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THE BATES Y. M. C. A. AN IMPORTANT AND EFFICIENT STUDENT ORGANIZATION

ASSOCIATION GROWING IN SCOPE AND POWER

OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE MOST PROMISING **RESULTS OF YEAR'S WORK OFFICERS AND CABINET MEMBERS FOR 1917-18**

of the Young Men's Christian Associa- here given: tion were formally inaugurated and invested with their honors and responsibilities for the conduct of this import- Hall, with telephone, typewriter, small ant college organization for 1917-18. library, magazines, files and quite com-The event took place in the Assembly Room, Roger Williams Hall, now the center of the association meetings, and President, Registrar and Assistant the source of many of its activities. Herbert W. Canfield '18, president-elect, conducted an inspiring song service. Herbert E. Hinton, '17, one of the re tiring officers, sang a solo. Arthur L. which benefited the men of the college. Purinton, '17, the president for the past year, spoke words of congratulation and suggestion, and formally inducted into their offices, Herbert W. Canfield, '18, president; Robert Jordan, '19, vice-president; Harold J. May, '20, secretary; Harry W. Rowe, '12, as treasurer. Mr. Canfield has had active experience in church and college Christ- fund. ian work, is a speaker of good ability, a leader in gymnasium work, and a man well qualified to lead the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Jordan is one of the leading scholars of his class, a member of the musical clubs, interested in the class societies, and has particularly fine executive talents. Mr. May comes from and some working their way, gave of Oneonta, N. Y., where he was active their time for this work. Six members in the high school organizations. He of 1920 were especially faithful in this has already manifested special ability for the office that he is to fill.

certain readjustments and changes with before. additions in the organization of the association, and appointed the Department Chairmen: Administration, Robert Jordan, '19; Religious Education, William F. Lawrence, '18; Campus Service, Donald W. Davis, '18; Community Service, James H. S. Hall, '18; Promotion, the President and Cabinet; and Life Tobel, a member of the Cabinet, who Work Guidance, the General Secretary. died last July. Mr. Lawrence is track captain, champion quarter miler, and a teader in the activities of his class and college. Mr. April. Raymond Robins was on the Davis has served very acceptably as track manager, is much respected and eight meetings. Prominent laymen and liked by all the men of the college, and Christian workers co-operated, among will have large opportunity to serve them the present Governor Carl E. Milthem through the eight committees of liken. One hundred and thirty-one his department. Mr. Hall is Ivy Day signed cards denoting an carnest purtoastmaster, and popular with all.

The Cabinet members, after their public appointment named their assist- Life Service," following the Robins ants and committee chairmen. The as- campaign. sociation now has nineteen committees which when fully organized will use the vice and Lifework'' were conducted part time services of ninety men. The last spring. Able speakers from the Advisory Board composed of local busi- city and away spoke. ness men, alumni, professors and stu- The association brings to the college

Bates College was the scene of a new | are composed of the strongest and most and interesting event Wednesday even- representative men of the institution. ing, when the President and Cabinet A summary of the work for 1916-17 is

> An attractive office and headquarters has been maintained in Roger Williams plete office accessories. Close co-opera tion is afforded by the offices of the Treasurer located in the same building.

The Treasurer handled funds amount ing to \$1,751.59. Fully \$1,300.00 of this was employed directly in undertakings

Four hundred and twenty-five dollars and ten cents was given by the men and women with the faculty for the Friendship War Fund of the Student Move ment, to be used in the prison camps and hospitals of Europe. The Y. M. C. A. attended to the details of administration connected with securing this

A special advertising committee has cared for all the posters and announcements concerning the association activi ties.

But \$6.00 was paid during the year for clerical help. Students, many of them busy with other college activities, service.

Every male member of the faculty is The new president then announced now a member, a condition never known

> The total membership is 247-142 active, 105 associate. But 31 men are not in membership.

> At the suggestion of the association, brief but impressive memorial exercises were held at the beginning of the college year for Christian Herbert Von

> The association made possible the Robins-Childs Evangelistic campaign in campus three days, addressed 2,313 in pose for a higher life,

> Six groups studied "A Challenge to

A special series of meetings on "Ser-

dents stands back of the Cabinet with advice and suggestion. The Board for York and Boston who present the chal-Five men and a member of the Advisory Board attended the Northfield Student Conference.

A FAST TRACK TEAM IS BEING BUILT UP FRESHMEN SUPERIOR TO BOW-

DOIN, LOSING ON FALL

Work

In spite of the fact that the first by the track men. Two weeks' vacation at Easter time will cut down conhence it is necessary to work hard now. Coach Ryan is working the men daily, and trying to get them into fairly decent shape before the holidays. The weather of the past week has held up the work somewhat, but when it was too stormy to be outside, the men worked in the gym. Our prospects for a successful season this year are good, and at present it looks as though we showing than last year.

