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"PURRY" BACK FROM FRANCE!

POPULAR FACULTY MEMBER RETURNS FROM SERVICE OVERSEAS

Ever since the announcement was made that Coach Purinton was on his way back from Europe, the students have been eagerly on the watch for his genial smile and hearty greeting. The STUDENT learned of his arrival almost as soon as he reached Lewiston, and an immediate interview followed.

He told of his trip across in a French liner without convoy. With 129 Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, and about six hundred marines on board, the ship docked in

to use the Coach's description.

Finally, the firing of the batteries became more distinct, and after a short rest period, the order came to take over a section of the trench system, relieving the second division. There they remained under fire continually, losing about 4,000 men. The men went over the top the next morning after entering the trenches, and lost eighteen hundred boys in two days fighting. After holding the system to the limit of their endurance,



France eleven days after setting out. The usual submarine scares were experienced, but as the Coach put it, the danger was mostly "psychological." Arrived in France, the party was sent into Paris, where one of the women, ill with scarlet fever, suffered death at the hands of some boche airman in his hospital bombing expeditions.

Work was waiting, and he was sent to organize the "Y" activities around Tours. He experienced difficulty in obtaining a suitable athletic field, but by leasing land from thirty or more owners, the problem was finally solved. Mass games were the ones most used, and company football was a favorite activity. He exhibited one of the programs of the Fourth of July Athletic Tournament. It was elaborate in detail, the sports of almost every sort and variety. Showing the importance attached to these events, the honorary Presidents were the French General in command of the region, and the chief of General Pershing's staff. The task facing the Y men was no small one. Coach Purinton himself was at one time directing the recreation of twenty thousand men.

The labors of the Y men were divided into four main divisions: the Ports of Entry; the S. O. S. or Service of Supply; the Field Training Areas, and the Front Lines, themselves. At the third of these divisions, not much athletic work except recreational training was desired. Boxing and wrestling were chief sports. Some of the finest athletes in the country were aids to the Y men there.

Mr. Purinton, naturally, had a great desire to see what the front lines were like, and fortunately secured permission to go with the division. He related some of the hardships incident to the journey, and told of the seemingly endless hiking that the men had to endure on the road to the front. Sometimes the journey was made on foot, other times on French trucks, and even on the French railroad trains "packed like sardines in a box",

the division was marched out under a heavy fog, just before the armistice was signed.

Asked about the French, he said that they were "most wonderful people." The French love France! He emphasized the grave fears that assailed the people of Paris, and indeed of all France in the spring of 1918. "The French were not blue white. Be sure of that! They were simply war-weary. There they had fought four years for one purpose—to hold off the enemy. They had almost given up hope, and were wondering if it might not be better to take what was left than prolong a useless struggle. The French saved the world at the Marne. We must remember that, and be exceedingly modest of our achievements, gigantic though they are. The French and Americans got along finely. There was much more amity and trust among them than among the other members of the allied powers.

"But our boys! Such courage and morale as they showed. It can be truthfully said that an American soldier was invariably found dead, face toward the ground, and head toward the foe. The most gratifying tribute was paid us by the French, who asked that a division of Marines be sent to capture a nasty machine gun nest that had proved impregnable ever since the Germans occupied it. The Germans are fierce fighters and the task was no small one, but the Americans did it."

The coach expressed his surprise at the wholly unfounded accusations aimed at Y. M. C. A. service abroad. Thousands of dollars were literally given away in athletic material and cigarettes, tobacco and chocolate. "It is only natural that some unworthy men were included in the 1700 Y. Secretaries in France. That couldn't be helped. But the statements that have been made are not applicable in any respect to the war work of the Y. M. C. A. as a whole. Ask the soldiers,

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THE JORDAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Saturday night the Jordan Scientific Society gave the first entertainment of its kind that has ever been submitted to the students of this institution. This new kind of entertainment came to us in the form of a very instructive and interesting motion picture, dealing with the subject of the coke oven and its by-products. Charles Southy, '19, added much to the clearness and importance of the picture by delivering a contemporary lecture by which he pointed out both verbally and by the use of diagrams the various stages of this industrial process. The picture showed how we formerly obtained our coke and the attendant waste of all the by-products which was unavoidable in the old style "Bee Hive" method. This new method known as the Koppers System is one of the utmost value both to science and to industry. Until its installation nothing was obtained from the destructive distillation of coal except coke but by this new method we were shown that innumerable valuable by-products were isolated by collecting the waste gas and treating it with various chemical methods. Very briefly may be outlined here the process from the entrance of the coal to the furnace to the deposit of the coke and the separation of the various by-products of the gas. By use of an elevator the coal is carried to the huge ovens where it is subjected to great heat.

