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## PRES. CHASE LAID AT REST

### Dr. Finnie Pays Touching Tribute to Late President



Memorial Chapel Where Services Were Held

One of the most beautiful tributes that was ever paid to a departed friend was the service which marked the funeral of President Chase. For two hours, while the body lay in state in that most beautiful of chapels which he had been instrumental in securing for the college, the friends and acquaintances of all walks of life passed before the coffin for one last look at the kindest of advisors and counselors they had ever known. It seemed that a tribute was being done to the wonderful spirit of the man which has so clearly marked Bates College in the last quarter of a century.

Especially fitting was the honor given him by his friends of the Greek colony of the city, who showed in their every act the love and respect which President Chase had inspired in them. A large delegation of the clergymen of the two cities came in a body to show the admiration which each one felt for the departed friend.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The students' offering was a large wreath upon which was inscribed the simple word "Prexy." Beside the great cross of flowers sent by the Greek colony, and there was no more beautiful tribute than this, the floral offerings of Hiram Ricker and Sons of Poland, the wreaths from the several classes, the college faculty, the executive board, and the Men's Brotherhood were especially noteworthy, as were also the flowers from Alumnae Association from Maine and Boston,

the Rotary Club, the Lewiston Trust Company, and the Pastor's Union, not to mention the profusion of roses and lillies which enhanced the effect.

Following the Funeral March by Chopin, played by the college organist, Miss Christensen, and the reading of the Scriptures, the Choir gave the beautiful selection "I Will Lay Me Down In Peace." The touching tribute by Dr. Finnie of the United Baptist Church was a most impressive address. He said, in regard to the life and work of the late President:

The Christian hope is seen at its best at such an occasion as this. The values of life are so apparent in the career of our departed friend. That God should make certain of the preservation of these noble qualities so beautifully borne in the personality of President Chase seems as reasonable as the rising of the sun or the passing of the day.

It is not enough that the sweet influences which radiated from his life should remain in this institution, or in the lives of those who have been here, or will be later. Our souls cry out for the continued being of that heroic spirit who so lavishly gave himself even unto death. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever shall lose his life for my sake will save it." So spoke the Great Teacher. So lived our late friend.

Paradoxical as it may sound, this

is his jubilee. It is true that we sorrow; but not as others who have no hope. Some time in our lives we have had a friend whose life was our life.

The communion of kindred spirits had enriched us beyond measure. The natural reward of genius and culture called him to a high and honored position. We lost his fellowship—not because of any change of spirit between us, but because of the very honor of promotion which came to him. The limitations of this physical order could not sustain both. At one and the same time we rejoiced in his promotion and sorrowed in our loss.

So it is with us and him whom we mourn today. It is his jubilee—it is his promotion. But our hearts are very sad.

The Scholar's task is done; the Master-BUILDER has made his contribution of genius. Promotion has come. We are glad; we are sorrowful of heart. We rejoice in the great honor which must have come to him when he swung out into that great life beyond, with its new tasks, and challenges and possibilities. He was faithful unto death—the Crown of Life is his.

If choice should be made of the one dominant characteristic of his long and useful life, I should think immediately of his courage. Too often in the case of strong men their courage runs to bravado. There was no hint of this mixed with the heroism of President Chase. That humility, so characteristic of his life, saved him from such a fault.

His whole character might be summed up in words spoken of Him who was ever the example and power of our friend: "He was strong without a shadow of violence—he was gentle without a trace of weakness."

#### Relatives Present

Out of town relatives who were present were Gov. and Mrs. Carl E. Milliken, and children, and Rev. Aubrey Chase and family of Cambridge, Mass. Prof. Angell, 85 years old, made the trip from Worcester, Mass., to be present. Trustees of the college, not only in Maine, but from Boston and New York were also present, and the Pastors' Union of the two cities attended in a body.

