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LEWISTON, MAINE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1919

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STUDENT COUNCIL ACTS! MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FACULTY

The following self-explanatory statement was given to the STUDENT on Wednesday, with the request that it be published. The editor publishes it as a strictly official report of the unfortunate affair of last week, investigated, at the explicit request of the faculty, by the Student Council.

1. The Council has made a thorough investigation of the affair spending two days in the examination of witnesses and in careful consideration of the evidence that they presented. The Council wishes to have it understood that every effort was made to fix the responsibility for the occurrence definitely upon individuals in the student body. Twenty-one witnesses were questioned, and it was learned that there were no upperclassmen present when the affair occurred. The Council was unable to confirm by anything approaching positive evidence the rumors that connected certain individuals with the actual injury to the Freshmen. The Freshmen themselves state what they absolutely do not know who struck them, and when confronted with a direct question, every Sophomore states positively that he did not strike a Freshman with a stick or paddle. It is clear that practically all the men of the Sophomore Class were present at the affair, and that most of them were armed with paddles. A large number of these men were actually engaged in

the fray, and the others were attempting to get into the fight during the exceedingly short time in which it progressed. It is also certain that at least a part of the Freshmen engaged in the fight wielded paddles. There were at least twenty-five men in the room, and it seems reasonable that in a room of such small dimensions, the confusion would be so great as to make it almost impossible to determine exactly who were directly responsible. So far as the responsibility of the Sophomore Class is concerned, it was really accident that determined who struck the Freshmen.

2. On the other hand, the Council believes that the Freshman Class has a definite responsibility in this matter. The distribution of Freshman posters on the preceding morning, and the aggressive attitude of the members of the class during the night immediately before the fight in Roger Williams Hall, were certainly great factors in stirring up the trouble. In this matter, again, the men of this class seem equally to blame, since they were practically all concerned in the demonstration at Parker Hall which immediately preceded the fight.

3. The Council is convinced, moreover, that the responsibility for the affair cannot be confined to the two lower classes. The members of the

Senior and Junior classes had a great share in rousing the ire of the Sophomores. The Council itself admits its own part in the guilt, realizing that prompt action in the earlier part of the term might have averted this occurrence.

4. In view of the fact that it seems impossible to connect directly any individual with an actual injury to a Freshman, and that the responsibility is so widely scattered, the Council does not feel justified in recommending discipline for any particular person or persons. The Council does, however, recommend the following measures:

a The men of the Sophomore Class should be suspended from college for a period of two weeks. At the end of this time, they should be reinstated in their classes, but placed on probation for an indefinite period.

b The men of the Freshman Class should be placed on probation for an indefinite period.

c The men of the two upper classes should be severely reprimanded for their share in the responsibility.

d This action should be given full publicity.

5. The Council will be glad to furnish any further facts that may aid in explaining its attitude in the matter.

COACH "PURRY" SPEAKS AT "Y" HUT

INFORMAL RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR

Wednesday Evening, January 29, all the old men and many of the new fellows were given an opportunity to meet "Purry", Bates' beloved athletic coach. Last week the STUDENT gave an extensive account of his return, but it was some little time after he arrived in town before any kind of a reception could be arranged.

At about 6.30 P.M. a large number of the students gathered in the Y Hut waiting for his arrival. It was not long before he was escorted into their presence by Harry Rowe. Immediately the guests arose as a man and began cheering, ending with the usual Bates yell. Then Drury introduced the Coach, saying that Bates was fortunate in having a man whom every college in Maine envied.

Coach Purinton began by saying that he was not going to talk to the boys very long, but nevertheless he advised them to find a seat somewhere. As soon as there was silence again he continued with a few introductory remarks in which he said that it had given him the greatest pleasure of his experience abroad to meet the Bates men over there. He said: "Every man in France has learned to appreciate the home folks. You men who stayed at home, your task has been almost as hard as theirs. Your life has been monotonous while theirs has been full of excitement. Why, I haven't adapted myself to the conditions back here yet."

Then he skipped thru some of his ex-

periences, both on his way over and after he had been there a while. He said that he had seen so many different things that he did not know where to begin or when to end, but he assured us again and again that he would not burden us with his troubles long. He told about his athletic work briefly and paid a great compliment to what he



termed, "the best blood in America" when he said: "I come back with a tremendous respect and a very deep regard for the young men of this country. They stood the test in every field."

