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BATES REPRESENTED AT CONGRESS OF NATIONAL SERVICE

PROMINENT ALUMNUS PRESENTS REPORT

At the Congress of National Service, held recently in Chicago by the National Security League, Bates was represented by three of its prominent alumni, Francis L. Hayes, D.D., 1880; Winslow G. Smith, 1908, and Walter L. Fisher, 1906. Dr. Hayes holds an important office upon the Congressional Board of Ministerial Relief. Mr. Smith is president of the Magazine Circulation Company, with offices in Chicago. Walter Fisher is head of a science department in the Carl Schurz High School, in Chicago.

Dr. Hayes has forwarded to the Student, through President Chase, the following report of the Congress:

"At the request of President Chase I am submitting herewith a condensed report of the Congress of National Service held in Chicago February 21-23 by the National Security League, and addressed by numerous governors, publicists, and educators of distinction, including ex-President Taft, Governor Whitman of New York, Charles Edward Russell, Mrs. Thomas J. Preston—formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland—and many college presidents and professors.

"The three Bates delegates including Mr. Winslow J. Smith and Mr. Walter L. Fisher and the writer, were made members of the Committee on Patriotism through Education. This committee held numerous sessions with opportunity for abundant discussion. The conclusions reached are summed up in the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the congress as a whole at its last session:

"National needs require the extension of all educational efforts to secure a full understanding of the issues of the war, of the necessity for its vigorous prosecution, and of the obligation for service resting upon every man, woman and child, and that we approve the campaign of patriotism through education planned and now being pushed by the National Security League, with the immediate purpose of defeating German propaganda in the United States and of solidifying and strengthening the loyal spirit of the nation to the winning of the war."

"The discussion emphasized the fact that the educational task of the hour is to isolate the fundamental ideas underlying free government and to teach them to the people, beginning with the children in the schools, and not stopping with the students of colleges and universities, but going on to the five percent of our adult population who do not speak our language and are likely to learn what it is that makes a man a real American until the government itself regards it as a part of public education to impart to them this knowledge.

"The importance of a greater federalizing of education was emphasized. Danger from the large proportion of 'German-minded' men now teaching German in American colleges and the fact that danger from them was not diminished by transferring them to the teaching of French was dwelt upon.

"While there was defense of the education of the past, the burden of conclusion seemed sympathetic with the position taken in the OUTLOOK of January 9th by Frederick M. Davenport of Hamilton College: 'The whole system of the public school and college education needs to be revolutionized on the side of preparation for citizenship. * * * Nothing can stop the universal suffrage of both men and women in a democracy; nothing must stop their preparation for it when the age of duty comes.'

"It was admitted that the German people are trained admirably by education for their kind of citizenship and it was declared that an equally good training through education for our kind of citizenship should be provided.

"Resolutions unanimously and enthusiastically adopted favored the es-

BATES MAY HAVE AN INTERCLASS TRACK MEET

SENTIMENT FOR OUTDOOR COMPETITION GROWING

There seems to be a good deal of sentiment among the student body for an outdoor interclass track meet for the coming spring. All the tennis tournaments will be held away from the Bates courts, and a snappy track meet would no doubt be an excellent change from the baseball games. Such a contest would involve no expense for the Athletic Association, and would at the same time afford a chance for competition to the many men who do not play tennis or baseball. While tennis can only be played during the best of weather, it is a well established fact that track meets and football games are staged without consulting the weather man. The Annual Indoor Track Meet at City Hall proved that the three upper classes are exceptionally well matched, so that more close competition might be looked for between their representatives. While the freshmen class did not show much promising material indoors, they might want to show the rest of us that they are not as hopeless as they looked at City Hall.

It is altogether proper that such a track meet should be run off here. Harvard, Yale and Princeton have resumed inter-collegiate competition in athletics and, in our own state of Maine, Bowdoin expects to be represented in several meets by a strong combination. We are unfortunate in that we have lost our physical director, to promote such an exhibition, but since we managed to come through on the Indoor Meet, there is no reason to think that the same could not be done on our own grounds.

There ought to be little difficulty in getting the men out to train, as nearly everyone wishes to get out in the good young springtime to roam or jump or skip about. But it is all up to the men. With a little pep and a little preparation, we could have a first class track meet this spring.

Establishment of military training, declared for the continuance of the war until a decisive victory is obtained, protested against giving office to anyone not loyally supporting our government in the war, demanded rigorous treatment of enemy agencies within our borders, denounced all organizations attacking constitutional government and seeking class advantage, called upon every citizen to contribute in any way possible to him toward the winning of the war, and declared that the establishment of the rule of justice and right demands sacrifices which must be made by every citizen to any extent necessary, even to that of life itself.

"The last speech of the congress was by the Irish agitator T. P. O'Connor, M. P. After describing in a heart-moving way the sacrifices already made in the war by Great Britain and by his own family connection, his voice rang out in clarion tones as he called upon us, whatever the price and however long the delay, to 'go on, and on, and ON! till victory be won.' This brought the whole audience to their feet with applause and cheers long continued, and yet with a solemnity that enabled them fittingly to join with Bishop Falls in the prayer with which the congress was brought to a dignified and impressive conclusion.

