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## PHIL-HELLENIC PRESENTS PLAY

ANTIGONE PLAYED IN HATHORN SATURDAY EVENING

Last Saturday evening the Phil-Hellenic Club presented its annual drama. Sophocles' Antigone was the play with the members of the club selected for presentation and the actors gave a fine interpretation to this impressive legend. Those who were fortunate enough to be present witnessed the most elaborate and finished play which the club has thus far presented. The audience, which included many Greeks from the city, as well as students, was impressed by the scenic effects as well as by the rendition of the play itself.

A more carefully constructed stage setting has never been produced in any of our plays. There, upon the worn, familiar stage of Hathorn, was the exterior of the Royal Palace of Thebes. The archway, pillars, and massive masonry constituted an excellent background for the vivid action which took place. Chief Electrician Karl Woodcock also did much to add to the reality of the setting by his ingenious lighting effects. At the end of each act no curtain was drawn, but all lights were extinguished while the stage was cleared.

The drama, Antigone, is a simple, but impressive legend depicting the love of a sister for her brother and her willingness to face death in his behalf. Polyneices, deemed a traitor for having brought an army against his native city, Thebes, was slain in combat with his brother. Because of Polyneices' traitorous action, Creon, king of Thebes, has decreed that his body shall remain unburied. However, Antigone, Polyneices' sister, because of her great love performs the burial rites and is condemned to death. Creon's son, Haemon, who is deeply in love with Antigone, pleads for her life, but the king does not change his command. Whereupon Antigone and Haemon commit suicide. Eurydice, the queen, learning of her son's death also puts an end to herself.

All of the members of the cast performed in a manner that was worthy of the coaching of Prof. Robinson. Of particular merit was the quarrel between Haemon and his father, the King. The King, played by Don Swett, through the entire play was a commanding figure, even at the end when grief at the double loss of his wife and son pointed out to him his error, still his lament is truly that of a ruler rather than one ruled. Miss Barton in the role of Antigone and Miss Dannels as Eurydice truly represented the best type of Grecian women and added much to the effectiveness of the presentation. Gould as messenger to the King, bearing news of his son's death, lived up to his reputation as an actor.

Too much credit cannot be given to Prof. Robinson and Prof. Chase for their assistance in coaching and advising the members of the club. The high degree of success that was attained is ample proof that their work was not in vain. Mr. Drury and Don Swett must also be praised for their work, not only as actors, but in the matter of stage setting. The scenery was the result of their diligent labor.

Space and time is much too short to mention the respective merits of all who assisted in the production, sufficient is it to state that the play was the most successful of the Greek plays which have been given by the Phil-Hellenic Club.

### Cast of Characters

Antigone	Miss Barton
Creon, king of Thebes	Don Swett
Watchman	Clinton Drury
Haemon, son of Creon	Charles Edgecomb
First Messenger	Bernard Gould
Eurydice, wife of Creon	Miss Dannels
Second Messenger	Harry Potts
Chorus	
Miss Hodgdon	Leader
Miss Knapp	
Miss Faller	

## THE EVOLUTION OF A SLACKER

INTERESTING TALK BY PROFESSOR COLEMAN

At the Y. M. C. A. meeting last week, a very interesting talk was given by Professor Coleman on the evolution of a slacker. The meeting was attended in proxy by many. This fact should be remedied. The meetings which are being held each week will hold some facts of interest for every fellow in college. Let us not be slackers in this respect.

In explaining the evolution of the slacker, Professor Coleman outlined the three types of college slackers: first, the "I don't care" type, then the "get by" type, and lastly, the class in which are found religious slackers. In developing his thoughts on each of these types, he said in brief:

"No man who don't care should be in college. The presence of such men, who are enjoying college opportunities, and privileges, only for their own amusement, is detrimental to the best interests of the college. Such men are taking up the places which worthier men might better fill."

The speaker told of the old plan in vogue at Harvard whereby C was the "gentleman's grade", and brought out the fact that such a scheme was an insult to the word gentleman.

As to the matter of religious slackers, but little needed to be said. The presence of so many empty seats was ample evidence of neglect on the part of many. They certainly could not have been a source of inspiration to the speaker.

