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INSPECTING ARMY FOOD

ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER FROM SERGT. LAWRENCE

William F. Lawrence '18 Writes The Following Account Of His Experiences In A New Department Of Sanitation Corps Work:

Since I wrote my last letter to the "Bates Student" I have experienced many changes. In October I transferred from the Sanitary Company at Oglethorpe to the Food Division of the Sanitary Corps. This change necessitated the association and travel with a party of food experts from Washington making inspections of different camps.

From Fort Oglethorpe the party went to Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama. Alabama sounds good to one from New England, but Anniston must be closely related to the North Pole judging by the atmosphere at night. The water in the shower baths froze, the water in the fire buckets froze, and three at least in the party actually suffered with the cold the first night. This camp is somewhat scattered, but the location is ideal as the camp is completely surrounded by hills on all sides and the scenery was grand just at that season as the leaves were just beginning to show a variation of colors. The National Guard units from New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland are in training at McClellan.

The next camp was farther south and the atmosphere at Camp Sheridan proved to be quite mild. This camp is only a few miles from Montgomery, the capital city of Alabama. The government has taken over the State Fair Grounds for this camp site. The land is naturally level so the fields are excellent for drill and parade purposes. The National Guard units from Ohio are in training at Camp Sheridan. There are many college men in training at this camp. There was one college man from Perdue who had already served six months in an Ambulance Unit in France. There were also some colored troops in training at Camp Sheridan and it was great to see those colored boys drilling. Their formations were perfect and showed lots of snap and vim on the drill field.

There is a saying in the South that Southern trains are always late and it was at Montgomery that my faith in this phrase was strengthened by a peculiar experience which occurred there. Our party planned to leave Montgomery early one morning for Macon, Georgia. Four in the party stayed at the Y. M. C. A. overnight in order to be on time for the departure of the train the following morning. There were two watches among us; one stopped while the other by some unknown means lost an hour during the night. The latter fact was not discovered until a member of the party glanced up at the clock on the post office. It was then five minutes past train time and a good mile to the railroad station. Increasing our cadence as we went down the main street, we arrived at the station and "sure enough" the train was still there and yes waited there two hours and a half. For once, at least, four members of the party were thankful that the Southern trains are always late.

The following day everything was in order to begin work at Camp Wheeler and every one was kept busy for the next ten days. Camp Wheeler was the camp where a good slice of turkey with all the fixings was enjoyed on Thanksgiving Day. For once, at least, the soldier boys had one good meal in the army mess hall and could refrain from singing one of their favorite songs:

If you don't like your beans and hardtack

If you don't like your slumgullion stew,

No matter what you eat the table's always neat

There's no kick coming from you.

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SUGGESTS THE USE OF ADJACENT PEAT BOGS

PROF. GEORGE M. CHASE POINTS OUT FOR THE JOURNAL WHAT HE BELIEVES IS THE SOLUTION OF THE COAL PROBLEM

In a recent interview with a member of the "Journal" staff Professor George M. Chase suggested a very natural relief from the present fuel situation.

We are all familiar with the use and value of peat as a fuel. That there are extensive peat bogs in the vicinity of Lewiston and Auburn remained for Professor Chase to point out to the "Journal" reporter:

"I need not tell you about the fuel trouble that is now weighing so heavily on the minds of all our people. Neither would it be profitable to discuss the causes that have brought about the present coal shortage that is working so much discomfort and damage. Call it transportation, if you please, as a rose would smell as sweet by any other name.

"The only thing we know for a certainty is that the trouble is with us. Fortunately, however, the remedy is also with us and can be had almost for the asking. I refer to peat, in which our State of Maine is extremely rich. In fact, it may be found in every part of our State and in quantities that are inexhaustible.

"Neither is this a new idea or a new fuel, for it is as old as civilization. Ireland has used this fuel from the earliest dawn of her history and is using it today. In that country it is mostly used in its natural state, but in Bavaria and other sections of Germany it is made into briquets and largely supplants coal on the railroads and among the common classes. This shows that peat as a fuel need not be considered an experiment. It is an established fact, and what can be done in Europe can be done here.

"I told you that peat bogs can be found in all parts of Maine. In Androscoggin county it is in nearly every town. Lewiston alone has a supply within one and a half miles of the city hall that would heat all her homes for one thousand years. I refer to the Dr. Garelon bog. In many places on that bog the peat is more than 20 feet in thickness and this, according to government reports, should furnish 200 tons of dried peat fuel per acre for each foot in depth. You will see by this, the possibilities that are right around us. Peat is now a commercial product and modern methods make it easy to prepare for the consumer. There is machinery by which it can be compressed, and even the incombustible materials removed. It is easy to work and there is no chance to lose money on an enterprise of this kind.

"Yes, I think that a company should be organized here for this work. All we need to begin with is an object lesson. For example, why should not one of our large manufacturing corporations install a plant to make their own fuel and supply their operatives? Carry the matter still farther and let all the corporations unite in building a big plant and supply all their help. This would relieve the situation even tho it went no farther.

"You ask me why the city itself should not do this work and supply all its citizens at cost. This would be the ideal solution, and to this it will eventually come in one form or another. We are now at the mercy of trusts, and one by one the government will take over all the public utilities as they have done in other countries. Already the government has taken over the management of the railroads and you will never again see them go back into private hands. That the next move will be to take the coal mines is a well-nigh universal belief in well informed circles. It would be the ideal condition, as no one can doubt that the

LICK THE STAMP AND LICK THE KAISER

GEO. C. WING, JR., OF AUBURN GIVES CHAPEL TALK ON WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Last Thursday morning in Chapel, George C. Wing, Jr., of Auburn presented the War Savings Stamps plan to the Bates students and faculty.