The Freshman class has added not a work under Coach Ryan has already produced a marked change. Jenkins, Wiggin, and Clifford are men that have already made a name for themselves. while such men as Gross, Woodman, doing well. Jenkins is undoubtedly ago what he could do in the mile. The dashes will be well taken care of by such men as Barrows, Wiggin, Taylor, Quimby, Lawrence, Hobbs, and Oberg. Woodman, Gross and Quimby and Coleman are all doing better in the hurdles. and it seems that we will be much stronger than we have been for some time in this department. The weight events have been popular this winter, and every meet has brought out a number of men for the shot. Ross is throw ing the hammer much better than last year. With De Wever and Adam, we have only Bill Allen to fear in the shot. The pole vault hids fair to puzzle us, unless Fowler comes through and takes to track. Since it now looks as though he would be in demand for baseball, he may not be able to do much jumping. Clifford seems able to jump credibly. and seems well qualified to fill the place left by Pinkham. This is a brief summary of our present prospects. The meets are really far enough off so that many new men will be developed, and be much competition for them. There a well balanced team put on the field. will be a prize of \$15 for the best Bates Freshmen lost to Bowdoin 1920, this time at the Annual Interclass Meet in the state contest will be \$50. at the Bowdoin gymnasium. After the

race, but they went down determined looked. The competitors must be memto do their best, and they surprised bers of the local Prohibition Associathemselves. Wiggin started off with a tion which is now affiliated with the lead and handed over several vards Y. M. C. A. DeWolfe '18 or Lawrence to Gross. Gross also gained, as did Gifford. When the race seemed almost are not members and who wish to comwon, there came the usual break of luck, pete. and Jenkins and Gifford fell. Gifford of running, stopped and came back, with a result that both rolled into the track. Jenkins was spiked, but in spite of this when he once got going, gained on his man. That is, every Bates man gained on his opponent, but we lost the race. As it was a new record was set up.

TRIALS FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE **PROHIBITION CONTEST TO** TAKE PLACE SOON

Many 1920 Finds Doing Preliminary SHOULD DRAW A LARGE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The local contest of the Intercollegitrack meet is not until the middle of ate Prohibition Association will take April, there is much work to be done place during the week of April 23rd. This coming as it does after the Easter vacation should be a drawing card for siderably the time for training, and all of our oratorical talent in the college. There will be preliminaries and finals if there are enough contestants and in a college with a record for excellence in debate and all forms of public speaking as well developed as at Bates the response should be large. The Intercollegiate Prohibition Asso ciation now conducts more than 300 college and university public speaking contests, fifty state intercollegiate concould hope for a considerably better tests, eight great interstate contests and one grand national contest every two years. It has become therefore few good men, and although some of the most extensive series that has even them lack experience and training, their been put into operation in the institutions of highest learning in the United States. More than 600 student orations on this vital public question are issued every year and during the past 15 years there have been produced a Rice, W. G. Jenkins, and Wilson are grand total of over 5,400 orations. It can be seen therefore that this is a part fast in the half mile, mile, and two of a great if not the greatest move mile, while we have almost our entire ment in the colleges of the country cross country squad to draw upon for that is fast moulding public opinion two milers. Hy Lane showed two years and creating a sentiment in favor of National Prohibition. Bates has always led in movements

of this kind and has always been very successful in her attempts to arouse this public sentiment through her own local orators. We were fortunate two years ago to see one of our number. Perley W. Lane '17, go through the various steps that are outlined for the winners. He advanced from local to state, state to New England state and from this to the Eastern division, winning much credit by his eloquence as well as advertising the college by representing her in these various sections. This year there is exceptional opportunity for the students to gather material on this subject as there are in many of the current magazines articles almost weekly on this same subject. In the state contest this year there will be three colleges; it is understood Bowdoin will not compete. In the local contest there will be suitable prizes offered and it is hoped that there will For the second time this year, the written and spoken part and another 14 Jota Aragonesa of \$10 for the second best. The prize

The students of the college regardless decisive defeat at City Hall a short of the class are eligible so long as they time ago, the Freshmen felt somewhat are in good standing. There is one doubtful about being able to win the item, however, that should not be over-

GIRLS GYMNASIUM MEET SHOWS CAREFUL PREPARATION

SPECTATORS NOT TO BE KEPT AWAY BY STORM Juniors Win Banner

The girls' gymnastic meet was held Saturday night in Rand Hall. In spite of the storm, a large number of people were present to watch the girls perform. The floor work of all the classes was especially good, and the apparatus work showed improvement over that of formyears. The Junior and Senior dances, given in costume, were special features of the evening. The program was nearly finished when the lights suddenly went out over the whole dormitory, and it was learned that the wires could not be repaired for some little Nevertheless, the girls, untime. daunted by the calamity, completed their work by candle light. The judges were Miss Clifford of Westbrook High, Miss Archibald of the Y. W. C. A. of Portland, and Miss Skatchit of Gorham Normal School.

The banner for the class doing the best work was given the Juniors. Stripes were awarded to the following: 1917-Lougee, Paine, White, Smith, Sturgis,

1918-Dresser, Burr, Fogg, Faller, Graham, Wright, Emerson, Oakes, Ballard. Hussey, Jacobs.