"The organization of the National Security League is such as to lead to the confidence that the conclusions of the congress will bear fruit in action. The little group of Bates men who participated were glad to represent their Alma Mater in what seemed a significant as it was an inspiring occasion."

Francis L. Hayes, '80

FINALS IN BATES INTERSCHOOLASTIC DEBATING LEAGUE TO COME ON APRIL 19

THREE TEAMS TO COMPETE

On Friday evening, April 19, will be held the final debates of the year in the Bates Interscholastic Debate League. Deering High, Maine Central Institute, and Stephens High will be represented in these debates. Each negative team will remain at home, while Deering High will send an affirmative team to Pittsfield; Maine Central Institute an affirmative team to Rumford, and Rumford an affirmative team to Portland. The winning school will be awarded a cup.

This is the fifth annual series of debates. During past years, Rumford has won three times, and M. C. I. once,—last year. In 17 debates, Rumford has been defeated but once, and that was by M. C. I. last year. It is interesting to note that the same three schools came through the preliminaries last year. Owing to the present war conditions, Gardiner and Lewiston High were obliged to drop out, but in spite of this fact three groups were organized, and debates were held as usual.

As a result of the preliminaries, Rumford won unanimously two debates from Hebron; Deering High won unanimously from Leavitt Institute and Norway High, and Leavitt Institute won two to one from Norway High. Maine Central Institute won unanimously from Bangor at home and two to one at Bangor.

In regard to individual excellency: Carroll Enemark of Deering, the best individual speaker of last year, was placed first at Norway, and Robert Watts of Deering at Portland. Hudson Brennick of Rumford was given first place at Hebron, and Stanley Peterson of Rumford at Rumford.

The speakers and judges for the preliminary debates were as follows: At Pittsfield, Maine Central Institutes, Frank Milan, Ervina Doodale, Vernon Libby; Bangor High, Frank McDuff, Harvey McCann, Donald McGuire; judges Professor Henry Brown, Colby College, Rev. H. W. Leighton, Skowhegan, Supt. Stuart, Clinton.

At Bangor, Bangor High, John Mitchell, Frank McGuire, Mabel McCann; M. C. I., Karl Hurr, Alice Ismund, Harry Delyea; judges, Judge Hollowell, Oldtown, Professor Guy Thompson, University of Maine, Rev. Edgar Cousins, Brewer.

At Rumford, Rumford High, Stanley Peterson, Walter Stearns, Stanley Powett; Hebron, Simon Ronke, Norman Webb, Gordon Tison; judges, Principal W. G. Mallett of Farmington Normal School, Donald Partridge, Norway, Professor Lawrence Grose, Bates College.

At Hebron, Hebron, Ceba Harmon, Reynold Graffam, Harris Isaason; Rumford, Merle Niles, Hudson Brennick, Abbott Nile.

At Norway; Norway High, Elva Perry, Eleanor Brown, Arthur Desco-teau; Deering High, Raymond Hennigar, Donald Reed, Earroll Enemark; judges, Professor W. H. Coleman, Bates College, John Matthews, Hebron, Professor Robert MacDonald, Bates College.

At Portland, Deering High, Robert Watts, Rodney Pettingill, Leon Butler, Leavitt Institute, William Burbank, Mildred Lincoln, Lucian Charron; Judges, Principal Roy Strout, South Portland High, Principal W. E. Russell of Gorham Normal School, Principal E. M. Moore of Yarmouth High.

At Leavitt; Leavitt Institute, Ada Leavitt, Armita Walton, Mabel Bassett; Norway High, Roland McCormick, Bradlee Willis, Arthur Bartlett; Judges, Mrs. Clinton Barnard, Portland High School, Rev. Garvan Blareom, Turner, Mr. Walter Thomas, Turner.

The Debating League this year has proved a success in every way. It can safely be said to be far superior to any other league of its kind in the state. The teams which are engaging in it are a credit to the schools from which

CHRISTMAS BOXES STILL ARRIVING

1917 MAN WRITES FROM FRANCE

The Secretary of the Student Council has recently received the following self-explanatory letter from a former 1917 man, who is serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

February 3, 1918

Just a word to thank the Council from the bottom of my heart for the Christmas box I received a few days ago. On account of my being almost continually on the move, it was delayed in reaching me, but it was greatly appreciated just the same. You have no idea how every little remembrance helps us over here—to know the folks at home are behind us makes it that much easier for us to do our bit.

I am well and getting along fine. Just at present I am training at a school, a representative from my company. As you can easily imagine, we are seeing France and having some experiences which will no doubt do a lot of us more good than we can imagine. We live in almost anything from a hay loft to real French homes. I have experienced them all, living for ten days in real comfort. The life isn't half bad, but it's far from being American.

Well, here's wishing the Council success, and again thanking them for their kindness, I am

An ex 1917 man,
Bernard S. Johnson.

BATES HOUSE WILL BE BUILT

ONLY WAITING THE DEPARTURE OF THE SNOW

In spite of the impression that seems to prevail in some quarters, the Bates House will be built this spring. It was intended to commence operations last fall, before the coming of snow, and the committee expected at least that ground would be broken, and a large part of the materials gathered, in order that the actual construction work might be begun with the coming of spring. The early winter, however, frustrated these plans, and the subsequent freight congestion made it appear that the construction of the Union building would have to indefinitely be deferred.