Mr. Wing explained how the government hoped to raise two billion dollars, not from accumulated wealth as in the Liberty Loan campaign, but from the daily earnings and savings of the people.

The plan is simple. Stamp books may be bought wherever there is merchandising. Agencies are scattered throughout the city in stores as well as banks and post offices. You pay only a few cents at a time for your stamps but when the book is filled with stamps you have the equivalent of a small bond. Your money draws 4% interest, compounded quarterly, and the total amount accumulated is payable January 1, 1923.

The speaker suggested several ways of saving for the purchase of these stamps such as, walking short distances to save car fare, and doing without non-essentials. He cited the instance of the Auburn newsboy who has already bought three stamps from his small earnings.

"Lick the stamp and lick the Kaiser," suggested Mr. Wing.

President Chase announced that an opportunity for active participation in this plan would be given at an early date.

people will then get their fuel at a greatly reduced price. To bring this about, however, will require much time, and in the meantime a peat corporation would bring a wonderful relief.

"You say that there is a great risk that such a private peat corporation would also charge all that the market would bear that it would not be an altruistic affair, but soon become a money-making scheme. True, there is the danger spot. This however, would not hold true of our manufacturing corporations. They would make their own fuel and supply only their help. It would be self-interest for them to do this at cost, as it would make their employees more contented. At the same time it would serve as an object lesson for all outsiders, and the agitation for a municipal plant would at once commence and would soon find a solution for all our fuel troubles.

"Admitting that the transportation problem is what causes the present shortage, it is easy to see how a peat supply would settle that question. The fuel would be prepared right here among us. No railroad managers would have us at their mercy. We would be absolutely independent, and if the matter was handled by the city the cost would be put but a fraction of what we are now paying. Once get a plant that would serve as an object lesson and evolution would soon do the rest. I would even be willing to see Bates college make the start with a plant to prepare peat for its own use. I certainly fail to see where there would be a loss.

"If this was simply a theory or an experiment the case would be entirely different but it is not so. Germany is to-day using peat and this is what has saved her in this war to a great extent. Scotland uses peat very largely as well as Ireland. If England and the United States have not turned to peat it is simply because coal has been so abundant. It is no longer abundant and the transportation problem will be with us for years to come. Then tell me why we should not supply our own fuel? What law, either human or divine, compels us to accept present conditions and suffer in silence? The remedy is here with us if we but choose to apply it and manufacture, or rather pre-

BATES COLLEGE INTERSCHOOLIC DEBATING LEAGUE WELL UNDER WAY

PRELIMINARY DEBATES TO COME IN MARCH

The Bates Interscholastic Debating League has been organized again this year, and the teams are hard at work. In spite of the present abnormal national and international conditions, the League promises to be as successful this year as it has been in the past. The question to be debated this year is: "Resolved, that the States should employ a system of compulsory industrial insurance, constitutionality conceded."

The grouping of the teams will be the same as last year, and is as follows: Triangle A: Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield; Bangor High School, Bangor; Gardiner High School, Gardiner.

Triangle B: Jordan High School, Lewiston; Stephens High School, Rumford; Hebron Academy, Hebron.

Triangle C: Deering High School, Portland; Leavitt Institute, Turner Center; Norway High School, Norway.

Each school has chosen both an Affirmative and a Negative team. On the third Friday in March, the preliminary debates occur. On that date, all the teams debate; and from each Triangle, one winning school is chosen. One month from the date of the preliminary debates, the teams of the winning schools meet again. As a result of these final debates, one school is chosen as the winner of the League and is awarded the Bates Trophy Cup. In addition to the winning school, the best individual debater is also chosen.

The Bates Interscholastic League has been conducted for four years. It was organized in 1913. In that time, Stephens High School has been distinguished by winning fourteen out of fifteen debates. During past years, Nahum Moore, of Stephens High; John Heseltin of Gardner High; and Carroll Enemark of Deering High have been picked as the best individual debaters. Mr. Enemark is a Junior at Deering High this year and will appear on the team.

Owing to the prevalence of smallpox, Gardiner High has been late in opening, and consequently has been obliged to withdraw. Cony High School, of Augusta has been invited to fill the vacancy.

The following committee has matters in charge:

L. B. Farnham, Deering High School.
T. C. Chaffee, Gardiner High School.
H. R. Eaton, Bangor High School.
S. R. Oldham, Maine Central Institute.
C. B. Haskell, Leavitt Institute.
E. C. Marriner, Professor of English, Hebron Academy.
F. H. Thurston, Jordan High School.
L. C. Paine, Stephens High School.
P. E. Hathaway, (Miss Marion Lougee, Bates '14, in charge of debating) Norway High School.

A. C. Baird, Professor of Argumentation, Bates College

The league in general is under the control of the Bates College Debating Council

pare our own fuel. Why should we be dependent upon a few multi-millionaires in Pennsylvania when we are amply supplied at home?

"If this is done it should be commenced at once. The machinery should be ordered so that briquets could be made by early summer. All that is now needed is a little foresight and some energetic leadership. A few business men right among us can settle this fuel problem that now bids fair to become worse and worse. Something must be done, and it should be done quickly."

