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INTERCOLLEGIATE PEACE ORATIONS

LOCAL CONTEST TO BE HELD MARCH 9, PROF. A. C. BAIRD
CHAIRMAN OF MAINE BRANCH

The local contest for the best Peace Oration which is under the direction of the Intercollegiate Peace Association is announced for Thursday, March 9. The arrangements will be in charge of Professor A. C. Baird who is Chairman of the Maine branch of the Intercollegiate Peace Association. At this contest a representative will be selected to compete with the other Maine colleges in April. Bates, with her three successive victories in the State contest since the establishment of this annual activity in 1914, has developed a record in oratory consistent with her proud traditions in debating.

Perley W. Lane, '17, not only won the State prize last year, but received first place from one of the judges in the contest of the North Atlantic group, at Worcester, Massachusetts. The winner in this division, Mr. Wennerbery, of Boston College, also ranked first in the national contest at the Lake Mohonk Conference in May, 1915. With such a record as this, our chances for repeating this year are of the best, and many should avail themselves of the opportunity to try out for this contest. The winner of the local contest will be eligible to membership in the Delta Sigma Rho, an honor which few men in this State can claim.

The following rules and regulations govern both the local and intercollegiate contests:

1. All colleges and universities entering the oratorical contests of this association must choose their representatives to the State contest by means of a local contest in which there must be at least three contestants. A contestant representing any college or university must be a bona fide student carrying at least twelve hours of work.

2. The first prize winners in the local contests shall represent their college or university in the State contests of their respective States; first prize winners in State contests shall represent their respective States in an interstate contest; and first prize winners in group contests shall represent their respective groups in an inter-group, or national contest.

3. If for any reason the first prize winner in a State contest is unable, or refuses, to represent his State in the group contest, he shall be awarded the second prize and the second prize winner shall receive the first prize and represent the State in the group contest. No first prize shall be given to any contestant who refuses to represent his State or group, as the case may be.

4. Type written copies of all prize winning orations must be sent to the executive secretary, or deposited with a State chairman, before the winner shall be entitled to any prize money.

5. No contestant will be permitted to use an oration that he has used in a contest in any other oratorical association. Revising of an oration will not make it a new oration. Violation of this rule will forfeit any prize money that might be won.

6. All orations in local, State, group or national contests must be limited to sixteen minutes in delivery. This rule is imperative. Any speaker who exceeds sixteen minutes will be called down by the chairman, and so lose the effect of his closing words.

7. No student will be permitted to participate in a State contest more than once. If he has participated in the State contest in one State, he will not be permitted to participate in a contest in any other State.

8. All local contests should be held before the middle of March, and if not held ten days prior to the State contest, such institution may be barred by the State chairman. State contests should be held before the middle of April and must be held at least ten days prior to the date of the group contest of which it is a member.

Group contests will be held the latter part of April or the first week in May. The national contest will be held at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., at the time of the Lake

Mohonk conference, which is usually held sometime after the middle of May.

9. A prize of \$10.00 will be awarded to the winner of the local contest. He is also eligible to membership in the Delta Sigma Rho. (This applies to Bates only). The first prize in the State contest is \$75.00, and the second prize \$50.00. There are at least two national prizes, one of not less than \$100.00 and one not less than \$75.00.

The Intercollegiate Peace Association was organized at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, in April, 1906, and had its inception among the Mononite, Dunkard, and Friends of Ohio, and Indiana. The fundamental purpose of the Association, to quote from the constitution, is "to enlist the co-operation of college men in the furtherance of the cause of international peace and the adoption of unlimited arbitration in the settlement of international differences; and more particularly to arouse an interest in the peace movement among the student body of our colleges and universities, believing that the national policies of the future can be effectively shaped by moulding the ideals of the undergraduate of today."

In discussing ways and means by which educational institutions could further the cause of peace, the organization suggested two plans: lectures and addresses before the student bodies, and intercollegiate oratorical contests by students who should for this purpose prepare original orations. Since lack of funds made it impossible to put in the field lecturers, the association has confined its work largely to oratorical contests.

The first contest was held in the spring of 1907, the colleges and universities of Ohio and Indiana alone participating. In 1911 seven States engaged in the contests, in 1912, eleven States, in 1913, sixteen States, in 1914, twenty-two States, in 1915, twenty-four States. In this year 574 orations were written and 124 colleges and universities were represented. In the development of this work among the colleges, the association has had the co-operation of the World Peace Foundation, the Massachusetts Peace Society, and the New England Branch of the American Peace Society.

PRESIDENT CHASE'S LETTER

To the Editors of the Bates Student:

You have courteously asked me to give some account of my observations and experiences during the two weeks that I have recently spent away from the College. The question has frequently been asked me since my return on January 26th, "Did you have a good time while away?" More frequently, perhaps, "Did you have an enjoyable time?" This is a question that none understanding the nature and purpose of my quest away from home would think of presenting in that form.