We are assured, however, that such is not the case. The contract has been let, most of the materials have been secured, and all that is needed is a few weeks of continued good weather, in order that building may be commenced.

Practically no changes have been made in the plans for the building as outlined in the STUDENT last fall. Unless unforeseen complications arise, the Bates Union should be well under way when college opens in the fall.

ON FURLOUGH

Through arrangements being perfected by Cambridge in co-operation with the other English universities, American students and alumni will have the privilege of spending their furloughs with the students of England. As it is impossible for men on short furloughs to return home, many of them will doubtless visit England and it is felt that Americans will appreciate this opportunity to live for a few days in the atmosphere of some of the oldest institutions of learning in the world.—Smith College Weekly.

they come, and the creditable season which the league has enjoyed is due in large measure to the efficiency with which the affair has been managed by the Bates Debating Council, and especially to the untiring efforts of Professor Baird. The Bates faculty, as will be seen by the above list is prominent in the judging of the debates. Quimby, '18, and Mayoh, '19, have been acting as coaches of the various teams.

BATES TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE AT BOSTON

Y. M. C. A. PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE APRIL 26

In any form of democratic government it is too often a fact that the ruling power is in the hands of a few. Not only is it true in the political world but in organizations which have to do with the social and moral welfare also. The Young Men's Christian Association in some departments has felt that it was no exception.

Because of the realization of this fact the students executive secretaries thought of a plan whereby the work might be carried on in a more democratic manner. The plan was to form a Council which should be composed of the presidents of the Student Christian Associations. Thus we now have what is known as the New England Presidents' Conference which meets each year to act as sort of clearing-house where the problems which come to each Association may be threshed out and plans for the year's work formulated.

The members of the Bates Association probably know very little about this conference. The members of the cabinet have occasion to think of it only when a bill for expenses comes in for approval. The president of the Association learns soon after his election, that he is expected to attend the Conference, and that he is a member of the Council.

Bates has always been represented at this Conference. Last year when it met at Williams College, a Bates man was made a member of the Executive Committee. At a meeting of this committee held in Boston last Sunday, it was decided that the Conference should be held at M. I. T. April 26-28 this year. The invitation for the conference to come to Bates next year was favorably considered and the committee voted to recommend to the committee for next year that the invitation be accepted.

JUNIORS PLAN FOR IVY DAY

EXERCISES TO BE HELD MAY 24

The Junior Class, in a meeting held in Hathorn Hall on Tuesday, took the first steps in the preparation for the annual Ivy Day exercises, which are to be held this year, on the afternoon of Friday, May 24, as decided at a previous meeting. The Junior Exhibition will be held on the evening of the previous day, Thursday, May 23.

At Tuesday's meeting, the class elected Harry L. Potts as chaplain, to fill the vacancy left by Paul Tilton. Harold Stillman was unanimously chosen class marshal.

It was decided to elect a committee of five to have charge of the arrangements for the Ivy Day exercises. After some highly entertaining political manoeuvres over the question of the form of the ballot to be used, the following committee was selected:

Miss Lewis, Miss Milliken, Harmon, Powers, Purinton.

It seemed to be the opinion of the class that a committee of three for a nominating committee was far too small, and, profiting by the example of previous classes, it was decided to elect a committee of seven, including the president of the class as an ex-officio member, in the hope that such a committee would represent the class in a more acceptable manner. The committee, as elected, was as follows:

Maxim, Holmes, Southey, Miss Paul, Miss Dunning, Miss Gaeleon.

The meeting was adjourned, leaving the tellers, aided by the assistants appointed by the president, to their afternoon's pastime of sorting and counting the ballots. They characterize the scheme of balloting as devised by the class as one of the most fiendishly ingenious pieces of political machinery ever given to the world.

There will be another meeting in the near future.

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EDITORIALS

THE SMALL COLLEGE

L. P. Powell, president of Hobart, has some very decided ideas as to the duties and functions of the small college. He realizes the special problems that confront institutions like his own, and sums up his opinions in the following statement:

"There are a few colleges that stay small, and unless some of them mend their ways they will grow yet smaller as the years go by; for supporters are not going to confuse smallness with inefficiency, and the small college, however small, must function efficiently, or it will cease to have a reason for existence. But here and there you will find a small college of which the alumni can proudly as well as truly say, with Daniel Webster, 'It is a small college. And yet there are those who love it.'

"The small college is the real college. It has no ambition to be a university. It is not tainted seriously with the distinctively university spirit. It still stands for the general mental discipline, a liberal outlook on life and what we call cultural interests, without longer narrowing the term merely to the pursuit of classical study.

"The small college today must serve a valid purpose. It cannot rest on the laurels of the past.

"The small college today must do well its own special work. Problems it has. What live institution has not problems, whether it is big or little? The small college has suffered much through the persistence of puerilities, but they are going. Sense and solidarity are taking their place. Prudent hazing, vulgar horsing, premature rushing, vulgar padding, and excessive drinking, made possible by scholarship funds given to the college by good Christians, are going because they have to go—and they are going rapidly because they cannot withstand the pitiless publicity of good breeding."