Professor Coleman outlined also three elements which go to make up every slacker. First the element of fear. He showed that the proportion of fear in the makeup of the slacker was due largely to instinct; to the inherent sense of self-preservation which is highly developed in every individual. Next came false humility, the thought that because one had so little to contribute that he would not contribute anything. This quality was compared to that in a man who resolved because he could not afford to buy only a fifty dollar Liberty Bond, refused to buy any. Lastly came the element of old fashioned laziness. It was shown that very many slackers are merely lazy; they have no desire to exert any energy along any lines if there is any possible way out.

In technical explanation of the etymological development of the word, he showed that it probably came in the beginning from the term shirker. That its present place in our language as a military term was due to those qualities which grew to be attributed to it in its development.

Can you find a fellow who did not enjoy the meeting? Don't you believe that you have a duty to perform along this line? Why be a slacker? Be present at the next meeting, and see how much you can learn!

Friday	
Hymn to St. Cecilia	Gounod
Allegretto	Beethoven
Saturday	
Minuetto	Guilmant
Largo (New World Symphony)	Dvorak
Monday	
Fervall (Introduction to Act I)	d'Inday
Processional	Whitney
Tuesday	
Chanson de Nuit	Elgar
Grand Choeur	Dubois
Wednesday	
Chorus of Angels	Clark
O Sanctissima	Lux
Thursday	
(Day of Prayer)	
Absonte	Salome
Marche Religieuse	Guilmant

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## COACH "PURRY"

### GOING TO FRANCE

PHYSICAL DIRECTOR GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ENTER Y. M. C. A. WORK

The call of his country has taken from Bates one of her most popular faculty members in the person of Royce D. Purinton, or as he is known to students and Bates followers Purry. To those in close touch with Mr. Purinton the decision to enter into military work was not altogether a surprise for ever since war was declared "Purry" has been trying to decide whether his place at this time was in college or in an army camp. The loss of our head coach is mitigated only by the knowledge that Uncle Sam has received through Bates a man loyal to country and duty, convinced of the democratic cause, and ready to do or die for it.

Royce Davis Purinton was born on the 27th of October, 1877 at Bowdoin, Me. His parents were Nathaniel Snow Purinton, who was for many years secretary to the governor of Maine at



COACH PURINTON

Augusta, and Jennie E. (Williams) Purinton. After graduating from high school "Purry" came to Bates in 1896 and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900. While in college "Purry" made no less than eight "Es". He made his letter in baseball and football every season during his four college years and was rated so highly in both branches of sport that he was elected captain of baseball and football during his senior year, an honor which is very rarely bestowed upon any athlete. This dual election speaks well for his popularity among the members of the teams and the student body. That the Bates teams from 1896 to 1900 were of the first quality is evinced by the fact that "Purry" played on several Maine State Championship teams.

When Royce Purinton graduated from Bates in 1900 everyone predicted that he would choose physical training of men as his career. But to the surprise of many "Purry" joined the Lisbon Falls Fibre Co. and worked there in the capacity of foreman until 1903. Following his experience with this company he worked for the International Paper Co. from 1903 to 1905. In the spring of 1905 Purry for the first time considered an offer to accept the position as Physical Director of his alma mater. But not satisfied with his long record of active competition in baseball, football, and track, Mr. Purinton asked for time in which to prepare himself for his duties as head coach. This request was granted and from the fall of 1905 until the latter part of 1906 Purry was a student at Springfield Y. M. C. A. College. Again he soon became one of the most popular students on the campus through excellence of

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## DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES

NEXT THURSDAY TO BE HOLIDAY

Raymond Calkins To Speak

The annual Day of Prayer for colleges will be observed next Thursday. Many Bates students who have had the good fortune to be present on similar occasions in past years will look forward with pleasant anticipation to the service this year, and such people will not be disappointed, for the college has arranged for Dr. Raymond Calkins of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to deliver an address. Dr. Calkins was formerly the pastor of the State Street Congregational Church in Portland, where he made an enviable reputation, and is now a popular minister in Cambridge. He has spoken at Bates on a similar occasion, and his sermon was considered by many to be one of the ablest ever heard on the campus. Those who heard Daniel Poling last year, and Dr. Gifford the year before, were impressed with the ability of both men. We may be assured that our service this year will be in every way equal to those of past years.

## DEDICATION OF BATES SERVICE FLAG

IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES HELD IN CHAPEL

One of the most impressive services ever held in the Bates Chapel took place Friday morning when the Bates Service Flag was dedicated. The presence of a Service Flag at Bates was made possible by the contributions of the student body, and the college as a whole may be truly proud of the beautiful insignia of Bates service to its country. The flag is of generous proportions and now bears on its field one hundred twenty-five stars, with room for many more.