His athletic work did not keep him long in one place, as he found himself continually transferred back and forth behind the allied lines. About the last

of September he was the nearest to the front, when he was on some of the communication highways that were continually under bombardment. He gave a very interesting account of his night ride into a small village, in which there was not a single house that remained standing, and how they stayed there one rainy day with nothing but salmon and water for nourishment. He also gave a vivid description of the famous Hindenburg Line, and especially how comfortably some of the dug-outs had been fitted up.

He asked one of the soldiers how he felt on going over the top, and the soldier replied seriously that it was just like saying: "Good Morning, God!" He finally finished up saying that the great lesson he had learned from his experiences was the lesson of unselfishness, for above everything else a soldier thought of over there was "his community, his pal, and his God!"

JUNIORS HOLD CLASS MEETING

At the Junior class meeting, held Friday noon at Hathorn Hall, Mr. Lawrence Philbrook was elected president for the coming year. The capacity of Class Chaplain was unanimously given to Mr. MacKenzie. The class voted that flowers should be sent to Mr. Gross, '20, who has been absent from school because of serious illness. The matter of class emblems was considered.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CLUB

On Thursday evening a meeting of New Hampshire Club was held in Fiske Room. All the freshmen were initiated into the mysteries of the club and seemed to be quite properly impressed. Each in turn devoutly kissed the constitution (also a pan of water), shook the somewhat clammy right hand of the guardian and finally bowed very low indeed before one of the worthy sophomore members.

Then after numerous difficulties, including the blowing out of a few fuses, several chafing dishes of "shrimp wiggle" and "red bunny" were cooked. There was an ample supply for every one and many were the compliments which the cooks received. Everyone had a fine time and ten o'clock came all too soon.

MERCHANT OF VENICE PRESENTED IN MASTERFUL MANNER

PRODUCED WITH AN ALL-STAR CAST

The much heralded and advertised revival of Shakesperean drama took place Saturday evening in Hathorn Hall. Oh! What a revival it was! We are certain that the venerated Shakespear must have turned over in his grave. Be that as it may, the performance was nothing less than astounding.

The cast was practically the same as the one which presented this play about a year ago at Roger Williams Hall. We doubt that such an aggregation of famous actors ever was herded together. The vital part of Shylock was played by Charles Edgecomb, '18. We owe much to him for coming down here to help make the production a great success.

But now let us start where we should, and give an accurate description of that great event that will be forever remembered by those who saw it. Under the skillful direction of one of the famous members of the faculty, Karl Stanley Woodcock, the stage was furnished with all the proper settings. Bates College should be proud to have such a versatile and accomplished person on its faculty as the Stage Manager. The entertainment started with music by the great pianist, Woodard, '21, and two valiant assistants making harmonious noises upon mandolin and banjo. Then the real thing got under way.

The curtain rose slowly. A graceful slender Venetian gondola glided upon the stage, manipulated by the world's famous gondolier, Soerates Bryant. The occupants of said gondola were Bassanio, played by "R. D. Partington" Gould and Lorenzo, otherwise in civil life known as Keyes. They jumped to shore, and the gondola shot from view at the surprising speed of forty knots an hour. The reproduction of the world's greatest drama had begun.

Shylock and Antonio appeared and the fun began. Surely a great actor was discovered in our little theatre, Saturday evening. The artistic rendering of the difficult role of Bassanio by "Mertelle" Cecil Holmes was surely a revelation to the dramatic world. He made Bassanio a Frenchman instead of an Italian adventurer, soldier, and sailor. Gratiano was played by B. B. Britain Lawson, '19, who certainly was coupled with that nasal twang. Oh, such sweet and winsome damsels were Portia and Nerissa played by Clinton Drury, '19, late of Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and Earle Packard, '19. Their costumes were exquisite and beyond description. We think that Nerissa had on some pink

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REV. MR. SHELDON ADDRESSES STUDENT BODY

Thursday, January 30, was the annual Day of Prayer at Bates College. Recitations were abandoned during the forenoon and, according to previously established traditions, the students attended an impressive religious service at the College Chapel.