There is a message for Bates in the words of President Powell. Bates is a small college. She has no desire to become a university. She is not tainted with the university spirit.

Bates has solved many of the problems of the small college in a way that has borne fruit in a rapid increase in prosperity. We have a thoroughly progressive institution.

What Bates should do, in the interests of progress, is to do away with a few of the things that misrepresent her to the public. Why not eliminate certain high school methods from the

work in some of our courses? It ought not to be difficult to educate the students of the institution to refrain from the prep school habit of raising their hands during a recitation. And, by the way, since we are speaking of the matter of reforms, would it not be well to do away with the much criticised arrangement which courtesy accords the name of a cut system, and to substitute something more in keeping with the schemes in operation in other institutions of higher learning?

The students, meanwhile, should show that they are capable of keeping up with the procession, by breaking themselves of a collection of habits that have clung to them as relics of their childhood. They might begin, for instance, by learning to preserve approximate silence in the library, instead of making it a clearing house for stage-whispered conversation.

THE RED TRIANGLE

The war is proving to be a great test of our institutions. Sooner or later, every industry, every organization, every activity, must be passed upon with regard to its usefulness or uselessness in the successful prosecution of the war.

In the making of regulations by the fuel administration, the unnecessary industries, theoretically at least, had to go by the board. Every business that decreased the coal supply, had to prove that it was aiding the government in winning the war.

When the government took over the management of the railways of the country, one of the first acts was to curtail the train schedules, in order that unnecessary travel might not interfere with the movement of materials needed in the prosecution of the war.

The colleges have been allowed to continue with their work, because there is a vital need for trained men, both for leadership in the war, and during the period of reconstruction at its close.

Early in the war, the Young Men's Christian Association was recognized by President Wilson as one of the most potent auxiliaries of the armed forces of the nation. The service of the organization in preserving the morale of the men at the front has been recognized by those who direct the military affairs, not only of this nation, but also of France and England. The marvelous way in which the work of the Y. M. C. A. has been extended since the beginning of the war, is sufficient proof that the Association has met the test of the war, and that is one of the institutions that will stay.

There is no need to recite statistics as to the scope of the work, or to tell of the great needs which it meets. The way in which the Y. M. C. A. has answered the call of duty is one of the romances of the war.

The fact that is often overlooked is that the local Y. M. C. A. is the same organization that is ministering to the men in the trenches. The Red Triangle at Bates is the same Red Triangle as that which is displayed before the Huts in Europe. The Y. M. C. A. here can perform for the men of the college a service comparable to that rendered to the men of the army. If you do not believe it, attend the next Red Triangle Meeting. The Y. M. C. A. here should receive the same loyal support that it receives from the soldiers. If you believe it, attend the next Red Triangle Meeting.

The following communication was recently handed to the Editor:

To the Editor:

"I should like to make use of the columns of THE STUDENT to give a few opinions on matters that have not been given due notice in your utterances in the past. It is all very well for you to attach to an editorial on the use of the library evenings, that it might not be a bad scheme to allow both sexes to have equal privileges, but you well know that such an idea is not to be thought of here. Considering that, why not touch on a few real problems that concern practically a half of the college body of undergraduates, and the existence of which is evident to any fair minded or progressive person?"

"I refer to the arrangements for guarding, supervising, and confining the young women of the college. Today, with the ever increasing influence and activity of women in the world, and even in this college, the archaic methods and suppositions of a half century ago, or the time of the ladies seminary or finishing school, are no longer applicable.

If ever woman had need for self reliance and judgment, it is now, and modern ideas of education declare that students should be fitted for life, not be reared in an artificial surrounding. Yet at Bates, the girl is not trusted. Moreover, she is told so, and treated accordingly. Such a system may have been desirable or necessary in the past, but the modern American young woman is not produced by that sort of treatment.

"If a Senior at college has not reached in a fair degree years of discretion in conduct, will she be helped by such regulations as exist here? If a young man of this college cannot be trusted to accompany a young woman of the college to the theatre, are we justified in recommending Bates to our friends as a fit place for a girl? Yet both unfavorable comments might be made from the admissions placed upon the women here.

"Is it necessary that theories derived from the over reading of books or the morbid use of the imagination should be allowed to dominate in the program laid down for guidance? Would not a more wholesome attitude and atmosphere produce correspondingly better actions and lines of thought? Are we so low that responsibility is dead and moral judgment dulled?"

"You men of the college tell us that the misdeeds of a few render the privileges of many more restricted. Yet we are taught that the class should not be punished for the wrong-doing of the individual. Have not these modern theories yet strayed beyond the textbooks? If we are daily being punished for the rashness of a few, you would not call that justice. If some of your own number take advantage of our rules, must we suffer for it? Why not have some of the time that is now spent in harranguing and misjudging indiscriminately, utilized in some real corrective measures if they are needed?"

"Mr. Editor, it is useless for me to say more. Your own sense of justice will tell you that the young women of Bates are not treated in a way suited to fit them for active participation in the world as self-reliant individuals, nor are they treated fairly. I ask, then that at least they have fair treatment in your columns and that the facts be clearly presented."

