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Teachers' Oath First Step Towards Fascism

Widespread Agitation Reinforced By Prevalent Attitude Toward The "Brain Trust"

By President Franklin W. Johnson

(An address delivered before the Bangor League for Peace and Freedom)

THE survey of public education in Maine, made by a representative commission under the chairmanship of President Sills of Bowdoin College, clearly revealed the inadequacy of financial support and the resulting weakness of our public schools. Time was too short for the facts and their implications to be grasped by the people of the State, and in view of the financial difficulties which existed, it was not surprising that the legislature took no action to remedy the situation. The genuine friends of education, a term which should include all of us, should give their earnest attention to building up a body of intelligent opinion that will result in constructive legislation to provide better education, more equitably distributed among the youth of our State.

Teachers' Oath of Trivial Importance

It would be nothing short of a calamity if the attention of our next legislature were diverted from a consideration of the adequate support of our public schools, to such hectic discussion of teachers' oath legislation as has recently taken place in Massachusetts. Compared with the real issues that demand attention in our Maine schools, the teachers' oath is of trivial importance. It is unnecessary, for no one for a moment can doubt that our teachers are loyal to the Constitution and to our democratic form of government. And even if one were not thus loyal, the oath would not secure the desired end. The Massachusetts law has not discovered or removed a single disloyal teacher. The only result has been the refusal to take the oath and the consequent resignation of two able and conscientious members of the faculty of Tufts College, about whose loyalty no question has ever been raised. That teachers' oath legislation is unnecessary and ineffective is of only minor importance. The requirement of such an oath violates the very principles of individual freedom and responsibility which are essential to democracy.

When Alfred E. Smith was Governor of New York, a teachers' oath bill was passed by the legislature. Governor Smith vetoed the bill and from his message I quote:

"The bill unjustly discriminates against teachers as a class. It deprives teachers of their right to freedom of thought. It limits the teaching staff to those only who lack the courage or the mind to exercise their legal right to just criticism of existing institutions. The bill confers a power of interference with freedom of opinion which strikes at the foundation of democratic education."

The late Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court in one of his written opinions said:

"If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other, it is the principle of free thought—not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought we hate."

Is First Step Towards Fascism

As an officer in the Army in the late War, I gladly took the oath of allegiance. As a citizen of the United States I would willingly do so at any time. But I should object to taking an oath as a teacher, because I should resent the implied suspicion of the members of a profession of which I am proud.

Many of the advocates of this oath are genuinely anxious to preserve the principles of democracy. Others may have motives that are less admirable. Whatever the motives may be, the inevitable results are subversive of true democracy.

Professor Kirtley Mather, in stating his opposition to the Massachusetts law, said:

"The teachers' oath is the thin edge of the wedge which when driven home would transform this 'Land of the Free' into a concentration camp of goose-steppers. It opens the door to Fascism and the totalitarian state, unwelcome enemies to the spirit of democracy which breathes through our Constitution."

In Russia, Italy and Germany, the

first freedom to disappear in their ruthless march toward the totalitarian state has been the freedom of teaching. This tends inevitably toward fascism or communism. In Italy, all teachers swear allegiance to Mussolini. In Germany, admission to the teacher training institutions depends upon participation in the activities of Nazi youth organizations and the recommendation of local leaders of the National Socialist Party.

Teachers Are Loyal To Democracy

In periods of depression social unrest always tends to increase and strange remedies are proposed, some fantastic like the Townsend plan, others of a more radical and dangerous character. It would be unfortunate at this time, when we seem to be emerging from the depression, to resort to the methods of those countries which have gone farthest in the direction which the advocates of the teachers' oath find most abhorrent. It is my firm conviction that there are only a very few people, almost a negligible number, who wish to substitute some other form of government for democracy, and among these few I am equally convinced that rarely, if at all, can a teacher be found. I do not believe that there is a single such person among the teachers of Maine.

Instead of following the example of the fascist and the communistic states of Europe, we might better turn to England, which has through the long years secured, step by step, a democracy which has withstood the changing tides of these post-war years without encroachment. An American who visits Hyde Park on a Sunday afternoon is amazed as he listens to the speeches of soap box orators of every description of radicalism without restraint from the police who unarmed stand about complacently indifferent to the ranting of men and women who in this country would be promptly landed in jail as public enemies. The English think there is safety in expression rather than suppression. They rely rather upon the fundamental good sense of the people to arrive at sound conclusions. And

the results seem to have justified this policy.

The English Attitudes

As far back as 1927 a proposal for a teachers' oath was brought before Parliament. The debate is interesting. Answering those who urged the need of suppressing radical propaganda in the schools, Lord Percy said, "I believe the House can confidently rely upon the strong opinion of the teaching profession as a whole to counteract such propaganda. The standards of the teaching profession itself are the only sure protection against evils of this kind. If a free society can not rely on the good sense of the teachers, external restrictions are likely to do more harm than good."

And the proposal never came to a vote. This sane and reasoned consideration of the question is in sharp contrast with the procedure of the Massachusetts legislature which passed a teachers' oath bill over the opposition of sixteen college and university presidents, Bishop Lawrence, and many other citizens whose intelligence and loyalty to the principles of constitutional government is beyond dispute. Their opposition was not due to reluctance to fulfil the requirements of the oath or to disapproval of our institutions, but solely to their belief that class legislation of this sort is itself in violation of the fundamental principles of the Constitution.

To avoid the charge that the teachers' oath requirement is unconstitutional, the Massachusetts bill contains this statement, "Nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere in any way with the basic principles of the Constitution, which assures every citizen freedom of thought and speech and the right to advocate changes and improvement in both the state and federal constitutions."

Why Discriminate Against Teachers?

The thoughtful reader may well ask, "Why then the oath?" It requires only what every law-abiding citizen must do anyway. Is its purpose to catch the communists? None have thus been caught in Massachusetts and if there are any among the teachers it has not prevented their taking the oath. The only sure result has been to place teachers under suspicion and thus to diminish their self-respect and efficiency.

I have no doubt that the wide-

spread agitation for the teachers' oath has been reinforced by the prevalent attitude toward the so-called "brain trust," many of whose members have been recruited from the colleges and universities. While I have no desire to express approval of any of the individuals in this group, I can say that if this marks the beginning of the policy of securing for the public service men of broad education and expert training in place of those whose chief qualifications have been their experience in practical politics and their loyalty to party organizations, there is ground for hope that better government will finally result. Here again the experience of England may be cited for their public service has long offered a career for which men of the highest character have prepared and in which they have spent their lives in service to the state.

An Encroachment Upon Inalienable Rights

The argument is advanced that teachers should take the oath because they, more than any other group, mould the thoughts and attitudes of youth. This is plausible ground, but does not answer the objection to class legislation. We should note that in the states of Europe in which the last vestiges of democracy have disappeared, while restrictions were first placed upon teaching, the church and the press have also gone in these countries, and it is not impossible, nor indeed unlikely, that similar repression may be attempted in the United States. We must be on our guard against any encroachment of these rights which have been dearly earned by devoted effort and sacrifice through the centuries.

I am opposed to the teachers' oath, because it is unnecessary and can serve no useful purpose. If its purpose is to remove from the schools teachers of radical beliefs, it has not done so in states in which it is in operation. I believe there is no state in the Union in which it would be so difficult as in the State of Maine to find a teacher who believes that our present system of government should be supplanted. Have you any such in Bangor?

I am opposed to the teachers' oath, because it is class legislation aimed at a group whose contribution to the public good is unsurpassed by any other group and whose devotion to our youth and to the preservation of

the best in our common life can not reasonably be called in question.

I am opposed to the teachers' oath, because it tends inevitably to the undermining of democratic government and leads the way to the substitution of the principles and practices of fascism or communism which subject the will of the individual to the autocratic control of those whose power is not derived from the people whom they rule.

EMINENT LEADERS LECTURE AT COLBY

During a ten day stretch in April Colby students had the opportunity to meet, and to listen to six addresses by, eminent figures in the fields of religion and national affairs.

Mrs. Induk Pak of Korea was the guest speaker at the annual banquet and installation of the Colby Y. W. C. A. She also addressed the students at the regular weekly chapel service. Hailed as one of the outstanding Christian women of the Orient, Mrs. Pak has won remarkable attention during her tour of the United States. At a men's assembly, Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, president of Hartford Theological Seminary, addressed the students.

Bainbridge Colby, former Secretary of State, gave the concluding address of the Lecture Series. Mr. Colby, a trustee of the College, is strongly opposed to the "New Deal," although he is a member of the Democratic party. His political viewpoint rounded out the divergent attitudes given in the Colby series, which included a member of the Cabinet, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, and the spokesman for the insurgent Republicans, Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.

The eminent Austrian physicist, Dr. Arthur Haas, of University of Vienna, visiting at Bowdoin this year, delivered the address at the annual meeting of Phi Beta Kappa, on the topic "Is the Universe Infinite?" He also met informally with the members of Chi Gamma Sigma, honorary physics society.

A large number of Colby students and faculty members went to Portland to hear Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian Leader.

Margaret Slattery, feminist author and lecturer, spoke to the Colby women and their guests, under auspices of the Student League.

A PIONEER SCHOOL IN A PIONEER COUNTY

IN the extreme northeastern part of the United States, wedged up into the great neighboring country of Canada, is a county of the State of Maine called Aroostook, famous as the greatest potato raising section in the United States. As the traveler passes up the highways he is immediately conscious, from the magnificent stretches of farmland, the modern homes, the best of farm equipment, the splendid schools and other public buildings, that he is among a progressive people. And indeed the citizens of this lone empire have been among the first to adopt new methods, particularly in their farming and in their educational plans. In the latter respect, until the Depression struck a severe blow to its hopes, Aroostook held an enviable position. Even many of the smaller towns afforded, in addition to the grades, well equipped, excellently taught High Schools. Salaries were generally better than the average and the personnel of the teaching staffs was composed of a superior group. In Fort Kent and Presque Isle were, and still are, flourishing Normal Schools.

Then in 1926 still another step forward in education was taken when Ricker Classical Institute of Houlton, the pioneer school of secondary education in this county, established, in addition to its secondary work, a year of Junior College. Reluctantly sponsored by Colby, frankly scorned by the majority of citizens and even doubtfully backed by many of its own trustees, this Junior College has forged ahead, year by year, until now, in spite of a period of prolonged depression, which has dealt most unkindly with Aroostook farmers, it finds itself an established two year institution, recognized everywhere as a success and accredited by all four Maine colleges.

The history of its struggle for recognition sounds like a story book. In 1926 the Principal, Roy M. Hayes, first took up his duties. Neither he nor any of his staff knew much about the Junior College, its purposes or its organization. However, the future of Ricker as a secondary school was not promising. The Maher Bill, whose purpose was to forbid the paying of tuition to private schools, was before



ROY M. HAYES
Principal Ricker Classical Institute
And Junior College

the Maine legislature. Its passage spelled ruin for the secondary department and, consequently, for the whole institution, unless another task were found for it. The Junior College seemed the way out.

After considerable persuasion ten students were induced to enroll that fall. Courses in English Composition, Mathematics, Latin, Physics, French, Geology, German and American History were offered. At the end of the year, examinations were given for advanced standing at Colby. When the results were tabulated, none of the students had qualified in all their subjects.

Undaunted by this failure, however, the trustees and faculty decided to carry on. The next fall sixteen students were enrolled. The faculty was considerably strengthened by changes in the Science and Modern Language departments. The work of the College was much better administered this year than the first. Yet, in spite of these new efforts, the whole plan almost collapsed, when some of the students, influenced by the failure of the previous year, became discouraged, and nearly persuaded the whole group to give up.