The duties that engage my thought are necessarily anxious and perplexing. If there be enjoyment it is incidental and, indeed, I found some very happy satisfaction in meeting graduates of Bates and personal friends.

The New York Bates Alumni Lunch for midwinter was held at Hotel Netherland, January 15. The attendance was fair—about thirty. The place was tasteful, convenient, and in every way suitable. I have never seen our graduates at such a gathering entering more naturally and heartily into a renewal of cherished associations. The lunch was excellent but all were absorbed in happy conversation and the remarks that followed were of exceptional interest. The program was completed by an exhibition with lantern slides of pictures of the Bates of early times and the Bates of to-day. Professor Pomeroy would have felt himself richly repaid for all his efforts in obtaining the slides used, could he have seen the interest that the pictures awakened.

In telling those present about the

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STANTON CLUB BANQUET

LARGE NUMBER OF ALUMNI
PRESENT

Prof. Stanton Guest of Honor

On Friday evening, Feb. 4, Rand Hall was the scene of one of the most delightful reunions in the history of the Stanton Club. After a pleasant social hour in the Fiske room, the Alumni and their friends adjourned to the Gymnasium where the banquet was served. The room was appropriately decorated with Bates banners and evergreen. On the tables pussy willows and marguerites were tastefully arranged, while the college garnet appeared in the form of beautiful carnations on the speakers table. Prof. Stanton, for whom the Club was named, was the guest of honor.

Several of the young women of the college including, Flora Warren '16, Agnes Thompson '16, Agnes Bryant '16, Alice Russell '16, Alma Gregory '16, Mildred Robertson '16, Julie Farnsworth '17, Lottie Gregg '17, Burtra Dresser '17, Mary Cleves '17, Celia Smith '17, Eleanor Hayes '19, Gladys Logan '19, and Sarah Jones '19, assisted in serving. Giant catered

The music of the Girls' Mandolin Club, rendered during the dinner was greatly appreciated by the guests. The Bates Quartette, consisting of J. L. Sherman '17, 1st tenor; D. L. Quackenbush '18, 2nd tenor; E. F. Upham '17, baritone; E. B. Renwick '18, bass, was given a cordial welcome, and sang most acceptably; while, both in the selection and in the rendering of his solos, Mr. Renwick met with the applause which was certainly his due.

President Jed F. Fanning, presiding as toastmaster, introduced Prof. Stanton as the first speaker. As "Uncle Johnny" rose to respond he was given a hearty welcome and every guest rose to do him honor. He spoke with his characteristic charm, expressing his appreciation of the love of all Bates graduates and how much it meant to him. With his customary modesty, he said that he had been overvalued, but that he enjoyed any amount of overvaluation.

President Fanning then called upon President Chase, who spoke in behalf of all Bates men and women, of the unflinching optimism of Prof. Stanton and of his devotion to Bates for fifty years. He contrasted the Bates of fifty years ago with a campus of ten acres, two buildings, a Faculty of three, a student body of fifteen and no graduates, with the Bates of today with fifteen buildings, a Faculty of thirty, a student body of four hundred and seventy, a library of forty thousand volumes, a fund approaching the million dollar mark and graduates numbering over two thousand. President Chase gave no small amount of credit for this rapid growth to the unstinted service of Prof. Stanton. He closed with these words, "May we give proof in our loyalty to Prof. Stanton that we are proud to call Bates our Alma Mater."

Mrs. Ethel Cummings Pierce, in responding to her toast for Bates women, took for her subject, "Preparedness"—the preparedness of college women for home making. She told of the great need of this phase of a college woman's training. She spoke of the excellent way in which Bates is meeting this need and she made a plea for more work and better equipment along this line.

John L. Reade '83, treasurer of the general Alumni Association, gave a brief history of the Association, which was organized Aug. 3, 1867, the summer after the first class had graduated. With a membership of eight, they adopted a constitution and elected officers. Since 1870 the Association has met annually. In 1874, thru the efforts of President Chase, Everett Nash and Clarence Bickford, a charter was granted. Every graduate is a member and, as such, has the power to vote for two members of the board of overseers. The money received from dues is expended for the benefit of the college, and Mr. Reade closed his remarks with a plea for more careful attention on the

BATES RELAY TEAM LOSES AT BOSTON

BOWDOIN WINS STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bates relay team, which went to Boston, Saturday, Feb. 5, to compete in the Annual Indoor Handicap Games of the B. A. A., had a very pleasant trip although it did not succeed in winning the race.

Bates was represented by Snow, '16, Connors, '17, Kennedy, '17, and Lawrence, '18, accompanied by Coach Ryan and Manager Stone. Capt. Boyd was unable to be with the team owing to the very sudden death of his mother.