We are grieved to learn that the women of the college have not been given fair treatment in the columns of THE STUDENT. This most unfortunate circumstance, however, owes its existence, not to any deliberate attempt on our part to misrepresent a portion of the student body, but rather to the fact that an essentially masculine turn of mind prevents us from presenting intuitively the feminine point of view. It will be necessary, therefore, for us to blunder along as best we may, until some such illuminating document as that printed above comes to point out our delinquencies.

We are deeply indebted to the author of the above, because the letter is an attempt to present matters from an angle at which unavoidable handicaps prevent us from seeing them. If this letter is a true expression of the sentiments of the women of the college, then most emphatically we must plead guilty to the charge of not having given them due place in our columns.

OBSERVANT CITIZEN

Now that our Bates Army has arrived at a degree of perfection in the intricacies of infantry drill, why not turn our unit into a company of engineers. There is abundant opportunity on the campus just now for the application of such training to practical problems. For instance, the approaches to Hathorn Hall would be rendered easier of negotiation by the construction of several pontoon bridges. There are also possibilities for the use of barbed wire in keeping the pedestrians on the paths.

By the way, although the war is still in progress, according to the latest reports, the armed guards who patrolled the campus during the dark hours of last spring have not been a feature of the evening landscape this winter. Isn't this rather careless?

We like to hear letters read in chapel, but—

The rearrangement of the tables at the Commons makes us look a little more like a majority, anyhow.

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to welcome the entrance of one of our sophomore friends, who presented us with a ginger snap which he had evidently surreptitiously abstracted from the college Commons. It is at such moments as this that we renew our faith in maligned humanity.

In spite of the fact that the college man usually resents any absence of a professor from a class, on the ground that that such practice savors of cheating the students out of part of their tuition, yet these sunny days do make one rather condone the offense.

It is now evident that the cynical pessimist who recently offered gentle Spring as a solution for the Coram Library situation, may have regarded conditions in an optimistic frame of mind after all. At least he seems to have some sympathizers, for several occupied chairs recently appeared on one of the porches (?) of Parker Hall in an endeavor to force gentle Spring out of its hiding place.

"Oh, Boy!"

Some people said so mentally, last week,—and some people are still humming it under their breaths.

"Oh, Boy!"

Some Chapel Talks linger with us. Professor Harms' recent talk on the "Call to Service" was one of the lingering variety.

By the way, what do you think of our new examination system?

The Easter Recess will be a pretty busy time for some people.

Ma is willing if Pa approves. Pa approves if Ma is willing. But when Ma finds that Pa has not disapproved, and Pa finds that Ma has not refused, they get together and agree that two affirmatives make a very emphatic negative. Did this ever happen to you?

Roger Williams now has a mail man. Well, what's the joke?

Here's hoping that the new mail service proves a success.

The temperature can no longer be used as an excuse for keeping the library closed evenings. Perhaps it's the finances involved.

Sounds of approaching conflict are heard in Parker, as the representatives of 13, 17, and 18, hurl defiant challenge at their rivals in 14, 15, and 16. Agreements are being formulated for the conduct of a moonlight track meet between the parties involved, to settle the question of supremacy. B. A. rules will be followed.

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HELP!

The Mirror Board, in its endeavors to produce the best year book ever published at Bates, has made a surprisingly thorough collection of pictures. The manager announces, however, that there is room for more specimens of the amateur photographer's art, if sufficiently interesting ones can be found. There are, somewhere upon the campus, three snap-shots which are especially desired. One of them is a likeness of the renowned Mike Ryan in action. Another is a picture of Willis L. Lane, '19, and the third a picture of Dean Buswell. Anyone who can furnish information leading to the locating of one or more of these snap-shots will be rewarded by the permanent good will and gratitude of the members of the Mirror Board.

FIRE!

Bates was aroused about eight o'clock, Monday morning by a fire alarm which indicated trouble in the near vicinity of the college. A brisk little blaze was lapping up the shingles on the roof of the buildings of J. B. Leathers, on the corner of Campus Avenue and College Street, when, by some strange freak of fortune, a Figure Eight car appeared running on schedule time. The conductor noticed the fire, and dashed down to Vale Street to turn in an alarm. Fortune favored him, for he met Herman Bryant, '19, returning from his hotel in Auburn. Soe arrived at the scene of the conflagration in time to lend moral support to the fire department, which was not long in subduing the flames. The fire is believed not to have been of incendiary origin.

THE DEUTSCHE VEREIN

The Deutsche Verein held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 18, in one of the rooms of Parker Hall. The topic: "Will Germany be a Republic?" was introduced by President Stevens, '18. Mr. Cleaves, '18, presented the negative answer to the question, giving to his audience in abbreviated form the view of Dr. Franke of Harvard University. Dr. Franke is of German descent, lived for a long time in Germany, and is therefore well qualified to judge such an important question. It is the opinion of the Harvard professor that, due to the peculiar education of the German people, a revolution is an improbability. The activities of the Social-Democratic party are considered by him empty demonstrations. The affirmative side of the question was presented by Mr. Kennison, who accepted for his authority the Honorable Beck, whose views about the war have been sought by many periodicals and magazines. Mr. Beck supported his view by showing the great increase in the numbers of the German Socialists during the last thirty years, and furthermore predicted the outbreak of a German revolution at the first defeat of German arms.