Following the address, the congregation united in singing "Oh God, the Rock of Ages." A short but impress-

## BATES LOSES FAST GAME TO MAINE 6-0

Saturday, at Orono, witnessed one of the oddest freaks of baseball luck that our season has yet produced. For the first six innings each pitcher allowed but one hit each, and the type of baseball that each team displayed was of the big league variety. Neither side was at any time in danger of scoring until Maine took the field in the seventh. Davidson led off with a single and Stone laid down a perfect bunt, gaining first himself, and advancing Dave to second. It looked like runs for the Garnet and more so when Hippo rode one out to deep left. But a strong head wind kept the ball in the air long enough to permit Wood to grab it down for a put out. Throwing to second he caught Dave for a double. This was the type of the breaks for Bates all thru the game, and coupled with that were a few lucky bouncers that gave Maine her tallies. In Maine's half, Cusiek got a bad start by passing a couple of men. Then Stone, while attempting to cut off a double steal, cut loose with one of John's spitters which broke the wrong way and scored one man leaving the other on third. A hit added a second run and the scoring finished. The eighth found Maine at bat amid a shower of horseshoes and only two clean hits, one a single at lead off, and a three bagger for the final out at home, entered into the scoring of four runs. Two slow rollers thru second and short aided the University boys greatly. Woods fielding was a feature for the game.

The score:

	MAINE									
	A	B	R	B	P	O	A	E		
Wood, lf	3	1	1	5	1	0				
Sargent, 3b	3	1	1	1	1	0				
Young, cf	4	1	1	1	0	0				
Waterman, 1b	4	0	1	8	0	1				
Faulkner, 2b	3	2	1	2	4	1				
Slatery, ss	3	0	0	3	2	0				
Lawry, rf	3	1	1	2	0	0				
Reardon, c	2	0	1	5	0	0				
Johnson, p	2	0	0	0	3	0				
Totals	27	6	7	27	11	2				

	BATES									
	A	B	R	B	P	O	A	E		
Dillon, ss	3	0	0	2	2	1				
Talbot, 2b	4	0	0	3	3	1				
Maxim, cf	4	0	0	0	1	0				
Davidson, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0				
Stone, c	4	0	1	6	1	1				
Elwell, lf	2	0	0	1	1	0				
Burns, 1b	3	0	0	9	0	0				
Trask, 3b	3	0	1	0	2	0				
Cusiek, p	3	0	1	1	5	1				
Totals	29	0	4	24	15	4				

Maine 0 0 0 0 0 2 4 0—6  
Bates 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Three base hits, Reardon. Sacrifice hits, Wood, Reardon. Double play, Wood to Slatery. Stolen bases, Faulkner 3, Young, Davidson. Struck out by Johnson 5, by Cusiek 3. Base on balls off Johnson 3, off Cusiek 2. Hit by pitcher Johnson. Left on bases, Maine 5; Bates 7. Umpires Corey and Conway. Time, 2 hours, 15 minutes.

ive prayer by Dr. Ashmun T. Salley, the former pastor of our President, with response by the choir closed the simple funeral. With the organ sounding the magnificent strains of the "Cortege" (Continued on Page Three)

## FRESHMAN PRIZE DEBATE

### Hathorn Hall Scene of First Annual Freshman Debate

On May 23, 1919, in Hathorn Hall, was held the first annual prize debate for Freshmen. The question debated was: Resolved: That the several states should adopt the unicameral form of legislature. By the judges' decision the negative team was declared the winner.

Early in the year, Professor Baird conceived the idea of having a prize debate for Freshmen. The purpose of this debate was to arouse interest in debating, and to train new students for possible varsity positions. As a result of this idea, a committee consisting of Clifton Perkins and Alexander Mansour was named to put the project through.

First, of course, there were trials to select the various verbal warriors. From the list of candidates who presented themselves, the following teams were chosen: Affirmative, Alosco Burgess, Raymond Baker, John W. Ashton, and Philip Stevens, alternates; Negative, Dwight Libby, Roland Carpenter, Aurie Johnson, and Clifton Perkins, alternate. These teams had but little time in which to prepare their cases, yet on May 23, all was in readiness for the contest.

As has been said, the debate was held in Hathorn Hall. A group of Freshmen girls acted as ushers, and saw to it that the good-sized audience was properly and comfortably seated.

The program was started by Clinton Drury, '19, who acted as chairman. With a few appropriate remarks Mr. Drury informed the audience of the purpose of the debate. Next there was a selection by the Girls' Mandolin Club, followed directly by the debate proper.

Mr. Burgess opened the discussion for the affirmative by attacking the present system of checks and balances. He argued that undesirable features resulted from these checks, and that these objectionable features would be avoided by the unicameral system.