Bates and Bowdoin ran the first race, and our chances of winning seemed very good until one of our men had the misfortune to fall, thereby losing ground which could not be regained by the two men who followed him.

Lawrence started the race for Bates and was thirty yards in the lead of Prince of Bowdoin during his whole race. This lead was given over to Snow, our second man, who, although losing a little ground, was running a fine race until he fell on his last lap.

This gave Simonton of Bowdoin a big gain, and lost our opportunities for winning the race. Connors and Kennedy both ran exceptionally well, and gained some on their opponents. The time for the race was three minutes and sixteen seconds.

The University of Maine won her race from Colby in the time of three minutes and thirteen and two-fifths seconds. Bowdoin and Maine were to run off the final, but the race had to be called off on account of a sprained tendon which Ziegler of Maine sustained in the race. Bowdoin consequently won the trophy and the State championship.

After the games the Bates team attended a banquet at the Boston Club House given by the Boston Athletic Association to all the officials, contestants, and invited guests.

part of the members to the payment of their dues and loyalty to the Association.

O. B. Clason '77 just briefly, called attention to the fact that the general Alumni catalogue has just been issued and is ready for sale among the graduates. The catalogue includes the graduates of the college of the Divinity school, and quite a complete list of non graduates.

Clarence Quinby '10 told in a very interesting way a little of the history of the national organization of Delta Sigma Rho in general, and of the new Bates chapter in particular. Membership in the organization is honorary and is granted to those colleges, only, in which debating and public speaking have gained due recognition. During his talk he gave some interesting facts concerning our debating record. Bates has won seventy-nine per cent of the thirty-seven debates in which she has taken part. This is the highest per cent of any college in the country. Colgate, with seventy-five per cent, is our nearest competitor. Mr. Quinby pointed out the fact that this enviable record has been made during the twenty-five years in which Prof. Robinson has served as Prof. of Oratory, and that too much credit could not be given him for his splendid work. He also gave due credit to the men who have served during that time in the department of Argumentation.

Coach R. D. Purinton '00, spoke next on preparedness and military training in college. "The real problem of preparedness for schools and colleges," he said, "is the development of an all round man and not the problem of teaching tactics. In the college, military training should not take the place of physical training, but if wisely coordinated with it is beneficial. Our Faculty committee on curriculum is considering the giving of credit to students who may take the work in federal military camps. In the physical department of our own college we need better

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FACING THE FACTS ABOUT VITAL RELIGION

THE Y. M. C. A. VOLUNTARY
STUDY COURSES

Second Semester

The Voluntary Study Department of the Bates College Y. M. C. A. has every reason to feel gratified at the success of its work during the first semester. There were fifteen classes, holding at least ten sessions with an actual enrollment of over 165.

Plans for the classes which are to meet on Monday evenings from 6.45 to 7.45 during the period February 14-March 20, were announced at the Conference Hour on Thursday.

A brief outline of the courses follows:

1. **The Liquor Problem:** Text Book, "The Liquor Problem" by Professor Norman E. Richardson of Boston University and others. Such topics will be considered as: The Magnitude and Seriousness of the Liquor Problem, The Effect of Alcohol upon Race Welfare, The Liquor Traffic and the Public School, Alcohol the Enemy of Labor, The Political Activity of the Liquor Interests, etc. The Leader is Rev. R. F. Johannot, A.M., LL.B., D.D., Bates '79, pastor of the First Universalist Church of Auburn. Dr. Johannot has been a teacher, lawyer and pastor, and from wide study and activity in social and reform work is well qualified to direct the course, which in addition to being listed under the Y. M. C. A. is the official study class for the Bates Intercollegiate Prohibition Association.

2. **The Christian Equivalent of War:** Text book, "The Christian Equivalent of War" by D. Willard Lyon, First Secretary to China of the Foreign Department, International Committee, Y. M. C. A. "This book is meant to aid the study of the elemental factors in the use of force, and is an effort to respond to the insistent call for larger and more conclusive thinking regarding the application of the principles of Jesus Christ to international and interracial relationships." Leader, Professor Halbert H. Britan, A.M., Ph.D., Yale 1902.

3. **The Students of Asia:** Text book, "The Students of Asia" giving a vivid account of the conditions affecting the college men and women of Eastern lands, the educational systems of their countries, their racial qualities, manner of life, modes of thought, religious interests, moral perils and the paths to power that open out before them as the future leaders of nations in transition." The author G. Sherwood Eddy, Yale, '91 Sheffield, is Intercollegiate Y. M. C. A. Secretary for Asia. Leader Professor R. A. F. McDonald, A.M., Ph.D., McMaster, 1904.

4. **The Family Problem:** Text book, "What Men Live By", Richard C. Cabot, M.D., Harvard Medical School, author. This course, a study in Work, Play, Love, and Worship will be offered at the Main Street Free Baptist Church on Sundays at 12.00 M. Leader, Professor Samuel F. Harms, A.M., University of Michigan, 1909.