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COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY CONFERENCE

LARGE DELEGATION FROM BATES

The annual Community Efficiency Conference for the State of Maine given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Laymen's Christian Federation was held in Augusta, Jan. 24-25-26. It was a conference for all men who are interested in the young men of Maine and for all who are not satisfied with existing conditions in Maine. Plans for fighting the Social Evil, for improving the Health Condition in Maine, for the Welfare of the Industrial Worker, for Universal Education in Maine, and for the Discovery and Development of Leaderships were discussed by such men as Dr. H. E. Hitchcock of the U. S. Health Adm., Dr. L. D. Bristol, the State Health Commissioner and E. M. Halin, Maine Mgr. of the American Thread Co. The Maine Colleges were well represented. Colby had the largest delegation, with Bates, under the leadership of Harry W. Rowe, General Secretary, next. Prominent business men from all over Maine and from many other states were in attendance. The conference opened at 3 P.M., Friday afternoon, and lasted till Sunday night. There were a series of three banquets, the first one held Friday evening in the Y. M. C. A. gym., the second Saturday noon, in the Green St. Methodist Church and the third, Saturday evening in the First Baptist Church.

Friday afternoon was spent in registration and in an informal conference of the speakers and leaders. At the supper held at 6:30 in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, the hall was crowded. It was a good supper and well served by the young ladies of the city. After the meal, the Hon. Burleigh Martin, Mayor of Augusta, welcomed the delegates and extended the hospitality of the city. He was followed by E. B. Saunders of the Simonds Mfg. Co. of Fitchburg, Mass., and Harrington Emerson, Efficiency Expert of New York, who gave a brief

Y. M. C. A. REVIVES SHAKESPEAREAN DRAMA

"MERCHANT OF VENICE" AT LIBERTY THEATRE THIS WEEK

Although Shakespeare has been the object of more or less unfavorable criticism during the past two or three hundred years, there is still the hint of something essentially dramatic in a few of his best works. Such, at least, is the majority report of the committee on entertainments of the Bates Y. M. C. A. The material of the English writer's productions, to be sure, is in most instances unsuitable, but with careful revision, it is felt that something worth while can be produced.

The committee found that "The Merchant of Venice," which, as some may remember is one of the works of this author, had already been fairly well revised and renovated, by the members of the Roger Williams Hall Association, and it is this version that will be presented at the Liberty Theatre on Saturday night.

We have the testimony of Dr. Hartshorn, who witnessed the first presentation of this drama in its new form, that he had never before seen anything just like it, either in this country or abroad.

One could ask for no better expression of the critic's judgment of the drama than the recent emphatic statement found in the columns of the Lewiston Daily Sun.

"Shakespeare befogged his plot with a number of unnecessary and comparatively uninteresting characters. The committee on revision took the liberty of boldly dropping these from the play. The good qualities of the expelled characters, however, have all been retained in the person of an entirely new character, that of the Gondalier. The part will be played by Herman A. Bryant, '19, who combines the wit of the Gobbo and the versatility of Salarino with the strength of Morocco and the grace of Jessica."

The following from the same source is of scarcely less import.

"The cast will include a Shylock from the eastern portion of the state, and a Portia from the Officers' Training School at Camp Taylor. Other dramatic stars of scarcely less brilliant luminosity will appear in the production."

Unfortunately, it has been found impossible to arrange for a matinee performance, but the public will be interested to learn that the prices for the evening performance will be considerably lower than even the management is willing to admit.

address on the significance of the conference and its opportunity of service.

The principal speaker of the evening was Raymond Robins of Chicago and The World, who spoke in "The New Democracy." Mr. Robins held his audience spell-bound for a solid hour. He was optimistic about the future of America in spite of the many instances he quoted in which she had failed in the past. He gave incidents from his own life which well illustrated his points. His theme was that capital and labor, thru the enlightenment of the former and the organization of the latter, would line in a more amicable relationship than in the past. His simple elegance in relating incidents and his master touch on the salient points of his speech won the approval of the entire audience. Mr. Robins was to speak again during the conference, but he was called to Wash-

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FRESHMAN CLASS ORGANIZES

CLASS OF '22 STARTS IN ITS OFFICIAL CAREER AT BATES

On Tuesday, January 21, 1919, the upperclassmen were more or less surprised, as they sauntered back to Parker Hall after dinner, to see gathering on the steps in front of Hathorn Hall a large group of Freshmen with books in their arms, as the unusually eager to commence their afternoon recitations. Immediately their minds were relieved concerning the future scholastic standing of the institution, and while they repaired to their different hobbies to snatch one more passing glance at their afternoon's recitations, big things transpired in the assembly room at Hathorn Hall.