The exercises were of unusual solemnity this year because of the critical national and social conditions which so exhort the conscientious and unselfish intellectual and physical support of every faithful Christian man and woman. Preceding the doxology a brief, sincere prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Finnie of the Lewiston United Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Moore generously contributed to the effectiveness of the service by admirably singing a beautiful, self-inspiring solo. The exercises were arranged by Pres. Chase who fortunately secured the invaluable services of Rev. M. Sheldon, Sec. of the Congregational Educational Society.

An introspection into the personal character of Mr. Sheldon proves that he is imbued with an elevating and inspiring personality. His sermon was delivered in a lucid, polished style which dominated his audience and successfully invited their reverence.

Mr. Sheldon emphatically accentuated to the student body that destiny was to a great extent in their own making. He said that we must do something with these bodies of ours, something with our minds, something with our morals. He laid stress upon the fact that we are becoming something, that we are wielding an influence and that no man or woman could dodge the issue. He further delineated his theme by earnestly saying that the success of a man was not accelerated or prompted by a generous bank account, stylish expensive clothes, a pretentious dwelling house or the opportunity of itinerating about the world. "Success is determined by what we are. It is primarily a matter of our own capacity. A man who makes money-making his ideal," expostulated Mr. Sheldon, "is a fool. We are just cheating ourselves when we break God's law. The dodger will never be looked for in this world. We will get out of our life all that we put into it. We can't cheat God in this life. Whether a man is running a church or a saloon the ultimate good he does is registered in his own philanthropism."

Mr. Sheldon frankly reprehended that we forget our debt to Christianity thru the church. "Christianity determines life for us." In order to illustrate this phrase minutely, Mr. Sheldon eloquently proffered concrete examples which compared, in an enlightening manner, the effectiveness of our own civilized, conventional customs to the disastrous results of the brutal, barbarism.

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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

Heard in Rand the night of New Hampshire Club meeting: "Well, my grandmother lives in New Hampshire and I don't see why I can't belong to the club."

"Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "kin act up so dat de fus' thing you knows dey begins to git a little sympathy foh bein' so mean and unpopular."

Teacher—State the difference between "results" and "consequences." Bright-eyed Little Miss—"Results are what you expect, consequences are what you get."

The new Rand Hall slogan is, Have you a little Mousie in your home?

Mr. Maurice Robbins was the guest of Miss Annabel Paris 1920 on Saturday.

Miss Helen Crawford, 1920, was surprised with a visit from her brother-in-law.

Mrs. MacDonald spoke to the girls after breakfast on Prayer Day. Her subject was Our Responsibility and her words were eagerly listened to by a gathering from all the girls' halls.

The sick list for the past week has been rather lengthy in the girls' dormitories, but most of the sufferers have completely recovered, and peace again reigns.

Miss Eleanor Hayes entertained her father at Milliken House Sunday.

Miss Irma Haskell and Miss Marguerite Hill gave a very pleasant evening's entertainment at Welchville last Tuesday evening. Miss Haskell gave several of her remarkable readings and she sang several solos with Miss Hill as accompanist. Miss Hill played some very excellent selections on the piano.

Miss Marion Warren spent Sunday at her home in Auburn.

There have been a large number of cases of ptomaine poisoning among of girls this week. Most of the victims are able to be out again. Do not ever treat a co-ed on apricot ice-cream.

The inhabitants of Frye Street House gave Miss Dorothy Miller a very enjoyable surprise party on her birthday, Feb. 3, 1919. Miss Miller came to us from New Hampshire State College and entered the class of 1921.

Miss Thelma Fullerton, 1921, entertained her mother from Elknoth, Sunday.

Miss Pearl Snow and Miss Delora A. Smith of Frye, Bath, spent the week end at their respective homes.

Miss Frances Irish, who sprained her ankle playing basket-ball is able to be out again.

Mrs. Kimball entertained a group of the faculty very pleasantly at Frye Street Sunday evening. Some very dainty refreshments were served.

Prof. and Mrs. Knapp entertained a group of the students at their home on Mountain avenue last week. A very enjoyable evening was spent in singing

barous regime of Turkey, China, and India. He charged that we should love and assimilate in our souls universal goodwill and unselfishness.