5. **"Popular Amusements":** Text Book, "Christianity and Amusements," by Richard Henry Edwards, Secretary of the International Committee. Graham Taylor of the Chicago Commons says of this course, "In this long awaited first book of its kind primary emphasis is placed on a formative ideal, a constructive method and a positive program. The theater, both the regular drama and the "movies" public dance halls, athletics, professional and amateur, public amusement parks and places are among the definite problems treated and discussed. Leader, the General Secretary of the Association, Harry W. Rowe, Bates, 1912.

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EDITORIALS

OUR CUT SYSTEM

If a Bates student were asked, "What kind of a cut system does your college maintain?" he would most likely answer, "Why, I hardly know—perhaps you wouldn't call it a cut system at all. In fact, I guess we haven't any." In the generally accepted meaning of the term, as applied in most colleges, Bates does not have a cut system. She has never seen fit to provide a means whereby it is possible for a student to miss a certain number of hours of prescribed college work and still be in good standing. While other colleges have adopted cut systems of various kinds, Bates, up to the present college year, has held to her old method of requiring excuses from professors and instructors for all absences from regular college work—a failure to attend recitation, unless excused, giving the offender a zero for that particular absence.

For many reasons this method has seemed unsatisfactory both to students and faculty, and, at the opening of college last fall, a new scheme was introduced. The nature of this new scheme, briefly, is as follows: All excuses must be obtained from the President or Dean, as the case may be, before the absence, if possible, and if not, within two days after the absence from recitation occurs. Otherwise no excuses are granted. Furthermore, "for every unexcused absence from class one-fifth of an hour's semester credit will be deducted from the student's total credits." While it must be admitted that this new system is much more efficient in meeting the end for which it is designed than the old method was, still even this new idea can hardly be termed a "bona fide" cut system. On the surface this new system appears to be wholly adequate to meet all the demands which may be made upon it. All excuses come from the President or Dean and are handed to the Registrar, where they are credited to the accounts of the various students. The professors and instructors give no excuses. The only duty placed upon them is to hand in the names of the absentees from their respective classes. Each unexcused absence counts one-fifth of an hour's discredit against the offender. Five unexcused absences make up an hour's discredit; and fifteen unexcused absences deduct a three-hour course from the total number of semester hours. Thus, in theory at least, the tendency is for everyone to see to it, as far as possible, that all absences from class are excused.

Now let us consider this system from the standpoint of actual practical application. Some things, which look feasible from the theoretical point of view, fail to work out entirely satisfactorily when subjected to the test of practical use. In the first place, this new system, although seemingly quite simple, is in reality quite complex. Mistakes are numerous and in many instances entirely unavoidable. This necessitates much red tape, and re-

sults in general confusion for all concerned. The student who has been unfortunate enough to experience a little of this sort of thing will not ask for any further proof of the contention.

In the second place, the "one-fifth of an hour" arrangement presents a problem of no small importance. The minimum number of hours required of all students for each semester is 15, that is, five three-hour courses. This means 15 hours a semester, 30 hours a year, 120 hours at the end of four years. A student is required to present at least 122 semester hours for graduation. This necessitates some extra courses. As the thing usually works out, the average student, at the end of his four years, has several hours over and above the required 122. Most of the courses offered by the college give credit. However, this is not true of all. Physical Training is required of all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors from Thanksgiving until Easter. No credit is given for this course, but for every unexcused absence one-fifth of an hour's credit is deducted from the student's total number of credits. Oratory, after the first semester of the Sophomore year, is an elective course. It gives no credit, yet if a student wants to take the course, he lays himself liable to the loss of one-fifth of an hour for every time he is absent from class.

Now let us see just how significant these facts are. Suppose a student takes, on the average, 16 semester hours for four years. When he gets ready to graduate he will have a total of 128 semester hours to his credit. During his Freshman year he has 16 unexcused absences. Five of these 16 unexcused absences are from Gymnasium, a course that gives him absolutely no credit. During his Sophomore year he has 15 unexcused absences. Eight of these are from Physical Work and two from Oratory (an elective course after the middle of the Sophomore year), neither of which give him any credit. During his Junior year he has 9 unexcused absences. Four are from Physical Work and one from Oratory. During his Senior year he has 6 unexcused absences. This makes a total of 40 unexcused absences for his four years' course which means a loss of eight semester hours. Twenty of these 40 unexcused absences are from Required Physical Work and Oratory, courses which give no credit whatever. With eight semester hours deducted from his total number of credits, a student with 128 semester hours to his credit cannot graduate, for 122 hours are required and he has only 120. Even if he had 121 1/4 hours he still could not graduate. If he happened to have only 125 semester hours to his credit, the four hours of discredit from Physical Training and Oratory alone would be sufficient to keep him from graduating. On the other hand, if a student maintains an average of 18 hours throughout his four years' course, he will have a total credit of 144 semester hours. This gives him 22 semester hours more than the required number. Twenty-two hours are equal to 110 fifths of an hour, or in other words, a student may cut class 110 times and still have a sufficient number of hours to his credit to graduate, or he may stay out of college altogether for the last six weeks as far as required semester hours for graduation are concerned. And right here it might be noted that an absence from class simply deducts a fifth of an hour from the total number of credits and does not affect the rank of the student. Thus the student, with 144 semester hours to his credit, could cut classes for six weeks without materially affecting his standing.