For within this sacred hall was gathered the majority of the Class of 1922. Under the competent leadership of a representative of the Senior Class, Mr. William A. Sawyers, the class began its organization. As soon as nominations for candidates for president were called for, Mr. Johnson of Everett, Mass., made a motion, which was carried, that the candidates leave the room before the ballot was taken and that the meeting be open for discussion. As a result of this motion the biographies of the three opposing candidates, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Watts and Mr. LaCourse, were laid before the members of the class in order that their sins might be judged. Whether there was anything sentimental considered in the selection of the president or not, it would not be right to say, but anyway Mr. Watts won by a fair majority.

Mr. Watts is a fine young man, a good speaker and debater, with many other remarkable qualities of a leader. There was no time to have an exhibition of his oratorical ability, so immediately upon taking the chair the business was resumed, Miss Cullens was elected Vice President, and then the meeting was forced to adjourn because the room had to be vacated for classes.

According to the installment plan the Class convened the following noon again in the Assembly room. There was a triangular contest for secretary between Misses Forest and Mixer, and Mr. Stiles. Miss Forest won the election. Mr. Stiles is one of those men who are hard to keep down, and soon found himself running for treasurer in opposition to Mr. Kelley. His experience as Head-quarter's Clerk in the S. A. T. C., won for him this office. Then Mr. Richard S. Baker of Hampden, New Hampshire was elected chaplain, after which the meeting was adjourned by vote of the class.

The first session contained a few Bolshevik scenes, but the second one was calm and unexciting and was run off with as much precision as a military formation in front of Parker Hall, last fall. However, it seems to be the general opinion among the upperclassmen that the Class of 1922 has selected some good officer material and has made a fine start in its college career.

MIRROR BOARD DECIDED UPON

The Senior Class have selected a committee whose duty it shall be to edit the 1919 Mirror. The members of the board are as follows: Holmes, Miliken (Society Eds.), Adam, Talbot, Tarbell (Athletic Eds.), Connors, G. Holmes (Autobiography Eds.), Powers, Tracy, Drury, Stevens, Blaisdell, Newcomer, Tilton, Lewis, Gould, Drunnels, Maxim (Personal Eds.), Sawyers (Manager).

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For special proficiency in any department, a student may receive an honorary appointment in that work. Such appointments for the present year are as follows: Biology, C. Earl Packard, '19; Chemistry, Edwin W. Adams, '19, Aubrey E. Snowe, '19, Sanford L. Swasey, '19, William J. Connor, '20, Clarence E. Walton, '20; English, Dorothy C. Haskell, '19, Marion F. Lewis, '19, Lillian C. Woodbury, '19, Marjorie E. Thomas, '20; Geology, Blanche M. Smith, '19, Vida E. Stevens, '19; Latin, Cecelia Christensen, '19; Mathematics, Mary H. Hodgdon, '19, Gladys W. Skelton, '19, Tadashi Fujimoto, '19, Sara W. Reed, '20, Clarence E. Walton, '20; Oratory, Mary L. Newcomer, '19, Helen C. Tracy, '19, Clinton Drury.

LOCALS

EVENTS AT RAND

Rand Hall has recently been the scene of action. After dinner on Sunday, Miss Drummond, an industrial worker, gave a snappy talk about her work and its appeal to college girls. Coffee was served and an informal gathering was enjoyed. After a most delicious and refreshing picnic-supper, the girls gathered in Fiske Room to hear Miss Herring speak of her branch of work as county secretary. At the usual Y. W. C. A. meeting last Wednesday, Mr. Lerrigo, once a missionary to the Philippines, addressed the girls on the subject of International Personality. His clever illustrations, his earnestness, and ready wit held the interest of all his hearers. The college men were invited but only two had the courage to even cross the threshold of Rand Hall. No doubt the new courses in co-education discouraged many of our men students.

Miss Arline Pike, 1921, took dinner Sunday at the W. C. A. Rooms. Miss Pike holds the record of 246 pounds of lung capacity, the highest ever attained by any Bates woman.

Miss Mildred Widber, '21, spent a very pleasant evening at Mrs. Harry Rowe's last week.

Miss Muriel Bowes, 1921, has been confined to the house for several days with an attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Esther Pearson, '22, spent the week-end at her home in Windthrop.

Miss Anne May Chapell took supper Saturday night with Miss Caroline Jordan at her home on Main Street.

Miss Vivian Wills, '22, has been ill several days with a cold.

Saturday night was the scene of many memorable spreads of all kinds and descriptions and a general good time was enjoyed in all of the dormitories.

Miss Edna Merrill entertained the Misses Cutler and Carl at her home at Mechanic Falls this week.