In the conclusion of his sermon Mr. Sheldon picturesquely described, by means of choice, graphic, delineatives, the sweeping plains of Flanders where so many of our soldiers, our own kinsmen, lie in their shallow, cross marked graves. He positively thrilled his audience by an enthusiastic, eloquent speech in their behalf; an epitome, of which, is recorded. "The soldier gave his all for our future. That might not have been his visionary purpose but nevertheless he gave his all. They were our substitutes. We can't drift along, dodge the issues of life and let them go. What are you going to do with your power, with your life? Are you going to be unworthy of Bates College; of the men in Flanders; of Christ?"

As a proper culmination to this profound, rational sermon, Mr. Sheldon severely censured the narrow-minded, ultra-orthodox Christian. A general, predominating misconception was adequately eliminated by his inexplicable ability as an elucidator. This conclusive phrase demonstrates his rational philosophy.

"Christianity is not a negative thing designed to cut out all the joy in life."

creation but not being a judge of such fancy we cannot say for sure. Portia made an imposing lawyer and rescued her poor husband from the cruel hands of murderous and revengeful Shylock. We need not describe the play, for everybody knows the former version by heart. This version, only, strayed away from the original but little. The strays, though, were improvements. For instance "Partington" Gould's presentation of Bassanio surely was far better than the original. His short, quick, snappy sentences made a hit with the audience. Between acts, a man by the name of Thibadenu gave an excellent reading, and "Vernon Stiles" Quackenbush sang a pretty little song whose name is not soon forgotten. Did you see the moon rise? It came thru the door at the rear of the hall and shone brilliantly upon Portia's hen yard. Bassanio and Gratiano came home to greet their beautiful wives. Of course they brought Antonio! Here in that magnificent back yard transpired the final scene. Bassanio and Gratiano clutched their brides to their hearts as the strains of "Oh, Frenchy" was heard coming from the distance. Then came the crash of

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the curtain and the best, the most artistic and original reproduction of the Merchant of Venice was over.

May the memory of that great drama linger with us during the future years. We know that the revival of Shakespearean drama is in full swing. Also we wish the great actors, Charles Edgecomb and Cecil Holmes, still greater success in the future.

After the crowd had filed out and the stillness of night crept over the hall, Chief Photographer, K. Stanley Woodcock, took pictures of the cast so that posterity might view the handsome faces and costumes of those distinguished artists in the years to come.

LE CEROLE FRANCAIS

A Welcome Meeting of the French society was held in the French room Monday evening at seven o'clock. The following have been elected to membership in the Cercle: Peterson, '19, Packard, '19, A. D. Davis, '20, Woodman, '20, Goddard, '20, Murphy, '20, Bates, '21, E. Canter, '21, Cusick, '21, H. Hall, '21, Belmont, '21, Lesieur, '22, Forbes, '22, Marcotte, '22. Several of the members were granted the special privilege of proving, by extemporaneous vociferation, their unprecedented verbosity in the French philological version. Vice-president Burns conducted the meeting. He unconsciously displayed, in ultrapedant manner, his ability as an officer of the society by addressing the new members in a speech of welcome teeming with choice superfluties and connotative delineatives. He is a linguist of rare skill and his inexplicable mastery of the French language proves that he is a philological prodigy such as one would deem dwelt only in fabulistic Utopia.

A meeting was arranged for the following week.

REV. MR. SHELDEN ADDRESSES STUDENT BODY

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To Bates Alumni in Maine: The Stanton Club Banquet! What memories are awakened! Previous banquets, the Freshman class ride, ornithology, Uncle Johnny himself! He is not here, but we cannot touch Bates College anywhere without seeing him. Hold the Stanton Club meeting after he is gone? Surely, for the Stanton Club, while a personal tribute to him, means more than that. It means that full measure of devotion to Bates, her faculty, her largest interests, social, athletic, religious, which he always manifested.

Bates has withheld nothing during the war. Her students, alumni, faculty, and equipment have been freely offered and spent in patriotic service. She is just as ready to offer herself in the days of peace. She needs the loyal support and service of every graduate. Money, effort, co-operation shall we deny them?