That our cut system is not without its flaws cannot be denied. It also must be admitted that it is highly unpopular with the student body. It has been a subject of discussion all the year, and the posting of the "cuts" the other morning on the bulletin board served but to make the feeling of general dissatisfaction all the more evident. We wonder if the adoption of a system similar to that in vogue in some of our sister colleges would not prove more satisfactory than the one we now have. Suppose every student were allowed as many cuts in each course as semester hours offered. For example, Junior English, a four-hour course, would give opportunity for four cuts a semester; French, a three-hour course, would give three cuts, etc. More than the allotted number of cuts in any course would be considered as absences unless excused. Would not some such system as this simplify matters? Then again, it seems hardly fair that a course which gives no credit whatever should deduct credit from other courses, as is the case at the present time. We realize that some incentive to attend such courses may be needed, but it seems advisable that some other means should be provided other than the loss of

a fifth of an hour's credit. It is generally supposed that college students are capable of choosing for and looking after themselves. The restrictions of preparatory school days are, for the most part, considered out of place in college life. Many of our students are of age, and it is only in keeping with their status as American citizens that they should govern their own actions to a great extent. It is an absolute impossibility for every student to be in attendance at every recitation every day. Thus we have a condition which actually exists. Why not have a cut system of such a nature as to provide for this condition, and why not make it a system which is in keeping with the broad aspect of college life?

OBSERVANT CITIZEN

In concluding his speech at the Stanton Club banquet Coach "Pury" said: "The position of President Wilson in regard to military training for college men is unknown. Taft advocates two years' training, while possibly Roosevelt would have the boy do nothing else." The coach also emphasized "alertness."

The person who discovered the antiquated sheep at the commons last week, has evidently been unsuccessful in his search for the rest of the cyclops' flock. At least the specimens have not yet been put on exhibition.

The food at the commons has been much better than usual lately. The baked beans Wednesday and Saturday nights were good enough to make Van Camp go out of business, and the chicken Sunday was way ahead of Campbell's best efforts.

Suppose we post a notice on the bulletin boards when the faculty cut their examinations.

Prof. Gould has been confined to the house with a sore toe. We wonder if the condition of said toe is due to callousness or carelessness. At any rate he was careful that it should happen just at a time when it would not be necessary to give cuts.

Has everyone been over to the Registrar's office to fix up all the suprious cuts charged against them?

About exams: Probably much of the material handed in will never be read. Something like three thousand books of paper were used. You are no more desirous of eliminating exams than are the professors. Some of the writing resembled duck's tracks in a mud puddle, some was done with a stick of cord wood.

There is no perceptible increase in laundry this week. Everybody was honest.

The expressions "get by" and "how did you hit it?" were worked to death.

College professors are guilty of delinquency that would not be tolerated in the business world. This is their privilege.

At the bottom of the commons board-bills are printed the regulations by which the commons treasurer is governed. He is very thankful for the cooperation of nearly all the students with whom he has dealings. It is possible to live by these regulations.

Stores are having a run on checkerboards. A checker club will soon be organized.

Resolutions for the new semester are in order.

Efficiency in waiters or anybody else means the elimination of all false movements and wasted energy. No duplications and no repetitions.

The most valuable man is the man who always does the right thing without being told. Next to him is the man who does the right thing after being told once.

Did you see the young geyser on the campus last week?

There should be a dictionary in the reading room of the library.

The Juniors have the best hockey team thus far.

When repairs are needed around the college dormitories, such needs should be reported at once by some responsible party such as a president of a Hall Association or a janitor, at the heating plant. A letter box for receiving such reports has been attached to the shop door, and, if there is nobody in the shop to whom to report, leave a note reporting the needed repair and it will be attended to as soon as it can be reached. Before steps are taken to effect alterations or improvements in college buildings the superintendent of grounds and buildings should be consulted.

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The Sophomore English exam was an hour quiz.

Everybody went to church last Sunday. Central did not report 433 as busy.

Two-thirds of the men went to breakfast this morning.

The current magazines were all on the shelf for three days.

Not a man "erabbed" at the Commons this week.

No examinations were held February 2 on account of snow.