The registrar of Clark College has recently announced that the scholarship average for the entire college for last year was 83.24 per cent. The highest fraternity group had an average of 84.01 per cent. The averages at Middlebury do not show up very well with the averages from Clark, but of course we realize that our standards are some-

MUSICAL CLUBS HAVE SUCCESSFUL TRIP

BATES ENTERTAINERS ARE WELCOME EVERYWHERE

Last Saturday the members of the mandolin and glee clubs returned from the week's trip, previously outlined in the Student. Altho the tour was shorter than usual the entire company is enthusiastic regarding its success. Everywhere the clubs were well received and the program was presented in a pleasing manner. The work of the quartet was of the usual Bates standard, the solos of leader Renwick need no eulogy and the work of the readers caused many a tear of mirth to rise in the eyes of the listeners.

Except for several unimportant incidents the trip itself was uneventful. One trio of artists took to the road so naturally that they could not wait for the rest, but kept on traveling. In their haste to be on their way they boarded the wrong train at Portland and instead of going to Sanford, found themselves crossing the New Hampshire border. Nothing daunted, they proceeded to entertain the occupants of the day coach and when they reached Dover, N. H., were in the best condition possible to give a concert, which they no doubt did. In the meanwhile Manager Googins was tearing his hair, cursing the Kaiser, and sending out S. O. S's. to try and locate his lost babes in the wood. It was no small matter to lose a soloist, a veritable pillar of strength in the mandolin aggregation, and a songster of no mean quality. But Manager Googins need not have worried unnecessarily, for, their engagement at Dover, N. H., completed, our worthy trio proceeded in the direction of Sanford and reached there in time for the Club's initial performance.

And so sweet an impression did our boys, in all the glory of their war-paint make on the young ladies of Nasson Institute, that nothing would do but our boys must stay and be entertained in return. A jolly sleigh ride was planned, but many of the boys having neglected to bring along their heavy shoelaces, winter neckties, and other equally warm apparel, contact with the icy atmosphere was that better of.

George C. Lundholm easily proved himself an apt pupil of Delsart. His graceful contortions were watched by many an envious eye. When he had not the eye of the audience L. Charles Chaplin had it.

But, too much must not be said about the inside workings of our entertaining machine. Our boys are going to show you their ability as entertainers Friday evening in the City Hall. No one should fail to be present.

A two-weeks trip into Northern Maine is now being planned by Manager Googins. If this materializes the Bates Musical Clubs will have covered a wider territory than ever, this year.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKET FOR ANTIGONE?

If not, do so at once. Tickets for the greatest Greek performance ever given are going like hot cakes. After the excellent production by the Phi Hellenic Club last year, it is expected that Saturday evening will find every seat in Hathorn Hall taken.

Prof. Rob. is devoting every spare moment to the training of the actors, under the instructive supervision of Professor Chase. High tragedy is heard issuing from the Assembly Room at all times. It is rumored that the familiar old scene of freshman declamation is to be completely disguised in a new set of scenery constructed by the carpenters of Roger Williams Hall, and illuminated by our chief electrician's latest patented foot-lights. It is something no one can afford to miss. And all for the trifling sum of fifteen cents! Get your tickets now.

what different and perhaps the system of grading is not the same in the two colleges.—Middlebury Campus.

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EDITORIALS

THE COMMONS

Altho our Commons has been a favorite subject for discussion, comment and editorials for some time, the problem and its solution is still with us and seems to be giving as much trouble as ever. To recount the various attempts to make this institution entirely acceptable to the students would be wearisome, but we are all well enough aware that while some have seemed to succeed well for a time, no permanent plan has thus far been developed, and students and faculty alike now feel that the so-called "Commons Problem" is still a pregnant question.

No Bates man is entirely satisfied with the conditions. Many, as a result of seeing repeated failures, have come to look upon the entire question as unfit for further investigation, and unworthy of further comment. There is a laissez faire policy, and their slogan might well be "Let well enough alone". Thus we lay ourselves open to criticism from some for daring to broach a subject which has been off and fully discussed, yet, inasmuch as no solution has been offered, the question is ever a timely one.

A large number of the Bates men are not satisfied with the Commons. It is not that they are by nature more particular than others, nor is it that they are of a stubborn disposition, unwilling to let an unpleasant matter alone, but that they feel and believe that a better and more efficient Commons is a possibility. In the first place it seems to be an impossibility to provide such a full and varied menu that every one shall be satisfied with each and every meal. Individual tastes, especially among college men, vary considerably, and no matter how ideal the bill of fare provided there would be sure to be those who found in it many things they could not or would not eat. How can our present system be anything but unsatisfactory to such men?

But in addition to this fact there is the question of finances to be considered. Many men do not feel that they can afford five dollars a week for food, and finding that they can board themselves or even eat at other places, naturally desire to do so. It is not that the atmosphere and the food at our Commons is ungenial, but that the question of finances makes such a course a necessity, attempting to make an ideal eating place for Bates Students it is well to bear these facts in mind; yet the system now used takes no consideration of either condition.

From the standpoint of the Commons Committee or whoever does run the Com-

mons, (for there seems to be much doubt about this fact) there are certain things to be considered. There is the result of some years of experiment, showing that if not satisfactory our Commons at least serves its purpose. There is the question of equipment and labor, and the expense that might be necessary in installing any new system. There is the question of the disposition of present employees, or the hiring of additional help. There is no doubt but what the Commons committees have some good arguments in favor of the continuance of their present policy, yet why should not both sides of the matter be fully discussed?