That we may get new inspiration for the days ahead, increase our loyalty to our Alma Mater, renew old friendships, let us gather in large numbers for the STANTON CLUB, ROGER WILLIAMS HALL, LEWISTON, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 7, 1919. The banquet will be held in the basement promptly at 6.45. The business meeting and post prandials will be held in the halls above. Coach Purry is just back from France and will tell of his experiences. Throughout the late afternoon and evening the social equipment of the Y Hut, pool tables, games, fireplace, victrola, pianos, smoking room will be at the disposal of the alumni. The dinner will be \$1.50 per plate, which includes an item for necessary expenses in lieu of dues. Business dress. For the information of recent graduates it should be said that all who live in Maine by virtue of their graduation are members of the Club. Wives and husbands of the graduates are included. A limited number of men can be furnished lodging over night.

Let us make February 7th memorable as a time when Bates men and women in Maine pledge a new loyalty to "our Bates and all she means to us."

For the Executive Committee, HARRY W. ROWE Acting Secretary

All graduates of Bates College are cordially invited to be present at the gathering of the Bates College Alumni Association of Boston and vicinity. The meeting will come in the early part of March and any one whose name is not on the list of the secretary may receive a notice by sending his name and address to me with return postage.

Miles Greenwood, Secretary Melrose, Mass.

ALUMNI NOTES

Burtill T. Barrow, formerly of '18, writes an interesting letter to Professor Knapp.

Oct. 31, 1918

My dear Professor:— I am on leave here in this pretty French resort, Aix-les-Bains, and, thanks to the Y. M. C. A., have had an educational trip around old Aix. The boys who took the trip were most of them former school boys. The trip was conducted by Professor Beebe formerly of Syracuse University. She was great.

She reminded us that it was here that Marius defeated the Cimbric. We visited the town hall, which was the chateau of the Marquis of Aix, and built by him in the fifth century. The Marquis built on the Roman wall, which can still be plainly seen, as durable as ever. One side of the chateau is built into a Roman temple, and the cornice and frieze are still in good condition. In the front of the town hall is an old Roman arch above which are several stories. With glasses one can see

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FOOT BALL MANAGER ELECTED

At a meeting of the Athletic Association Friday evening, Jan. 31, Ralph Arthur Burns, 1920, was elected manager of the 1919 foot ball team of Bates College. "Chummy" served as assistant two years ago and was out of college last fall, when he was on active duty with the United States Shipping Board.

Paul Thompson, 1921, was chosen as assistant manager.

The vacancy on the athletic council, caused by the withdrawal of Carleton Wiggins from college, has been filled by Albion Rice, 1920. "Wig" is at present athletic instructor at Sanford High School.

JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES PLAY SWIFT GAME

Score ends at 4 to 0 for the Juniors

Tuesday afternoon saw the season's first hockey game on Lake Andrews. The Sophomores played the Juniors a swift match, resulting in a score of four to nothing for the latter.

The game opened at four o'clock under the competent direction of referee Mosher. Two twenty minute periods were played. The rink, although slightly soft around the edges, was in fair condition thanks to the work of Manager Louis A. Freedman.

The goal tenders were Leighton Tracy, for the Juniors, and Carl Penny for the Sophomores. Both men did good work, stopping many hard shots. These men are new at this position and need practice, nevertheless they made a good showing.

Trask, and Buker were the goal makers for the Juniors, while they were reinforced by Rice and Burns in some very clever passing. For the Sophomores, Van Vloten, Duffett, Woodard and Woodbury served as forwards. These men were very active in their efforts for their class and are to be commended for their good work. Their failure to score is chiefly due to lack of practice and inexperience in the game.

In the back field, Canter and Bernard played for 1921, while Coombs and O. Tracy held out for 1920. Bernard was the strongest asset for the Sophomores but was unable to do much on account of a lame arm. Coombs is a new man at the game but showed the right kind of fight. Olin Tracy made a promising showing, as well as his brother Leighton Tracy. Both men are fine skaters and are very much at home on the ice.

During the first half, Trask scored for the Juniors. After the scoring of the first point the battle waged fiercely for the rest of the period without apparent advantage on either side. Several clever blocks were effected by Leighton Tracy and Carl Penny at goal.