Dr. Leonard then presented an article from the "Boston Transcript," in which the author stated that if there was a German uprising, it would have to come from the rank and file of the army, since the civilian population consisted mostly of women and children, crippled soldiers and old men.

At the close of the meeting it was decided to hold the election of officers for the next year at the April assembly.

NO MORE MAIL TROUBLES

Students Council Takes the Matter in Hand

The Student Council has at last taken into consideration the troublesome question of mail, and its distribution. The manner in which the mail has been handled here is a disgrace to the institution, and the few half-hearted attempts that have been made to remedy the situation have proved futile. Now at last the students have taken hold of the matter, and a plan has been accepted which will assure us an efficient and adequate mail system.

All mail for the men will be delivered at Roger Williams Hall at the same hour that it now comes to Parker. The Y. M. C. A. office will be the distributing point, and the postmaster will be responsible for the mail there. The members of the three dormitories will choose mail men whose duty it shall be to go to the Y. M. C. A. office and secure the mail for their halls. This mail man may hand letters personally to the one to whom they belong, and he will take the rest to the rooms to which they belong. No mail will be left lying about. In this way, letters which should be re-addressed, or

returned will also be taken care of, and not left kicking around until someone throws them away. Packages will be handled in the same manner, and the one who is fortunate enough these days to have some candy or a cake sent to him, will not find that someone else has enjoyed his repast before he could locate the package. It seems certain that our new system will be helpful, and will work to the advantage of everyone.

WOMAN LIBRARIAN AT CAMP WADSWORTH

The American Library Association, working with the Commission on Training Camp Activities, reports the first appointment of a woman librarian to a camp hospital library. Miss Olga Wyeth, who has been librarian of the University of Illinois will go to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., to take charge of the library work in the camp hospital there.

The medical officer in command at Camp Donipham has asked for the same service, stating that the demand is great in the camp's hospital. A trained woman librarian is to take charge of the work in the hospital at Camp Upton on April 1.

MAINE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Maine Interscholastic Tennis Association was held at Bates last Saturday. Maine failed to send a representative, and will not take part in the state tournament, but Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby were represented by their respective managers, who decided upon May 20-21 as the dates for the yearly contest. The tournament will be held at Waterville for the ensuing term as follows:

President, M. S. Green of Colby; Vice-President, M. M. McGorrell of Bowdoin; Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. Drury of Bates.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Round Table Meets With President Chase

The 74th anniversary of President Chase was fittingly celebrated at his home on Frye Street last Friday evening, when the Round Table gathered there, to wish him well for the coming year. The weekly meeting of the Round Table, according to custom, was held in honor of the President's birthday, and every member of the faculty turned out to enjoy an evening of reminiscences. Professor Hartshorn spoke in his usual entertaining manner, and Professor Knapp read from letters that had been received by the President that day. Over 150 letters and cards, and tokens of love and gratitude came to President Chase on this day, and many of them were enjoyed by the faculty. Students, alumni, trustees, and friends of the President all over the country unite in wishing him a prosperous and happy year.

COUNTRY LIFE COURSE

The Country Life Course had two meetings last week, one on "Knowing Your Community," and the other on the "Country Church."

Mrs. Anthony spoke on the first topic on Tuesday evening in a very interesting and helpful way. Some of the points emphasized were: "The leader must acquire the habit of giving service. If she is not interested in the college association she probably will not be concerned in the problems of her own community. The first essential is knowing people. With this end in view, a girl should take a working interest in different organizations, particularly the church and the grange. The biggest essential, however, is the leader's own attitude. If she works for self-power, selfish satisfaction in popularity, she will surely fail. She must be working for others so completely as to lose sight of self in her cause, and then her leadership will come inevitably."

Friday night, Lillian Leathers spoke on the Country Church, and her personal knowledge of the subject made her talk of practical help. Some of the special items were; the two points of view; the service of the Church to you, your service to the church.

She said in part, "Country places become inefficient, the regular services get into a rut, the college girl coming back is disappointed. The needs are many, good socials, good meetings; not too dry, fanatical, or evangelical. The college girl should not be critical. She should go to her pastor first, with offers of help, for he knows conditions; he has had experience; he may try and fail, but so may she. The church

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existed before her and probably will last after her. She can help in the choir, and at socials. She should be at church; she should live and speak in country terms. Her attitude should be that of a mediator between pastor and people, a friend to everybody, with a spirit of co-operation.

Both meetings were very practical. The leaders were well fitted to help on their respective topics, and the girls taking advantage of the lectures were well satisfied.

Y. W. C. A.

Last Wednesday evening the Y. W. C. A. enjoyed one of the most interesting and profitable meetings of the year. After a solo by Miss Doris Shapleigh, Miss Ballard introduced Miss Fairbank, Student Volunteer Secretary. Miss Fairbank's family have lived in India for four generations, so that few people could have presented more vividly than she the great sacrifice which India is making in the present war.