It is the opinion, formed perhaps without full and definite information, of a good many of our students, that a cafeteria system should take the place of our present method of feeding; that students be allowed to purchase what they want to eat within reasonable limits, and to pay what they feel they can afford for their meals. Whatever the merits or defects of such a plan it seems to be worthy of a thorough investigation, including information from colleges where such systems have been tried. Bates students are still feeling the need of an efficient method of feeding, especially in these times when the question of food is a serious one, and any plan that gives the slightest promise of providing something better should be considered.

SOCIAL LIFE

"Going to the Emp tonight, Bill?"
"Guess not. There's a social on over to Rand. Guess I'll run over. I'm too tired to go to a show tonight."
Ten P.M.

"Well Bill I saw a corking show; best of the year. Have a swell time at Rand?"
"Swell time. Say, I'll never go inside that place again as long as I am at Bates."

Such a conversation is a summing up of many similar ones that have been repeatedly heard in Parker Hall, and even in Roger Williams. John Bertram sometimes echoes to a like one, altho less often. It is not worthy of much comment. Something is the matter, but it brings up the entire question of our college relationships. Bates, without fraternities, without dances, without a common meeting place for men and women students, in a town where there is good, bad and mediocre in the nature of entertainment, occupies rather a unique position, and has endeavored by the following means to keep the interest of her students centered in her own traditions.

There are almost numberless organizations, clubs, societies and associations; there are frequent debates, athletic contests and public lectures; there are many musical features, some of them surpassing in excellency anything offered within the state; there are socials, parties, picnics, class rides, and entertainments. Almost everything imaginable in the nature of amusement and pastime is offered to the student without the necessity of going off the campus.

Many of our clubs seem slow and lifeless. There is not much interest taken in the associations. The clubs are seldom guilty of entertaining their entire membership at a single meeting. Our debates except those between colleges, and sometimes those are not strongly supported. Our athletic contests attract only a part, even if a major part of the students. The attendance at some of the best lectures is at times pitiful. Does one ever see Rand Hall parties patronized by all the men? Has there ever been a class party where every man and woman was present?

The picture is painted as darkly as possible in order that we may appreciate by contrast what we really do enjoy. Those who are inclined to complain, and criticize the college for not offering more in the matter of amusement should analyze their own feelings when far away from college and college scenes. Rare indeed is the man who does not feel a heavy weight in his chest, and a lump in his throat when he leaves for the last time the old campus. To many, even the idea of leaving, causes a moment's sorrow. There is something cherished about the place, something that leaves its mark on the heart, and that years cannot efface. What can it be but the very things we have enjoyed here; the pleasant associations, the various meetings and gatherings? It is only when we are separated from these things that we can get a true perspective, and an appreciation of our true conceptions of Bates and what is hers.

So although the question of what is the matter, or, whether anything is the matter, with our social life still remains unsettled. Let us say that it is entire-

ly a question for the individual. What we have seems to be the best that under the circumstances can be offered, and such as it is, it is the same for all, and all are welcome. It should not disappoint the fair promoters of a Rand Hall Party, nor the renowned lecturer if their efforts are rewarded by a small attendance. They may rest assured that their efforts are appreciated, whenever they are as worthy, as much by a few as by many.

OBSERVANT CITIZEN

What good does it do to kick when you can't strike?

Sample of conversation heard in any one of three halls any night in the week:
"Whadeyer say we go down to the chop suey an' get some real cats, Tom?"
"Don't need to, Jack. I'm boarding myself."

Someone has the mistaken idea that the Parker Hall Association subscribed to the daily papers for his especial benefit.

If the first floor of a dormitory is well heated why worry about the top floor? The college must save coal. You pay your own doctor's bills.

Does your waiter ever get mislaid in the kitchen?

It is rumored that Rand Hall is taking an active interest in aviation.

Selection from a Senior critique:
"The startling sun breaks thru the chortled clouds and bathes the mounded hill top in ultra violet beams of the evening sunset. The day is dying. The wheeling avis slout softly toward the emerald earth, flashing and reflecting the ebony light of the darkening day." Quoted from Hmy Hauthor as an example of fine description.

Senior English—
Monie (reading selections from Kipling's poems) "We all know *Danny Deever* don't we Miss X? It is so well known that it has been set to music."
Voice in back of room "Sing it!"
Monie (chuckling) "I know you can stand a great deal but I hardly think—"

The new college catalog has just been received. Its general arrangement is the same as in previous years. The catalog shows a total enrollment of 486 students, 43 of whom are in the military or naval service.

One of our esteemed contemporaries made an unexcusable error the other evening in labeling a photo of the college Musical Club as the Spofford Club. It seems neither organization enjoyed the compliment.

There is an "anonymous" among us. We refer to that creature, the poet who does not disclose his cognomen. This time it is not the "Spring Halt" but the *Januarius Mesaleus*. Primarily its great poem has reference to the European War and fuel situation.

We are affixing hereto an "exercise poem". A prize is offered to the person successfully setting the words to music. The title, "Teddy's Teeth will soon fit William," may help the composer. We doubt it. (N. B. By William is meant the Kaiser.)

Now comes the warmth infusing bundle of gesticulations:

A mother was chasing her boy round the room,
Chasing her boy round the room;
And while she was chasing her boy round the room,
She was chasing her boy round the room.
Chorus:
Chasing, chasing,
Chasing her boy round the room, the room,
Chasing, chasing,
Chasing her boy round the room.

Like Heinz pickles there are fifty seven varieties in verse of this poem. The twenty-third stanza will be published next week.

More than one of that species of sweaters termed "slip-on" have been on parade since Christmas vacation. These are especially commendable for their "comforting qualities". Yes, verily, sister is diligent sometimes.