At the beginning of the second period the Sophomores possessed the advantage. Eddie Canter several times came near scoring, and once carried the puck nearly the whole length of the pond only to lose it by dextrous interference. After about ten minutes of playing, Buker got the puck and scored. Reinforced by the Junior forwards in skillful passing and interference, Buker scored twice more during the period, making the score 4-0 for the Juniors.

Captain Burns played a straight, clean game throughout. He was by far the swiftest man on the ice. Again and again by vigorous passing he drove the puck into the enemy's territory. During the last five minutes of play, Capt. Burns drove the puck the length of the field and missed a flying goal by about two inches. After a little practice he will make a formidable leader for the Bates ice team.

Captain Penny is to be commended upon his team. With new and untrained men at hand, he fashioned a very respectable team, which put up a fight. Captain Penny played back and consequently did not get an opportunity to attempt much scoring. His defense was of the first order, however, and many a time he sent the puck flying against the boards out of the danger zone.

It is regrettable after Tuesday's game, that a varsity schedule cannot be arranged. Bates has the material for a fine team, a winning team. Manager Freedman has made every possible effort to secure games, but so far the issue is rather doubtful. Pos-

sibly one or two may be arranged with clubs in the vicinity but as far as the Maine colleges or other institutions are concerned, the prospect is rather hopeless.

But if we cannot have varsity games, we can at least have intramural hockey. In support of that contention, a series of games has been arranged by the manager with the captain. If arrangements can be made, a cup will be put up which will go to the winning team.

We are especially favored here at Bates in the possession of a fine rink and excellent hockey material. It is up to the student body to stand behind the venture and back the attempts of the management.

The game last Tuesday was the first of the series. Only a very few of the student body were present. Let's show up at the next game. Hockey is a good clean sport. Let's show our class spirit and get out there!

The line up for the game was as follows:

Juniors	Sophomores
c. Trask	Van Vloten
r. Burns	Woodbury
r.w. Rice	Duffett
l.w. Buker	Woodard
e.p. O. Tracy	Bernard
p. Coombs	Canter
g. L. Tracy	Penny

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EDITORIALS

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Bates is a democratic institution. She has always stood for the perpetuation of democratic ideals and in every way has facilitated the expression of individual ideas and desires. To gain the greatest possible freedom of action among the students of this college, the faculty have deemed it wise to establish student government. The Bates College Student Assembly was to be a small civic organization in itself. Its officers were to be comprised in the Student Council. This Council is composed of ten members of the student assembly. Four of these come from the senior class, three from the junior, two from the sophomore, and one from the freshman class.

Thus the Council was organized in the beginning; there it is today. Because of some indisposition on its part, or some indifference on the part of the students, the Council was absolutely inoperative at the beginning of the school year. No meeting was called, though all realized the need of some guiding force, some authority to back various student activities. Some one is to blame for these disgraceful conditions. At least that is what many people think.

Again, how many of us, the student body, do actually know what the Council is, what its powers are, what its duties are, where its weaknesses lie, and where its influence can be best exerted? Until those points can be satisfactorily answered we must not blame any individual or group of individuals for the present state of affairs.

Our council, reorganized almost too late, is now at the most trying period of its existence. Either it will fail, or it will rapidly deteriorate and become gradually useless if we, the students of Bates College, do not stand behind it to the last. Student government will be a mockery. Student government will be impossible if there is no Council, confident in the support of the men of the college. There is no half way course. We must take pains to see that each member of the Council is assured of our collective backing.

We are acquainted with the investigations of the Council printed on the first page. The recommendations may seem severe to many of us. They will undoubtedly be too lenient for others. But we have not had the opportunity of extended investigation that the Council has had. The views of some of the members have been changed by evidence that was presented. They are all clear minded men, men who think more of the college and the men in it than about any personal advantage or satisfaction. They have done their duty as they saw it. Those that suffer must remember that the consensus of the opinion of all the classes has judged them.

What the faculty may do or decide to do is not known at this time. We hope that they will accept the report of the Council and be guided by it. If student government means anything, the action of the faculty must be in a general nature confirmatory. Should the faculty reject the report of the Council, the government for, and by the students will be seriously threatened. We hope that the faculty will not feel it necessary to act adversely.