Miss Lois Chandler, '21, has moved into Milliken House for the remainder of the year.

Miss Frances Hughes, '21, and Miss Ethel Fairweather, '21, spent the week end in Portland.

A very pleasant theater party was enjoyed Saturday night.

Miss Florence Hodgdon spent the week end in New Gloucester.

Miss Ruth Stiles, '21, took dinner with Miss Chandler, at Cheney House, Sunday.

Miss Florence Fernald, '21, entertained her mother and father at Whittier, Sunday.

Miss Rosalia Knights, '22, entertained her mother from Turner last week.

Miss Alice Parsons spent the week-end at her home in West Gardiner.

Miss Maude Hayward, 1922, is confined to her room because of illness.

Dean Buswell is with us again after a brief illness.

A friend from Bowdoin visited Miss Mavorette Blackmer, 1922, over the week-end.

Edward A. Canter, '21, spent the week-end at his home in Augusta.

Paul Tilton, '19, preached in Peru, in Maine, last Sunday.

Donald Wight, 'ex '20, has returned to college after touring France for a year, and this country for a few months. He is now ready to take up his college education.

Carl Smith is able to be up after being confined to his room with an attack of the gripe.

Paul Potter, '21, has returned to college after a severe illness.

Prof. Baird conducted the services last Sunday at Oxford.

Floyd W. Norton, '18, was a recent visitor on the campus.

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and they will uphold the Y. record." Coach Purinton told several amusing episodes of the life in France, but he ended by expressing emphatically that we should have no illusions about War. The revolting conditions that are incident to all war have to be borne cheerfully, and it is a great tribute to the men of America's mighty army that there was very, very little kicking. When shell fire cut off supplies the men bore

the hardship with the dogged determination that won the war.

Of course, the coach was asked what the work was in the front line trenches, or as near to the front as the Y. men were allowed to approach. He confessed that his work was quite general—stretcher bearer, general depository for the men's funds, and supply depot for all Y. stores in the vicinity, a sort of pinch hitter. Of his work in this phase of the conflict, he was very reticent, warning us repeatedly against inserting personal experiences.

Much as we wish, we cannot print the stories of the personal side of the war. Perhaps he will tell private individuals of his experience with the first shell, and other bits like that story which we were expressly warned not to publish—so we won't!

Director Purinton exhibited three trophies of the conflict. One was a French automatic, smaller than the American, but a deadly weapon just the same. Another was an American officer's regulation fireman, an efficient looking implement. He also had a German sharp-shooter's collapsible gun. The business end was a rather large automatic, complete with sight leaf and magazine. A detachable butt was included in the leather holster which fastened to the handle of the automatic in such a way as to give a really accurate high powered rifle. It is a wicked looking instrument, and fully capable of doing a great deal of execution.

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The gases derived are ascended thru pipes to a pump where the liquors in transit are drawn off. Then the gases pass thru the tar extractor and continue thru more pipes into a sulphuric acid tank which converts the ammonia gas present to ammonium sulphate. The pure gas left then passes into a storage tank and is utilized in heating more coal. The coke meanwhile has been taken from the ovens and cooled within water. The process is a continuous one and new coal is substituted for the coke withdrawn, giving a nearly continuous flow of gas to the condensers. From the tar thus produced we have derived what is known as light oil, middle oil, heavy oil, refined tar, and pitch. From these products we have produced by varied methods countless other by-products that bear a very important part both in the industrial and the scientific world. These by-products are too numerous to mention here but what impressed us most was the knowledge of the gigantic advances made by science along the lines of industrial evolution.

This is merely one example of the extraordinary strides made by science during the last decade and our scientific society would do well to bring more of these important matters before our notice in this pleasing and instructive use of the motion picture camera.

The projector used in showing these pictures was of a new and improved type and ably managed by Mr. Woodcock of our physics department. Certainly our camera could not be put to more instructive use and we hope that this first demonstration will be followed by many others of a like nature.

It will be of interest to the students to know that the society will arrange for another exhibition very similar to that of last year in the biological laboratory. These exhibitions should become an annual event for they hold a great attraction for those students interested in all branches of scientific work.

We are very glad to acknowledge the courtesy of the Barrett Co. of N. Y., whose films dealing with the manufacture of ammonium sulphate as fertilizer were secured; also the H. Koppers Co. of Pittsburg, Pa., the manufacturer of the by-product coke ovens.

GREEK RECEPTION

Last Thursday evening about sixty of the Greek citizens from Lewiston and Auburn came to Rand Hall and gave a reception in Fiske room to the Phil-Hellenic club and members of the faculty.