Somebody returned the lost mail in Parker Hall.

No one borrowed the Journal in Roger Williams Hall.

The Seniors all remained quiet in chapel one morning, date unspecified.

The Chapel gallery was empty that same morning.

Everybody in the library last week was there to study.

The Quality Shop was empty last Saturday afternoon.

A Freshman gave himself up at the police station for manslaughter.

If you would care to see Bates fight in its real essence you should have seen the Bates relay team run at the B. A. A. meet on the evening of Feb. 5, 1916. They were supported by a goodly number of Bates grads from Boston and vicinity, while some came up from Rhode Island to get behind the team. Bates men are loyal wherever you go.

Y. M. C. A.

At the regular meeting last week Secretary Rowe was the leader, his subject being "God—Not a Santa Claus." He said, we were accustomed to think as children that we could obtain anything we wanted by praying for it, but as we grew older we sort of lost faith in prayer and became impatient and gave it up. We used to think that God was a kind of Santa Claus, and if we were persistent enough we could obtain anything we asked for.

Mr. Rowe said we should not give up prayer but should seek new motives for prayer.

A precedent was broken in having a meeting during the week of examinations but there was a good attendance.

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Captain William Boyd of the relay team was called home just before the relay races by news of the death of his mother. He went immediately to his home in Norwich, Conn., leaving the relay team in charge of Frank Kennedy. The students all sympathize deeply with Boyd in his bereavement.

The book store at the Y. M. C. A. office has opened and has begun business with a rush. The way the students flock to this place shows how the men desire and appreciate a square deal on a matter like this. It is with little helps and conveniences like this that this organization proves itself to be one of the widely useful and indispensable institutions of the college to the men.

The date of the Bates-Tufts debate in City Hall has been announced as March 17. This date has been adopted by all the colleges in the Bates-Clark-Tufts Triangular Debating League and will be the final choice unless some conflict arises that has thus far been overlooked.

Watch for the new courses that the Y. M. C. A. will offer in their lecture courses this semester. They will be announced as soon as the leaders are chosen. A large enrollment may be expected if the number who were in the classes last year is taken into consideration with the increased interest of the subjects.

Several Bates Alumni were on the Campus last Saturday and visited the library to note the collection of Copley Prints on exhibition there and also expressed their pleasure at the library of French books that has been donated the college recently. This collection is in the art room at Coram Library. Have any of the students noted these two things except in a casual way?

The rest rooms in Roger Williams Hall for Alumni have been very tastefully furnished by the Y. M. C. A. In other words, Mr. Rowe has been at the head of another movement for making Bates what the students term a "regular college." These rooms are on the second floor, over the registrar's office. They have already been occupied by several persons who have been visiting at the college.

The steam pipes had a tendency to leak last week back of Coram Library and a miniature geyser resulted. The most important effect was the appearance of a distinct green tint to the grass in that neighborhood. Men soon came to fix the place, but all those that had passed knew that spring is on the way and exams are only for a week anyway.

Now that the relay season is over for the Bates 'varsity, the next athletic events are the beginning of base ball work and the indoor meet in City Hall, March 7. The Freshmen are designing emblems for class track suits, the Sophomores are wondering what is going to happen to their relay team, the Juniors are wishing John Butler was back and the Seniors are thinking what a shame it was that they could not have won that meet all four years. Coach Ryan is scurrying around looking for new features for the meet and everybody else is looking around for a stray quarter to pay their admission.

The Juniors defeated the Freshmen last Saturday in a hockey game, 4-1. It behooves the other classes to hustle, or the Juniors will have things all their own way.

Bates lost a warm friend of the college recently in the death of the mother of William B. Kendall. She was nearly ninety-three years old at the time of her death. Pres. Chase officiated at the funeral services last Sunday.

STANTON CLUB BANQUET

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correlation so that positive credit may be given the student for his work."

At the business meeting it was voted to hold the next annual meeting on the college campus. The following officers were elected: President, John R. Dunton '87, Belfast; Vice President, L. E. Moulton '93, Auburn; Secretary-treasurer, L. M. Sanborn '92, Portland; executive committee, L. B. Costello '98; E. V. Call '00; Mrs. Ethel Cummings Pierce '94; Mrs. S. F. Harms '13, all of Lewiston; Harold A. Allan '06, Augusta; Raymond S. Oakes '09, Portland; Helen Vose '13, Sabattus.

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COLLEGE NOTES

The students of Wesleyan University have voted to abolish the annual "Cannon Scrap" between the Sophomores and the Freshmen. On a certain midnight each year, the Freshmen have dragged an old cannon to the Wesleyan campus in the face of Sophomore opposition. If the former succeeded in keeping the cannon there, they were allowed to fire it. In recent years, the increasing number of students has made the struggle around the cannon a dangerous sport.