Donald Davis '18, President of the Student Council, presided over the exercises and in a few words outlined the program to be carried through. Professor Baird was chosen to deliver the dedicatory address. Beginning with a short review of the Bates men in the war work, Professor Baird proceeded to convey a realization of the meaning of a Service Flag. He suggested that the flag soon to be raised did not simply signify service, but service made glorious through sacrifice, that it was a flag of victory, and that it carried with it the words, "Right makes might."

At the proper moment the flag was slowly raised aloft by Goggin and Swift '18, and made a beautiful and inspiring picture as it unfurled, almost filling the huge arch over the Chapel platform. The entire assembly rose and remained standing until the flag was in position, while a male chorus very appropriately rendered, "Keep The Home Fires Burning."

Nothing can express the feeling that pervaded the Chapel when the strains of this song softly died away and President Chase began the prayer. Every student and every member of the audience felt the same mighty emotion that gripped our President. Simple yet beautiful were the words that he uttered in tribute and in prayer for the boys in whose memory the Service Flag had just been raised, and there was a peculiar exultant yet subdued ring to the words of the closing hymn, "America."

The following is the roll of honor, for everyone of whom there is a star on the Bates Service Flag:

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## CONCERT AT CITY HALL A HUGE SUCCESS

BATES COLLEGE CLUBS GAVE INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT

Last Friday night, the combined Musical Clubs of the college gave a concert in City Hall, which was very largely attended, both by the townspeople and members of the college. A varied program of musical numbers interspersed with readings, was given, and each number was heartily applauded, to the extent of several encores.

Special mention should be made of the readers, Mr. Edgecomb and Mr. Potter. Mr. Edgecomb presented a sketch from "Peurod and Sam," and "The Church Choir" as an encore. Mr. Potter delivered a selection which may quite fittingly be called "The Cat Fight," and as an encore, gave an interesting account of his travels in towns and cities other than his own.

The number "Keep the Home Fires Burning" was especially well presented by the Glee Club, and came in for an encore. Mr. Renwick's solos were well received and the gentleman was kind enough to give an encore in each case. Mr. Ireland gave a fine cornet solo, and also an encore.

Of course, the male quartette should be mentioned. All their selections were excellent. The presentation of a cotton dolly by Mr. Lundholm during the number of the same name did much to preserve the local color of the piece. It might be well, however, for Mr. Lundholm to plan his escape beforehand.

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## LIFE AS AN AVIATOR

"BO" KENNEDY TELLS OF HIS EXPERIENCES

A fact which is not generally known around the campus is that the ladies of the Faculty Needle Club are doing a fine and patriotic service in writing to our boys in the various branches of the service. The following very interesting answer has been received by one of them from an old friend "Bo" Kennedy.

Christmas Night 1917

Rich Field

Waco, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Andrews:

I must ask your pardon for not answering your kind letter sooner, but it reached me during the final week of my course at Princeton, when exams were claiming my attention.

Immediately following the last one we were given twenty-four hours leave, and then sent to Texas for our flying training. We expected a little relief from the rather severe discipline and school study and drill, at flying school, but our hopes have hardly been fulfilled. We are learning many things not in the prescribed curriculum, one being the proof of a certain thought that a room-mate of mine at college never wearied of quoting, i. e. "The more we rise in the scale of life, the more we feel the pressure of 'The Divine Must.'"

Many of us harbored the impression that an officer was free from the unpleasant phase of discipline so necessary to a military organization and yet so irksome to the American youth. How

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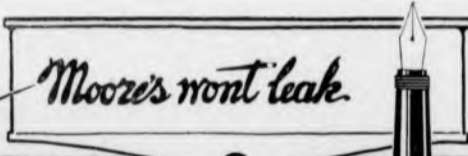
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### ALUMNI NOTES

1897—Ralph E. Filés, the principal of the high school in East Orange, New Jersey is the father of a son, Richard, born on December 24, 1917.

1900—Lester L. Powell is in charge of the medical unit connected with the 101st infantry in France.

1907—Miss Emily Willard was a recent visitor on the campus.

1900—Mabel L. Menard is now living in East Orange, N. J.

1905—Mary Bartlett has been teaching German and Spanish at East Orange, N. J.

