31st. Louise Hagan, '42, of Houlton, was bridesmaid. Mrs. Henderson has been a member of the faculty of Hodgdon High School for the past year. Mr. Henderson has just graduated from the University of Maine, where he majored in engineering. They will make their home in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Henderson will be employed in the War Department.

**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Thompson (Patricia Thomas, '40), of Waterville, Maine, a daughter, Ruth Lovell, on May 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ervin C. Weiblen, (Ellen A. Smith, '25), of Coopers Mills, Maine, twins, Thomas Ervin and Nancy Ellen, on April 11, 1942.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Plotkin, (Harold M. Plotkin, '34), of Boston, Mass., a son, Robert Harlis, on May 6, 1942.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ciechon (Joseph Ciechon, '38), of Princeton, Maine, a daughter, Carole Ann, on April 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roderick E. Farnham (Roderick E. Farnham, '31), and Margaret Davis Sprague Farnham, '28, a son, R. Erven, on January 3, 1942.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Harvey (Ernest B. Harvey, '40), a son, at Portland, Maine, on April 8, 1942.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Porter (Cedric Porter, '35), a daughter, Faith C., at Presque Isle, Maine, on March 27, 1942.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Krinsky (Maurice Krinsky, '35), a son, Lewis, on June 6, at the Madison Park Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Necrology****C. HARRY EDWARDS**

C. Harry Edwards, known affectionately to several generations of Colby men as "Doc," was found dead in his room at the Falmouth Hotel in Portland on Thursday, May 7. The local medical examiner reported that he had apparently died in his sleep Tuesday night, May 5, of coronary thrombosis.

"Doc" Edwards, following his graduation from Springfield Y. M. C. A. College in 1921, became professor of physical education and director of athletics at Colby and served in that capacity until he resigned in 1934. He was appointed director of health, physical education and safety in the Maine State Department of Education, and in addition to these duties he was in charge of the physical educational program in the six normal schools of the state. He was very active in the affairs of the town of Gardiner, where he had made his home for the past few years, especially in the recreational program of that town.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, three sons and a daughter. One son, Sgt. Laurence M. Edwards, Colby '43, is stationed at France Field in the Canal Zone.

**FRED S. ROBINSON, '84**

Fred S. Robinson died on March 15, 1942, in San Antonio, Texas, after a few days' illness.

He was born in Cornville, Maine, in 1859. He was educated in the local schools and prepared for college at Coburn Classical Institute. He attended Colby 1880-81 and later went to Shurtleff College, Alton, Ill. In 1882 he married Miss Rebecca Irving of Caribou, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson taught in Maine until 1884, when they went west and continued

teaching in Illinois, and later in Iowa. In 1892 Mr. Robinson became superintendent of schools in Brooklyn, Iowa, a position he held for seven years. For five years he was also owner and editor of the Brooklyn Chronicle. In 1899 Mr. Robinson became editor of the Olwein (Iowa) Register. In 1923 he disposed of his interest in the paper and retired. He continued his residence in Olwein, passing the winters in the South or in California. He was spending the winter in San Antonio at the time of his death.

Mr. Robinson was buried in the family lot in Skowhegan, Maine, beside his wife, who passed away six years ago. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary R. Frost of Readfield, Maine.

#### GEORGE E. GOOGINS, '86

Word has just been received of the death of George E. Googins at Bar Harbor, Maine, on July 17, 1941.

Mr. Googins had practiced law in Bar Harbor since 1897 and for many years served as recorder of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

#### HARRY L. PIERCE, '92

Harry Lincoln Pierce, president of the C. C. Lowell Co., Inc., of Worcester, dealers in paints, oils and artists' supplies, died suddenly on May 18th at his home in Shrewsbury, Mass.

He was born in West Boylston, Mass., on November 10, 1870, the son of Charles I. and Lucy Waterman Pierce. In 1892 he received his A. B. from Colby College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Following his graduation from college, Mr. Pierce taught at Lake Charles College, and served as principal of the Upton (Mass.) High School, and as sub-master of the Haverhill (Mass.) High School. In 1903 he entered the paint business with his brother-in-law, C. C. Lowell, forming C. C. Lowell Co., of which he was president at the time of his death.

In 1897 Mr. Pierce married Grace M. Goddard of Waterville, who attended Colby in the class of 1897. Since 1906 they have made their home in Shrewsbury.

Mr. Pierce was a member and chairman of the school committee for fifteen years; chairman of the building committee for the Beal Memorial High School; a member of the Worcester chapter of Masons and a charter member of the Matthew John Whittall Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was a charter member of the Shrewsbury Men's Club, member of the Economic Club of Worcester, a director of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce Credit Bureau and an officer of the Worcester Paint and Oil Club.