At an early hour the guests and hosts started to assemble, and by 7.30 nearly all the expected company had arrived. The hosts were all very anxious to meet their guests and were ably assisted by Professor and Mrs. Chase and Professor Robinson.

Soon chairs were set up and everyone relaxed to enjoy the fine program which the Greeks had provided. At the urgent request of the President, Mr.

Petropoulos took charge and the following program was given.

Program	
Instrumental Music	Mandolin Club
Star Spangled Banner	Professor Chase
Greek National Hymn	Mandolin Club
Presentation of Greek Flag	Four Men
Response	Mr. Petropoulos
Vocal Selections	Pres. Drury
Long Live Wilson	Mikes Haggis
Long Live Venizelos	Apostolos
	Pappandreu
	John Yiakos
	Charles Carros
	Sterios Williams
	George Anastos
	James Monios
Address (in Greek)	Professor Chase
American Songs	Mandolin Club
Greek Dance	Four Men
Hymn of Macedonia.	Pan Athena
	Charles Carros
	James Theodoros
	Nicholas Baeratos
	Demetrios Nanos

Refreshments Social Hour

Mr. Petropoulos' speech was given in excellent English and was listened to with much interest. He told several details of life in Ancient Greece and then explained how grateful all the Greeks were for the favors rendered them by the faculty of Bates college and the Phil-Hellenic Club. He then, in behalf of the Greek citizens, presented the club with a beautiful silk flag of Greece. This flag will long be preserved by the club in grateful remembrance of their Greek friends.

The refreshments were entirely Greek and were certainly a novelty. Mr. Petropoulos told the names of each kind but none of the guests seemed anxious to pronounce them.

The last half hour was spent in becoming better acquainted. The sincere thanks of all the members of the Phil-Hellenic Club and the invited guests are certainly due to the Greeks who so generously furnished them a very pleasant evening. It is hoped that many similar gatherings may take place and that the members of the club may become better acquainted with their friends from the city.

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In case there are any nervous individuals at Parker, it might be well to give some explanation of the blood curdling shrieks which come from Rand Gymnasium any time from 7.15 A.M. to 7.30 P.M. It is merely the co-eds playing basket ball. This year there is an especially enthusiastic number indulging in the sport. It will be remembered that last year, 1921, after a hard battle, defeated 1919. 1921 is determined to repeat the experience and 1919 is very sure that she will not. The Juniors wish to gain the basket-ball championship as they did in the hockey. 1922 has some splendid material and has secretly resolved to carry the pennant away from the other classes. Miss Katherine Jones, '21, has just been elected manager of basket ball and has organized the work very effectively.

HOCKEY!

Hockey has taken on vigorous aspects and Bates will be represented by an exceptionally strong team this year. Last week Captain Burns and Manager Freedman set up the rink on Lake Andrews. Practice begun as soon as the ice was in good condition. The men meet daily for several hours of hard work. The squad is very large and contains a wealth of material. Five veterans of last year's team are in excellent trim. Of the men that are out, Talbot and Mosher represent '19. The juniors have Burns, Buker, Rice, Trask, O. Tracy, L. Tracy and Stetson. Bernard, Penny, and Woodbury are the sophomore candidates. The freshman golf artists are Luce, Moulton, Walker, Webber, Lacourse and Dillon. The first and second team have already had several hard matches. Manager Freedman is endeavoring to secure meets with the Maine colleges and New Hampshire State. If the weather remains cold, we will surely witness a number of sharp contests. Captain Burns expects a game with the local Canadian Club, to be played on our rink this Saturday afternoon. In past years this team has been a strong one and our men are looking forward to a good match.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS

The coming season will be a big one for Bates in baseball. We are very fortunate this year, in that we have a wealth of baseball material. Davidson, ex-'18, the best southpaw that has ever represented the Garnet in the box, has returned to college this year. His return is, indeed, more than welcome, for Roy Fowler, our star pitcher last year, graduated. Davidson is not only a good pitcher but a heavy hitter as well. 'Hippo' Elwell, '19, another left hand artist, is also with us this season, and Clarence is due for a record year. Leo Spiller, '21, who pitched good ball for the second team last year, will certainly make the other box artists hustle this spring. His better physical health and his last year's experience will certainly make him a candidate for the varsity. There are by no means the only prospects we have for the box, for Al Deane, '21, Cosiek, '21, Garrett, '20, and Johnson, '22, will certainly make the other hurlers go to the limit. The competition between these men should be keen, and bring forth some excellent pitching. Van Vloten, last year's catcher, who supplanted Lundholm will be ready for the Spring work. He showed marked ability as a Freshman, and should be better this year with a season's experience.

Nor is the box the only place that is well supplied, for Captain Philip Talbot will be on the job and that section of the field between second and third will be excellently covered.