HAZING

We have learned a lesson. The old form of admonition and instruction in the ways and traditions of the college by the few members of the Sophomore class that feel themselves the guardians of the honor of the college, must stop. We may well be thankful that the results were confined to so few cases. Hereafter the same ends must be reached by different means. Other colleges have had the same experience, and unite in declaring the present mode of Freshman instruction out of date.

The Student Council has intimated that it has some ideas on the subject of hazing which it would like to lay before the faculty. What are those ideas? It is high time that some plan was perfected to end the interclass hostility. In all red blooded men there is a sincere desire to see things carried on in a fair way. We hope that the Student Council will solve this difficulty. In the mean time, what is the trouble with doing a little individual thinking on our own part. Let us help the labors of the few men who are trying so hard to serve us. They should be deluged with ideas.

This is the psychological moment, as it is so aptly stated in the resolution drawn up by the council. With feeling at such a pitch, a clearer insight may be given the matter than has hitherto been possible. A new Freshman class will enter next fall. The plans must be ready. There cannot be a repetition of the affairs of last week. It is up to us; think it over!

TO THE ALUMNI

Last week, the Editor received indirectly a complaint from a subscriber to the effect that there was not enough space given to Alumni Notes. If the complaint is general but there does not seem to be much foundation for that belief, we will try to give a few reasons by way of explanation, not of apology. In the first place, the Editor receives so few items from the alumni which are material for print, that if all were printed no appreciable increase in space given to these notes would result.

Secondly, there seems to be some slight doubt concerning the purpose of the paper. The primary aim is to keep the alumni acquainted with the college and its work, its trials and perplexities, its joys and pleasures. It cannot be a sheet merely to keep alumni in touch with each other; that would be impossible.

But do not let these words be misunderstood. Should the Editor receive suitable material of general interest, be assured that it will be printed. Let the secretaries of the different graduated classes take this as an invitation to contribute items of interest from time to time as they see fit. Above all, remember that no good is done by criticising alone. Helpful cooperation is always welcome.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

We, the members of the Bates College Student Council, believe that hazing of any nature is a detriment to the institution.

The unfortunate occurrence of last week has convinced us that some definite action should be taken to abolish hazing entirely at Bates.

We are agreed that the failure in dealing with this problem in the past may be attributed to lack of cooperation between the student body and the faculty.

We believe this to be the psychological time for the faculty and the Student Council to secure the backing of the student body in a genuine movement to do away with this relic of barbarism.

We are at present considering a definite plan to be inaugurated at the beginning of the next college year. The Council will be glad to present this plan to the faculty for its judgment.

THE JORDAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

But few Bates men and women are ignorant of the great part that our societies play in the college life. The Jordan Scientific Society has been one of the most active organizations on the campus, and it merits much credit. We hardly realize the work it has done until a list of the graduates, former members of the society, was handed to the editor.

A suggestion was made that the names be printed in this issue together with the present occupations of the former members. We take great satisfaction in granting the request, for it serves to show what Bates graduates have done and can do.

List of Members Starts With this Issue

1911. Andrews, Blake, Cheetam, in the Defense; Howard, Superintendent of a Sugar Refinery, Hawaiian Islands; Richardson, Robertson, in the book business, Strout, Principal of the South Portland High School; Stuart, Principal of the High School at Townsend, Mass; Weymouth, Watson, Pres., Professor Brown University, 1st Lieut. Gas Defense.

THE BLAZED TRAIL

The purpose of this column is to cultivate high ideals. If you do not find it particularly interesting, see the local editor and he will change it in accordance with your criticism. Its subject matter is meant to be plastic and its purpose is to stimulate thought. Thought collectively and thought individually. If you know of subjects that ought to be brought to the attention of the student body or others at greater length than the column of locals permit, bring them to the local editor. This is your paper. This column is just as much yours as any part of the edition.

Just a word about Dr. Wood. His euphonious remarks have been forced upon our attention again. Not content with spreading himself through two columns on the first page of his edition, in an article whose particulars showed a high cultivation of the imagination as well as an amazing sense of the ridiculous, he needs must devote two of his intensely interesting editorials to the subject. And the subject: "A deliberate preparation on the part of the Sophomores to paddle the Freshmen as they had never been paddled before that they might not err again in college ethics." Dr. Wood is careful to insert, however, as his authority for this marvelous statement, the four tell-tale words, "as the story goes." In fact, it is upon these four significant words that most of his ideas upon the subject seem to be built.