In introducing the negative case, Mr. Libby pointed out the fact that present conditions were not so bad as represented, and that whatever evils existed could be remedied by minor changes. He then proposed several reforms, (Continued on Page Three)

#### COMMENCEMENT DINNER

The new Chase Hall has been selected as the place at which the Commencement dinner will be served this year. Although the building is not completed, it will be in a condition that will make it entirely suitable for use at this time. It has been voted that, as in previous commencements each member of the graduating class, member of the faculty, trustees, Alumni and friends, with the exception of specially invited guests, must pay the regular sum of one dollar for each ticket for the dinner. The Committee in charge of the Dinner would greatly appreciate it, if those who expect to be present would kindly inform Mr. C. H. Higgins, of the Department of Chemistry, as early as possible. A large attendance is anticipated and an excellent dinner is assured.

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## EDITORIALS

### THOSE SWEATERS!

Once in a while it seems inevitable that some person takes it upon himself to wear a Garnet and Black sweater. On many occasions the offense is committed merely thru ignorance of one of the traditions of Bates College. This tradition states in effect that the wearing of the colors shall be limited to those men only who are awarded a "B" in some branch of athletics. Thus it is easily seen, that the sweater with its distinctive colors is not to be worn without proper sanction.

A little care in the observance of this ruling will avoid much ill feeling on the part of the rightful wearers of the Garnet and Black and will help to strengthen a college custom. Be careful against any infringement of this tradition, and aid the efforts of the authorities by discouraging any and all violations which come to your attention.

### PROPAGANDA

Bates College is a good college! We who have lived here for so many long months know the truth of this statement. But in order that this college may continue to do good, it must have eager interested students. Every year, the problem arises of how to secure students for the entering class. Those who do enter, quickly catch the Bates spirit and become enthusiastic about the college. But the great need is to increase the knowledge of Bates in the High and Prep Schools.

Perhaps it is not generally known that the Spofford Club is preparing a bulletin setting forth the advantages of Bates to the prospective student. The work of this society is also being aided by the Jordan Scientific Society, and the efforts of these two powerful organizations should be provocative of results.

Meanwhile it should be the pleasure and duty of each Bates man and each Bates woman to spread among his or her friends and acquaintances in the lower schools, the message which Bates has given, is giving and always will give to the student desirous of knowledge. We might say that with the installation of the Phi Beta Kappa, one of the milestones in the life of the college was reached, for with the Gamma chapter came recognition of the worthy aims and aspirations of Bates. Let each of us present the case of the college to all whom we know are contemplating a college education. But let us not do this thinking that we have an irksome duty to perform, but with the certain knowledge of what Bates has done for you, and the hope of what she may do for others.

## THE BLAZED TRAIL

The selection given below is worthy of a little careful study. It is quite representative of a school of modern writers in verse libre. The style and method of development are unique in their departure from previous standards, and give the thought a certain charm. The combination of prose and poetry in accord with the

demands of the thought marks a radical step ahead in verse libre, as a type.

The writer, Wallace Gould, is coming more and more before the public since the publication of his first book "The Children of the Sun." A revision of this work will place a new edition before the public soon, which will be well worth reading.

Gould is especially powerful in description. His epithets are distinctive and his phraseology potent. He should be studied as a departure from conventionalities in form and type.

EPISTLE: To C. W.

I went alone, today, along the plains of Norridgewock, where you and I went out, that afternoon, together, talking about existence.

Do you remember when we went?

It was about the time of year

when Chaucer used to close his books.

There was no green along the Kennebec, none save that of the pines, at least, a sullen, glowering green that symbolized no change.

Still, do you remember the butterflies we saw, the two great butterflies, velvet, brown, spotted with black, seemingly dancing into the sun?

And do you remember the crows? Do you remember them strutting about the tawny expanse, posing, bobbing, pecking, nervously flapping forth and back across the river?

These were but the vanguard of the vast processional that every year goes forth to the shrine of Pan.

Now listen. Quite unknown to you,

I watched two amorous chickadees

darting about a budding birch—

two hardy little lovers—

and I was silent about them

lest you resume your talk on sex control.

Old Chaucer would have kept his silence, too.

I'll bet old Chaucer liked the chickadees—

Yet, never mind. I wish you had been here,

today, with me, beside the Kennebec,

this Circe of Maine waters. She intones

in full contralto, but in clearer voice

than on that afternoon.

The plains of Norridgewock

have lost their tawn.

Pan laughs at tragedy,

casting a tarleton veil of luminous green,

obliviously, upon the ancient dead,

and Circe's mention of the murdered priest

is interrupted by the warbler's chant.

The living north is on its pilgrimage

to Pan, and Pan requires no penitence.

I went alone, today, where you and I went out, that afternoon,

together,

and, being alone, I took along the dear

old prologue to the Canterbury Tales.