Determined efforts by the Principal finally won the day and subsequent results justified the attempt. When the examinations were given this time, fourteen of the sixteen were successful. Of this number six entered Colby the next fall. When the ranks were handed in at mid-years at Colby, it was discovered that the average of these six was higher than that of the students who had taken the first year at Colby. This record astounded the opponents of the Junior College and delighted its sponsors, for it guaranteed the future of the institution.

In the meantime twenty-two students had registered for the third year. Chemistry and Mechanical Drawing had been added to the curriculum so that Engineering, Pre-Medical, and Agriculture students could qualify for advanced standing. From this year on steady progress was made until, in the fall of 1935, more than sixty students registered for the Junior College. Of these eleven were taking the second year.

During this time Principal Hayes had attended the meetings of the National Association of Junior Colleges and, annually, the New England Junior College Council in Boston. Thus knowledge of the real purposes of the Junior College was obtained and handed on to the instructors. Faculty changes and Graduate Education have given Ricker an outstanding group of instructors, all of whom now have at least one year of graduate training.

The curriculum has been gradually expanded and now, in addition to the two-year Arts course, a two-year Secretarial Science, and a two-year Public Relations and Business Administration course are offered. Students may still take the one year courses preparatory to advanced standing in Engineering, Pre-Medical, and Agricultural Colleges. Graduates of the Junior College are now attending three of the four Maine Colleges and several in other states. With few exceptions these graduates have made good records at other institutions. In many instances they have won recognition for their high scholastic attainments and their unusual ability for leadership.

Every year nearly 2000 young men and women graduate from the high schools of Aroostook County and of a few towns near by, in Washington and Penobscot Counties. Of these 2,000 a very small percentage are able to go to the four year colleges. A somewhat larger number find their way to Normal School and the Hospital Training Schools, but there are still hundreds who need and welcome a chance for more training such as Ricker offers.

Ricker is located in Houlton, more than a hundred miles away from the nearest four year college. It is admirably situated to aid in the advanced education of Aroostook young people. Its plans provide for the erection of another building as soon as funds are available. In every respect the effort is being made to develop a program that will provide an adequate and suitable education to a much larger group than is now able to secure it.

The college is administered by the same staff which administers the secondary school. Buildings are four in number, the Institute, the boys dormitory and dining hall, Haskell Hall for Girls, and the Principal's home. The equipment is the best that can be bought. The expenses, \$475 including books, are low and thus enable a good many to begin a college education who otherwise could not do so. Few schools have a broader program of activities. The school is maintained definitely as a Christian school and a great deal of emphasis is placed on character building. A pioneer school in a pioneer county, it is rendering a valuable service to the youth of this great northern potato empire.

PROFESSOR COLGAN SPEAKS BEFORE N. E. A. AT ST. LOUIS

Professor Edward J. Colgan, head of the Department of Education at Colby, was on the list of speakers at the annual conference of the National Education Association, at St. Louis, Feb. 22-27.

Professor Colgan was on the program in the section studying "Methods" in the Department of Superintendence. He gave the affirmative view of the topic, "Homogeneous Grouping of Pupils on the Basis of I.Q.'s and E.Q.'s, as an Aid to Modern Methods of Teaching." The negative argument was presented by Professor J. R. McGaughy.

COLBY GREEK LETTER VALUES

As Estimated By "The Echo"

WE are in college at a time when there is considerable argument about and questioning of the values of Greek Letter Societies. At no time in the history of fraternities and sororities has there been so much criticism and speculation concerning the function and value of fraternity life in the college world. If these institutions are to continue their existence and flourish at Colby in coming years, each and every one of them should devote some time immediately to a thorough introspection with the definite aim and purpose of discovering exactly what its failings are, what the organization is and what it could be if improvement measures were applied.

* * *

In a chapel speech last year the Dean of Men presented a highly critical and constructive discussion of the fraternity problem on this campus, giving credit where credit was due and offering valuable suggestions where improvement was desirable. How many of these suggestions were acted upon and how much room for improvement remains? In his opening chapel address of the present collegiate year, the President declared himself an advocate of the fraternity system but also mentioned several aspects of the present system which could well stand alteration and improvement. How many of these aspects have since been considered?

Colby is a small college with a rich tradition of fraternity life which has come down to us through a great number of years. The records of the various chapters are filled with accounts of worthwhile accomplishment. Each commencement time finds hundreds of alumni returning to visit their chapters with deep interest and concern for their welfare. These alumni reminisce about their old fraternity days, visit the rooms in which their fraternity life centered, ask questions about the present status of the chapters, and in many other ways indicate their sincere and live interest in fraternity life.

The members of fraternal organizations on the Colby campus today

are as staunch advocates of the fraternity life as were those who went before them. Through their own fraternity life they can see the practical value of the fraternity, and sincerely believe in its justification of its existence. The danger lies in the fact that these same enthusiastic advocates do not always complete their analysis by considering the existing faults and deficiencies in the system.

We are firm believers that fraternity life is a valuable institution, and sincerely hope for the continuance of its existence. But we also realize that there are defects present which could well be eliminated. We do not need to go into detail about these shortcomings, for every one of us can see them about us each day. This is the time when each fraternity and sorority should take upon itself the problem of improvement so that the critical element which is so evident today will lose any grounds for its serious dismay. Improvement of fraternities and sororities must come from within because of their secret nature. Outside criticism can do nothing but destroy. Now is the time to justify the existence of fraternities and sororities by they themselves seeing to it that they fulfill all of their potential benefits to themselves, their college, and to the individuals which comprise them.

MARJORIE D. GOULD HEADS WOMEN'S STUDENT LEAGUE

Marjorie D. Gould, '37, has been elected president of the Student League, governing body of the women's division. This is the highest office that any woman undergraduate can hold at Colby.

Other Student League officers are: Vice president, Helen E. Wade, '38, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; secretary, Helen E. Foster, '38, Winthrop; treasurer, Cornelia Bigelow, '37, Warner, N. H.

The Y. W. C. A. will be headed for the year to come by Iola Chase, '37, Mechanic Falls, assisted by Jean R. Cobb, '38, Brownville Junction, vice president; Donna deRochemont, '39, Rockland, secretary; Hazel Wepfer, '37, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., treasurer.

Officers of the Women's Athletic Association will be: Barbara Hutcheon, '37, Presque Isle, president; Janet Lowell, '38, Westbrook, vice president; Ruth Hodgdon, '37, Woolwich, secretary-treasurer.

"IRON MAN" COOMBS: A DAGUERREOTYPE

Winner of American League's Longest Game Now Baseball Coach at Duke University

Famous major league pitcher, particularly in American League, unbeaten in three World's Series. Born, Lagrange, Iowa, November 18, 1883. Playing weight, 185 pounds. Height, six feet one-half inch. Threw right-handed. Batted both ways. Now baseball coach at Duke University, Durham, N. C.

(Reprinted from The Sporting News)

NO pitcher ever acquired title of "Iron Man" as quickly as present baseball coach at Duke University—Jack Coombs. No graduate of Colby ever got more publicity for his Alma Mater than same Coombs. No boxman McGraw's Giants ever met up with in World's Series competition treated Polo Grounds forces so inhospitable as winner of American League's longest game. No diamond favorite of this century made such a great comeback as man from Iowa, but resident of Kennebunk, Me., from 1887 on.

Coombs pitched from 1906 until 1918, with practically two years off, when he was fighting a mysterious malady. On and after September 1, 1906, when he outlasted Joe Harris to win over Red Sox, 4 to 1, in 24 innings, he was Iron Man to scribes and cash customers. Was shut-out king before World's Series of 1910 began, and they called him "Jack the Cub Tamer" after it was over, as result of three falls he took out of Chance's celebrated Chicago Cubs, violating all rules of Amalgamated Pitchers' Union by working two games in succession.

Record made by Jack, despite illness which crept upon him in spring of 1913, is one of greatest of several great American League achievements. Just out of college, he broke into American League with shut-out and less than two months later, he pitched 24-inning game. You don't hear of anything like that today.

It was Connie Mack's brother—Tom, since deceased—who tipped Tall Tactician off to Coombs. Tom kept a hotel in Worcester, Mass., and close tabs on athletes, too. One summer, Coombs put in at Northampton. It was there that Tom McGillicuddy got first glimpse of future great.

Brother Connie put Coombs to work for first time in Washington, July 5, 1906, a Thursday crowd of

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THE JACK COOMBS OF TODAY

Colby's greatest baseball player who is having brilliant success as coach of baseball at Duke University

A note to The Alumnus from "Ted" Mann, Department of Public Relations And Alumni Affairs, Duke University:

"While hunting in Texas, near Palestine, in December (he annually spends his Christmas vacation there), Coach Coombs' gun exploded and blew off the end of the index finger of his left hand. They amputated the finger at the first joint and things appeared to be very well but complications set in and he was gravely ill for several weeks. He is getting along just fine now.

"As you probably know, Coach Coombs still spends his summers on his farm at West Kennebunk. Each year, around the first of June, he and

several other prominent people of Maine—including alumni of Colby and Bowdoin—go into the Maine woods for an outing.

"He came to Duke in 1929 after coaching at Williams and Princeton and has won the greatest love and admiration of everyone connected with this institution. We all love him dearly. He is truly a really great man—and a great coach and handler of young men. His baseball teams here have been brilliantly successful. During the past two years they have won forty-four out of fifty-one games and included among those who have gone to the majors are "Bill" Werber of the Red Sox and Lovill Dean who went with the Athletics."

7,094 being on hand to see newcomer limit Senators to seven hits and win over Charley Smith, 3 to 0. Fanned six, walked five, and three double plays were made behind him. Charley Jones, Howard Wakefield and Cheerful Charley Hickman divided equally six of the seven blows collegian permitted. George Nill claiming other safety. Smith, Larry, Schlafly, Lave Cross, John Anderson and J. Garland Stahl, the Born Leader, were horse collared.

Knew Trade Thoroughly

Coombs knew trade pretty thoroughly when he joined A's. Had pitched four years at Colby and during one summer had been in Northern League, with Barre-Montpelier club, meeting in that organization able performers like Edward Trowbridge Collins, Birdie Cree, Ed Ruelbach, Dave Shean, Larry Gardner, Ray Demmitt, Jack Murray, Ray Collins, Arthur (Doc) Hildebrand and Paul Bernard Krichell.

At Colby, Coombs had also played football and taken part in track. When he joined A's, it was not only in the capacity of pitcher, but according to C. McGillicuddy, "as a general ball player." Mack nearly made an outfielder out of him in 1908, John Wesley doing no hurling that year until June 11, when he finished up a game against Chicago for Rube Vickers.

Getting back to 1906, second appearance of Coombs with A's was as pinch-hitter for Andy Coakley (insurance expert now, at No. 165 Broadway, New York) on July 9, at old Columbia Park, Philadelphia, against Bob Rhoades of Indians. White Elephants had two base knocks before Jack clubbed for A. J. and same number after he finished trick at plate.

Real Philadelphia unveiling of man from Maine (no one knew then he'd been born in Iowa) took place on Friday, July 13. He was pitted against Bill Armour's Detroit Tigers and at end of the eighth, each team had three runs. In ninth, Armour pulled young man named Cobb off bench to bat for Pitcher Eubanks and fresh arrival laid down bunt that Harry Davis booted, Peach touring circuit subsequently to bring in run that beat Jack, 4 to 3.

Coombs had made 13 appearances in center of the diamond when Mack picked him to pitch opening part of the twin bill at Boston, September 1.