Of course, nothing definite as yet has been decided in regard to the different positions, but with Maxim, '19, one of the hardest hitting and fastest men on last year's team and Stone, '19, whose consistent hitting and ability to play several positions, will make them important factors. With O'Donnell, '19, a sturdy old "war-horse", Trask, and Carter who both helped to cover third last year, Clarence Gould, an ex-'18, who has done his bit on the diamond for Bates during the last four years, and Benny Rice, a fast outfielder, we have at least a good nucleus to build around.

Burns, '20, Woodbury, '21, Mosher, '19, and Elmer, '21, with their experience on the second team last year, will prove to be a great help.

The Freshman class from all reports

and observations will contribute a goodly amount of material, namely: Dillon, Kelley, Hines and Tierney as infielders, Walker, a catcher, and Bell an outfielder. There are probably more ball players in the class of 1922 that have not, as yet, been heard from, but who will show up well when spring comes around. With the revival of college sports this year, we want every man that has ever played ball to come out this spring and show his best. for Bates is going after the Maine Championship this year, and it will be necessary to have everybody fight for a place on the team.

Now that our old veteran coach is back on the job, we expect he will instill into the men the vigour and enthusiasm that caused him to do his part in the war. We are looking for great things this year in baseball, and we are confident that we shall not be disappointed.

FRESHMAN POSTERS

Early Wednesday morning, some very surprised Sophomores saw the remains of extremely original posters decorating prominent places on the campus. In the wee small hours, a group of freshmen, so it is said, posted the bulletins.

In the remarkable reading matter contained on the posters, glaring insults to the dignity of the self glorious Sophs stood out in all their vivid colors. Room 21, Parker, received especial attention by these marauders.

The Sophs are now boiling with rage and mortification over their utter defeat. Their leaders are disgraced. Their precepts are in the dust. Mystery there is, no doubt of that! We may be able to answer the question as to the individuals who pulled the posters down in the next issue. Meanwhile events may transpire!

COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY CONFERENCE

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ington where he expected to be sent to the Peace Convention in regard to the Russian Question in which he is very well versed, having spent most of the year 1918 in Russia.

Saturday morning at 8:30, the program began again. In the small auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building, Dr. Hitchcock outlined his plan for fighting the Social Evil and solicited the help of the public in carrying out his plan. Dr. Bristol gave a resumé of the State plan for improving health conditions. His plan was to improve the local Boards of Health in the towns and villages and provide a resident nurse for each. He stated that bills were already before the legislature for the establishment of this plan. By the time he had finished speaking, the audience had grown too large for the auditorium so the listeners moved down to the gym. Here E. R. Saunders of Fitchburg, Mass., gave an address on Labor Conditions and outlined some of the plans which are now being tried out to solve the problems of labor. Mr. Harrington Emerson's speech on "Developing the Latent Resources of a Community" was full of meat. After a discussion of the program the meeting was adjourned until after dinner.

The dinner, given in the Green St. Methodist Church was another success. Mr. Fred Smith who gave the address was the principal speaker of the conference in the absence of Mr. Robins. He related some of his experiences in France and discussed the problem of the returning soldiers and sailors.

Saturday afternoon was spent in the proposal and discussion of plans for extension of education and the development of the resources of Maine. Some of the principal business men of Maine, including DeForest Perkins, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Hon. C. S. Stetson, Chairman of the State Board of Assessors took part in the discussion.

The addresses for Saturday evening were held in the First Baptist Vestry. Fred Smith was the principal speaker. He emphasized the necessity of applying Christianity to business in the future.

Sunday morning the pulpits of the various churches of the city were occupied by the conference speakers. The Sunday afternoon program included programs for increasing the efficiency of the Rural Churches and other religious topics were considered.

The grand finale of the conference was a great mass meeting in the city hall with the Hon. Carl E. Milliken, presiding. The Hall was crowded. Mr. Smith's speech on "Is the man won?" was a fitting climax to the wonderful series of lectures and addresses given throughout the conference.

The State of Maine is taking great interest in these conferences as is shown by the increased attendance each year but it could easily send a far greater number next year to the advantage of all. Why don't you go?

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EDITORIALS

NOW!

The single word printed above is more fertile with meaning than any other, at the present time. We are returned to college just after the most stupendous conflict history has ever recorded. Some of the men have taken an active part in the glorious crusade. Others have been denied the full opportunity of personal service in the sense that they might have wished. Many are on the way back with tales of deeds done that will add another bit to the astounding record of the World War. We have seen personal sacrifice exhibited on a scale never before witnessed. We have watched the power and appeal of the Dollar vanish before the supplications of suffering people. Great men have asserted that America has found her soul; that she will rise from the heat of battle, a new nation.