My book remained unopened. For, these days,

I care as much for books as Chaucer cared.

### JUST A LITTLE NONSENSE

I

had been wondering,

if I

went to some of these

Intercollegiate Tennis Tournaments,

with the team,

and

carried my racquet with me,

whether

someone

might not see me and take me for a

tennis player.

But

another guy,

who had just been there,

took all the

joy

out of life

by telling me

that it had already been done,

but that it

did not

work.

Speaking of tennis,

I

wonder

if it wouldn't be a good

idea

to take down some of those wire fences,

around the courts.

Then,

we wouldn't have to run around them,

when we have to go after

the tennis

balls.

Last Friday evening, the college was electrified by a rumor that a Bates man had qualified as a candidate for a Carnegie Hero Medal. The first story was to the effect that Wesley Small, manager of this paper, had plunged into the chilly waters of Lake Auburn, and rescued two drowning damsels, at the risk of his life. Later, the report was modified, making the number one instead of two. It was stated unofficially that the young lady was from Washington, D. C., but it is now believed that this was an error. The STUDENT, in line with its usual policy, immediately detailed a reporter to interview Mr. Small, at his home on Bardwell Street. He could not deny the rumor, although he corrected a few minor impressions. Among other things, he stated modestly that the number of the young ladies, or lady, as the case might be, was neither one nor two, and added that the story undoubtedly originated when the manager walked off the end of the wharf in the darkness, and that the details had become somewhat mixed in the telling. Mr. Small is receiving the congratulations of his many friends, both in the college, and in other portions of the United States, the latter class of the public having been informed of the event by the Deer Isle Messenger. Subscriptions to the STUDENT will remain at the low figure of two dollars and twenty-five cents.—Advt.

### Y. W. C. A. MEETING

The Y. W. C. A. meeting on May 21 was in charge of the freshmen, under the leadership of Grace Gould. After the devotional exercises, Mavorette Blackmer played a delightful piano solo. The speakers of the evening, Katherine Hanscome and Muriel Bowes mentioned the helpfulness of the Y. W. girls to freshmen, during the first days of the college year; of the value of the speakers who have come here under the auspices of the association; and expressed their appreciation of all that Y. W. means to the freshmen girls at Bates.

The regular weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Wednesday evening under the leadership of Miss Annabel Paris. The meeting took the form of a Silver Bay rally. Silver Bay songs were sung by a group of the girls which served to bring the conference spirit to the meeting. Information as to routes and equipment for the trip were given by Evelyn Varney and Gladys Logan. Evelyn Aray read a very interesting letter from the Student Secretary, Miss Weisel, concerning the coming conference.

### I. C. S. A.

Some time ago a matter of importance was presented to the girls by Mildred Edwards, during conference hour. This was the possibility of the College joining the Intercollegiate Community Service Association.

This I. C. S. A. is an association of the girls of the leading colleges of the country for the purpose of promoting social justice and responsibility. It is really an outgrowth of the Social Service Committees of the Y. W. C. A.'s of the various colleges. However, by banding together in an intercollegiate body, much more can be accomplished, for it affords opportunities to learn of Social Welfare Activities, to attend lectures and conferences in this work, and offers openings for Volunteer Service during the College Course and vacation under supervision.

A vote of the girls was finally taken and, as the majority of the girls desired it, Bates College became a part of the Intercollegiate Community Service Association thru the work of the Bates Y. W. C. A.

Some time later, elections were held and the results were: President, Dorothy Miller, '21; Secretary, Mildred Soule, '20, and Treasurer, Doris Longley, '22.

As this work comes under Y. W. C. A., those girls belonging to the Y. W. will be members of the I. C. S. A.

### Y. M. C. A.

Halt! Right about face. Forward march to the Northfield Conference June 20-30. Ten eventful days of inspiring platform addresses, fascinating themes, and real recreation. There are no days like these student conference days. As a part of his education every student should welcome the opportunity of attending. The mountain and lake country in which Northfield is situated is the most beautiful in New England.

It is an education in itself to come in contact with such men as Dean Charles R. Brown, John R. Mott, David Yui (of China), Robert E. Spear, Captain John McNeill and others who are expected to be leaders at the Conference.

### JORDAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At a business meeting held in Hedge Laboratory, Monday night, the officers for the coming year were elected. Harvey B. Goddard, '20, was chosen President of the Society, with Oscar Voigtlander, '20, as chairman of the executive committee. Lawrence Philbrook was unopposed as Secretary-elect.