1919-Blaisdell, Chappell, Christenon, Garcelon, Gould, Haskell, Hutchins, Kennan, Smith, Place, Skelton.

1920-Bowman, Ames, Crowell, Clayton, May, Ferguson, Hamilton, Ripley, Wheeler, Peterson, Parris, Shanahan.

The Misses Burr '18, Haskell '19, and May '20, received very special mention. Program

1 Galantree Sophomores 2 Sunbeams

	Wooden Shoes	
	Flemish Folk Da	nce
	Osteudaise	
		Freshmen
3	La Ballerina	
	Campbell, Sturgis,	Lougee, Chandler
4	Day's Order	Freshmen
5	Day's Order	Sophomores
6	Pompadour	Juniors
ī	Allegretto	Sophomores
8	Day's Order	Seniors
9	Mignonette	Sophomores
10	Snow Storm	
	Day's Order	
		Juniors
11	Apparatus Work	All Classes
12	Skakani Skoki	
	Goralski Taniec	
		Freshmen
12	Entracto	

Campbell, Stargis, Lougee, Chandler Juniors

our neighbor countries. There are too many vicious and unlawful organizations that exist which should be uprooted by just such sentiment as this speaking will engender. It offers to the students practice and skill in writing and delivery that can be used in after life on this practical question. Debaters may utilize material they may have on the subject and Junior Essay ists might use this subject for their part to an advantage. The particulars of this contest at Bates will be noted later on the bulletin boards at the various buildings. Men who have not been seen and are interested but not sure about the requirements will see Prof. W. H. Coleman at the library either Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10.30 and 11.30. It is hoped that in this as in previous contests Bates will establish her usual good record. It can be brought about only through the keenest competition, so it is hoped that many representatives will appear from the various classes. It is a chance to establish an international reputation as an orator,

1917-18 are as follows: John L. Reade, lenge of virile, aggressive Christianity. '83, Esq., chairman; Rev. H. P. Woodin, vice chairman: D. E. Andrews, '10; Prof. H. R. Purinton; E. K. Jordan, '01, Alfred; E. L. Saxton, '15, Seal Harbor; W. F. Lawrence, '18; C. L. Southey, '19; H. W. Rowe, '12.

After the inauguration of the President and his Cabinet, Prof. R. A. F. McDonald spoke briefly concerning the opportunities and obligations of service open to the men just appointed. The service closed with a session of earnest prayer, and a song of work.

show much definite work accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. during the year. England Presidents' Conference, The The Bates Association is growing in Boston Life Work Conference,, The scope and power. It keeps abreast of Conference on the Ministry at Andover new movements and developments in (Bates had the largest delegation of association work. It is the only college any Maine college, and one of the largin Maine to have a secretary, with all est in New England), the Intercollegihis time to devote to the work. This ate Prohibition Convention at Lexing-General Secretary by study, correspond- ton, Ky. ence and visitation seeks to keep in close touch with the International Asso- Eastern Secretaries Summer School at ciation leaders, the secretaries of other Lakeville, Ct. colleges, and contemporaneous religious The association co-operated in enterwork. The Cabinets from year to year taining the Boys' Conference. Fifty

Four men and the General Secretary attended the Fall Setting-up Conference at the State Y. M. C. A. Camp.

Fourteen men and the General Secretary attended the Community Efficiency Conference in Augusta and heard Raymond Robins, Thomas Mott Osborne and other leaders of public service. Five men and the General Secretary

went as a deputation to the Second An-The reports of the retiring officers anal Preparatory School Conference. Delegates have been sent to the New

men were quartered on the campus. A weekly Forum has been conducted with subjects dealing with practical college problems, such as Gambling and Betting, Relation to the Church, the Right Use of Sunday, Student Honor, etc. Out of the last discussion has come a definite movement looking to the adoption of some Honor Tradition The General Secretary attended the for Bates men. The average attendance at these meetings has been 40. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work together in fine harmony. (Continued on Page Three)

'18 will be glad to instruct those who

There are a few details about the missed Jenkins on the touch off, but articles that also should be noted. continued after him. Jenkins instead The subject will be on any phase of the prohibition of the liquor traffic and is subject to individual interpretation. There is no time limit to these articles, but they are limited to 1500 words by actual count including "a" and "an" The judges will be chosen from outside college circles unless otherwise provided.

> There are many advantages in this particular contest that each student should carefully note. The subject itself deals with a controverted and intensely interesting subject. People universally are thinking and talking prohibition for it is the real live and awake movement this year. It develops in the student that which is so much needed today-an interest in inered less with supposed bugaboos of that spring is not far off anyway.