1911—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Williams (Olive Farnham, Bates, '10) of Braintree Mass., have a little son, Donald Farnham, born December 13.

1910—John H. Powers, Esq., 1910, was married December 26, to Miss Marion Porter, at Bangor, Maine.

1902—Florence S. Ames died at her home in South Portland, Maine, after an illness of five weeks. She was Secretary of the Class of 1902 and was one of its most loved members. She had been a very successful teacher. Her last position, which she left because of her illness, was in the Central High School, Springfield, Mass. Miss Ames was a grand niece of Professor Stanton.

1886—Edgar D. Varney died on October 1st, at Kingston, Pa., after an illness of but two days. Hemorrhage of the brain was the cause of his death. Mr. Varney was an excellent scholar while in college and a man of the highest ideals. He had the gifts, attainments, and aims that made him a thoroughly successful teacher. And he held various positions of responsibility in educational work. He thoroughly prepared himself by extensive graduate work at the University of Chicago. He had taught in Colorado, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and for a period in Springfield, Mass. He was devotedly loyal to his college and cherished his college friendships with a warmth and devotion seldom equalled. He was happy in his domestic life. He has left a widow and several children.

1941—Lieutenant Freeman P. Clason is located at Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

1915—Leslie R. Carey, 1915, was married on New Year's Day to Miss Dorothy Scribner Marston, at Ashland, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Carey will be at home, after February 15th, at 128 Milton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1907—Rev. Harold I. Frost, '07, and Mrs. Frost (Mabel Schermerhorn, '08) who have been Baptist missionaries in India for some years, are to return to America soon on furlough. They hope to be at Bates for the next Commencement.

1901—Willard K. Bachelder, who for a number of years was a very successful school superintendent in the Philippines, has returned to this country and is at present located in Seattle, Wash., where he is in business with Andrews and Co., Investment Bankers.

1917—Laurence O. Thompson is principal of the No. Conway, N. H., High School. He is teaching Mathematics, Chemistry, and German.

1911—Willis E. Thorpe, who has been teaching in Danvers, Mass., is now with the Second Additional Co., Depot Brigade, Camp Devens.

1917—Douglass M. Gay, who has been studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is now in the Medical Department at Camp Devens.

1887—Major E. K. Sprague, who was stationed for some months at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa, as chief health officer, has been transferred to Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. His family are in Portland Maine.

1909—Frederick M. Peckham is principal of the high school at Brockton, Mass.

### CALENDAR FOR WEEK

Thursday, Jan. 24—Philhellenic Club, 7.15. Politics Club, 7.00. Red Cross meeting, Rand Hall, 6.45. Second Semester choice of study cards due. Friday, Jan. 25—Choir rehearsal, 7.30. U. A. C. C., Seniority, Entre Nous, 7.00. Sunday, Jan. 27—Voluntary Study, Y. W. C. A. Monday, Jan. 28—Y. M. C. A. voluntary study, 6.30. Tuesday, Jan. 30—Spofford Club, 7.00. Wednesday, Jan. 31—Y. M. C. A., 6.30. Y. W. C. A., 6.45.

## BATES BOYS GET YOUR GOOD CLOTHES

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### COACH "PURRY"

#### GOING TO FRANCE

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character, prowess in athletics, and the cut of his clothes which were always up to date. In the spring of 1906 he finally took up his duties as Physical Director of Bates College which position he has filled up to the present time.

The ideals of the head coach of any institution are reflected through the behavior of the teams under his charge on and off the field. During the past ten years Bates has continued a record of the cleanest workmanship—a record which is so free from any violation of the technical and moral rules of inter-collegiate competition that future generations of Bates students will do well to emulate it. Never has there been occasion for any of our rival competitors to demand the withdrawal of a player from a Bates team. Any player who did not meet the scholastic requirements of the College has always known that there was no room for him on the team. Professionalism has never found a willing ear under Purry's regime for he was convinced that an athlete who receives pay for his work in athletics at college is starting on a career of failure, and that the men who assist a young man in getting paid for playing professional baseball or football in college help the athlete to a life of failure. This policy so free from catering to prep school athletes with financial offers has not brought many championship teams to Bates, yet the biggest institutions in the country are always anxious to get a game with our college for they always know that they were in for a fight even though the odds favored them. The clean sportsmanship of Bates is known all over the country and every year our baseball and football managers receive offers to play the largest colleges in the country, such as Harvard, Yale, West Point, and many others.