The faculty of Bowdoin College have taken a stand for preparedness. They have suggested that credit should be given toward the A.B. degree for studies in Military Science; also that students should be encouraged to attend summer military camps.

Several members of Harvard University from the Orient will take part in a Chinese play with an all-Chinese cast, to be presented in Copley Hall, Boston, Feb. 25th. The masculine roles will be taken by undergraduates from Harvard and Technology, and Chinese girls from Wellesley and Radcliffe will act feminine parts.

Two Belgian professors from the University of Louvain are among the distinguished lecturers that have been engaged to speak at the University of Wisconsin during the second semester of this year.

The New Hampshire College Glee Club started on a two-weeks' trip Feb. 1. Thirty-three men took the trip, including the eleven piece orchestra.

The degree of Bachelor of Education will be conferred for the first time next June by the University of Washington in St. Louis.

Harvard has a Freshman athlete who promises to become an all-round star and win his 'varsity letter in at least three sports. His name is H. C. Flower, Jr. He was captain of the Freshman foot ball team, captain of the 1919 relay team this winter, and is sure of a place on the 1919 base ball and track teams this spring.

Military drill and lectures on tactics at Dartmouth have begun. The Dartmouth battalion has been formed, and the enlistment list is fast approaching 500.

Columbia University has just received an extremely valuable edition of Shakespeare's complete plays from an early folio, dated 1623.

The faculty members of the Massachusetts Agricultural College laid aside their dignity for three hours recently, and staged a successful vaudeville show in the Auditorium before 900 people.

Yale and Harvard graduates of 1889 came together in New York at a fraternal lunch recently, the first event of its kind in the history of the two universities.

Caps and gowns will be eliminated as a Commencement Week costume for the graduates of 1917 at Smith College, according to an action taken by the Junior class.

Oberlin College of Ohio has received a bequest of \$100,000, one-half of which will be used for the construction and equipment of a hospital building.

At Brown University the latest catalog shows the number of students three times that of 1891. There has been an increase of from 352 students in 1891 to 1114 students in 1915.

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ALUMNI NOTES

1880—Newell A. Avery, of the class of 1880, Cobb Divinity School, died suddenly on January 26th, at his home in Ashland, N. H. Mr. Avery held pastorates in Epsom, Water Village, Manchester, Alton, and Ashland, N. H. He was chaplain of the New Hampshire Legislature in 1895.

O. H. Drake, '81, and Carl E. Milliken, '97, F. U. Landman, '98, and S. R. Oldham, a former member of the Bates faculty, are among the members of the committee who are planning for the observance of the semi-centennial of the Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, Maine.

1906—Harold A. Allan is again connected with the State Department of State Instruction with the position as agent of rural schools in Maine. He and Mrs. Allan (Izora Shorey, 1908) live in Augusta, Maine.

1909—The friends of George H. Smith will regret to learn of the death of his father, Leander Smith, a graduate of Cobb Divinity School in 1884, who died January 10th at Glenolden, Pa.

1910—Florence Pinkham recently has been substituting in the Lewiston High School for Anna F. Walsh, '07, the teacher of Ancient History. Miss Pinkham has also substituted in the Portland High School.

1911—Charles E. Taylor is principal of the high school at Madison, Maine.

Marcella M. Hines is teaching in the high school at Washburn, Maine.

Mrs. Raymond Carter, formerly Pauline Chamberlain, has recently accepted a position as teacher in Guilford, Maine. Her address is Guilford, Maine, Box 410.

Miss Elizabeth Whittier who teaches at Hebron Academy was a guest on the campus February 4 and 5, and attended the Stanton Club banquet on the night of February 4. In addition to Miss Whittier, three other members of the class were present at the banquet, Hazel Barnard, Nola Houdlette, and Warren Watson.

1912—Margaret T. Tubbs, teaches English and Latin in the high school at Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y. It is interesting to note that this is the Alma Mater of her father, Prof. Frank Dean Tubbs of Bates College.

Ray A. Clement is a teacher in the public schools, Morristown, N. J.

Harold D. Roseland, after a successful term as salesman for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. at their store in Syracuse, N. Y., has been appointed a branch manager with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona.

George E. Brunner and Carlton Bly have also been very successful in their work with the Goodyear people.

1913—Louline A. Pillsbury is the acting general secretary of the W. C. A., Lewiston.

1914—Rachel Sargent is teaching Latin, Spanish, Ancient and Medieval History in Westbrook Seminary.

William Manuel, '15, is teaching Science and coaching athletics at Westbrook. Both Miss Sargent and Mr. Manuel were present at the Stanton banquet, February 4, and remained in the city for a couple of days.

1915—Norman D. Meader is working in a bank in Rochester, N. H.

Helen M. Hilton is teaching French at Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield.

Lawrence B. Sylvester is at his home in Harrison, Maine, where he is recovering from an attack of tuberculosis.