We notice that even the authorities are trying to rush the season by hauling off the snow from around the ternal as well as foreign affairs. It Hathorn Hall steps. It certainly saves has been suggested that we would pros- a good deal of trouble dodging the per more had we in the past paid more miniature lakes that form in the face attention to internal affairs and both- of old Sol. It also makes us think 34

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EDITORIALS

VACATION

Owing to the Easter Vacation, the Student will not be issued again till the week of April 19. During this time the most of our subscribers will rest from college cares. May you all return with a new determination to make the last few weeks of the year count heavily and to exact from them all the benefits of the many things crowded into the time before you.

We will not ask how you intend to spend your vacation. The time affords many possibilities. If you cannot simply rest or do some work not connected with college, at least give a thought to your health. If you regard this respite as only a chance for preparation for the coming weeks, remember that this preparation may be made in various ways. A healthy interest and a strong body may be of more use in a semester's work than a mass of half-digested facts and theories. Bates is proud, not of her bookworms, but of her young manhood and womanhood. Material for development in this direction is not wholly found in text books nor does it hide only in required reading. This preparation for the crowning achievement of college life may be furthered in various ways, nor is vacation barren of its opportunities. Let us make the most of them.

"CLUBBED TO DEATH" ' The subject of societies is by no THE BATES STUDENT, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1917

ideals could easily be suggested. All in a library, just step in some evening might have their place in a larger inwhen the building is reserved for the stitution. But Bates is a small college use of the men.

and is carried on as that type of a

school. Can we support as many clubs

as our desires might suggest ? Obvious-

ly not. Do we adequately support all

that now claim existence? A weak

club or a disintegrating one has no

place in the scheme of things. Better

far that two or three such be combined

with the hope of getting enough

strength to make a live organization.

rious fates. Some always were and

still remain only nominally present.

Many have long since joined the ranks

of the dead or leave a few survivors to

gather in the "I'll get ye" Club of a

Maine writer. Some have recently ex-

pired. Some have quietly pursued the

even tenor of their way, never yield-

ing, never gaining. A few have in-

creased in strength or reorganized under

new auspices. Some have survived by

the simple expedient of having several

sets of members to insure a quorum.

Others have lingered by gathering the

innocent and unsuspecting to their fold

for a brief period and thus have a

need to enter into the success of the

attempted once a week or once a month.

Some meetings are supposed to be

highly successful, the majority no doubt

deserve the attendance of the delin

quent ones. But when clubs begin to

elect new members for the next year

at midvears in order to get a stray

man or two in the group picture or one

of the men's clubs must reorganize re-

peatedly to retain the last spark of life,

its strength and vitality may well be

It is impossible to deal much more in

tain a composite picture. But these

tendencies may generally be noted;

lack of attendance at meetings; lack

of sufficient interest by some members

the counteracting of these evils by ex-

excess may not be the only reason for

various clubs might bring to light many

contributing causes, but they all would

be reached indirectly at least by a les-

sening of the number of organizations.

Yet we would not advocate such an

extreme step unless necessary. Indeed

it might be termed to sweeping and un-

justifiable. If that is the case, it is a

matter to which the individual clubs

may well give serious attention. Con-

ditions are clearly not the best. If all

these societies are continued and the

number even enlarged as has been sug-

gested, the causes of this lack of inter-

est and proper success should be

attacked directly. The lingering ag-

onies of a slow death are not in the

interests of the college. In the short

period of membership of most of these

organizations one should have the best

training that can be afforded him.

Petty expedients, devices and tem-

porary schemes, however cunning they

of which are so essential to college life.

OBSERVANT CITIZEN

are undesirable and abnormal.

questioned.

Societies among us have met with va-

This is the time of year when Plum mer's studio is crowded with Bates patrons. Last week, for instance, various clubs, such as the Politics Club, The Cercle Francaise and The Deutscher Verein faced the camera. Each of these clubs has a peculiar function in college affairs. But the function of a Tammany Ring, such as assembled at the studio some weeks ago, and which has its headquarters at Parker Hall, is yet to be discovered. It has been suggested, however, that the Ring exists for the purpose of concentrating the faculty mail. Bates is a democratic institution, and prides itself on equal-These traditions receive a blow ity. when a "small group of wilful men" bands together for purposes of mutual admiration.

Everything in the line of music was turning the minds of the patients at Parker Hall on Sunday last. There were pianos, Victrolas (the six dollar kind), harmonicas, banjos, mandolins beautiful tenor voices and whole or chestras. It seems a pity that this material cannot be utilized in a band instead of being wasted on rest desiring students. We would not guarantee that it would be of a caliber that would materially raise the standard of Bates Bands, but it might, if allowed freedom in this way, make Sunday a little more like a day of rest.