League Record

Year—Club	League	G.	IP.	W.	L.	Pct.	SO.	BB.	H.	ERA.
1906—Philadelphia	A. L.	23	175	10	11	.476	89	66	144	---
1907—Philadelphia	A. L.	23	139	6	9	.400	78	55	117	---
1908—Philadelphia	A. L.	26	153	7	5	.583	80	64	130	---
1909—Philadelphia	A. L.	30	206	12	11	.522	97	73	156	---
1910—Philadelphia	A. L.	45	353	31	9	.775	224	115	248	---
1911—Philadelphia	A. L.	47	337	28	12	.700	185	119	360	---
1912—Philadelphia	A. L.	40	262	21	10	.667	120	94	227	---
1913—Philadelphia	A. L.	2	6	1	0	1.000	0	3	5	---
1914—Philadelphia	A. L.	1	5	0	0	.000	1	2	5	---
1915—Brooklyn	N. L.	29	196	15	10	.600	56	91	166	2.57
1916—Brooklyn	N. L.	27	159	13	8	.619	47	44	136	2.66
1917—Brooklyn	N. L.	31	141	7	11	.389	34	49	147	3.96
1918—Brooklyn	N. L.	27	189	8	14	.364	44	49	191	3.81
Totals		351	2321	159	110	.591	1055	824	2032	---

World's Series Record

Year—Club	League	G.	IP.	W.	L.	Pct.	SO.	BB.	H.	ERA.
1910—Philadelphia	A. L.	3	27	3	0	1.000	17	14	23	---
1911—Philadelphia	A. L.	2	20	1	0	1.000	16	6	11	---
1916—Brooklyn	N. L.	1	6	5	0	1.000	1	1	7	---
World's Series Totals		6	53	5	0	1.000	34	21	41	---

Philadelphia City Series Record

Year—Club	League	G.	IP.	W.	L.	Pct.	SO.	BB.	H.	ERA.
1907—Philadelphia	A. L.	1	5	0	1	.000	2	3	4	---
1909—Philadelphia	A. L.	2	13	1	1	1.000	4	1	8	---
1910—Philadelphia	A. L.	2	8	0	1	.000	4	6	10	---
1911—Philadelphia	A. L.	2	11	1	0	1.000	4	2	6	---
City Series Totals		7	37	2	2	.500	14	12	28	---

Afterpiece never eventuated, for preliminary event lasted 24 innings, and four hours and 47 minutes, with Coombs winning, 4 to 1. Fanned 18 men, walked six, hit one, and yielded 15 safeties, four of these grabbed off by Fred Parent, who went from plate to plate in sixth on his triple, which was followed by a single by Chick Stahl.

For two days, all Coombs could handle in the way of food was beef tea. He was in action again, September 5, against Washington, and vanquished Tom Hughes, 3 to 1. Five days later he hurled four-hitter against Senators for 2 to 1 verdict over Fred Falkenberg. That was first of many low-swat games John Wesley was to pitch for White Elephants. His 1906 losses outnumbered his wins by one.

One thing Mack never was afraid to do was to entrust young pitchers with opening-day assignment. Coombs was in there for kick-off combat of 1907, played April 11, losing to Jess Tannehill of Red Sox, 8 to 4, in 14 innings. April 29, found Jack hurling first two-hit game of A. L. career, with Washington the victim, 3 to 1; Dare Devil Dave Altizer and Bob Ganley registered only bingles.

On June 27, started out to battle Tannehill, who generally beat him, in Boston. Following single by Shaw, Red Sox catcher, and sacrifice by

Pitcher Jess in third, Jack injured tendon in throwing arm, departed from pastime and name was not apparent in box scores again until August 14, when he swept up remains of game started by Waddell against Detroit. Had won five and lost six when arm was hurt and balance of year captured one contest and let three escape, going route just once.

In The Outfield

In 1908, Coombs operated in the outfield from start of season until June 11, erring only once in 47 games and being morning glory leader of suburbanites. Mack had to derrick Jack in his first four starts, but he went through the fifth, which was against Cleveland on August 10, to get the whip hand of Heinie Berger, 3 to 2.

Beginning August 29, with team behind him that was going nowhere and being thoroughly reconstructed, Coombs clicked. Mack started him nine times from this date on and only had to take him out twice. He pitched shut-outs against Detroit, August 29; against New York, September 1, and against Washington, September 11 and 14. Assisted in the obsequies of Columbia Park, pitching farewell game there October 3 and losing to Joe Wood, just then coming up with Red Sox, 5 to 0.

Became real sensation in 1910. Won 31 out of 40 combats. Had 13

shut-outs to set all-time American League record, and in 12 other games opponents had to be content with single marker. Did not hurl first scoreless game until June 22, but stepped on gas thereafter. Had five in July, three in August and four in September. One of these was 16-round runless duel with Walsh of Chicago, August 4. All-told, Jack worked total of 353 innings in pennant pursuit, pitching 56 in June, 80 in July, 86 in August and 74 in September. He should have been all tired out by the time World's Series hove in sight, but wasn't. Started, finished and won second, third and fifth games, abating Mordecai Brown twice and Ed Reulbach once.

Still, White Sox got into Coombs' hair more than once 25 years back. He was proprietor of winning streak of eight when he stacked up against Doc White, August 1. Slender southpaw beat him, 6 to 1. Into second game of September 25, Jack lugged two remarkable accomplishments—a string of 52 scoreless innings and a chain of ten consecutive victories. Jack, relieving Plank in curtain-raiser, had pitched six straight innings without being scored on to make his record 52. He boosted it to 53 by keeping the Duffyites from plate in first round of game No. 2, but they scored on him in second and handed him a 5 to 2 setback. Frank Lange being winning pitcher.

In 1911, hurled 337 innings, winning 28 out of 40 games. Abandoned 1910 habit of going into whitewash business on wholesale scale, using brush just once—on St. Louis, June 12, on Harry Davis Day at Shibe Park, when "Jasper" got all receipts and when Barney Peltz of Farmington, Mo., got Browns' lone hit—single in sixth.

Beat Mathewson, 3 to 2

In World's Series, opposing Giants, Coombs beat Mathewson, 3 to 2 in 11 innings in third game. Jack started fifth of set, with Marquard as rival, and was on way to 3 to 0 victory when in sixth inning he slipped and strained himself while pitching to Devoe. Coombs batted for himself in tenth, the Giants having tied up game in ninth, and then had to quit, so intense was pain in his groin.

In 1912, Jack captured 21 out of 31, being in 40 games. On April 20 that World's Series injury cropped up again and he had to be carried off

field, not seeing service again until May 14. Started against White Sox then and at end of fifth, beaten, turned game over to young southpaw named Pennock, who never before had name in A. L. score. On May 18. Jack pitched part of famous 24 to 2 game against Detroit strike-breakers; on June 19 he ended Washington's greatest winning streak of 17 games by obtaining 2 to 1, ten-inning verdict over Tom Hughes, and on September 26 pitched his last complete game in junior league, battling Walter Johnson to tie.

A's, in 1913, won 28 straight games on training trip, victorious career being interrupted by Orioles, April 9, 5 to 3. Next day, in Boston, Coombs pitched five innings of season opener and got credit for 10 to 9 win over Joe Wood. It rained on April 10, but on April 11, Jack made another start against Fenwayites, having to quit after five batters faced him. It wasn't until October 2, 1914, that John Wesley again pitched.

After this first series in Boston, Coombs had grippe, then three weeks' siege of pneumonia. Quaker City papers of May 24 carried item to effect Jack was critically ill at No. 2213 Cumberland street under care of nurses night and day and that he'd been operated on for old injury from 1911 series. One of those who nursed him was Friend Wife, originally Miss Mary Elizabeth Russ of Palestine, Texas. They were married in 1910. Have no children.

Coombs, in 1914, was able to coach for the A's and on October 2 began a game for them against Washington, doing all right until fifth, when Griffmen grouped three hits with a brace of passes and a sacrifice fly to score three runs. Pennock finished up this contest.

A free agent in 1915, Coombs was signed by Brooklyn. Wilbert Robinson used him twice in relief capacities before entrusting him with start against Phils on April 30. Responded by subduing Eppa Rixey, 2 to 1. Beat Giants three straight times in 1915, six straight times in 1916 and slipped up on third essay against them in 1917. Eleven wins in a row for Jack over McGrawmen. Matty never did beat him. They hooked up three times—once in the World's Series of 1911, twice in 1915.

Jack pitched his fifth World's Series victory in third game of 1916

set, Carl Mays of Red Sox falling, before him, 4 to 3.

Final appearance as pitcher in fast company was on August 30, 1918, when Pol Perritt of Giants won over him, 1 to 0. He managed Phils in 1919, but could do nothing with them.

MAINE PRESIDENT ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

United States citizens pay too little attention to the neighboring nation of Canada, said President Arthur A. Hauck of University of Maine before the students of Colby at an assembly.

"Good will alone is not enough," he said. "We must back this up with a fund of information and understanding about the Dominion." President Hauck spoke of the International Joint Commission, the permanent tribunal for amicable settlement of disputes arising between the two countries as "one of the greatest achievements of international diplomacy."

He pointed out that discussions of our foreign trade too often neglected the fact that before the Depression, Canada was our best foreign customer, and vice versa. Not only are we bound by economic interdependence, but by a common heritage of customs, ideals and language. He deplored the lack of accurate knowledge about Canada which exists in the mind of the average high school or college student.

NEW JERSEY GIRL WINS THE COBURN CONTEST

Violet M. Hamilton, Millburn, N. J., a freshman at Colby, won first place in the annual Coburn Prize Speaking Contest. Second prize went to Margaret E. Higgins, '38, Bath; and third and fourth honors were won by Genevieve R. Spear, '37, Augusta, and Mary T. Crowley, '93, Kenmore, N. Y.

This contest was open to all Colby women students. Ten speakers were chosen to compete in the final contest for the prizes totaling \$100, donated each year by Miss Louise H. Coburn of Skowhegan.

The other finalists: Amy H. Thompson, '36, Waterville; Constance Knickerbocker, '39, Waterville; Marion E. Crawford, '39, Pittsfield; Joyce M. Perry, '38, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Betty Herd, '39, Winslow; Josephine A. Bodurtha, '38, Portland.

VARSITY OUTDOOR TRACK

April 25	University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.
May 2	Northeastern University, Waterville
9	State Meet (Maine, Bowdoin, Bates, Colby), Orono
16	Eastern Intercollegiate A.A. Worcester, Mass.
23	New England Intercollegiate A. A., Providence, R. I.
30	I. C. A. A. A. A., Philadelphia, Pa.
Coach: N. C. PERKINS	
Manager: ALBERT O. PIPER, '36	

SCIENTIFIC VOLUMES GIVEN TO LIBRARY

A collection of scientific volumes belonging to the late Charles M. March of Portland has been presented to the Library by his brother, Bertrand G. March, Portland, insurance agent.

According to Librarian J. Periam Danton there are thirty-six books in the collection, covering advanced subjects in the fields of physics, chemistry and photography. Each volume will be designated "In Memory of Charles M. March."

CONGRESSMAN MORAN ADDRESSES THE MEN

Congressman Edward C. Moran of Rockland addressed the men of the College at a weekly assembly. Defending the processing tax, he cited his experiences while on a speaking tour in the Middle West. "This is not a political, but a sectional question," he said. "The South and West claim that the processing tax favors them at the expense of New England no more than the traditional protective tariff favors the industrial section at the expense of the agricultural regions."

Mr. Moran said that this question contains the seeds of sectional antagonism and that representatives from other states have said on the floor of Congress: "If you knock down the processing tax, we will knock down the high tariff."

He deplored the tendency to belittle Congress and stated that this body of men is of our own making, and if any of the members do not have our respect, it is our duty to elect others.

The Congressman paid tribute to his predecessor John E. Nelson, a Colby alumnus, describing how Mr. Nelson assisted him in "learning the ropes" in Washington.