Resolutions were made and voted into the constitution that no individual may be eligible for membership in the Society who is or who subsequently becomes a member of more than two other organizations. It is hoped that the other clubs will follow suit, and that one great obstacle in the way for better societies will be removed. Also, the motion was carried which prohibits the President of the Jordan Scientific Society from being the President of any other club while holding the chief office of the Jordan Scientific Society.

The business of electing new members occupied the greater part of the session. The eligibility of so many prospective members was questioned and debated, that only four of the required eight members of the in-coming Senior class were chosen. The Society hopes to fill the vacancies at the next meeting which will be held in the fall. From the present Sophomore Class, three members were elected leaving two vacancies to be supplied at the fall session.

The men who won the coveted honor of membership are, Charles B. Stetson, '20, Felix V. Cutler, '20, Howard Wood, '20, Ransome Garrett, '20, all from the next senior class. The Juniors selected are Winslow S. Anderson, '21, Maynard Johnson, '21, and Richard S. Buker, '21.

1916—Miss Agnes Thompson is a teacher in Alton, N. H. She intends to take a summer course at Columbia University this coming summer.

Miss Alice King has given up her school in North Woodstock and has accepted a position in Danvers High School, Danvers, Mass.

Albert Parker is principal of the high school at Norway, Maine. Miss Mildred Robertson is a teacher in the same school. Bonnie Marston has been discharged from the service of the United States.

Victor Swieker and his wife, Margery Bradbury, are living in Biddeford at present. She expects to spend the summer at Ocean Park.

Harlene Kane is teaching school in Spencer, Mass.

1918—Roy Saller is principal of Buckfield High School.

1913—Leon Cash is superintendent of schools in Buckfield.

1917—"Buck" DeWeaver is principal of the high school at Canton.

1895—Miss Sara Staples resides in Auburn.

1899—Miss W. E. Sincok resides in Canton.

Rev. F. N. Buker has gone to Denver, Colorado to attend the Baptist National Convention.

1896—Horace Jerome White who for many years has been a pastor in Maine, Mass. and Rhode Island, has now retired and lives at 116 Laurel Street, Providence, R. I. He spends his summers in the mountains of New Hampshire.

1913—Edith A. George has been in France doing Y. M. C. A. canteen work for three months. She is stationed at Beaune.

Miss Luella Jordan is a teacher of English in Caribou High School.

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PRES. CHASE LAID AT REST

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Funeral, the immediate family, friends, the college trustees and the faculty, followed by the students left the Chapel.

The long funeral procession reached almost from the campus to the cemetery. A very short but touching service at the grave was made more solemn by the rustling of the leaves in the majestic trees bowing over the burial place. And there by the noble Androsoggin, the friends of President Chase, cast their last offering of flowers upon the coffin.

The presidents of the four classes, the President of the Student Council, and three other students from the several classes were the bearers. They were, Charles Mayoh and Cecil Holmes from the Senior class; Lawrence Philbrook, and Philip Guptill of the Junior class; Carl Belmore and Charles Stevens of the Sophomore class; and Robert Watts and Raymond Buker of the Freshman class.

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among which were the Initiative and Referendum, and the Budget System. Mr. Buker, the second affirmative speaker, dwelt on the democracy of the unicameral system as contrasted with the present system.

Mr. Carpenter, continuing the case for the negative, showed how the unthe objectionable features would be cause of its radicalism and tendency to hasty legislation.

Mr. Ashton completed the affirmative arguments when, in a burst of enthusiastic eloquence, he praised the efficiency of the change which he proposed.

Finally came Mr. Johnson, the last negative speaker, who continued the argument of undesirability advanced by Mr. Carpenter. He demonstrated that the unicameral legislature would be corrupt, would go contrary to public desire, and would be impracticable.

The rebuttal for the negative was a defense of main arguments and criticism of major affirmative contentions. Mr. Johnson was the star in this part of the debate, as he hurled out floods of oratory against his opponents.

The affirmative refutation consisted of various statistics and general objections to the case of the negative. Mr. Ashton starred for this team, as he rivalled Mr. Johnson for honors, being led in his enthusiasm to disregard, momentarily, the closing bell.

After the last rebuttal speech, another selection was played by the orchestra while the judges prepared their ballots. The judges' vote in favor of the negative was then read. Those daring men who braved the storm of eloquence in serving as judges, were Professor J. Murray Carroll, Professor Herbert R. Purinton, and Harry W. Rowe. By the judges' decision, a prize of fifteen dollars was awarded the negative team.