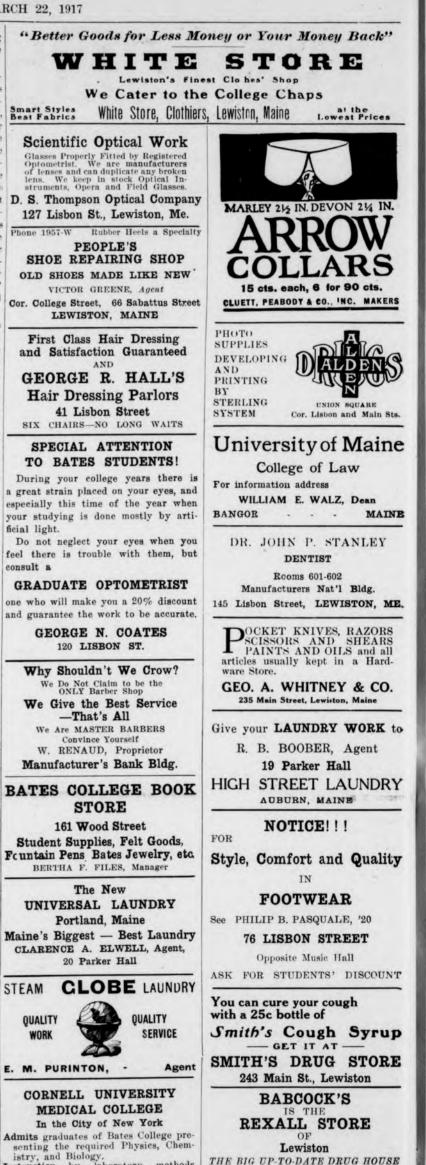
This seems to be the time to swap your studying is done mostly by artiyour rubbers if they are wearing out. One of the professors at the Sophomore party had his exchanged and is diligently searching Parker for them. The trouble seems to be that those who swap in this way usually keep them on all detail with the difficulties and yet re- the time and thus avoid the possibility of their discovery and return. They seem about as hard to keep as 98c umbrellas.

The wit of Roger Williams has burst to prepare their parts for programs; forth in all its brilliancy. The faculty could not decide on suitable filler for pedients as diligently sought as they the new cabinet in the Roger Williams' assembly hall and so the students have The general charge of a numerical filled it with curios. If you have not seen them, you will find the product of the state of affairs, and even that may fertile imagination by paying a visit be divided up into subordinate parts. to these "Missionary Curios." Careful analysis of the conditions in

The Empire with its front seats crowded with gentlemen from John Bertram Hall will give you an idea of the Freshman's idea of a liberal education.

It seems to be a mark of culture for mankind to eat very, very slowly, come to meals late with a new excuse each time and then try to be the very last one out. The Freshman, last in and first out, bolt their food like children. The Sophomores are a slight improvement. The Juniors eat slowly if the waiters are slow (during which time they constantly growl). The Seniors are more like humans and eat somewhat like cultured business men, and the faculty being the most refined eat any where from an hour before meal time to an hour after the meal time. It is certainly interesting to watch the line of demarcation between these different classes.

Parker reverted to the former method may be, can never stimulate a helpful of oil lamps and candles on Saturday growth of these societies, the success night. Suddenly and without warning. darkness spread over the campus, nearly creating a panic. Many of the students of the Lincoln type were seen stretched out on the floor studying by candle light. We are all looking forward to v tion with but one regret, that is that before leaving we are liable to an account before our judges, in the form of an exam in every course. It seems queer that the faculty should impose such things as exams to take the joy out of life just before we go home.



means a new one and may well take for its heading a phrase that has been applied to some phases in our student life many times in the past. Do conditions warrant its use now?

of much more value to a student to shave!" study those subjects in which he is most interested with others than to essay the task alone. He will get from those with him inspiration and added incentive to strive harder and gain new strength by the attempt. There are many of the broader, more cultured and And repay her with rice and confetti.' more interesting phases of many subjects that cannot be secured from the classroom. There are many topics of every day life, facts, and theories that a collège man should have at his com- where students might keep dates and road managers to give in to the deplete command that can be presented do their gossiping, in order to relieve in almost no other way. There is no present conditions in Coram Library. doubt that the society has a place and A library, above all, should be quiet. an important place among us.

There is a question for Bates undergraduates to decide, for these organiza- by the continual buzz of subdued contions, if not wholly of student origin, exist only by student attendance. This either. By the way, the co-eds are the

Mid-years are over! Courage has returned! Again we dare to sing "Pass Me Not" in chapel.

"Well," announced the Freshman, The time spent in these meetings after the mathematics recitation, "we need in no way be wasted. It may be didn't get a cut, but it was a close

> The heating plant has again resumed operations.

> There is a young woman named Hettie, Who feeds you on prunes and spaghetti. "Some day," say the Fates.

"You will come back to Bates, A new need for Bates has been dis covered. We may be lacking a Bates House, but about the most useful thing we could acquire would be a building At present, one cannot enter the place appeal for sympathy.

in the daytime without being annoyed versation. It isn't very well subdued

It is rumored that a certain John Bertram man high up in college life was on the outside looking in last Saturday evening at Rand Hall. It is too bad the lights had to go out just then.

All sorts of honors are being heaped First Ave. & 28th St., New York City on our dear Dyke's head now-a-days. Old dame rumor has it that he is a certified secret service man, connected with the Department of Politics.