It is not worth our while to undertake such a complete criticism as the article and the accompanying editorials deserve. It is sufficient for us to say that Dr. Wood and his articles are pretty well known among all who know Bates College.

Let us devote a few words to his editorials. "The disgraceful brutal affair at Bates College the other night—it has not yet been established that those Sophomores were all unspeakable Huns." After much thought upon this sentence, its meaning still remains obscure. Is it possible that a kernel of truth may still be hidden within this solid nut. First upon the strength of hearsay he denounced this already exaggerated affair as one brutal and disgraceful. Then he discloses the illuminating fact that all the Sophomores have not yet been established as unspeakable Huns." Possibly the haziness connected with this remark may be cleared up by some later explanation. But consider this: "You have heard of the fine things that military training does for the boys. Bates college was a military training school up to the other day. Shudder to think of the casualties that would have decimated the college this week if those boys had not got so much of gentle and chivalrous manhood drilled into them last fall." And here he does not even use "as the story goes." One would conclude that the reason for this disgraceful brutal affair was to be found in the fact that Bates College had been a military training camp. Possibly he does not remember that our unit was officially rated as one of the very few in the whole country that was really successful. His so-called "affairs" are not unheard of in other parts of the country and in other colleges where there has been no military training.

His next editorial is a defamatory attack upon higher education. His statements are sarcastic in the extreme. He tells us that "a college man ought to be distinguished by his gentlemanly regard for the rights and the comforts of others and his ability to make for himself in the world without brute force". His standards are certainly admirable. We would advocate them thoroughly in all respects. But consider a moment. Dr. Wood is a Bates man. His last sentence is: "does it pay?" We cannot help but wonder if the Dr. has applied his own principles to his own case. With 400,000 college men and women in the country, the doctor pretends to consider the issue a doubtful one. Probably influenced again by his ridiculous conception of his "disgraceful brutal affair," he heatedly contests the matter. We are aware that his statements are fine reading for the breakfast table but when actualities are considered what is the answer? Why does not the doctor turn his attention to other institutions if he is desirous of seeking foundations for such articles as his fertile mind evidently gloats upon?

This is not the first time that Dr. Wood has harassed us with his theories upon subjects. He once told us certain things about our attitude concerning prohibition. In spite of the fact that the Bates boys raised their hands the United States now has National prohibition. It is a fact worthy of note that when ex-president Roosevelt died recently, Dr. Wood's paper was the only publication in the country to attack the character of the man. We would not appear biased or prejudiced in this matter. This is a column whose object is to promote high ideals. We would be broad minded, we would strive to cultivate broadmindedness. Even if the affair described by Dr. Wood had been of the magnitude which he ascribes to it, what logical reason or justice is there in attacking the subject as he has done. What is the impression upon the public at large? What is the detriment to the college from such a treatment of the matter? He has made statements in his editorials which are manifestly unfounded upon fact. He has drawn upon his scanty store of knowledge with the result that his statements show a tendency to deduce not the logical facts but the maxima of inferences. He seems ready to believe the worst of the affair. His attitude is and has been, one of antagonism. Such radical opposition is distasteful to men of high ideals.

The recent investigation by the Student Council has shown that nearly every one of Dr. Wood's statements were absolutely unfounded on fact. We would recommend that Dr. Wood do a little more investigating before allowing such a thing to happen again.

1912. Brunquist, medical work; Chamberlain, teaching; Conklin, Fuller, Pres., Jennings, National Aniline Works at Buffalo N. Y.; Morrison and Rhoades, teaching, Turner, instructor M.I.T., Lane, Jecuseo, Fixation Nitrogen, Nitro, West Virginia, Tucker.

1913. Adams, E. and F. Cave, Washington D.C. Cheever, Lieut. in the service; Davis, teaching; Deering Fidelity Trust Co. Portland, Me.; Holt, Instructor, Clark University Georgia; Kempton, Knights, Nat. Aniline & Chemical Works, Boston, Mass; Vaughan, teaching, Rangeley, Maine.