Although nine out of every ten men are rejected as unfit for military duties, due to poor living conditions, India has about two million men in active service. They have no comprehension of the meaning or purpose of the war, and yet as great sacrifices are demanded of them as of the people of other countries. The soldiers leave the women facing almost certain widowhood, the most awful tragedy that can come to a woman of India—a tragedy which makes her a social outcast. In going to the front the men are obliged to violate their religion by crossing the "dark water," for this breaks their caste.

The great mass of the people live in distressful poverty, yet they are ready to make any possible sacrifice. Even the small children in the mission school of which Miss Fairbank is the head, begged that they be deprived of meat, served twice each week, so that the money might go to the suffering children of Belgium.

The comparatively few educated men desire for their country a share in all universal progress, but to them the outlook seems almost hopeless, for as long as 250 languages, 300,000 gods and 250,000 castes, "water-tight compartments" exist in India, the country cannot share in a world democracy.

THE SPOFFORD CLUB

Two fine contributions submitted by Miss Marion Lewis and Miss Vida Stevens were enjoyed by the club this week. Both numbers showed much originality and conscientious work on the part of the authors. These late numbers are most gratifying, showing as they do a most desired trend in Spofford spring productions. Miss Hutchins presided at this session.

The shortened college year interferes somewhat with the best plans of the club, but with no worry about final tests, and with a season teeming with the dramatic and poetic, the outlook for a most enjoyable spring season is yet auspicious. The typical spring poem has not yet made its appearance, nor is it yet quite due. The seasonal signs are not yet enough pronounced, or perhaps the productions are a bit too shy or delicate to venture their timid debut before the ice has gone out from the noble frog-pond, immortalized last year in Mr. Norton's seventeen verse "Pome on Spring".

At the next session the membership committee will produce an assortment of material gleaned from sophomore sources that will undoubtedly hold much to interest and amaze. The next meeting will be posted by next Tuesday morning.

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HOTEL ATWOOD

CAMPUS GOSSIP

Miss Clara Fitts, '18, was the guest of friends in Portland recently.

Miss Eleanor Brewster spent Sunday at her home.

Miss Edna Merrill was at her home in Mechanic Falls during the week-end.

Miss Evangeline Lawson has left Milliken House, and will live for the remainder of the year with Mrs. Gilpin.

Misses Crete Carle and Lois Chandler spent a few days with friends in Brunswick last week.

Bugler Bob Jordan, '19, and 1st Class Pvt. Boutelle, '18, were given a hearty welcome upon their arrival in Parker Hall Monday night. On Tuesday, Pvt. Winslow, '20, joined the furlough squad from Fort McKinley. All three men put in a busy day paying farewell calls.

The service flag now contains one hundred and sixty-eight stars, instead of two hundred, as was recently stated. Several new stars are to be added soon.

A new bell system, to increase the efficiency of the telephone service, is being installed in Parker Hall. Let us hope that it will work more satisfactorily than the system now in vogue.

The Sophomore Girls' Prize Debate, which was to have been held last Saturday evening, has been postponed until the coming Saturday.

Sergt. Fred Holmes, '18, looked up old friends on the campus last week, while on a short furlough from Camp Devens.

Richard Garland, '18, spent a week at home recently.

Miss Florence Clough, ex-'18, was a guest at Rand Hall the first of the week.

Miss Evelyn Varney entertained her mother for several days this week.

Miss Annie May Brewer has been in Portland recently.

Miss Elsie Wright of Fitchburg visited her sister, Miss Blanche Wright, over the week-end.

Miss Hammond spent a few days the first of the week at her home in New-tonville.

Miss Irene Wells has been confined to the house by a severe cold.

Don't forget the date of the girl's gymnasium exhibition, April 6.

"OH, BOY!"

"Oh, Boy!" was received with varying emotions by the patrons of the college. Most of them agreed that the show was highly entertaining. There was some slight difference of opinion as to the character of the entertainment afforded.

The chief elements of attractiveness in the production were Helen Shipman, some rather clever lyrics, and Joseph Allen.

As for the plot, it can be safely said that "Oh, Boy" possessed the elements usually considered essential for the genuine musical comedy. It has the standard mixture of policeman maiden aunt, mother-in-law, elopement, wine, and wives.

Some of the cast could sing. One or two of them could dance.

The music is still being whistled with greater or less accuracy upon the campus, and several of the numerous host of jests (one or two of which seemed to savor of originality) will probably continue with us for a time.

All in all, "Oh, Boy," probably measured up to the standard set by other musical comedies which have descended to visit this portion of the country. Even at that, however, to paraphrase a remark of Constable Simms, "It ain't my idea of a perfect show, not by a long shot."

NO STUDENT NEXT WEEK

Owing to the fact that the editorial board will be engaged in recuperating from the effects of its arduous duties at the time when the STUDENT would ordinarily appear next week, publication will be suspended for one week. The next issue will appear on the first Thursday after the Easter recess, April 4. The magazine supplement will accompany the next issue.