Patriotism, it is said, caused the railmands of the Brotherhoods. We are glad somebody gave in, but the reason given sounds suspiciously like a last

We hear that the girls gymnasium meet was a decided success in every way but the financial.

We have a permanent and efficient

question concerns the number of clubs chief offenders in this direction. It's shower bath operating from the roof and their scope. Every club here has sad, but it's true. If you want to see of the Commons entrance. It is indeed possible objections must first be overa worthy purpose in view. Many more what sort of conditions should prevail very refreshing to enjoy a little dip come.

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just before meals, but unfortunately this same needle shower has the effect of stimulating one's appetite abnormally. Since according to authority, Bates is doomed to run behind \$20,000 this year on account of the H. C. of L., it seems that it might be profitable to remove this unnecessary appetizer.

The baseball cage is a busy place these days. Many a Freshman star is showing Coach "Purry" new things about baseball.

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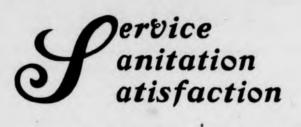
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For special proficiency in any department, a student may receive an honorary appointment in that work. Such appointments for the present year are as follows: Latin, Alleen D. Lougee, '17, Ellen M. Alkens, '17; Biology, Douglas M. Gay, '17; English, Cora B. Ballard, '18, Beatrice G. Burr, '18, Ralph W. George, '18; Chemistry, Laurence O. Thompson, '17, George House, '17, Smith B. Hopkins, '17, Donald B. Stevens, '18, Waldo R. Caverly, '17; Argumentation, Theodore Bacon, '17, Elinor Newman, '17; Oratory, Perley W. Lane, '17, Mary L. Cleaves, '17; Geology, Theodore E. Bacon, '17, Hazel V. Campbell, '17, Herbert E. Hinton, '17, Allee E. Lawry, '17; Mathematics, Stanley Spratt, '18, Lester Duffett, '18, Karl Woodcock, '18, Kenneth Wilson, '17; Education, Elinor Newman, '17; Economics, Julian D. Coleman, '18. man, '17; Economics, Julian D. Coleman, '18.

FORMER PRISONER MEETS FORM-ER GUARD AT BATES

Professor MacCormick Speaks on Prison Reform

Professor A. H. MacCormick of Bow doin College was the speaker at last week's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Professor MacCormick teaches Education, but his hobby is the investigation of prison conditions in various parts of our country. He is a friend of Thomas Mott Osborne.

The musical program consisted of two selections by the college quartet, Sherman, Quackenbush, Lane and Renwick. Prof. MacCormick spoke on "Prisons

and Prison Reform." The prison conditions in this country are of a nature to force themselves upon one's attention. Every year a half million people go to prison, at a cost of over a half billion dollars for their conviction. This proportion of inmates of prisons is greater than in other countries, and the reason is to be found in improper conditions in our prison system.

Our prison problem began in 1794, with the Quaker prison reforms. Since then we have had two types of prison. Under the first, the Pennsylvania system, prisoners were kept in solitary confinement, with nothing to do except think. On account of its tendencies toward insanity and suicide among the prisoners, this system gave place to the Auburn system, which is now almost universal in this country. This system does away with solitary confinement during the day, gives the men work, but imposes a rule of strict silence. The plan cannot be enforced without brutality. This is its weakness.

In some prisons of this type, men have endured treatment equal to that instituted by the Spanish Inquisition. Such conditions are the result of ignorance and indifference. Prof. Mac-Cormick characterized the Bangor jail as the worst he had ever seen. The state prison at Thomaston, where he spent several days as a voluntary prisoner, he styled an old fashioned prison with a few modern features incorporated.

The remedy for existing evils apparently lies in the Mutual Welfare League, as it has worked at Sing Sing under Osborne. There the warden had the courage to trust the men. They organized and elected their own guards and officers, The silence rule was abolished. Prisoners were given greater freedom and more liberties. The armed guard was abolished, except on the walls. The general tendency was toward keeping the men out of their cells, instead of in them. The new sys tem more than fulfilled expectations. It improved health, moral conditions and working ability among the prisoners. Above all it has cherished any ideas of honor that these men posses The system is meeting with opposition, but it is slowly spreading. College men should be careful that their influence is on the right side of this great question.

STEPHENS HIGH, DEERING AND M. C. I. WINNERS IN INTER-SCHOLASTIC DEBATES

Bates Men Prominent as Coaches and

Judges

The Interscholastic Debating League, conducted under the auspices of Bates College, had the first debates of the league on last Friday, March 16th. There were nine schools in the league hospital cases. The men were called on and were divided into three triangles. and in some cases furnished, from a spe-

tic contests and the winning Norway team for instance this year was com posed entirely of girls. The finals will take place soon to decide the champion. PU ship of this league and there is com. CA petition of a nature that assures in every instance splendid debates. Stephens High of this group is to be congratulated especially since for three consecutive years they have won the league honors and this year are in the finals. Bates sent out as coaches many of the members of the English V class and thus introduced to the high and preparatory schools some of our local debaters. Those who were sent out were Blaisdell, Purinton, Dean and Drury, all of 1919. Both coach and students gain much from such exchanges and they should be encouraged. They make a better understanding between the college student and the future college student. Any college man will find it well worth his time if he can attend one of these final debates In each instance, as in intercollegiate debates, the affirmative debates at home and the negative away. The final subject will be the same as the preliminary debates, "Resolved, That the Federal Government should own and operate all interstate railroad lines in the coun try. '

The Bates Y. M. C. A. An Important and Efficient Student Organization

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The Y. M. C. A. acted for the college in presenting the annual series of lectures on Sex Education. Dr. T. W. Galloway of Beloit College was the speaker.