Now, more than at any one single period in the annals of creation, is history being made. The leaders of the world powers are in conference assembled. The result of their deliberations will be of epoch making importance. Never has man faced more serious problems than come before his attention—now! Time passes swiftly, and every second will tell of some addition to written history.

Compared to what has passed, compared to the War, the period of reconstruction will outweigh it all in importance. The formative period of a new civilization is at hand, think of it, for it is nothing less—a civilization in which autoeracy has been banished, in which democracy has risen triumphant. But even with the glorious dawn of a new era, we see a sinister doctrine arising—to our minds as bad as the destroyed peril. Bolshevism is the new danger, and it is the task of the coming generation to stamp out the plague.

Having gained thru the fearful experiences of the last few years a sense of what is, and what is not worth while, we cannot help joining ourselves to the new enterprise. Humanity itself is at stake. The world will keep its gains, for to lose would be to place at naught the awful sacrifice of the struggle. We play a little part, but not so little that we cannot contribute some small share to the general uplift of society. High idealism is the one and only guide in the confusion of the moment. Accept the view of being faithful to the interests of humanity rather than to self entirely.

Our opportunity is great, greater than any until now vouchsafed to the world. Let us govern ourselves accordingly. The phrase, "Do it now!", never meant more. The present is at hand and we are guilty if we do not make the most of it. We should make every effort to concentrate on the new task, and if we fail, we fail in a worthy cause. But failure must not be contemplated, since success seems so nearly won. With an idealism strong enough, and broad enough, we shall win out. Begin now!

DEBATING

Thanks to the interest and enthusiasm of the Debating Council, a large number of men came out for the preliminaries. If we have done our share through these columns in arousing the spirit of contest among the Demosthenes and Daniel Websters of the college, we are satisfied. The

great interest that Bates has always shown as regards debating must be strengthened and upheld. Already, much speculation has been heard concerning the men who will compose the 'varsity squads. Both Drury '19 and Mayo '19 are expected to hold their places and Mayo '20 and Walton '20, who made the team last year but had no chance to debate, will probably win out. Lucas '20 is a man of well known ability in argumentation and is regarded as likely material.

The phase of the contest that has aroused some speculation is the chance of some Freshmen to win a place with the teams. Usually the new comers are rather shy about trying out; but this year has seen remarkable activity in the class of 1922. Perhaps the team will be strengthened unexpectedly by a find, if we may be permitted the word.

Professor Baird is very much elated at the large number who have made a bid for the College squad. Since we are slated for a very interesting triangular discussion with Clark and Tufts, the rising interest at Bates presages some first class debates.

But those who did not survive the preliminaries should remember that the policy of the debating Council does not retain men on the team from year to year. Every season the performance is repeated. This arrangement gives all another opportunity to go out to win. There is no need of being discouraged. It is no disgrace to be defeated. Go after victory again and success may crown your colors.

THOSE UNIFORMS!

In spite of the publicity given to the war department orders, violations of the rules governing the wearing of the uniform occur daily. We must admit that a semi-citizen dress neither reflects credit to the wearer, nor to the uniform. One of the second lieutenants from Bates remarked to the editor that it was hardly consistent with the wonderful record the S.A.T.C. established here, to treat the uniform with so much disrespect. If some of us have become careless, let the matter be remedied immediately. Among the men around the campus, the matter is not so noticeable. But when the men go to town in such dress it cannot reflect credit on the college.

Another carelessness that is especially objectionable is the wearing of the overseas cap by the S.A.T.C. men. It is disrespectful to the men who have been across, and should not continue. It is just as bad as wearing gold chevrons without authority. A little forethought will avoid such criticism as has been directed at a few of us.

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is open. We wish to thank the authorities in granting the desire of the students. This courtesy shows that the faculty wishes to let the students have better lessons, and as that argument was advanced, the professors are no doubt thinking that we are going to blossom forth in all the knowledge of the ages. We advanced the argument. We must stand behind it.

A COLLEGE EDUCATION

Some people come to college for one thing, some for another. Most of us are here to learn, to acquire knowledge that we may be able, in after life, to pursue, with greater certainty, the road to success. We go to college. We meet there men of wide experience who endeavor to smooth the roughness of the rocky pathway to a true appreciation of the learning of the ages. Some loiter, and before they are fully aware of just what has happened, they are thrust forth into the untried byways of life. Others pursue the path of least resistance and shun the intricate problems of science and philosophy that require a close application of the mind. Under the cloak of a broad education, these individuals seek the courses that are by reputation, the least provocative of taxing the gray matter. In following out the trend of the thought, an anecdote that lies at hand seems to illustrate the matter admirably.