LOWELL'S VISIT TO WATERVILLE

By Carl J. Weber

Roberts Professor of English Literature—In The Colby Mercury

IN the Colby Mercury for April 1, 1934, there appeared an account of the two visits to Waterville made by Ralph Waldo Emerson. On both occasions he spoke at the college. The first address was delivered on August 11, 1841; the second, on August 11, 1863.

Almost exactly half way between these two visits, and again on August 11, another American essayist and poet visited Waterville. The record of his journey and his comments on the college are submerged in a little-read journal. They are, however, interesting enough to deserve rescuing from the dust of the attic, and they are brief enough to permit reprinting in this place.

James Russell Lowell left Boston on August 11, 1853, and reached Waterville early enough on the same day to give him time to inspect the college and the town. On the 12th he proceeded to Greenville, and on the following day "embarked on the little steamer Moosehead and was soon throbbing up the lake." Lowell's record of Waterville is as follows:

"The only event of the journey hither (I am now at Waterville) was a boy hawking exhilaratingly the last great railroad smash,—thirteen lives lost,—and no doubt devoutly wishing there had been fifty . . . Details of my dreadful ride I will spare you. Suffice it that I arrived here in safety,—in complexion like an Ethiopian serenader half got-up, and so broiled and peppered that I was more like a deviled kidney than anything else I can think of.

"The civil landlord and neat chamber at the 'Elmwood House' were very grateful, and after tea I set forth to explore the town. It has a good chance of being pretty; but, like most American towns, it is in a hobledehoy age, growing yet, and one cannot tell what may happen. A child with great promise of beauty is often spoiled by its second teeth. . .

"It seems as if every considerable American town must have its one specimen of everything, and so there is a college² in Waterville, the buildings of which are three in number³,

of brick, and quite up to the average ugliness which seems essential in edifices of this description. Unhappily, they do not reach that extreme of ugliness where it and beauty come together in the clasp of fascination. We erect handsomer factories for cottons, woollens, and steam-engines, than for doctors, lawyers, and parsons . . . We cannot have fine buildings till we are less in a hurry. We snatch an education like a meal at a railroad-station . . .

"The coach leaves Waterville at five o'clock in the morning, and one must breakfast in the dark at a quarter past four . . . My stomach resented for several hours a piece of fried beeksteak which I forced upon it, or, more properly speaking, a piece of that leathern conveniency which in these regions assumes the name. . . . The use of the gridiron is unknown hereabouts. . . . Had Shenstone⁴ travelled this road, he would never have written that famous stanza⁵ of his; and Johnson, he would never have quoted⁶ it. . . . Everywhere we could see that the war between the white man and the forest was still fierce, and that it would be a long while yet before the axe was buried."

Lowell was thirty-four at the time of his visit to Waterville.

1. The population was then slightly over three thousand.

2. It was called Waterville College until 1867. Fourteen years after Lowell's visit it became Colby University.

3. Champlin Hall, North College (Chaplin Hall), and South College.

4. William Shenstone (1714-1763), author of *The Schoolmistress*.

5. The concluding stanza of the poem "Written at an Inn at Henley":—

"Who'er has travelled life's dull round,
Where'er his stages may have been,
May sigh to think he still has found
The warmest welcome at an Inn."

6. On March 21, 1776, Johnson visited Blenheim Park in the company of Boswell. The latter records: "We dined at an excellent inn . . . where he expatiated on the felicity of England in its taverns and inns, and . . . then repeated, with great emotion, Shensstone's lines."

THIRTEEN INITIATED INTO PHI BETA KAPPA

Dr. Arthur Haas, visiting professor at Bowdoin, delivered the annual Phi Beta Kappa address.

Professor Carl J. Weber, secretary of the Colby chapter, led the initiation ceremony which took place at the Elmwood, where thirteen honor students from the senior class were taken into membership. Following the induction was held the banquet, open to members and guests.

VARSITY BASEBALL

April 20	University of Maine, Waterville
25	Bowdoin College, Waterville
30	Bates College, Waterville
May 4	Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.
5	Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.
6	Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.
7	University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H.
11	Bowdoin College, Brunswick
13	University of Maine, Orono
16	Bates College, Lewiston
19	Bowdoin College, Brunswick
23	University of Maine, Waterville
25	Bowdoin College, Waterville
27	Bates College, Waterville
30	University of Maine, Orono
Coach: E. C. ROUNDY	
Manager: GEORGE HOLBROOK, '36	

**SPRINGFIELD, VT., GIRL
WINS RUNNALS CUP**

Ruth A. Millett of Springfield, Vt., a senior, was awarded the Runnals cup, for outstanding Christian citizenship, at the annual banquet and installation of officers of the Y. W. C. A. The selection is made by a committee of fifteen girls, not seniors, who are officers of student organizations, and four invited faculty members.

Mrs. Induk Pak, a native Korean, was the principal speaker, and the decorations and waitress costumes carried out the theme of world fellowship.

Ruth Yeaton, '37, was toastmistress and other speakers included: Jeanne Peyrot, Paris, Colby Exchange student from France; Lucille Jones, '36, Watertown, Mass., retiring president of the Y. W. C. A.; and Iola H. Chase, '37, Mechanic Falls, new president of the organization.

**HALLOWELL PRIZE
SPEAKING CONTEST.**

John Chacamaty, Biddeford, a freshman, won the annual Hallowell Prize Speaking Contest with his address on "Suffer Little Children."

Alfred W. Beerbaum, '38, Waterville, Conn., speaking on "American Public Opinion," won second prize. Third honors went to Roland I. Gammon, '37, Caribou, for "The Demagogue of Louisiana." The fourth prize was divided between Willard D. Libby, '37, Waterville, speaking on "Life's Investment," and James E. Glover, '37, Waterville, whose topic was "Stand by the Constitution."

**COLBY ON THE
WESTERN COAST**

By Denis Evarts Bowman, '93

DR. George G. Averill, member of the Colby Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Averill spent the winter at beautiful Vista del Arroyo at Pasadena, and there on the evening of March 21st they entertained Colby alumni and friends now in Los Angeles and vicinity. About fifty guests were present and, considering the number and wide spread of the classes represented, all the way from 1875 to recent years, this was probably the most representative assembly of Colby's friends ever convened in Southern California.

The guest of honor was Dr. George Otis Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who made a special trip of about five hundred miles from Northern California to attend the dinner. His address was the feature of the evening, containing a splendid exposition of the present state of the College, and its hopes for the future. He mentioned the satisfactory condition of the college finances, recent gains in endowment, the fact that Colby has weathered the hard times without impairment of work or facilities. He gave assurance that this vital matter of finances is under the guidance of a careful and able committee of the trustees.

No less reassuring was Dr. Smith's emphasis on the old ideal of excellence rather than bigness. In this connection he showed that the intended removal of the college to a new site is designed to supply better means for continuing that genuine work which is characteristic of Colby. As an illustration he mentioned the special provision for a new library building to provide adequate housing for the rich and expanding college library and to make its treasures more readily available for study and use. The better to preserve the spirit and tradition of the old Colby and its place in local history, the architecture and appearance of the new Colby is to be distinctively New England in style. Dr. Smith's whole address was very welcome and inspiring.

Dr. Averill's many friends here insist that he is at least half Californian; this is not the first time he has

remembered the California group of Colby's loyal supporters. At this dinner he presided in his usual happy manner, and, from his intimate knowledge of the new college location, gave further information and details which his audience was eager to hear. He concluded with a word picture of Mayflower Hill and a cheerful forecast for the future. The Colby men and women of this Southland have gained a better understanding of the new plans for the college, for which they are indebted to the delightful hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Averill.

**URGES MORE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS**

A plea for more adequate financial support of the public schools of Maine was presented by Bertram C. Packard, State Commissioner of Education, before the students at a weekly assembly.

"Maine ranks lower than any state north of the Mason and Dixon line in respect to wealth and our expenditures for public education," he said. "Although our state is about the average in respect to wealth and our expenditures in other directions are about average, we are way below average in our support of education," he stated.

Mr. Packard deplored the tendency to curtail the vocational and general courses in the high schools, when financial retrenchment is necessary, rather than the college preparatory courses which benefit only a minority of the students.

The Commissioner pointed out that conditions have changed since the enactment of the law, a century ago, making each township responsible for the support of its schools. The taxable wealth per school child, he stated, varies from less than \$1,000 in some towns to \$50,000 in one Maine community. Naturally, the schools are very different in quality and those of the poorer townships are distinctly inferior, and the whole state suffers from these low grade schools. "Education is a state function and responsibility," he concluded.

**BOWDOIN PRESIDENT
ADDRESSES STUDENTS**

Speaking before the students of the College President K. C. M. Sills of Bowdoin stated that the social

sciences offer the best field for pioneer scholarly research. "We have not yet learned how to live together in the complications of the modern world," he said. This trend follows the great advances in physical science made during the last half century, and the achievements in classical learning which preceded that.

President Sills outlined the two major functions of a liberal arts college as: the development of scholars, and the development of a conception of scholarly ideals.

"Real scholars are rare," he said, "and any college that turns out three or four in a graduating class is to be congratulated."

NEW ADMISSIONS PLAN

Presented to the Alumni Council
by Dean of Men E. C. Marriner

1. Alumni representatives to interview prospective students.
2. Trial of plan in ten to twenty designated cities, with intent to expand later into many more localities.
3. Representatives to be selected by the Alumni Council.
4. Method of operation.
 - a. On form provided for the purpose, Dean will send the alumnus information about a prospective student.
 - b. On similar form, the alumnus, after interviewing the student and, if possible, his parents, will make a report to the Dean.
5. Responsibility of the alumnus.
 - a. To determine if the prospect would probably be a desirable Colby student.
 - b. To arouse the prospect's active interest in Colby.
 - c. To ascertain if prospect could probably meet the admission requirements.
 - d. To induce a desirable prospect to make formal application for admission.
6. Information for the alumnus.
 - a. Usual printed material.
 - b. Brief, summarized, specific information about
 - (1) Admission requirements.
 - (2) Advantages offered at Colby.
 - (3) Expenses.
 - (4) Scholarships.
 - (5) Student employment.

FACULTY: GOINGS AND COMINGS SAYINGS AND DOINGS

By Cecil A. Rollins

Associate Professor of English

FOR the Lenten Season, the Colby Council of Religion, with Miss Myra Whittaker and Mr. Kenneth Smith as directors, prepared an unusual program. At four meetings, beginning Feb. 28 and ending April 12, Dr. Sharon L. Finch, of the Department of Classics, led discussions on the topics—"The Recovery of Jesus," "Jesus' Social Message," "Jesus' Religion," "The Jesus of History and the Christ of Faith." These discussions attempted to bring to light vividly, reverently, and with scholarly understanding, the first-century happenings and thought clustering about Jesus of Nazareth, and their significance today.

On Sunday evening, March 15, Powder and Wig presented Goodman's arresting one-act play, "Dust of the Road." This was one of the "Y" productions, done by dramatic workers of the college under the supervision of Colby Dramatic Arts. Miss Agnes Carlyle directed this as well as the last play. Harold Kimball in the role of the mysterious traveler, later known as Judas of Kerioth, was particularly impressive, and all of the others in the cast gave good accounts of themselves. The make-ups done by Professor Rollins received considerable attention.

A Palm Sunday Vesper Service, held at the Congregational Church, had Professor Strong, of the Department of Modern Languages, as the organ soloist. He played "Evensong," by Johnston, two mountain sketches by Clokey, and selections from Boellman's "Suite Gothique."