A definite missionary policy of study, meetings, prayer and giving has been formulated.

Organic union with the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association has been effected.

Williams Hall,

The Bates Student has generously given excellent write-ups of the work. The Voluntary Study Department, in

and three church groups for Bible Study. The enrollment was 132 and the average attendance 85. In the second with "The Challenge of the Present World Situation.'

The New Student Committee wrote to Freshmen, met them at trains, helped them get settled, later called on them.

The Tutoring Committee offered free tutoring which was accepted by some Four classes were later organized with an enrollment of 80, Thirty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents was paid by the college for this service.

The Entertainment Committee held in conjunction with the Y. W. C. A. a Senior Reception, the Annual Freshmen Reception, the Hallowe'en Party and an Ice Carnival on Washington's Birthday. It managed alone a Thanksgiving banquet for those staying in town during the recess and a Stag Reception for Freshmen men.

The Book Agency handled 188 secondhand books, with a financial return to the owners of \$173.30.

The Sick Visitation Committee reported 35 cases of illness, three of them

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Tuesday Bereuse-Ockleston-Lippa

Les Rameaux-Faure

Wednesday

'Oh! the Lilting Springtune''-Stebbins

War March of Priests-Mendelssohn Vespers Sunday, March 24

Choir: The Lord is My Light-Schnecker

The Cantata "Gallia" -- Gounod Organ: "Quis Est Homo" (Stabat Mater)-Rossini

Largo from New World Symphony-Dvorak

MISS BELL IS HONORED

Sophomores Give Her Party

A report from Milliken House last Monday evening that one of the girls was sick and needed immediate attention was sufficient to bring Miss Bell hurrying up to the dormitory to see what she could do. To her surprise she found all the girls in the house assembled in the parlor and in the proctor's room, and that the gathering was in A better, more central location for her honor. Much merriment was the meetings of the association has been caused by the reading of limericks selected in the Assembly Room, Roger about every Sophomore girl in the house, and of a funny story written by Evelyn Varney. Miss Faith Fairfield and Miss Marion Dunnells composed songs to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, the first semester maintained 12 campus Three Blind Mice, and Scotland's Burning. Refreshments consisting of cookies and ice cream were served, and the gathering broke up with rousing cheers semester four campus and three church for Miss Bell, the class, and the colgroups have been organized dealing lege. The committee in charge of affairs were Misses Carolyn Tarbell, Faith Fairfield, Gladys Holmes, Evelyn Varney, and Cecilia Christensen.

MILITARY SCIENCE MEETS

Admits New Members

Last Thursday evening the club held a short business meeting, Mr. P. H. H. Booker, Bates '06, speaking on Mexican border cities.

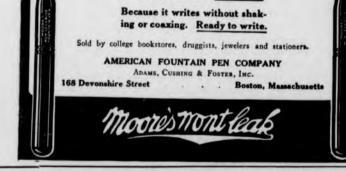
The following new members were admitted to the society: H. R. Boutelle '18, W. P. Hobbs '18, D. R. Kneeland '18, K. S. Woodcock '18, C. A. Durry '19, L. J. Aikens '19, S. L. Swasey '19. The talk by Mr. Booker was illustrated with photographs taken by him while in San Antonio, El Paso, Jaurez and other places. The noise created by a tunefully buzzing radioptican produced considerable humor. Mr. Booker explained the nature of the territory surrounding the cities and the conditions under which the American soldiers live there. He also spoke of the famous Alamo which he visited.