In view of the Chapel Thrift Stamp Talk recently given us the following suggests itself.

"Out in Phoenix, Ariz., a movement has been inaugurated for the formation of "Two Bits a Day" clubs, the members of which are to buy a quarter's worth of Thrift Stamps every day. Three men each took a hundred Thrift Cards, pasted one stamp in each card, and sold the entire lot before two blocks had been covered.

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We recommend warm shoe laces during this cold.

"Two bits" is the old term, dating back to the early days of the country, for a quarter of a dollar, and is still used in the South and West. Every patriotic American now wants "to do his bit"; the members of these clubs are carrying out this idea finally in doing their "two bits" every day. It is hoped that "Two Bits a Day" clubs will be formed all over the country in the great war-savings campaign.

What ho, ye goode olde times of ye knitting needle and ye yarn! Knit? 'S not a yarn, either. "A fad for knitting has broken out among the men of Tufts, eight prominent athletes appeared in class with knitting needles and yarn." It's up to some of the Bates men to show ye stuffe they are made of. A knitting epidemic might successfully succeed the recent measles fad.

Parker Hall knitting enthusiast:—"Who's got a match. I dropped a stitch and can't find it."

Talking about diamonds and other heatable hardware reminds us that winter is not entirely extinct and yet is completely over...why, er-r-r you know what I mean.

What we were going to bring to your notice was that Bates is not, so to speak, sufficiently supplied with winter fodder. Many New England Colleges are in the same predicament while at least one is more fortunate. Between you and us and the Hathorn Hall Bulletin Board New Hampshire State unloaded EIGHT ears of coal during Christmas recess.

Other institutions have not been so fortunate. Here is what the "Orient" says about the coal situation at Bowdoin: "Dean Sills has made the following statement concerning the fuel situation as it affects the college: The fuel situation is serious. We have been told by the dealers that they cannot guarantee any more coal. Therefore we must run on our reserve supply. By shutting up the Art Building, South Winthrop Hall, and various rooms in other buildings we hope to get through the year. With good luck we shall do that. If the present weather holds the present supply of coal will last till about the first of April."

RED CROSS WORK UNDER WAY

As a consequence of the rally held last week, there has been an active campaign for the Red Cross membership, with the result that a cross is displayed in nearly every window in the girls' dormitories. Now that all the girls are members, plans for the formation of an auxiliary are becoming definite.

The first meeting was held in Fiske Room last Thursday evening. As the materials for the bandages which are to be made have not yet been secured, the evening's work was small flannel socks. A committee was appointed to nominate officers and has submitted the following names:

Chairman: Mabel Findlen.
Vice-Ch: Annie May Chappell, Dorothy Haskell.
Sec.: Dorothy Sibley, Agnes Page.
Treas.: Frances Garcelon, Marion Dummells.

"You are called into this great service of your country not only for the purpose of maintaining the ideals for which America has always stood—democracy and freedom, and to keep the torch of Liberty burning throughout the world—but also for this more immediate object, the protection of our national rights and the democratic institutions handed down to us as the result of the valor and blood of our ancestors. Those are the things for which you fight."

From Secretary McAdoo's Address to Men of the National Army.
Bowdoin Orient.

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CAMPUS NOTES

LATEST GOSSIP

The very matter of fact and much abused subject of eating was the topic discussed by some of our orators Monday, after Chapel. The Commons situation again tip-toed its way to the front. As Earle Renwick, Chairman of the Commons Committee explained it, definite action about the Commons was necessary. To get at the bottom of the complaints that had been circulating, Mr. Renwick requested several members of the Student body to voice their opinions on the matter. The men called upon very frankly and very concisely stated their grievances which amounted to this: The Commons is a college institution and as such should be supported by the students. Nevertheless, a fair share of the money paid by the students ought to be expended in eatable food. It was agreed that leather was not a la Hoover when served in lieu of steak, that the Commons was primarily an eating establishment and not a shoe manufactory, and that, although we sympathized with the poor little potatoes during this cold spell, we must insist on their leaving their coats behind when they crossed the kitchen threshold. (We have a decided aversion to Bowdoin stripes.)

Neither will we stand for "abuse" to the dear old cow or bull who so generously gives us of its very flesh. In short it was concluded that variety was the spice of life and that altho the food may be "O.K." in its original form it is somehow abused in preparation.

In accordance with this discussion it was moved that the Commons Committee make a thorough investigation and use its influence towards a reasonable betterment of the conditions. With all due emphasis on the fact that this is no laughing matter but a matter of "life and death", we wish the Commons Committee "Good Luck".

A little patience is also asked for from the student body.

The Bates pins so long expected are here at last. Still time enough for 1921 to show their patriotism.

Clarence Walton, '20 is back entirely recovered from an attack of measles.

Walter Blaisdell '20 at last succeeded in getting a strange hold on old hawc-making Measles and is with us once more.

Tilton, '19 is with us for a while awaiting a call to some school in the aviation Corps in which he has enlisted.

A word to the diligent was sufficient. The new Parker Hall Directory has been supplemented by a brand-new telephone directory. We are glad that some one is influential with the telephone service.

Steve Clifford, '18, spent the week end at his home and reports a very enjoyable time in spite of the severe storm of Saturday.

Joseph Packard of Newburg called on Earl Packard, '19, January 11.

Karl Woodcock, '18, was called home on Monday regarding the draft. Mr. Woodcock returned Tuesday night.

Pauline Hodgdon, '20 is ill at her home with the measles.