The debate showed much promise for the class of 1922 in debating, and should prove of value in training intercollegiate speakers. The idea of Freshman debating is a good one, it had a good start, and should have a bright future in old Bates.

JUNIOR ORATIONS

Speakers Chosen for the Prize Division

At the elimination try-outs on Monday of this week, the men and women of the Junior Class, who are to compete for the prize offered to the best individual orator, were selected. Those composing the men's section are Goddard, Lucas, Mays, Murphy, Tracy, L., and the women selected are Misses Barron, Bowman, Lane, Pierce, Sibley, and Soule. These students will compete for the two prizes on the eleventh of this month in the College Chapel.

LOCALS

John Mosher, 1919, spent the week-end at his home in Belgrade.

William Davidson, 1919, spent the week-end at his home in Gardiner.

Donald Kempton, 1918, was a recent visitor on the campus.

Donald Swett, 1918, recently visited friends on the campus.

Felix Cutler, 1920, was called to New York last week on important business.

Floyd Norton, 1918, is spending a few days at College.

William Leader, 1922, has returned to college.

Philip Talbot, 1919, recently spent a few days at his home in Gardiner.

Richard Garland, 1918, spent the week-end with friends on the campus.

Harry Hall, 1921, spent the week end at his home in Buckfield.

Paul Potter, 1921, was called to his home in Griswold, Conn., last week.

Harry Newell, 1921, spent the week-end at his home in Turner.

Howard Knight, ex-1921, recently visited friends on the campus.

Donald Clifford, ex-1921, recently visited friends in Parker Hall.

Roger Sloane of Bethel visited friends in Parker Hall recently.

Carl Penney, 1921, visited his home in Saugus, Mass., last week.

Thomas Kelley, 1922, spent the week end at his home in Gardiner.

Ralph McAllister, 1922, visited his home in Paris last week.

Ransome Garrett, 1920, recently visited his home in Livermore.

Misses Marjorie Walden and Olive Everett have returned to Rand Hall after two weeks illness at the Maine General Hospital.

Miss Eleanor Brewster spent the week end in Portland, Me.

Miss Doris Traver was a guest of Evelyn Wimersberger over Sunday at the latter's home.

Miss Marion Lewis spent several days in Monmouth last week.

Miss Ruth Cullens spent the week end at her home in Haverhill, Mass.

Miss Bertha Whittier, 1922, was at Portland over the holiday.

Miss Evelyn Arey and Miss Rachel Ripley were entertained by Miss Louise Sargent at dinner Sunday.

Miss Muriel Bowes has been ill for several days.

Miss Frederica Ineson spent several days at home in Yarmouth, Me., the latter part of the week.

Miss Lena Niles spent the week end at her home.

Miss Lenora Hodgdon, 1919, was a visitor in Portland on Memorial Day.

Miss Buswell entertained Miss Mildred Robertson at lunch at Rand Hall Sunday night. Miss Robertson is graduate of Bates 1916 and is now teaching at Norway, Maine.

Misses Izetta Wolfe, Ruth Severance and Annie May Chappell were week end visitors in Saco, Maine.

Miss Marion Dunnells spent the week end at her home in Cornish, Me.

REMINISCENCES OF BATES IN THE EARLY DAYS

The Negro Problem
There were never in the history of Bates more than a half dozen negroes within her walls at one time—and seldom more than two or three—but the number was sufficient in that period of unmitigated race prejudices to make her a target for malignant cynics. To the honor of her Faculty and students be it known that she never showed the white feather. One incident will illustrate her loyalty. A colored student from Virginia encountering a "gentleman from old Kentucky" was violently pushed from the sidewalk into the ditch. In scarcely more time than is required for the story he was arrested by a policeman, haled into the municipal court and in the presence of fifty Bates boys was sharply fined for his cowardly and insolent assault upon one of their number.

The Divine Right of Men?
No woman at Bates was ever ill-treated by fellow students. But the presence of young ladies in an institution calling itself a college was so phenomenal in the New England of fifty years ago as to cause even the most considerate to lift their eyebrows and hold their breath in ill-concealed astonishment. And the association of young women with young men within the sacred precincts of a college was to those self-constituted censors who claimed as a divine right the privilege of passing upon all questions of birth, breeding and custom, no less than positively shocking. Even to-day conservative New England looks with sus-

icious eye upon co-education—at least beyond the academy or high school. What wonder that a half century ago even chivalrous College men felt embarrassed by the presence of women classmates. The girls felt the chill produced by their presence and one after another quietly withdrew. Twice in the first three years of the new College a group of scholarly and refined young women relinquished, some of them with sad hearts, opportunities dear to them as life.