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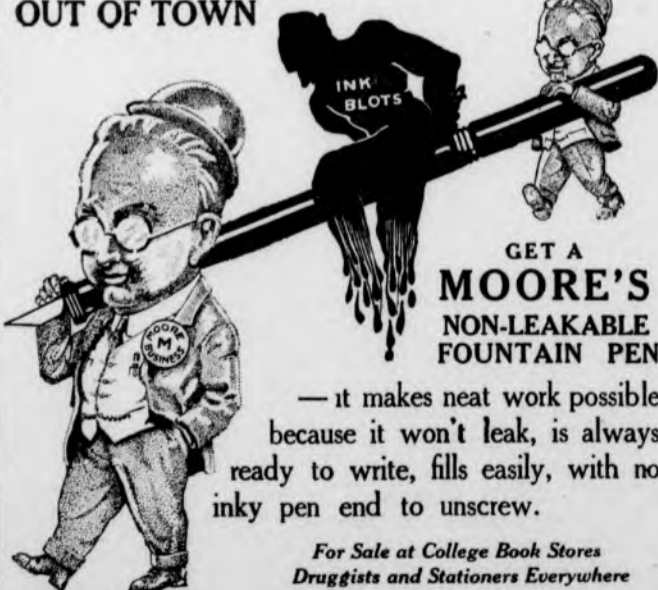
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PRESIDENT CHASE'S LETTER

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happenings at Bates, I contrasted the utter isolation of Bates thirty-five years ago from the multiplex life of our great metropolis. It was in 1881 that I first visited New York with the hope of making friends for our College. At that time there was not a Bates graduate living in the city or in any of its suburbs, and not one person whom I could reach and find acquainted with Bates or devoted to her interests. Not a half dozen people in New York seemed to know that there was a Bates College. All was cold, unsympathetic, depressing. Now there are fully one hundred Bates graduates living in New York City and its suburbs and our institution is well and favorably known by all persons interested in education. The gathering at the Netherland was representative of the legal profession, of medicine, teaching, engineering, business, and social service. All of these vocations are commanding the energies of Bates men and Bates women in the metropolis. We have, also, in Manhattan and its neighborhood newspaper men and efficient Christian Association workers. But it is in educational circles that Bates is best known in New York. Her graduates, including some honorary graduates, are teaching in Packer Institute and Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn; also in the normal schools of that city, in Hunter College in New York, in various positions on Staten Island, and in Newark, East Orange, Paterson, Passaic, Jersey City, Hackensack, Morristown, and other communities. Indeed, Bates educators bid fair to become as widely and as favorably known in the Middle States as they are already known in New England.

It was a great delight to meet at the lunch and elsewhere so many former members of my classes at Bates, and to find them, on the whole, so prosperous, progressive, and so thoroughly loyal to their Alma Mater. It was a source of keen regret to me that I was constrained to decline numerous proffers of hospitality in homes of great interest to me. My main quest was understood by all to be added resources for Bates. The difficulties in such a quest both inherent and special can be appreciated only by those engaging in it. Under the most favorable financial conditions it is not an easy matter to persuade people to part with cherished and, in many cases, slowly and laboriously acquired wealth. It would have been far easier for me could I have found even one Bates graduate possessing riches or keys to the riches of others. Bates cannot yet, like Bowdoin, make her appeal to banker or business graduates able to give even hundreds, not to say thousands of dollars. It is difficult to gain access to philanthropists who feel constrained to hedge themselves about with many safeguards and who find themselves perplexed and distracted by the many diverse calls upon their generosity. The only ground upon which a college like Bates can ask recognition from people of wealth is her service in educational work. This service is unique and in some respects without parallel in our country. But opportunities for explaining and emphasizing it are not easily gained. Moreover, the present is on the whole a time decidedly unfavorable for enlarging the endowment of a college like Bates. Unquestionably general business conditions are more favorable than they were a year ago. The bread line in New York, which numbered sometimes thousands in 1915, and whose leaders forced themselves even into churches in their urgent and even defiant demands for aid, seems to have disappeared. I saw fewer beggars than during any previous visit to New York. More money is in circulation. Huge, almost appalling wealth has been accumulated by producers of munitions of war, and while general business may not yet be thriving, the results of what may be called the war industries are beginning to be favorably felt in the noticeable improvement in conditions of living. I learned of one man—a munition manufacturer—who, persons well informed assure me, has added \$35,000,000 to his wealth within a few months. Unfortunately, the gulf between the very rich and the working people seems to be further widened and there is danger of intensified bitter dissatisfaction on the part of wage earners already disturbed by the unequal distribution of wealth. A fact specifically unfavorable to raising money for educational purposes at the present time is the terrible distress in so large a portion of the old world. The sympathies of men and women devoted to human wel-

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