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THE PICTURE on the front cover of the present issue is of a large wooden lion. The lion is American (from Newbury, Vermont) and dates from about 1835. The picture on the back cover is of a large iron rooster weathervane (American, nineteenth century). Both the lion and the rooster are in The Helen and Willard Howe Cummings Collection in the Colby Museum of Art.

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On September 26, during Upper Class Parents' Weekend, the Colby Library Associates sponsored a second annual bookfair featuring Maine publishers and antiquarian bookdealers. Ongoing construction of the Library addition has deprived us of the use of the loading dock, so the fair was moved to the second floor of Roberts Union. Eleven dealers and one publisher exhibited their wares to over 300 customers who visited the booths throughout the day. The emphasis was on books printed in or about Maine, but also available were materials on the United Society of Shakers, and military and transportation history. Everyone, customers and dealers alike, seemed pleased with the fair and plans are being made now to sponsor the event again next year.

The James A. Healy collection of Anglo-Irish literature was fortunate to be able to make a significant addition to its Cecil Day Lewis collection. We obtained Lewis's first book of verse, *Beechen Vigil; and Other Poems* (London: Fortine, 1925). This acquisition fills an important gap in what is very nearly a complete collection of Lewis's work.

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