A young man, just graduated from college was on the trail of his first business opening. He came, in the course of his search, to a wise and experienced old man. After displaying his wish to become an employee of the firm, he mentioned the college from which he came and exhibited the finely engraved sheepskin given him from his alma mater.

The old man listened patiently and then replied: "Young man, you have showed me your diploma as a sign that you have an education. You are mistaken. That document simply tells me that you have had a chance at an education".

Is it the chance, or the genuine education that some of us are enjoying right now?

Do you know that our first heroes in France were two colored men, Pvt. Johnson and Roberts who won the Croix de Guerre and Johnson obtained the coveted French gold palm.

THE BLAZED TRAIL

We've got the men, we've got the rink, and we've got the captain too. Now for action!

The Juniors are still waiting for the call announcing a class meeting—but where's the announcer?

For debate: Willit or Willitnot? If so, why so? If not, why not? For reference call at the library desk any evening this week.

The Freshmen are putting in desperate practice to wrest the victory from the arrogant Sophomores in the proposed Freshman—Sophomore basketball game.

Someone ought to sell tickets for chances on the phone in Parker. Queer attraction that mechanical instrument has for certain individuals. Garrett says that this fact shows how many men are interested in physics—maybe!

How fortunate we have a large supply of coal on hand! Dr. Tubbs might utilize some of it for his course in geology, couldn't he Mr. Andrews?

The pessimists are predicting a long, cold, rainy, muddy spring. At any rate, they admit that spring is coming!

Have you seen the squirrel scampering in the trees behind Parker Hall? Of course, he selected that place, being so near to his favorite winter food.

Our Bates soldiers can hardly be called seasoned troops in the sense of our military man who asserted that troops are not seasoned until they are peppered by the enemy and mustered by the general.

Political leaders will come, and political leaders will go, but Smith lives on forever, n'est-ce pas Carl?

Are you a man of high ideals?

Have you noticed our flag at half mast?

Ice-cream and soda stands have noticed a rapid increase in business, due, no doubt, to the reaction from the S.A.T.C. regime.

Florida has nothing on us these days. Wonderful weather, let's praise the weather man; he usually gets the other kind of comment about this time.

Some of our more adventurous spirits have just been on a wild expedition: They risked their lives on one of those antiquated flat wheelers that the L. A. and W. provide for the amusement of the poor public.

One of our amateur chemists says that he can just manage to boil water without scorching it, but he can't help scorching himself in the process.

The upper classmen seem to find much pleasure in delegating certain unfortunate Freshmen to convey refreshments from the oasis to the scene of mental labor. Said Freshmen show no great enthusiasm.

1920 is feverishly discussing the coming election of officers. Nobody knows who's who, but somebody says that Wood is likely Presidential timber.

Smile! It wont hurt much.

Be serious once in a while. You won't look so foolish as you imagine!

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Some of the denizens of Parker are trying to revive the styles of 1898 and have started in with the headgear. Those hard boiled derbys make fine targets for snowball practice at any rate!

Burns has set for himself the hard task of being the most serious and philosophical collegian that yet has tramped the deck of Parker Hall.

Some people take great delight in being miserable. Their motto seems to be "Enjoy poor health and let others do likewise!"

Sometimes we think that the gymnasium will eventually be too old to repair.

Carl Penny is thinking seriously of going to a theological seminary. Your ambition to be a D.D. is laudable, Carl!

Lieutenant Black paid a social call at 21 Parker Hall, last Sunday evening. He found things slightly different than on the war basis. For some unfathomable reason, a few of the men expressed extreme reluctance when the former K.O. offered to inspect quarters. One young gentleman went so far as to completely forget the number of his room.

It might be a good idea to sand the icy walks. Some fine day, a pedestrian wending his precarious passage across the campus will be injured. Some bad falls have occurred already.

Bill Neville blew in this week to look the place over, and judging from his remarks, it didn't look so terribly bad.

Reveille would be a good custom to reintroduce in the dormitories. Taps would, however, work consternation among a certain number of the population of the college.

"Twelve o'clock, and all's well", a freshman was heard to remark one night, after a false alarm due to some over enthusiastic sophomores.

"It's good to see "Purry" around again", is a common phrase, these days.

Many ex-soldiers are wishing someone would trot them out on a hike. It seems sort of lonesome, not having anything to do.

"Neither a borrower, nor a lender be" is all right until you begin to need a geology real bad.

It takes a lot of courage to ride the rough spots on the lake to the rear of the gymnasium. That is the opinion of certain coeds.

We might remind certain visitors from the town that our pond is mainly for use by the students, if they don't mind.