The last month has been a busy one for actors at the college. In addition to the "Y" production, a production of Leslie Howard's "Murray Hill," by the University Women, and Colby Dramatic Arts' production of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" contended for the shekels and attendance of the public. In the cast for "Murray Hill" were Donald Smith, Assistant Librarian; Alan Galbraith, instructor in mathematics; Mrs. J. F. McCoy (wife of Professor McCoy of the Department of Modern Languages), and several recent graduates of the college. Mr. Gordon Smith, in-

structor in French, capably directed the production.

On April 9, Colby Dramatic Arts, under the direction of Professor Rollins, presented the somewhat farcical three-act comedy, "Hay Fever." The art group of the class outdid themselves in designing and painting the gay scenery—vermillion and cobalt blue sponged on a ground color of cream for the walls, and wainscoting and baseboards of cream. All other details of production were splendidly cared for by property, costume, and business committees. The good-sized audience seemed enthusiastic over the general good acting. Many students attended, although probably not over twenty per cent of the student body.

Milne's fantastic comedy, "The Dover Road," is announced as the choice for the Commencement play. An excellent cast has been chosen, and rehearsals are well along toward another good performance.

Under the supervision of Professor Curtis H. Morrow, head of the Department of Economics and Sociology, students in Sociology are conducting a study of the extra-curricular and public activities of the college. The purpose of the survey is to ascertain the facts on the number of activities, the time taken by them, the degree and range of student participation. It is hoped that with the data assembled, the college may be able to plan more wisely for its marginal educational life and direct the immense energies expended to most beneficial ends.

At the meeting of the National Educational Association, held in St. Louis in February, Professor E. J. Colgan presented before Group A, Division VI, the affirmative of the question, "Homogeneous Grouping on Bases of I Q's and E Q's Is an Aid to Modern Methods of Teaching." His contention, which was generally approved by the group, is that such grouping, although only a means and to be used with discretion, does provide a method of separation useful to students and teachers alike. It recognizes and takes account of "relative capacities to learn and to do." It is

in accord with known facts of "individual differences." It "makes possible the best kind of training for dull, average and bright pupils, keeps each child working at his best pace, makes possible a sense of success and competence for all . . . and can provide a satisfactory enrichment of work and adequate opportunity for self-expression." An abstract of Professor Colgan's paper will appear in the journal of the N. E. A.

Members of the Women's Division and the college were pleased to find Dean Ninetta Runnals back at her work at the end of the Easter vacation. Miss Runnals was forced to leave early for a good rest, which she took at the old Hogkirk Inn in Camden, South Carolina. She reports that there were "bees and birds and flowers—and some sunshine." To disturb her quiet, she attended only a flower show and a horse show. Apparently the rest cure has restored her wonted zest in the many exacting duties of her position.

The members of the English Department motored with Professor Weber to Bates College, April 20, for the annual Departmental Get-together of Maine college teachers of English. This meeting rotates among the four Maine colleges. Since its inception at Colby seven years ago, the attendance has always been fine, and the informal programs pleasant and valuable.

President Johnson spoke twice in Bangor on April 8. His first speech was at the supper meeting of those engaged in the Finance Drive for the Bangor-Brewer Y. W. C. A.

The second speech was given before the Bangor League for Peace and Freedom. They were holding a public mass meeting. In addition to the president, or with him, Dean Muilenbury of the University of Maine and Dr. Harry Trust of Bangor Theological Seminary spoke. The subject was the controversial matter of proposed Teachers' Oaths bills.

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The Saga of "Morning at Seven" at Camden

One of the unsung hero tales of Colby concerns the summer appearance of Colby players at Camden, Maine, in John Pullen's "Morning at Seven." That original play gained great favor in its premiere, last Junior Week-end, at the Waterville

Opera House. But its first blooming seemed destined to be its last. Not so, however.

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After college had closed, and college matters were serenely wrapped in lavender and moth-balls, suddenly "Morning at Seven" bounced again into the lime-light. Rumors spread that some of the producers—Robert Colomy, '35, male "lead" of the play; and John Pullen, '35, author and director—had arranged for a showing at Camden. It was to be. A date was set—July 11, 1935. Posters appeared. Plans developed.

The writer was consulted. The venture seemed practical; and he gave his approval and promised support, to the extent of journeying to that beautiful seacoast town and making up the cast. Other details were attended to. Most of the cast could take their original parts—a favor of the depression, perhaps; a few were doubtful. Understudies began work. At the last minute the writer, even, deserted the quiet of directing, and again risked his life and reputation by taking a small part. The fatal day approached.

For nearly a week before the time of performance, the actors met at the charming Camden Opera House and rehearsed strenuously. Carl Reed, '35, leading character man, drove down from Aroostook in the longest journey. Others came from Rockland, Vassalboro, Waterville. Bob Colomy attempted to pull things together, with good success. Help came from various sources—the second feminine "lead"—Miss Wilma Stanley, '35—found that she could be present; the local paper gave generous space; some Colby alumni became interested; President Johnson promised to drive over from his summer home, if possible (it was possible, and he did come). The tickets were not selling well, however.

The day came. All engaged in the enterprise still lived, though some showed the effects of wear. The day passed with rehearsal after rehearsal, checking of properties, clothes, scenery, make-up. Mr. Alan Payson, Camden Fire Chief and trusted stage-man of the Opera House, worked miracles by the dozen, earning the undying gratitude and friendship of every actor. The evening drew on. (Drew on—what? Why, the close of

a summer day to be sure.)

Now, we had all been entranced by the quiet loveliness of the auditorium—fitted up by Mrs. Bok—and the excellence of the scenery, drapes, and lighting system. The switchboard was a thing of beauty complete. Miss Annie Russell, a former dramatic star of England and America and now Director of Dramatics at Rollins College, had given her personal attention to every detail—supervising the wise spending of \$80,000 that the renovation had cost, as we heard.

The evening drew on. We were ready—more or less. The audience assembled, not a large audience. A sharp thunder-storm had broken loose, as if to add sound-effects to the performance. The effects were striking. And then—just about at the time the curtain should have risen on the spiffy dormitory scene of the prologue—the main power line went dead. All stage lights were out. It was an ironical anti-climax to our efforts; but the humorous aspects of the situation did not especially appeal to us at the moment. Electricians labored mightily; Mr. Payson rigged emergency battery lights; candles were kindled; the writer explained to the audience what had happened. Finally, in the semi-darkness and in saddened mood, the actors went on. Whether the catastrophe were the cause or no, I cannot say, but the semi-darkness covered a multitude of dramatic sins. We did stagger through the short scene and managed to reach the curtain in fair condition.

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The electricians had now repaired the damage; and in record time the scene was changed, the curtain rose on Act One with full lighting, and the actors repaired the damage to the play. The tempo increased; some rose to unsuspected heights. It was at last a performance. Some mishaps occurred, but on the whole—after the first scene—nothing serious marred the effect. The author, who had motored down from Augusta and his duties on the Kennebec Journal, was able to speak kindly to the cast, at least.

On the morrow, all departed, not richer in purse, but pleased with the friendly memories of Camden and feeling that they had made not too bad an impression in a difficult situation.

NECROLOGY: Colby Professor Of Geology

PROFESSOR Edward H. Perkins died at his home, 10 Lawrence Street, Waterville, on April 13. He had been ill for several months but his death came as a shock to the college and to the community.

Professor Perkins was born at Grasmere, N. H., June 2, 1886. He was graduated from Wesleyan University in 1912 and received his Ph. D. degree from Yale University in 1919. He taught at Rhode Island State College, at the Western Ontario University and came to Colby in the fall of 1920 as an associate professor. In 1926 he was promoted to a full professorship and in 1929 he was appointed assistant state geologist.

Professor Perkins was a fellow of the Geological Society of America, a member of the Mineralogy Society, the American Ornithological Union, the American Society of Mammalogists, the Geological Society of Maine, and of the Geological committee of the National Research Council.

His scientific papers may be found in the "American Journal of Science," the "Maine Naturalist," "Rocks and Minerals," the "Bulletin of the Geological Society of America" and the "Proceedings of the Geological Society of America." These papers cover a variety of geological subjects, such as "A New Graptolite Locality in Central Maine, With notes on the Graptolites by Rudolph Ruedemann," "The Natural History of Maine Minerals" and a paper on the "Glacial Geology of the Buckfield Quadrangle." Since 1924 he has been the author, or the joint author, of fifteen papers. He prepared most of the geological material for Volume II "Glacial Geology of Maine" of "bulletin No. 30 of the Maine Technology Experiment Station."

Every summer found Professor Perkins engaged in field work and his publications are ample proof of his contribution to our geological knowledge.

Professor Perkins was a teacher as well as a research worker. His courses were elected by a large number of students and many of these were inspired by his enthusiasm and kindly interest.



PROFESSOR EDWARD H. PERKINS

His abundant good nature and knowledge of out door life made him an ideal camping companion. The "act of God" in sending unfavorable weather or the act of his companion in forgetting to bring adequate food, failed to disturb his composure or to destroy his enjoyment. He was at his best when seated at the campfire, away from the trammelled conventions of society. Here he felt free, all reticence disappeared and he talked freely and fervently of those things which held his constant interest.

Professor Perkins obtained very great enjoyment from his study of the birds. He kept a bird list and the date of their arrival in Waterville was carefully recorded. It was not necessary for him to see a bird in order to identify it, if he could only hear its song—out would come the pad, with its pencil and elastic, and another visitor would be recorded with Maine's summer vacationists.

Students and colleagues mourn his passing. Our grief is sincere and our loss is real but after time has mellowed our grief and lightened our loss, there will still remain for the widow and the five children who survive him, a grief that time cannot remove and a void that the passing years cannot fill. To them we extend our sympathy and hope that our words may bring some comfort, some peace,—for more we dare not hope.

Lester F. Weeks.

HELEN FRANCES LAMB, '97

HELEN Frances Lamb, President and founder of Lamb's Business Training School in Brooklyn, N. Y., passed away at her home there on March 15th. Miss Lamb, who was widely known in business and educational circles in that vicinity, was born in Clinton, Me., attended the public schools there and was graduated from Colby in 1897. For a time she taught Greek and Latin and then, entering business, was connected with the International Paper Company for four years. Returning to teaching, she taught in high schools of Maine and New Hampshire, specializing in business subjects. In Brooklyn she later was manager of a private business school. In 1914 she and her sister, Mrs. Emma L. Huston, opened their own school which, through painstaking efforts and high educational ideals, came to be recognized as a business training school of high order.

Miss Lamb traveled abroad and, on one occasion, visited Italy and made a personal presentation of a book on shorthand to Premier Mussolini, which was printed in Italian and made especially for the Dictator. She was an active member of several social, civic and professional clubs and was one of the founders of the Colby chapter of Chi Omega.

Such is the bare outline of a life that was unusually rich in human relationships. Helen seemed to have a genius for making and keeping friends, and the pleasant home which she shared with her mother and sister was a center of gracious hospitality. All '97 mothers were cherished by the members of the class and Mrs. Lamb was the last one to go, at the age of eighty-seven.

Helen never talked "shop" but we were aware of her deep interest in the school, the care which she took in the selection of her teachers, her consideration of them and her personal interest in her pupils. Many of them owed their opportunity to her private generosity.

She was very loyal to her Alma Mater and, as long as her health permitted, was active in the New York

Colby group, especially during the years when funds were being raised for the Alumnae building. To her classmates, friends of more than forty years, Helen was a radiant personality. She kept in touch with each one and did more than any to plan and carry out '97's delightful reunions. Unassuming, she was so kindly, so tactful, gracious and gay withal, she was the life of such occasions, none of which she ever missed. Never very strong, her zest for life and gay courage carried her through several operations and periods of ill health. Her long last illness she bore with fortitude, always seeming to expect to recover. She passed away in her sleep, "with a smile on her face as if she wished to let us know that everything was all right now." A happy thought of her for us to hold in remembrance.