Clarence Walton, '20, returned to college Friday after a week's absence due to the measles.

The Bible Study Classes met for the last time Monday night at 6:45. Nearly all classes were fully attended and many lively discussions were held. It is hoped that each student who attended will have gained some real, permanent good from his class.

Members of the Sophomore class are being enrolled for the preliminaries for the Sophomore prize debate. These preliminaries will begin in about two weeks.

Miss Ruth Clayton is confined to her room by an attack of tonsillitis and grippe.

Miss Priscilla Moore who was ill last week is able to be out again.

Miss Elizabeth Williston entertained Miss Helen Hamlin of Auburn over Sunday.

Miss Mildred Soule 1920 has moved from Milliken House and will in the future live on Main Street.

Misses Crete Carle and Lois Chandler, 1921, spent the week-end in Portland.

Misses Florence Cornell and Minerva Cutler, 1921, were in Rumford over Sunday.

Miss Julia Barron entertained her sister of Ellsworth on Saturday.

Miss Pauline Hodgdon, 1920, is at her

home in Boothby Harbor for a few days.

Miss Laura Herrick, 1920, has recovered sufficiently from the measles to be able to go to her home for a few days until fully recovered.

Miss Dorothy Sibley, 1920, has completely recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Lillian Danlap spent the week-end at her home in Richmond.

Miss Annabel Paris is expected to return to College in a few days.

Miss Evelyn Yeaton, 1921, is rapidly recovering from measles and will soon be able to be out.

Mrs. Andrews (Miss Bell) was very delightfully entertained by the Seniors at dinner Friday night.

Miss Laura Mansfield entertained Miss Davis last week.

Miss Ernestine Wright has returned to college after an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Marjorie White has been called to her home in Newport by the illness of her mother.

On Saturday evening an innovation in the form of small group socials was introduced under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. Seniors and juniors met in different rooms in Rand and Cheney, freshmen and sophomores in their respective houses. Stories were read by several of the girls and a general good time was enjoyed. Such affairs add to the general sociability and would bear frequent repeating.

The girls of the college were fortunate in being addressed at conference last Thursday by Mr. Shailer, director of art in the public schools of Portland. He spoke very interestingly on "Color Harmony." He first explained the spectrum with charts of the various hues, tints and shades and also the principle of complementary colors. Based upon this, he illustrated the use of different colors in a large number of pictures which he displayed. He closed his lecture with some useful hints on home decoration and the use of pictures.

HUGH PENDEXTER

Noted Author Lectures To Bates Students

On Tuesday evening in the Fisk Room an enthusiastic gathering of students enjoyed a lecture by Mr. Hugh Pendexter, the noted author and magazine writer of Norway, Maine. His coming was arranged by the Spofford Club for the benefit of its members, and for the benefit of all Bates students to whom the subject might appeal. The lecture embraced the short-story, its technique characteristics, and its market. Although the subject was of a literary nature the address was one of interest and value to all students, and it was characterized by frequent brilliant flashes of humor and amusing anecdotes drawn from the experience of the author.

In speaking of the demand for stories Mr. Pendexter pointed out the never failing popularity of the detective story. He also dwelt at some length on the importance and desirability of stories of home and home life. He stated that editors seek those things which quite possibly happen in real life, and which are not most improbable. He also drew attention to the fact that stories based upon the effect of drunkenness, debauch, or drugs are not sought and are unsalable.

Some of the advice the author gave to aspiring amateurs was as follows:

Be sincere and honest in your stories. Write about those things only which you know well.

Read up carefully upon every subject with which you deal and are not thoroughly acquainted with.

Put yourself into each story.

Be interesting.

Seek to arouse interest at the start.

Know when you have finished.

Do not label any story "A true story". (Editors are prejudiced against them.)

Make stories less than 5000 words each. 3500 words is an ideal length.

An editor will use three stories of 3000 words each in preference to one of 9000 words every time. Variety is demanded.

Know what you write about, but remember that a mere jumble of commonplace words and ideas does not make a successful story.

As he enlarged upon each topic, Mr. Pendexter illustrated by numerous experiences of his own in the past, and his observations of the doings of others. Some of his incidents were most humorous and witty.

Mr. Pendexter was so kind as to make the offer to criticize freely and advise as to probabilities of market of any sto-

ries written by any Bates student, each production to be of not more than five thousand words in length, and to be in typewritten form, and submitted through the president or the secretary of the Spofford Club.

It was planned to hold the meeting in Libbey Forum, but on account of the storm it was considered better to hold it in the Fisk Room. Before the lecture the Misses Lane, '20, and McCann, '18 entertained with a finely rendered piano duet. At the close Miss Blanche Wright played the Alma Mater in which all joined in singing.

MAY HAVE HOCKEY IN SPITE OF WEATHER

But Steve Is Having His Troubles

Plans for a hockey schedule are under way notwithstanding the evil intentions of the weatherman who seems to delight in destroying all the good results of the efforts of hockey manager and captain by sending us snow, storm and blow in never ending variety.

Manager Stevens and his assistants worked heroically last week in the hope of having some real hockey practice this week but the weatherman laid the foundation for a snow shoeing party so that there will be no hockey for a few days. Steve has lately arrived at the conclusion that the individual in charge of Maine weather must be a woman, for there is no other way to account for the sudden changes in temperature which he has had to contend with.