SPOFFORD CLUB

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		In class A were the teams from Lewis-	cial fund, flowers and fruit.	
	RK Registered Druggist Pure Drugs and Medicines A SPECIALTY CHOCOLATES LEWISTON, MAINE	School, and Gardiner High. In class C were the teams representing Norway High, Leavitt Institute, and Deering High, The winners of these groups	articles valued at \$67.33. The Y. M. C. A. manages the Student Employment Bureau of the college, and the General Secretary serves as Secre- tary of the Bureau, which handles the student service at the Commons, and co-operates somewhat in filling positions	At the weekly meeting of the Spof- ford Club, which was held at Libbey Forum Tuesday evening, March 13, the program was given over to new mem- bers of the organization. Albert Adam, '19, read a short story, ''The Youth.'' dealing with life on the sea. The blend- ing with the story of incidents from Mr. Adam's personal experience made
HARRY L. PLUMMER Photo and Art Studio 124' Lisbon Street LEWISTON, MAIME	"GIBSON" MANDOLINS on easy installments to Students ROY M. GARCELON Gen. Agt. and Instructor 32 Ware Street For further information inquire of MERLE F. GROVER College Agent 25 Parker Hall	represented by a negative and an affirm- ative team will form another triangle to debate for the championship of the league. These debates are valuable for the development of the students in the league and for the college to get a line on the future college debaters. Quimby '18, a college debater, was also a member of the Bates inter- scholastic league when he was in Leavitt Institute. Ames, who was on the team against Maine, was a debater in this league when in M. C. I. The	ings. One thousand five hundred blot- ters advertising the work were dis- tributed early in the fall. Seven hundred and twenty-five leather bound Bates Handbooks were issued and distributed free of charge, in co- operation with the Y. W. at a total expense of \$223.43. Deputations were sent to Leeds Cen- ter, Monmouth, Lisbon Falls, Bryant's Pond, the Home for Aged Women; one man participated with good results in a no-license campaign at Groveton, N. H.	it highly realistic. Miss Gladys Holmes, '19, and Mr. Cecil Holmes, '19, each read a short story. SOPHOMORE SLEIGH RIDE The Sophomore girls paid in their athletic dues for the second semester the first of any class, and so, in accord- ance with the usual custom, Miss Bell promised them a good time as a reward. Wednesday afternoon at half past four a hay rack drew up in front of Rand Hall walk, and fifty girls piled into it and settled themselves in the straw and
HARPER & GOOGIN CO. COAL and WOOD 138 Bates St. 57 Whipple St. Office, 1800, 1801-R Yard, 1801-W LEWISTON, MAINE	THE BOWDOIN MEDICAL SCHOOL ADDISON S. THAYER, Dean 10 Deering St., PORTLAND. MAINE	debates were better than ever before in this league this year and are ap- proaching in many cases regular college debates. It is interesting also to note that in many cases there were many girls sent as representatives in these interscholas-	day schools of Lewiston and Auburn, and several of these have had special boys' clubs and work for young men. Classes in English and Citizenship	blankets for an hour's fun. The party drove up College street and went around in a square, coming back by way of Bardwell street. Everyone joined in singing songs, and the trip ended with cheers for Miss Bell, the class, and the driver.





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Miss Nola Houdlette spent Saturday

and Sunday with friends in Gardiner. Miss Marion Dunnells has been entertaining her mother for a few days. Maine.

Miss Ruth Cummings spent the weekend at her home in Belgrade, Maine.

Debating teams from Deering and Rumford have been on the campus re cently.

John Sherburne '19, who has been ill at his home in Hallowell for several weeks, returned to college Monday.

Prof, MacCormack of Bowdoin, who last summer was for several days a prisoner at Thomaston, in order to study conditions there, spent some time during his recent visit to Bates in talking over old times with Karl Woodcock '18. Karl was the professor's guard during the latter's period of voluntary incarceration.

All male citizens of Connecticut have fill out blanks for a military census, giving personal statistics and stating the branch of service for which they by this order.

1897-Miss Nellie B. Nichels is a teacher in the high school at Lubec,

1900-Harriet D. Proctor is a teacher in the Morris High School of New York City.

Urban G. Willis is Dean and Instructor in History, for the Pullman Free School of Manual Training, at Pullman, Illinois. This school is one of the first institutions of its kind to be founded in the country. The first class entered Oct. 18, 1915, and a second on March 27, 1916. The formal dedication of the school was on September 30, 1916. Those admitted must have completed the first eight grades of the Chicago Public Schools or an equivalent course of instruction. "George Mortimer Pullman founded this school that the children of those associated with been ordered by Governor Halcomb to him in the town of Pullman and its enterprise might be trained in the ideals of clear living, good citizenship, and industrial efficiency which were his own would be best fitted. Twelve Bates inspiration and through which alone the men, citizens of that state, are affected workman may hope to attain his true development."

ceived his A. B. from Bates last June and was enrolled with his class (1906). Every year he gives prizes to the young man and young woman in the Freshman class at Bates who excel in Greek.

1909-Mary E. Knowles is teaching in California University.

1910-Ruby M. Parsons is a teacher in Tugaloo Institute, Tugaloo, Mississippi. This is her second year in the school.

1910-C. Maxey Kendrick is superintendent of schools in Litchfield, Bowdoin, Wales and West Gardiner.

1912-On January second, a son, Joseph, was born to Joseph A. Lineham, '12, and Mary Holmes Lineham '13. Mr. Lineham is teacher of physics and athletic instructor in the West Warwick High School.

1913-Wesley A. Lowry, ex-1913, is with Swift & Co., Holyoke, Mass.

Friends of James A. Howe of Belmont, Mass., former Dean of Cobb Divinity School, will be glad to learn that he has recently received the degree of Master of Arts from Harvard University.