Edith Hanson Gale, '97.

FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING OF BOSTON ALUMNI

One hundred and fifty Colby alumni gathered at the Hotel Victoria in Boston April 4, for the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Boston Association. President Cecil W. Clark, '05, presided, and introduced the following speakers: Hugh D. McLellan, '95, Judge, United States Circuit Court; G. Cecil Goddard, '29, Alumni Secretary; President Franklin W. Johnson, '91.

"Hocker" Ross, last year's Colby hockey captain, who had just returned from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, where he competed as a member of the United States Olympic Hockey Team, gave a very interesting account of his experiences.

President Johnson spoke of the progress being made on the new campus at Mayflower Hill. He also said that several prominent men were very much interested in the New Colby, and that some were prepared to assume responsibility for raising the funds for certain of the new buildings.

The alumnae were again present at the meeting and Mrs. Stephen G. Bean, '05, presented their greetings to the Association. The nominating committee reported the following slate of officers for the coming year, and they were elected.

President, H. Thomas Urie, '20; first vice president, Stanley G. Estes, '23; second vice president, Burton E. Small, '19; secretary-treasurer, Wal-

ALUMNAE LIVING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Canada	5
Philippine Islands	5
France	4
China	3
India	2
Japan	1
Haiti, W. I.	1
Honolulu, T. H.	1
Panama	1
Hawaii	1
Canal Zone	1
Burma	1
Czecho-Slovakia	1

ter D. Berry, '22; assistant secretary, John A. Webb, '33; member of Alumni Council, Raymond H. Spinney, '21; members executive committee, Robie G. Frye, '82, Frederick K. Hussey, '18, Karl R. Kennison, '06.

Dr. Clark announced that a Boston Colby Club would be formed in the fall and that monthly meetings would be held during the year, the object being to keep in closer touch with affairs at the College, and to raise funds for scholarships or other worthy purposes.

B. E. Small, '19, Secretary.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE NEW YORK ALUMNI

On the evening of April 3rd, Colby alumni, both men and women, in and around New York City, assembled at a dinner marking the fortieth anniversary of the New York Colby Alumni Association. The annual dinner was held at the Roger Smith Restaurant on 41st Street. Graduates came not only from the city but from Long Island, from Jersey towns across the Hudson, from the rolling hills of Westchester and the Connecticut shores. Almost the first to arrive was Dr. Clarence Meleney, '76. One particularly loyal member, Judge Harrington Putnam, '70, was unable to attend.

Dr. Nathaniel Weg, '17, president of the New York Association for the past two years, presided. Helen Cole, '17, secretary of the New York group and Alumnae Trustee, spoke briefly for the alumnae. Edward F. Stevens, '89, Alumni Trustee, spoke for the past presidents of the association. "Tommy" Grace, '21, head of the F. H. A. for New York State, enlivened

the meeting with a typical avowal of loyalty. All listened with great interest to Cecil Goddard's report on alumni activities. Dr. Wilkinson was unable to be present this year but the association looks forward to a visit from him at some meeting soon. President Johnson was present in a dual role, for he was president of the association when he was resident in New York and a professor at Columbia University.

After the speeches a short business meeting was held, during which the financial report was submitted by Lawrence Bowler, '13, showing that under the leadership of Nat Weg the association had pulled out of the red. Election of officers resulted: president, William F. Cushman; vice president, Miriam Hardy; secretary, Louise C. Smith; treasurer, William E. Pierce, Jr.; executive committee: Dr. Nathaniel Weg, Helen Cole, Florence Eaton, Charles H. Gale, Edward B. Winslow, Vesta Alden, Lawrence Bowler, Peter Mayers, Dr. Rudolph E. Castelli, Kenneth C. Dolbeare, John Skinner, Leonard W. Mayo.

Impromptu speeches included a spirited tribute to the college by Paul M. Edmunds, '26. Dan Munson, '92, also spoke briefly, mentioning that A. H. Bickmore, '93, a past president of the association, was ill.

There were about seventy-five present at the dinner; others arrived in time to hear the address by President Johnson. The committee in charge was headed by "Ned" Winslow, '04. The new president, "Chick" Cushman, spoke briefly, in an effort to double the attendance at the next meeting. Any who do not receive notices of the New York meetings will be added to the mailing list if the name and address are forwarded to W. F. Cushman, 44 Summit avenue, White Plains, N. Y.

WESTERN MAINE COLBY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 28, the Western Maine Colby Alumnae Association entertained at luncheon at the Columbia Hotel, Portland, for Colby undergraduates. After luncheon the guest speaker, Mrs. Ervena Goodale Smith, Alumnae Secretary, contrasted the Colby of today with the Colby of the early twenties, and wondered if the next fifteen years would bring as many changes.

CLASS NOTES: Personal Items Covering the Classes Which Have Gone Out From Colby

Edited by Joseph Coburn Smith, '24

1880

Correspondents:

Harry L. Koopman

76 Taber Ave., Providence, R. I.

Our class mate, James E. Trask of St. Paul, has recently been conducting two cases before the courts at Washington. They are two actions brought in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia—a court of general jurisdiction—by the receivers of Minnesota Mining Corporation against the Secretary of the interior, under the War Minerals Relief Act of March 2, 1919, to enforce the claims of these corporations for losses suffered in producing and preparing to produce manganese ore for war purposes, in compliance with the request and demand of the agents of the Government.

These cases were tried in the lower court in June, 1932, and decisions were given in favor of the claimants. Shortly prior thereto, and before the final decrees were entered, a similar case, tried by the same court and decided in favor of the claimant, was appealed and reversed. The attorneys for the Government, thinking that this reversal decision ruled the two cases above mentioned, moved for a re-hearing of the actions before the same court who tried them, and the court granted the motion and dismissed the actions. Our classmate promptly appealed his cases to the United States Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. The argument on appeal took place on February 5, 1936, and on March 23, 1936, the Court of Appeals handed down its decision reversing the lower court and remanding the cases to said Supreme Court for further proceedings with hopeful prospect that James will win these cases involving claims of about \$125,000.

Harry L. Koopman writes: "I am happy to report that I have not lost a day from my desk for more than a year nor have I had a cold in all that time." Evidently Harry is going strong in supplying interesting reading matter for the Providence Journal of which he has been assistant editor since his retirement as librarian of Brown University. A recent editorial from his pen on the subject "Colby and Paul Revere" recounted some of the anecdotes about the old Colby bell.

1882

Correspondents:

Alfred H. Evans, South Vernon, Mass.

Mrs. E. R. Mace (Sophia Hanson)

1 Dakota St., Portland, Me.

Five '82 men attended the Annual Dinner of the Boston Colby Alumni Association on April 4: Crawford, Dunning, Frye, Pease, Phillips. It

was a fine meeting.

All of you '82 men must have been interested in that picture, sent in by Ben Wright, '83, of the Colby Baseball Team of 1881. Of course you remember everyone of them. I think that only three are now living. How youthful Ben Wright and Bert Lord look!

George Andrews writes: (1510 Emerson Ave., Minneapolis): "Yours of the 15th ult. hit me right. You seem always to be full of items which warm up my interest in the old college. Before I forget I must say I have sent to Secretary Goddard a postal order to be credited to the Alumni Fund, Class of 1882. I am catching some of the spirit you fellows of the Boston Association must have when you get so many together for an inspirational meeting. I get real pleasure and satisfaction out of every Alumnus issued. The necrology comes first, then class notes, all interesting, even those of classes before and long since our day. It does me good to read your remarks about the youthful appearance of '82 men. That picture of you in the Alumnus would look better if you would cut off that mustache and hang on a smile."

Bert Pease writes that as the years pass his love for and interest in Colby and '82 increases, and the joy of living also increases.

Fred Fletcher proposes that some or all of "the boys" drive out to Lake Tahoe next summer and have a reunion at his summer camp. Having spent a week there last summer I can assure all that it would be a great time. Let's go.

Fred spends some of his spare time reading up on early New England history. He writes Nevada history and has helped make it.

1889

Correspondents:

Edward F. Stevens

Pratt Institute Free Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harriet M. Parmenter

9 Winter St., Waterville, Me.

From the Boston Evening Transcript: "Continuing its policy of acquiring works by contemporary American artists, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts has purchased a gouache drawing by Charles Hovey Pepper, the well known Boston artist. Mr. Pepper has been known both locally and elsewhere for his lively paintings and water colors, and for his liberal artistic point of view. As president of the Boston Art Club some years ago he was active in arranging unusual and stimulating exhibitions. Since that time, he has not ceased to support the cause of modern art in Boston.

"The Statesman" is the second

painting by Mr. Pepper owned by the Museum. In 1935 his water color 'Skating in the Park' came into the newly established collection of contemporary American art. The work just acquired is a characteristic type of painting by Mr. Pepper, that is, a small upright panel in gouache. Mr. Pepper could hardly have chosen a more satiric title for his picture. The figure represented is quite the antithesis of all that the word 'statesman' implies. It is, however, a type of politician unfortunately all too often seen in America today. The Museum is fortunate in acquiring in this another characteristic painting by one of the most independent of our local artists."

Another painting by Pepper, "The Blue Pool" has recently been purchased by the Newark Gallery of Art.

1894

Correspondents:

Drew T. Harthorn

24 Elm St., Machias, Me.

Mrs. Charles P. Barnes (Annie Richardson)

Houlton, Me.

Dr. and Mrs. Percy S. Merrill have recently returned from Florida, where they spent the winter.

1897

Correspondents:

Grace Gatchell

37 Central Street, Somerville, Mass.

Percy F. Williams, West Dennis, Mass.

The class of '97 has met with a great loss in the death of Helen Frances Lamb of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of '97's most beloved members. In a quiet way she was always working for her class and kept in personal touch with most of the group. When '97 women met, one was sure to say in answer to an inquiry for class news, "I've heard from Helen Lamb." Her cordial invitations to come to see her were frequently accepted in person, or by a telephone call when one's time in New York was limited. To her efforts more than to any other one person's was due the success of the '97 reunions. She gave generously of service and money to bring the class together and to strengthen the ties of friendship, and of loyalty to the college. Ninety-seven will miss her—will miss her help and more than that her inspiration of her beloved presence. Helen is gone, but those who are left must draw closer together. There is more work now for them to do. Ninety-seven must not lessen her accomplishment. She must not flag in her loyalty.

Two cards have recently been received from Helen Hanscom Hill, one from Paris dated March 14, and one from Athens dated March 29. Mrs. Hill sailed from New York, March 4, on the S. S. President McKinley with

a consular party having Athens as their objective. It was Mrs. Hill's plan to stay in the old Greek city about five weeks and her card from there reports "a grand time, more social than tourist." She is enjoying the opportunity of letting her experiences, like the half day spent on the Acropolis, for example, sink in. She will return to the United States the first of June, for in June her son MacGregor will graduate from Dartmouth, and her younger daughter, Florence, from Oberlin.

Miriam Gallert Myers has recently returned from California where she visited her sister.

Edith Hanson Gale wrote us from New York on March 26, where she was visiting her son Charles and enjoying such sights of the city as the Planatorium, a skating carnival, and some Chinese porcelain at the Metropolitan Museum. From New York, Mrs. Gale will go to Allentown, Penn., to be with her daughter, Laura Guthrie and her grandsons Jack and David.

From Edgewood Park, Junior College, Greenwich, Conn., comes a breezy letter from Harriet Holmes. She writes, "Hope some of you energetic executives will arrange for a meeting together in thirty-seven—far ahead? Oh, no, time speeds away unbelievably fast."