But in 1865 there came to Bates a girl whose eager ambition for all that the charter of the institution had guaranteed her sex nothing could repress. No hand was extended to her in kindly welcome, no eye beamed approval upon her coming. Her classmates looked at her with troubled countenances and even the members of the Faculty—every one of them a gentleman—were suspected of wishes that they in no way expressed. She could not have misunderstood the situation for she was a girl of delicate sensibilities and of acute and vigorous mind. But her high hopes could not be subdued nor her firm purpose daunted. Brilliant to any and every situation, she was with her classmates while not of them. It is, I believe, not too much to say that although Mary Wheelright Mitchell did not introduce co-education at Bates, she established it.

A brief story may make clearer the character and quality of the woman. She was a poor girl who not only worked her own way but contributed to the support of her invalid mother. In her summer vacations she toiled in a Lewiston cotton mill. In the long winter vacations she taught country schools. Arriving at her schoolhouse on the first day of one of those winter terms, she found the stairs that led to her room on the second floor blocked from bottom to top with heavy sticks of cord wood. She did not hesitate. Bell in hand and books under her arms, on her knees she climbed over the splintery wood to her room to find it filled with over-grown, rude boys ready to dispute her entrance. She forced a passage, subdued the boys, bade them clear the stairway, organized, taught and governed her school to the satisfaction of all, and went back to College triumphant. Do you wonder that she graduated with honors, gained distinction as an educator, was made a professor of Greek at Vassar, subsequently founded a first-class school for girls, and ended her career as a happy wife and mother?

But the ill acclimated Western college encountered even more serious difficulties than the obstinate prejudice against co-education. Some of these proved insuperable and, after a series of hotly contested battles between opposing parties among Trustees, necessitated radical changes. When boys and girls scarcely above grammar school grades failed to make clear in their (Continued on Page Four)

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letters and in their association with strangers their membership in fitting school or seminary and figured as students from Bates College the prestige of the institution suffered a shock that gave pause to its most ardent supporters.

### The Seminary Question

Principal Cheney promptly faced the inevitable, and after finding in Pittsfield what he believed to be a worthy home for Maine State Seminary, decided to ask his Trustees to disentangle their college from its embarrassing alliances. He felt confident of success and, unfolding his plan to his associates in the Faculty, authorized them to announce it to their College classes.

In was in the summer of '66 and a little before the annual meeting of the Trustees. I was just completing my Sophomore year. Our daily recitations in the Memorabilia had finished when Professor Levi W. Stanton, an older brother of our beloved Jonathan Y. Stanton, told my class that he had important news to communicate. How eagerly we listened! At the meeting of the Trustees, then close at hand, said he, there was to be an important change in the organization of Bates. The Seminary was to have a home elsewhere. The College would remain—henceforth unembarrassed by its compromising associations. We were all very happy, for we had often been put to blush by our awkward affiliations with our Seminary friends. He suggested that we had best hold his communication a secret till the Trustees should take the necessary action. We were thoroughly loyal to his counsel, for we loved and honored him as a man of the choicest qualities of heart and mind as an affectionate and accomplished teacher.

The Trustees arrived and at once were obviously engaged in heated discussion. The next morning very early there was a disquieting rap upon my door and Professor Levi with anxious face asked the instant he was admitted whether my roommate and I had mentioned outside the class the change that he had told us was impending. Our prompt assurance of loyalty brought the color back to his face, and he hastened away to gain like assurance from the other Sophomores.

The conservative Trustees were in the majority and the anticipated change was delayed for two years. In fact, twice that time passed before it was fully effected.

### "Uncle Johnny"

My reference to Professor Levi Stanton makes opportune some account of the arrival at Bates of our own Professor Jonathan Stanton. He had been elected Professor of the Latin Language and Literature in 1863, but did not come to us till the fall of 1864—the year I became a Freshman. His coming had been heralded far and wide and the dozen college students and the two dozen or more still in the making were jubilantly expectant. We had listened eagerly to tales of his wonderful scholarship, his marvelous teaching ability and, above all, to the glowing descriptions of his generous sympathy with young men and his unequalled hold upon their affections.