Besides his wife, Mr. Pierce leaves two sons, Frederick G. Pierce of Springfield and Harrison H. Pierce of Worcester, and four grandchildren.

#### JAMES L. THOMPSON, '96

James L. Thompson, a graduate of Colby in the class of 1896, died May 29 in the Chipman Hospital, Calais, Maine, where he was removed earlier in the day following several weeks of failing health.

Mr. Thompson was born in Calais April 28, 1873, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Thompson. He received his earlier education in the public schools and was graduated from Calais Academy in the class of 1892. They received their diplomas from President-Emeritus Franklin W. Johnson who was then Principal of Calais Academy. With three of his classmates—Ross Averill, Richard Collins, and Frederick M. Padelford—he entered Colby in the fall of 1892.

After graduation Mr. Thompson taught in the high schools of Danforth and Princeton. He then moved to New York city where for ten years he held a responsible position with the Detner Company, large woolen manufacturers. After that he entered the real estate business which he successfully carried on for twenty years in Pelham, N. Y.

He was Past Master of Bethel Masonic Lodge of Pelham and a past president of the Pelham Lions Club. In college he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Several years ago he retired from active business and with Mrs. Thompson returned to Calais where only recently they built an attractive home on Main Street.

Masonic services were held from the home of Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. William Murchie, June 1 with Rev. Thomas Cornish officiating.

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## REUBEN T. JOHNSTON, '02

Dr. Reuben T. Johnston, a physician in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the last thirty-seven years, died on May 10, 1942, in Brooklyn after a long illness.

He was born in Portland, Maine, in 1877, prepared for college at Hebron Academy, and attended Colby 1898-99. He received his M. D. from Boston University School of Medicine.

Dr. Johnston was a member of the staff of five borough institutions, the American Medical Association, Kings County Homeopathic Medical Society, American Institute of Homeopath, Kings County Medical Society and Associated Physicians of Long Island.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Agnes M. Johnston, and a brother, Charles H. Johnston of Pasadena, Calif.

## CORA ROBINSON FENN, '09

Mrs. Cora Robinson Fenn died at Laconia, N. H., on May 24, 1942. Mrs. Fenn had been in poor health for ten years but was stricken suddenly with a more serious condition and lived only a few days.

Cora Elmer Robinson was born in Blaine, Maine, the daughter of Elizabeth Tompkins Robinson and Frederick Robinson. She received her early schooling at Blaine and attended preparatory school at Ricker Classical Institute at Houlton. In 1905 she entered Colby College, where she was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

Immediately upon graduation she entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Otis Smith, in Washington, D. C., as governess. In 1911 Miss Robinson accepted a position as teacher of English at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. She remained in this teaching position until the outbreak of the First World War when she asked for a leave of absence from her school duties and enlisted as a Physio-Therapeutic Aide at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., where she served during the entire war period.

After the war she returned to Hampton Institute to take up her teaching position in the English department. A few years later she met Donald Fisher Fenn who was Dean of the Agricultural School at that time. They were married in 1925 at the Washington home of Dr. George

Otis Smith. Mr. Fenn continued to teach in the agricultural school until about a year ago when he resigned and moved to Cambridge, Mass., where he took up graduate study. About mid-winter Mr. Fenn accepted a position at Laconia and they established their home in that town.

During the years that Cora Robinson Fenn was a teacher at Hampton she took a keen interest in the students as individuals. When she and Mr. Fenn established their own home, their interest still encircled the students and they have many warm friends who are alumni of Hampton.

For nearly ten years Mrs. Fenn's health has prevented her from social activity of any kind but she has borne this restraint with amazing calm and sweetness. Her gentle philosophy and kindness and above all her ability to bear infirmity and illness without complaint was an inspiration to her friends.

Funeral services were held in the Trinity Episcopal Church at Concord, N. H., and burial was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. She is survived by her husband.

*Missing In Action*

## CAPT. VAUGHAN A. SHAW, '31

Captain Vaughan A. Shaw, '31, has been reported by the War Department as "missing in action" at Bataan.

He was born in Littleton, Maine, August 25, 1909, the son of Joseph A. and Lily Miller Shaw. After receiving his B.S. degree from Colby in 1931, he studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his degree in 1938. Dr. Shaw spent his internship in the Episcopal Hospital near Philadelphia, following which he served as house physician at the University of Florida. When he received his call to service he was engaged in private practice at Daytona Beach, Fla. In 1937 he enlisted in the Army Reserve and was called to active duty early in 1941.

In April 1941, Shaw left Camp Blanding, Fla., for the station hospital at Fort Statensburg in the Philippines. A cable at Christmas time notified his parents that he was well, and no further word had been received until the recent announcement by the War Department.