All Maine colleges have been invited by the Bates management to send a team down here or to play our team on their home grounds but Stevens has not received any reply as yet. The Portland Naval Reserves have asked for a game and the Bates manager is now trying to arrange a date for a meeting between the two representative teams. Since making dates is Steve's strong point we have no doubt that the game will be played in the near future.

Most of the members of last year's squad are now with the colors but new material has turned out in abundance and everyone is anxious to demonstrate his ability as soon as opportunity will permit. Duncan '18, captain of baseball, is also the leader of the hockey squad and ought to make an excellent chief. If the team will follow George Duncan and profit by the example of Stevens fighting the weatherman, Bates will surely be represented by a strong team.

ENTRE NOUS

Invited by the attractive posters, a good number of Freshman girls met with Miss Knowles in her room at Milliken House, Friday evening, at seven o'clock, for Entre Nous. The meeting was opened by Miss Pike, the chairman elected at the last meeting. After the business was concluded, the members presented current events and discussed them informally. During the discussion Red Cross sweaters grew and the hour was spent profitably and enjoyably by all who attended. Miss Edwards was chosen to arrange a program for the next meeting. A large attendance will add to the interest and helpfulness of the society. Come and share the pleasure offered.

SENIORITY

At the meeting of Seniority in Fiske Room Tuesday evening, the subject was household decoration. Miss Judkins gave a very well-prepared talk on furnishings, pictures and colors and answered any question which arose. Miss Laura Mansfield told how a cozy corner is arranged or rather, how it is not done at Bates. Miss May Brewer read a poem on the subject of home, Miss Nellie Moore described the ideal living-room, and Miss Ruth Dresser told how one room, such as a college girl occupies, can be made homelike.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

Friday	
Reverie	Bond-Eddy
Fantasia	Dunham
Saturday	
"On Wings of Song"	Mendelssohn
Accession	Bartlett
Monday	
Vision	Rheinberger
Marche Romaine	Gounod
Tuesday	
Adagio in B flat	Volekinar
Pilgrims' Chorus (Tannhauser)	Wagner
Wednesday	
Adagio and Minuet in G	Beethoven
March of Priests (Aida)	
Thursday	
Memory's Hour	Silver
Fanfare	Lemmens

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HOTEL ATWOOD

ALUMNI NOTES

1906—William R. Redden has just opened an office in Boston for the practice of medicine.

1907—Lieutenant Arthur Irish is at Camp Stanley, Texas.

1909—Arthur E. Morse, former instructor at Bates, is teaching at Caribou.

1909—Reverend William T. Ames has recently moved from Cheney, Wisconsin, to Big Timber, Montana, where he is pastor of the Congregational Church.

1911—Agnes E. Dwyer, who has been coach of the girl's basket ball team, and teacher of Latin in the high school in Willimantic, Connecticut, has resigned at Willimantic to accept a position in the Latin department of one of the high schools of Springfield, Mass.

1908—Mr. Harold I. Frost and his wife, who was Miss Mabel Schermerhorn, are to have a vacation from their duties as missionaries in India. They expect to reach this country on April 15, and are looking forward to being present at Bates Commencement.

1912—Earle Lee Merrill is a Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Fort Perry, New York.

1916—Erland S. Townsend is employed by the General Electric Company of Lynn, Massachusetts.

Talmage M. Patterson is pastor of the Congregational Church at Winchester, Mass.

1916—William D. Pinkham successfully passed the examination for admission to the U. S. Aviation Department, and expects to begin his studies in preparation for service about February 1st.

1909—N. Blanche Waller is a teacher in Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier, Vt.

1915—Ernest L. Small, who has been stationed at Fort McKinley, has been admitted to an officers' training school at Fort Monroe, Va.

1910—Stanley E. Howard is instructor in Economics at Dartmouth College.

1917—Laura Nelson is teaching in the Mechanic Falls High School.

1915—Leslie R. Carey, was married Jan. 1, to Dorothy Scribner Marston, at Ashland, N. H. They will reside at 128 Milton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1915—George B. Gustin has left his position with the Accounting Dept. of the Maine Central Railroad to enlist in the army.

INSPECTING ARMY FOOD

(Continued from first page)

If you don't like your thirty monthly And you're sore at the mess sergeant too,

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Camp Wheeler is some distance from Macon; the camp is accessible either by jitney service or by shuttle trains. The National Guard Units from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, besides a large number of "selected" men are in training. This camp is one of the southern camps which has been misfortunate. One night during our stay three mess halls burned to the ground. There was also considerable sickness at the camp, so a long stay was not anticipated.

The time came to pack up and we were soon on our way to Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia. This was the first National Army camp our party ever visited. The barracks at this camp are all two stories high; mess hall and kitchen on the ground floor with sleeping quarters on the upper floor. There are also bath houses with all modern conveniences. The men in training here are from many different states.

Plans were all made to spend Christmas in Washington when orders came to make a study of conditions at the German Prison Camp at Fort McPherson. The stay here was a most interesting one. The Germans interned at this fort are from the "Kronprinz Eitel Friedrich," "Kronprinz Wilhelm," and other interned ships. The "Kronprinz Wilhelm" was taken over by the German Navy at the outbreak of the war and was in the South Atlantic sinking merchant ships carrying food from South America to the allied ports. Besides several souvenir cards, I have a post card view which shows a French ship "Mont Agel" sinking. I was told by a member of the crew that all the passengers on the merchant ships were taken aboard the German ship before the merchant ships were sunk. The "Kronprinz Wilhelm" was in the

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The German prisoners are fed better by the United States government than when on board their own ships and very little food is wasted by them. There are many workshops in the stockade where the sailors make lead soldiers, ships, do fancy wood-carving, and make other novelties. There is a Y. M. C. A. building in the stockade where moving pictures are shown frequently and where they have their musical programs.