Whoever has been present at a Bates rally before a football game knows how well the Coach is liked by the whole student body. There has never been a speaker who received as hearty and long an ovation as Purry. When he talks on some phase of athletics, or any other topic for that matter, everyone feels the presence of a man who has made the problems of Bates his own, spending time and energy for the advancement of the college, and one who is, in short, body and soul a Bates man. He holds the respect and affection of even those who know him only by seeing him stride across the Campus with firm elastic step. He is admired and respected by those who come directly under his influence and who through constant association with him gain an insight to his methods, the care which he bestows upon everyone of his charges, and the deep understanding he has of the problems of every man who seeks his advice. Coach is a great favorite with all the students and especially with the members of the different athletic teams. Many times old time Bates men come back to us and delight in telling us episodes which happened while they were in college. And whenever the name of the Coach is mentioned be it in connection with either a humorous event or a serious story you always feel the speaker's respect and love for "Purry." One fact better than any other bears this out. Whenever these old grads come back they always ask the same questions: Have you seen Purry anywhere? I'd like to see him. When is he going to be around?

That Royce D. Purinton is held in high esteem by the President and members of the Faculty became apparent to all who heard president Chase announce the decision of the Coach to leave us for Uncle Sam's service. When the war broke out last spring, Royce D. Purinton was at once made a member of the Public Safety Committee. As such he became the chairman of the Androscoggin County Committee and spent most of his time in meeting the requirements of this place of trust and confidence. He did his work with enthusiasm, convinced of the righteousness of America's cause. While he thus served his country

from the very beginning of the War his mind often carried him "over there" where American standards were unfurled for Columbia's cause. He longed to go to France but the important work at the College and the varied activities in which he was engaged as a member of the Public Safety Committee together with home ties kept him with us. But when a telegram came last week from Mr. Fisher of the Army Y. M. C. A. headquarters in Philadelphia, stating the urgent need for efficient big hearted men in the training camps of France, men with just such experience as his own, Purry did not wait any longer. That very night he met the President and the board of trustees, and was granted a leave of absence until the beginning of the next school year. If circumstances demand it this leave of absence will be extended.

So Bates people have now an additional reason for wishing a speedy end of the War. It is that the Coach may soon return to us. In spite of the fact that, on account of his system, physical training can be carried on his absence almost without any change, we desire and need Purry's advice and wise supervision. In him we have lost a leader, and a friend, and this loss is sure to be felt. May "Purry" be as successful in his new work as he has been in college activities. He has left his Alma Mater to fight for the land of his fathers, he has left a school with democratic principles to fight that these principles may continue to exist. Who will deny that he has chosen the greater, the bigger task? May the fortunes of war soon give back to us the man we all admire, respect, and love: Coach Purry.

### BOOST THE TRACK MEET

### COLLEGE NOTES

The following items from the New Hampshire State News show the activity and progressiveness of that institution. Many Bates men and women who find the winter season dull and tedious, and object to the many forms of athletics presented might find some pleasure and exercise in skiing.

A short meeting of the New Hampshire College Outing Club was held Tuesday evening, December 11, for the purpose of finding a way for raising 40 dollars to erect a ski-jump behind the Granite State nurseries.

It was voted to have a committee make a personal canvass of the students and leave it to their generosity to supply the money. The members of the committee have started their work of collecting for this good cause. The club wants to send a team to the Winter Carnival at Dartmouth next February and do even better than last year.

Thanks to Durham's hilly conformation, there is a natural ski-jump within easy reach of the campus where red cheeks, big appetites and sheer good fun are to be had for the taking. With so much given us, why not complete Nature's gift by making a ski-jump on the edge of the hill? Its cost is less than 40 dollars, its worth is immeasurable in training men for the carnival and in keeping interest in the Big Outdoors at a high pitch. There is nothing in a doctor's kit that will bring good health and joy in living so surely as daily exercise out of doors, in the winter time. To help build that ski-jump take-off and use it a profitable winter's pastime.

New Hampshire

President Hopkins of Dartmouth suggests the degree of "bachelor of military science" for students who serve in the army and do not complete their studies. As he says, to give the degree of bachelor of arts is misleading. A special degree, however designated, would be perfectly understood and highly honored, and its holder would be making no pretension to studies never actually carried through.

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