I never knew till I learned from the lips of President Cheney, nearly thirty years later, by how narrow a margin we escaped losing him. When Dr. Cheney presented his name to the Trustees there was a rival candidate of no little prestige who had the decided preferences of many of them on account of his pronounced loyalty to the Free Baptist denomination. Mr. Stanton was at that time a Congregationalist and a recent student at Andover Theological Seminary. An informal ballot proposed by discreet President Cheney indicated a preference for Mr. Stanton's rival. A recess was held. When the Trustees reassembled it was evident that there had been some effective talking in which Mr. Cheney had made himself clearly understood. A formal ballot followed and Mr. Stanton was found to be elected by a plurality of one vote. What, fellow graduates, would Bates College have been to you if the other man—and he was a gentleman and a scholar—had received the election.

This incident has more than a personal interest for you and me for it

discloses the breadth of policy characteristic of Bates from the beginning—a breadth that with her high standards of scholarship won for her eight years ago (among the first colleges of New England to receive like recognition, a place on the Carnegie Foundation.

### Non Denominational

When Ebenezer Knowlton wrote the first Charter for the Institution he was importuned to insert some denominational restrictions. His answer was a vigorous "No!" He wrote the Charter with a free hand and thus won for Bates an independence that by many other colleges has been gained only through a long, corrective experience, and in that independence she has remained except for a brief lapse from which she returned in 1906 to her original freedom. There were never men of more earnest Christian faith and yet of more breadth and catholicity than Knowlton, Cheney and Stanton, foremost among the founders of Bates.

And what of Professor Stanton when he actually began his work? It was with my class that he conducted his first recitation—a recitation in Livy. He was all there from the outset—just as you in happy succession have found him since. How in that first recitation he unfolded to us the meaning of college opportunities and of life, and how he warned us against the pernicious practice of using translations, taking his start from the rendering of a particular passage by one of my classmates—"You needn't think, Mr. Littlefield, that you can pull that over my eyes." But it happened that Littlefield was innocent and when the noble fellow—one of the finest spirits ever drawn to Bates—at the close of the recitation rushed with tears in his eyes to Professor Stanton protesting his innocence and calling Chase to his side as a witness, the tender-hearted Professor knew and acknowledged his error and bound us both to him in loving chains forever.

At a later date, after I had one day rendered a line in Horace upon which I had spent much time, he remarked, "If that were not Chase, I should think he had been using a translation." I can honestly say that never in my student-life did I consciously violate his generous confidence. One day in my Freshman fall, confined to my room by an ugly carbuncle, I had a sudden call from an enraged classmate.

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## NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

E. O. Williams Chosen Head of Dept.  
 J. M. Brown, Associate.

Yesterday an event occurred which makes the athletic prospects for next year brighter than ever before. The death of Coach Purinton, leaving a vacancy in the department, made necessary the inauguration of a new policy. The athletic work at Bates has increased so rapidly of late, that the task is beyond the ability of one man. Therefore, in accordance with a plan arrived at long before the death of Mr. Purinton, the position of an assistant was created. Both director and associate director will be members of the faculty.

E. O. Williams is from Springfield, and is especially well recommended. He will take over essentially, the work of the late coach, such as teaching physiology and hygiene and generally supervising training in the major sports. He is now engaged in that sort of work at Fort Worth, Texas. He is twenty-eight years old, married and has one child.

The associate, Mr. James M. Brown, is a graduate of Colgate. He has had excellent opportunities in football, baseball and track. Since his return from France, he has not been actively engaged.

The faculty committee believe that acceptance is certain, and that next year athletics will place Bates in an enviable position.

## COMMENTS

We see that Sumner Davis is playing for Lowell.

How about an increase in athletic dues? What is the small sum of four dollars doing to promote athletics? How can we expect to see the teams that Bates want when such a small amount is given towards their support? Take this year's tennis team. It could not make some of its desired trips for the lack of a few dollars. We crab because of the condition of the field, the grand-stand, the equipment, yet we do nothing to improve them. Why not start in next year with an increase of athletic dues. Make it ten dollars a year or at the least eight. The outfits are almost a disgrace to the College. Think this over. Wouldn't you rather pay a little more and see a representative Bates Athletic Department?

We will have to hand it to the Rhode Island coach for sending home four men because they stayed out two hours after time. If we had a little of the same at Bates we would get along better.

## NOTICE

I regret that the "Mirrors" will not appear the first week of June as previously stated. Unavoidable situations makes it impossible to deliver the book at this time.

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