MAJOR PRESSON COMING

Bates Students are promised something unusually good in the line of chapel speeches for the first Thursday after the Easter recess, Major Presson, the highest military officer of the state,

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COLLEGE NOTES

A careful perusal of the following will easily show us how unappreciative we are of our co-educational advantages:

COEDUCATIONAL CHAPEL COURSE
Shortage of Coal Makes Tufts-Jackson Service Advisable

At last the Faculty have solved the problem of swelling the Chapel attendance! No more will the weary monitor wipe the mist from their eyes and search the empty seats, trying to convince themselves that the stupendous string of "absents" on their attendance sheets is the result of near-sightedness. From now on their reports will bear a different aspect. Instead of looking like a Sunday School picnic after a cloudburst, the Chapel will remind them of Pennsylvania avenue on Inauguration Day! The reason? It's soon explained! Tufts and Jackson are going to consolidate Chapel exercises!

After a little talk explaining the situation—that the heating of the Chapel was quite an expensive and impractical thing to do every day in the week, and that it was a question of consolidation or no chapel at all—Dean Wren, on Thursday last, asked that anyone "who felt it was not the proper thing to do would please rise. Needless to say, no one rose. The Dean then thanked the students, saying that the Faculty had been sure that Tufts would ratify the step, but that as it was Tufts' chapel exercises that were to be intruded (?) upon, the consent of the men-students was necessary, as well as their approval to the invitation.

Tufts Weekly

"Working" AN EXAMPLE

A teacher received the following note: "Dear Madam,—Please excuse my Tommy today. He won't come to skule, because he is acting as time keeper for his father, and it's your fault. U gave him an ixample if a field is 6 miles around how long will it take a man walking 3½ miles an hour to walk 2¼ times round it. Tommy ain't a man so we had to send his father. They went early this morning and father will walk round the field and Tommy will time him, but please don't give my boy such ixamples agin, because my husban' must go to work every day to support his family."

—Ex.

ALUMNI NOTES

1916—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elwell are living at Pembroke, Maine, where Mr. Elwell is preaching in the Baptist Church.

1916—Adin S. Turner is teaching in the high school at Phillips, Maine.

1916—Herbert Hinton is studying at Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass.

1907—Sherman R. Ramsdell was married to Margaret Louise Bateman in Boston, Mass., on February 21.

1908—D. Herman Corson is superintendent of schools in Monson, Maine.

1886—George E. Paine is superintendent of schools in North Vassalboro, Maine.

1912—Ruth T. Humiston is an assistant in the High School at Antrim, New Hampshire.

1915—Howard R. Miner, who has been in the service for some time, has recently been transferred to a different branch, and is now stationed in an experimental laboratory, which is at present working on the problems of gas defense.

1917—Perley W. Lane, who has been at Camp Devens since last September, has been notified that his application for a commission in the Quartermaster's Corps is under consideration by the War Department.

will address the student body at the conference hour on that date. The subject of his talk has been announced, but Major Presson's reputation as a public speaker is sufficient assurance that the address will be interesting and inspiring.

VESPER SERVICES.

The speaker at the vesper services on Sunday will be Doctor Horr, of Newton Center, Massachusetts, who has addressed Bates audiences before, and who is assured of a welcome whenever he can be persuaded to come to the college. Doctor Horr will speak Sunday on the subject, "The Death of Christ". The program of the service will be as follows:—

Lenten Cantata, "The Crucifixion"
John Stainer
By the Choir

Organ:
Andante (Fourth Organ Concerto)
Handel
"He was Despised" (Messiah)
Handel

Address:
"The Death of Christ" Doctor Horr

FORMER BATES GIRL IN MICHIGAN STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

The front page of a recent number of the Hillsdale Collegian bore the picture of a former member of the class of 1919, Bates, Miss Ada Bell Kennan. Miss Kennan represented Hillsdale in the state oratorical contest which was held at Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Friday, March 8. She took fifth place among the contestants in the woman's division.

The contest was held by the Michigan Oratorical League. The program took up the greater part of the afternoon and evening. Kalamazoo College was the entertaining school. This was the 21st annual contest held by the league.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

Friday		
Larghetto	Gladstone	
Chorus from "Creatin"	Haydn	
Saturday		
Vorspiel	Wagner	
Triumphal March (Aida)	Verdi	
Monday		
Fantasia	Tours	
Hallelujah (Mount of Olives)	Beethoven	
Tuesday		
Lenten Prelude	Faulkes	
Largo	Handel	
Wednesday		
Religioso	Gritton	
Procession to Calvary (Crucifixion)	Stainer	
Thursday		
"He Was Despised" (Messiah)	Handel	
Maestoso	Merkel	

BATES GRADUATE MAKING GOOD IN CHEMISTRY

Louis Jordan of the class of 1914 has been working on the separation of gadolinium in the University of Illinois with excellent success. The results of his researches were published in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, and reprinted by the University. Mr. Jordan studied under Professor Jordan while at Bates, and acknowledged his debt to his teacher, in sending him a copy of the results of his work.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 21	Phil-Hellenic Club, 7 P.M.
	Journal Club, 6.45 P.M.
	Senior Prize Speaking, 8 P.M.
Friday, March 22	Junior Class Party (?), 7.30 P.M.
	Choir Rehearsal, 7.30 P.M.
Saturday, March 23	Sophomore Girls' Prize Debate, 8 P.M.
Sunday, March 24	Vesper Services, 4.00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 26	Spofoford Club, 7 P.M.
Thursday, March 28	Easter recess begins, 12 M.