Octavia W. Mathews and Grace Gatchell represented '97 at the Alumni meeting in Boston, April 4.

Edith Larrabee has been writing some short articles on the early history of Gardiner, Me., for one of the local papers.

Your correspondent spent last summer in European travel. I went by the southern route, stopping for a few hours at Ponta Delgada in the Azores, Lisbon, Gibraltar and Angiers, before leaving the Conte Grande at Naples. I especially enjoyed Italy with its wealth of history, art and natural beauty, and a "land cruise" in western England which took us to Bath, Wells, Glastonbury, Liaton, Clorelly, Exeter and Torquay.

1899

Correspondents:

William O. Stevens
188 Columbia Hts., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Agnes C. Stetson
Caribou, Maine

In response to class letters sent out just before the March flood the agent has the following to note: Rachel Foster (Mrs. Charles Whitman), whose husband, a graduate of Colby in the class of '97, is professor of English at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., is much interested in club work, being a member of A. A. U. W., College Women's Club of New Brunswick, Panhellenic of New Brunswick, Women's League of Rutgers University, Travellers' Club, Reading Club, and the New Brunswick Council of Girl Scouts. She has four children. The oldest, Hilda, a graduate of New Jersey College for

Women, in the class of 1931, is married and her name is now Ordorica. With her husband and daughter Joan, she is living in Rio de Janeiro and expects to be there another year. The two sons, Allan and Dunbar, are graduates of Rutgers in '31 and '34 respectively. The youngest, Esther, is a freshman at New Jersey College for Women.

Helene Boroman (Mrs. Arthur R. Thompson), whose husband is Collector of Revenue, West Hartford, Conn., is President of Women's Guild, First Congregational Church, and Past President of Hartford College Club. She has two children, Marjorie Thompson Harrison and Ruth Thompson Lyman, and five grandchildren, E. Randolph Harrison, Pauline Lyman and Arthur Thompson Lyman, Anne Harrison and Helene Harrison.

Grace Russell, Skowhegan, is busy with home duties and local welfare work.

Josephine Ward (Mrs. James Doliver) Newton Centre, Mass., former class agent, modestly writes that she has no news.

The present class agent is just rounding out her sixteenth year of teaching in Caribou High School and as adviser to the senior girls is busy planning for graduation. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Rebekah Lodge and Past District Deputy President of District 28 of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine.

Ambrose Warren has been named headmaster of the new West Roxbury High School which will open next September. Situated in a pleasant residential district and equipped in up-to-date manner throughout, this is one of the most desirable positions in the greater Boston school system.

He has been a teacher in the Boston Public Schools for 28 years, almost twenty of which were spent on the faculty of the Mechanic Arts High School. In 1927, he was appointed Master, head of the Department of Science, in Dorchester High School for boys, where he is now teaching. He has held office in the Eastern Association of Physics Teachers, and is a member of the Massachusetts School Masters Club, the Twentieth Century Association, the Jesse B. Davis Club of Boston University and takes an active interest in many other religious and educational organizations.

Warren is a believer in craftsmanship and is always happiest with a tool in his hand. He is community-minded and is continually advocating cleanliness and order in regard to streets, lawns, parks and the like. His son, Elmer C. Warren, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been with the Colby faculty since 1928 in the department of mathematics and now holds the offices of Registrar and Director of Personnel and Placement.

1905

Correspondents:

Cecil W. Clark
363 Walnut St., Newtonville, Mass.
S. Ernestine Davis
41 Franklin St., Houlton, Me.

There is probably no man in the illustrious class of 1905 who entered college so quietly and modestly, did his work so well for four years, and departed unostentatiously as did "Bill" Hoyt. Perhaps the environs of Cornville, Athens, and North Anson, Maine, where "Bill" came from, breathe into a man in his early years those charming attributes of modesty, sincerity, and thoroughness of which we see too little these days. "Bill" has them no less than when he left the campus with the rest of us.

It was my pleasure recently to sit beside him at dinner and I found him the same old "Bill," more mature, yes, but the same soft twinkle in his eyes. The bushy mop of hair is still there but white as any New England snow now.

"Bill's" first job was teaching English at Kents Hill where he stayed one year. In 1906 he went to the Plymouth High School to teach mathematics, leaving here in 1909. He was at Mercersburg Academy for two years, then four years in Jersey City. In 1916 St. Johnsbury Academy at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, called him. Here he stayed for two years. He then accepted the principalship of the Windsor Connecticut High School where he has been since. In the past seventeen years he has seen this high school grow from one hundred pupils to five hundred and thirty-five, the enrollment this year.

"Bill" was married in 1918 to Adelaide Hickcoft of Jersey City. She died in November, 1934, following an acute illness. "Bill" has one daughter, Ruth, thirteen years old, who is in her second year in the Windsor High School.

"Bill" says he does not get back to Maine as often as he wishes, but spends the most of his summers gardening and in organizing his work. He is active in the Congregational Church in Windsor, belongs to the Masons and the School Men's Round Table of central Connecticut. He is a past president and secretary of the National Education Association and has been secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

We are all proud of "Bill" in his work and look forward to seeing him at our next reunion in 1940. Nothing would please him more than to see some of us at any time at his home 28 Warham Street, Windsor, Conn.

1910

Correspondents:

Charles H. Swan
Lincoln, Me.
Mrs. C. J. Deans (Mary Donald)
State Normal School, Keene, N. H.

Your class agent attended the New York Colby Alumni Association meeting—40th anniversary—on April

3rd. An inspirational address was given by President Johnson at a most stimulating gathering.

Leona Achorn Gillis writes that her husband broke his shoulder a month ago. It handicaps him considerably as he is a traveling salesman. We wish for him a speedy and complete recovery from the effects of that accident.

A most interesting letter was received from Helen Joy Hinckley who is now Supervisor of the Infirmary at Pickwick Dam, Pickwick, Tenn., one of the newest of the T. V. A. projects. She lives 20 miles from any town and has every type of sickness in the hospital. She sees such poverty as she never knew existed. She wrote the letter during the storm and cyclone that laid waste that part of the country.

What is the matter with other nineteen-tenners? They must have writer's cramp.

1911

Correspondents:

Ralph E. Nash

4805 16th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mrs. Rose Carver Tilley, Ashland, Me.

Many replies are being received in answer to letters of your class agent and a great deal of enthusiastic interest is being shown in the plans for the twenty-fifth reunion of 1911.

Hazel Breckenridge Mailey who lives in Andover, Mass., has a daughter in the graduating class and a younger daughter who will enter Colby in the fall. Both plan to be present at Commencement. Hazel's husband is Manufacturing Superintendent of Pacific Mills, Worsted Division.

In answer to a question regarding husbands and children in one of my letters I received the following from Sinia King Leach:

"My husband is a professional church organist. For two years he held the office of Dean of the North-eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He is at present playing in Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) Scranton, Pa. I have one daughter, Eleanor Fay Leach, 10 years old; she is a very bright student in grade 6A Longfellow School, Scranton."

And this, from Louise Ross who has taught for some years in Pawtucket, R. I.

"As to my husband, he has never contributed anything to my support thus far. What he'll do in the future I dare not prognosticate. My children are two numerous to mention, in other words, I'm just a plain old maid schoolma'am."

A call on Rose Pillsbury LeBlance last summer discovered her very busy with the many duties of a menage which comprised herself, her husband and four rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed youngsters. One, a very attractive boy of seven she has adopted at the age of two and the other three she had taken into her home to care for. They seemed a very congenial and

happy family.

Mary Ingram Quinn's husband is Professor of Chemistry at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and she has two daughters who are growing up to be real western girls despite the fact that both parents are Easterners.

A clipping from the "Pearl of the Orient" contains a very interesting account of the daughter of Gertrude Coombs Rose, Elinor Virginia. She is now 17 and a junior in high school. A girl of many talents, she plays the pipe organ and piano, designs and makes many of her own and her mother's clothes, has a hobby of house planning and interior designing. She was born in this country, but has been in the Philippines since the age of four, with the exception of a year here with her parents in 1929. She will remain here next year to finish her preparatory work and looks forward to a college course—at Colby, we hope.

1912

Correspondents:

Walter J. Bidout, Portland, Me.

Mrs. A. L. Whittemore

31 Fern Park Ave., Old Orchard Beach, Me.

By way of Susan Leonard comes the first news most of us have had of Louise Powers since 1912. It appears she took her Ph. D. in sociology at University of Chicago and worked at Hull House under Jane Addams for a time but on going for a rest to an Episcopal convent at Kenosha, Wisconsin, decided to enter Kemper Hall as a sister.

How many of you remember Carl Smith? I hope you all do although Carl left us at the end of his Freshman year. He is a prosperous farmer and business man in Exeter, Maine, his home town and has recently been appointed one of the five members of the State Committee for administration of the Soil Conservation Act. Carl married Laura Getchell, also of 1912. I haven't any information about the size of his family. A recent picture in the Bangor News shows him to be a fine, upstanding man of very distinguished bearing. I am planning to look him up this summer.

Clayton Eames, County Attorney of Somerset County, Maine, has recently been elected Chairman of the Republican County Committee. That means Somerset for the Republicans in 1936!

You will be interested to know that Roger King (R. K.) Hodsdon is a Lieutenant in Uncle Sam's Navy and has recently had the signal honor of being assigned as Assistant Engineer aboard the U. S. S. Lexington, the giant aircraft carrier. His brother Richard Prince (R. P.) after a varied career received his diploma from Colby in the class of 1929. He is now principal of McGaw Normal Institute in New Hampshire.

Wilfred Gore Chapman, "Chappie," was the author of an article in the

Portland Sunday Telegram recently on Children's Courts. He had an excellent record as Judge of the Portland Municipal Court but is a Republican and so was not re-appointed.

If each one of you would send me a thumbnail biography on a postcard it would add much to the interest of this "colyum." "Obey that impulse!"

1916

Correspondents:

Cyril M. Joly

165 Main St., Waterville, Me.

Mrs. Carlos L. Hill (Vivian Skinner)
87 Pillsbury St., So. Portland, Me.

One of a series of personal sketches in the Boston Transcript of the presidents of Greater Boston Golf Clubs, has this to say concerning Arthur Bickford:

Only one golf tournament prize has ever come the way of the new Oakley Country Club president, Arthur Bickford, and that was last summer in the Bench and Bar play. Nevertheless, Bickford is a religious golfer by his own admission "and if my play is spotty, I make up for it by good fortune in choosing my partners."

There is still plenty of time to lower that twenty handicap, for Oakley's president is on the near side of forty, and as a good trial lawyer he should find ways and means of clipping strokes off his total. Born in Concord, N. H., his family moved to Belmont when Arthur went to Colby. Graduating in the class of '16, he added a year of Harvard law before the war took him to France with the artillery.

Back home, he finished his law course and joined the law firm of Hurlburt, Jones & Hall. He is married and has three boys, the oldest of them, Arthur Junior, just taking up golf at the age of ten. Bickford's own golf started during his years at Colby, when he played at Waterville Country Club.

Your class agent has received a fairly good response to the questionnaires mailed out, but there are many yet to reply and furnish material for the Alumnus, from whose Alumni Column, this class has been conspicuous by its absence.

Francis L. ("Spike") Irvin is in Woodland, Maine, as Employment Manager and Safety Director for the St. Croix Paper Company.

Fred C. English is superintendent of schools of Amesbury, Mass., is married and has two sons and a daughter. Recently, during the flood, he paddled a canoe up to the doorsteps of Raymond O. Davis, 1915, and rescued Raymond and his family from their home where the water was up to the floor level.

Everett P. Smith is principal of Leavitt Institute at Turner Center. He is married and has four children. He has been very successful in his work and in outside school activities. He is president of the Androscoggin County Teachers Association, and in said capacity will attend the Nation-

al Convention of educators at Portland, Oregon, in June, thereby missing Commencement.