Fort McPherson is near Atlanta so there was opportunity to visit places of interest near Atlanta. Grant Park is one attraction. Outside the natural beauties of the park, there is a large collection of animals in the "Zoo" from North America, Africa, India, China, and other countries. Another attraction at the park is a cyclorama view of the Battle of Atlanta. The painting is four hundred and fifty feet long and about fifty feet high. To add to the interest of the picture, there is a confederate soldier who explains the picture and the battle in detail.

Stone Mountain sixteen miles from Atlanta is also well worth a visit. This mountain is one solid rock and is one mile from the ground to the summit. The people of Atlanta are paying to have a Troop of Cavalry carved on one side of the mountain and the work is underway at the present time.

The party returned to Fort Oglethorpe for a few days. This was a pleasant stay as I renewed many acquaintances; also saw George Miller, Bates '20, several times. He is with Evacuation Hospital, No. 6, Camp Greenleaf and is not only in a good unit, but is also in line for promotion soon.

Fort Oglethorpe has a well organized Christian Association and greatly aids the soldiers to spend their spare time in a profitable way. Besides the many Y. M. C. A. buildings in the fort, there is a large Y. M. C. A. Auditorium for large gatherings. One feature of the auditorium programs is the singing of all the popular songs led by O'Hara. O'Hara is also popular with his many parodies. There is not only much outside talent but also much local talent. Whenever the Eleventh Cavalry Band gives a concert, the auditorium is crowded. The Eleventh Cavalry has the best band at the fort and is unquestionably one of the best Army Bands.

My next move was to Washington where there are many places of interest to visit while waiting orders.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Many a sigh et cetera. At least we may look with envious eyes at this little news item in the "Radcliffe News".

Senior Dance Simplified

It was not a Prom, but a very nice party. There were no flowers, no decorations, none of the glamour of rose-colored lights and palms. But the music, the floor, the men, and, we might almost say, the punch—left nothing to be desired. The Senior dance on the evening of January 5 proved conclusively that the real secret of a good time lies not in what money can buy, but in the attitude of the individual.

INTERCOLLEGIATE MEETING

Alumni of 45 Colleges to Meet in Patriotic Meeting on February 12

The Boston Opera House is soon to be the scene of an enthusiastic gathering when on February 12, the alumni of colleges throughout the entire country will meet in an Inter-collegiate Patriotic

Meeting. Alumni organizations of 35 colleges have at present pledged their support, Tufts being included in their number. It is planned to have the alumni of each of the co-operating colleges seated in groups. All proceeds are to be given the benefit of the American University Union in Paris.

A faculty committee is working on the project with the aim of having as large as possible a delegation of Tufts alumni clubs attend in a body. Plans are not as yet developed but more details will be forthcoming soon.

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MID-YEAR EXAMS CANCELLED

A.B. School to Have Exams in Six Courses—Engineers Exempt

Tufts College has begun the New Year by breaking more precedents. Not satisfied with the radical changes necessitated last fall by the War and the Great Emergency, announcement was made from the office of the President on Tuesday that Mid-Year Examinations were doomed. Examinations in the Engineering School have been entirely eliminated, and in the school on the Hill only a few "Informal" exams will be held in those subjects that the Dean and Professors think need them.

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AN INTERESTING PROPHECY

The taking of Jerusalem by the British reminded one of the members of the Faculty, who was in Palestine in 1913, of an interesting prophecy made by Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the Kaiser. On the boat leaving Joppa there were only a few first class passengers, among them the prince. There was a discussion of the flagrant misdeeds of the young Turks in Palestine. A Philadelphia lady turned to the prince and said, "When you get home to Berlin, tell your father to send twenty thousand good German troops to Palestine and give it some sort of decent government and rule." The prince shrugged his shoulders and replied, "But ze English would be there first."

Bowdoin Orient.

WAR DEGREES NOT TO BE GIVEN

No degrees will be given to students who have not completed the requisite amount of work according to a vote of the Faculty last week. The only exception to this will be that if men are called to the colors after completing more than half a semester, they may take special examinations and receive credit for the semester's work. This will mean that the men who left for military service last summer and this fall will not receive degrees next June, and will not be graduated by the college unless they return and actually complete the required work.

The half semester rule which the Faculty passed will refer to men who are leaving for the third officers' training camp in January, and for certain others who will be called into service soon.

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U. A. C. C.

Friday night the members of U. A. C. C. were summoned for Red Cross night and "something new at the end". Those present found, as the president said, that there was something yet to learn about the Red Cross. A pleasing introduction was the reading by Rachel Ripley of a poem "The Red Cross Spirit." This was followed by a duet, "Keep the Home Fires Burning", sung by Gladys Skelton and Severance. Ida Millay gave an interesting account of Florence Nightingale's life and work, a forerunner of the Red Cross work. The program was closed by Josie Lamson's story of the life of Clara Barton, the founder of the Red Cross in America. Then the "something new" was revealed and proved to be a plan a membership and attendance contest. Two sides, the "Ups" and the "Comers" were organized with Lillian Dunlap and Gladys Hartshorn as leaders. The members present were chosen after the manner of an old-fashioned spelling match. After a short consultation, the "Comers" through Miss Hartshorn challenged the "Ups" to win or give to the winners an entertainment and "feed" and promised to abide by the same conditions. The challenge was promptly accepted and the meeting was broken up.