Hermion O. (Heime) Goffin, is a travelling salesman with headquarters in Portland, where he lives with his wife and four children, one of whom has just been nominated as a candidate for West Point.

Dr. Donald S. Knowlton is a surgeon located at Columbia Medical Building in Washington. He is also active in the reserves of the United States Marine Corps.

Alden W. ("Eth") Allen, is superintendent of schools in Calais where he lives with his wife, two sons and two daughters.

William C. Schuster, is a teacher and athletic coach in the Central High School of Providence, R. I. "Dutch" is married and has three children.

Scott D. ("Sadie") Staples, believe it or not, is a politician, running for re-election as tax collector for the borough of Rutherford, New Jersey. He has two children, both pretty well grown up and in secondary schools, one, a son, Lyman, named after his old room mate and class mate, Dr. Lyman I. Thayer.

Frank C. Foster is professor of education and dean of instruction at Tusculum College, Greenville, Tennessee. Frank is married and has two boys. He has been very active in educational work and is much interested, on the side, in the T. V. A.

C. E. Dobbin is a geologist with the United States Geological Survey, located in Denver, Colorado, but temporarily in Washington. He is a member and officer of various scientific associations pertaining to his work, and is the author of many bulletins and papers on the subject.

Robert J. Doyle, is a successful attorney in Nashua, N. H. He intimates that he favors, and has been smiled upon, by the present administrator, but his modesty refrains us from citing his offices.

Norman Lindsay, for eleven years a missionary in Algeria, has been in Middleboro, Massachusetts, for the past five years teaching in the Bates School.

Irvin, Goffin, Allen, Schuster, Dobbin, and your Class Agent, plan definitely to attend the 20th reunion in June, and almost all the rest signify a fond and earnest hope, so you had better be there.

1920

Correspondents:

H. Thomas Urie
53 Charlotte Rd., Newton Centre, Mass.
Mrs. Frank Meigs (Retta Carter)
P. O. Box 25, Peru, N. Y.

It seems to be the established custom when writing of the graduated classes to reminisce and to paint the rosy picture of the good old days when such-and-such a class was in College. We are apt to forget the many inconveniences with which we struggled while in college and pass over lightly the antiquated equipment

with which our education was completed.

I should like in this issue to look forward rather than back and paint for you if possible the future of the new Colby which is rapidly taking shape. I should like to give you some idea of the things that are in store for your son and mine when he matriculates at Colby College some few years hence.

It was my good fortune the first of March to be in Maine on business and to be able to spend a few hours in Waterville, at which time I had the pleasure of a long talk with President Johnson regarding the erection of the new college. I wish that all of you might be able to have such a talk and to see the plans and pictures of the future Colby. I wish that you could go back shortly and see the landscaping that is now going on at the new campus but since many of you will be unable to do this, I may perhaps be able to describe it briefly.

Let us suppose that it is the year 1942 and I am returning to college to visit my oldest son who is then a freshman. I drive into Waterville from Winslow over the old route, but instead of proceeding up College Avenue, I turn to the left at the Elmwood Hotel and go out by the high school over the new cement bridge which now spans the Messalonskee River. About half a mile over the bridge I turn to the right and enter the new campus which has been attractively landscaped with trees, shrubbery and concrete walks and driveways. As I approach the college I see before me a large brick building of colonial architecture, the center of which is a beautiful tower. This building is the largest of the group and will house the new library.

In front of this building are several terraces and arranged on either side to the front and on the terraces are the buildings of the various departments and the Administration Building. In back of the library building and around it are the dormitories and a large spacious building which I suppose we could call the student's union. It is here the social activity of the students will be largely concentrated. It is here I understand that they will have their meals and here also will be rooms and accommodations available for the Alumni when they visit the college. As I go on farther down the hill I see the new gymnasium and the athletic field. Still further on is a beautiful pond which has been formed by the damming of a brook running through the campus.

Provisions have also been made for the erection of a row of faculty houses and apartments. A colonial brick water tower and observatory is also located on the hill. The chapel is another beautiful building. Some distance from the College just over the brow of Mayflower Hill is a natural amphitheatre which will eventually be developed and many of the outdoor activities of the Commencement

exercises can be conducted here. I have not described the buildings which will house the women's division of the college. Their section of the campus will be as beautiful as that of the men's division. I wish time and space would permit more detailed description of the physical equipment of the new college, but it will not, so I hope this brief outline will give some idea of what the college will look like on Mayflower Hill.

I think that many of us have as yet failed to realize the great good fortune that has come and is coming to Colby College. We have not understood just what was happening at Waterville. I hope that my efforts as Class Agent and correspondent will awake within you the realization of the fact that we are graduates of a college that is progressing while others are standing still. I would like to make you understand that it is by our example as loyal alumni that we attract to Colby and its needs those persons of influence and wealth who are ready to demonstrate a material interest in such a worthy institution. The building of the new college might be accomplished without the financial support of the Alumni. The program is well underway, but I cannot conceive of any alumnus not wanting to be a part of this great undertaking. So, my classmates of 1920, we can by word and deed, help to make Colby a better place to send our sons and daughters and the leading small college of New England.

1921

Correspondents:

Raymond Spinney
22 Allston Street, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Joseph Chaplin (Elizabeth Smith)
95 Elm St., Newport, Me.

Your scribe recently had an enjoyable half hour visit from Roland Ware, investment dealer of Portland, Maine, who said that he is most certainly going to be on deck for our Fifteenth Reunion!

One month from now, 1921ers will gather for the first "get-together" since 1931. Will YOU be there?

Chauncey Brown has been promoted in the N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Company and is now assistant manager in the state office of New Hampshire. His address is 266 Harrison Street, Manchester, N. H.

1924

Correspondents:

Joseph C. Smith
12 Park St., Waterville, Me.
Anne Brownstone
62 Central St., Peabody, Mass.

Mary Gordon writes from Atlanta, Ga.; "At last I have opened my own shop in Atlanta—on a shoestring, of course, but I think Mary Lou is going to make the grade." Mary's new address is: Mary Lou Shop, 45 Whitehall Street, Atlanta, Ga. Another changed address is that of Sippelle R. Daye, 44 West Cedar Street, Boston, Mass.

After a whirlwind courtship of

some 18 years, Grenville Bruce Eastman Vale and Miss Betty Brown were married in New York City on April 7th. The honeymoon was spent in Bermuda. After June first, the Vales will be at home at Colchester Arms, Scarsdale, N. Y., and are anxious to renew acquaintances with Colby folk in Westchester County.

John Barnes is moving into a new house this month and is apparently settling down to be a permanent citizen of Albany.

1925

Theodore R. Hodgkins
Farmington, Me.
Marjorie A. Everingham
Isham Infirmary, Phillips Academy
Andover, Mass.

Alice Bradford McDonald is now Mrs. J. Raymond Mills and is living in Archer, Florida.

1929

Correspondents:
Ernest E. Miller
19 Andrews St., Bethel, Conn.
Miss Elsie H. Lewis
Green Mountain Junior College
Poultney, Vermont

Clifford McGaughey, known in college for his work in the gymnasium, now a teacher in Presque Isle High School, has ambitions to sit among the lawmakers in Augusta next session. "Mac" announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the Maine Legislature last month. Good luck, "Mac!"

"Phil" Higgins, a Portland boy who was with us only two years at Colby but in that short time won his spurs for 'being a good student and a good fellow, is today an accountant for the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., in Boston. At Rochester, N. H., in 1929, he married Alice R. Straw. They have a son, Donald P., born January 8, 1932, and their home is at 28 Edith St., Everett, Mass.

The biographical record of Frank Twadelle shows that he received his M. D. degree from Boston University in 1933. Since then Frank has been an interne at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, in the Surgical Service of the Nanchang General Hospital, Nanchang, Kiangesi, China, for eight months; a postgraduate and secretary of the American Medical Association, Vienna, Austria; and has had surgical experience at the Kozkorlaz General Hospital, Szombathely, Hungary. In September of last year he married Agnes Pearle Poore, an alumna of the College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., at Vienna. Although Frank is undecided as to his permanent professional location, he may be addressed for the present at 192 Washington St., Wellesley, Mass.

Birthday Greetings to Kirk R. Lavigne, born May 23, 1933, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lavigne.

Word has just been received of the death of Lora Cummings Neal on May 1 in Wilmington, Delaware. An account of her life will appear in the next issue of the Alumnus.

A \$50,000 two-alarm fire in Worcester, Mass., on April 24th did several thousands of dollars damage to the building which housed, among several business firms, the Lavigne Press, of which Bob Lavigne is president. The Worcester Telegram stated that repairs would begin at once.

Twenty-Niners seen at the alumni meetings: Coker (insurance); Chute (education); Lavigne (printing); Irvine (N. E. Tel. & Tel.); Potter (professor); Stinchfield (M. D.); Tierney (education); Newcombe (music); Miller (banker); Bell (insurance).

1935

Correspondent:
Maurice Krinsky
14 Fairbanks St., Worcester, Mass.
Miss Virginia Moore
College Highway, Southwick, Mass.

Hilda Wood has joined the teaching staff at Strong, Me., where there are 73 pupils and three teachers which sounds as if there would be plenty to do.

Ruth Wheeler is at the Colby library keeping company with lots of books.

Time certainly has brought many changes in several instances in our class. As I look in retrospect, I can see where many of us have hit our stride and are destined for contented

places in the business, professional and social world. As your class correspondent, there's been much satisfaction in learning of your rapid strides. Reporting to you in this column in regard to some I hope will make you feel as satisfied.

Morris Cohen and Ray Goldstein penned again, this time from Essex, Calif., where they have settled for a short while after a stay in Los Angeles. They wrote, "we're getting along fine out here, working on a ranch, basking in the sun, rolling our own cigarettes and getting haircuts that leave us almost bald! We're in beautiful, restful desert country, up at 4:30 A. M.—to bed at 7:30 P. M. You'd hardly know us now!"

Please note the following new addresses: Herbert M. Koven, 1355 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Elbridge B. Ross, Colby College, Waterville, Me.

We understand Herb Koven is now a manufacturer, having entered the shoe and slipper business in a big way. "Hocker" Ross, after a triumphant Olympic hockey trip and tour, has joined the college administrative staff as a contact man for the college for prospective high and preparatory schools. To both of you mates, bountiful good wishes. We've yet to hear from you. How about it?

We hope to see Bob Wetteneau this month in Hartford, and shall forward you information on his progress since leaving college.

Boris P. Sherman, Jr., is studying medicine in Scotland.

Donald Larkin is at McGill University Medical School, where he will be joined next year by Albert Piper, '36.

Arthur B. Wein is at B. U. Medical School.

Richard N. Ball is employed at his father's store in Waterville from last reports.

William T. Paine, a former classmate of ours is at college in Dallas, Texas, still strong to Lambda Chi!

Sid Schiffman is a traveling salesman for his dad's jewelry concern, and found occasion to witness the Colby-Vermont football game last fall, while on one of his trips.

Edward Rick, ex-'35, is working in Boston and recently visited your correspondent in Worcester.

Leo Barron is operating a restaurant together with his brother in Waterville.

Last reports had Kenneth F. Mills with the W. T. Grant Stores, in Roxbury, Mass.

With Commencement next month, it is hoped many of you will get the opportunity to get back to the campus to renew old acquaintances, and in general to "bull" about things. Certainly do try to get a line to us before then so that we can make some plans for a gala time, if possible. To those of you who have not as yet written, do try to do so real soon. A class letter will soon be in your hands, and undoubtedly will have reached you at this reading.

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