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The Bates Student.

STATES WELL REPRESENTED MEMBERS ENTERING CLASS

Total Enrollment of 174 Slightly Smaller than '30
Maine Students Easily Lead in Numbers

While the Class of 1931 cannot boast a member from every state in the Union it has reached far out beyond the limits of Maine and of New England for some of its supporters. True, Bates has not yet acquired such fame that students come from the far corners of the world to sit in her fair halls. Such a condition is still a thing of the future. In fact it is still true that Bates is primarily an institution for Maine's students. The records show, however, that close to forty per cent of the enrollment of the new class is from out of the state.

There are 174 names in the list of Freshmen recently compiled by the college offices. This makes it a slightly smaller class than the one which it follows which laid claim to one hundred ninety-six at this time last year. Of these one hundred seventy-four the two cities of Lewiston and Auburn supply thirty-two. Thus the "town students" make up eighteen and one half per cent of the total. Besides these there are seventy-six more who come from the various parts of this state, making the grand total for Maine one hundred eight or about sixty-two per cent.

But somehow distance lends a certain enchantment. If we see in the catalog that so-and-so is from California we make a mental note to look them up and see what a Californian is like. And if what's-her-name is from Alabama that is the first thing that is whispered around as being the most interesting about her, as probably it is. So here are the representatives from the far corners of the land, or at least of the east. The old Bay State has a formidable delegation composed of thirty-one members. New Hampshire is next with eleven, Connecticut has eight and Vermont and Rhode Island but one apiece.

So much for New England. We are gradually getting far from the familiar campus. A good representation is present from New York in its eight students. New Jersey sends us two and, working southward and westward, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Ohio all have contributed one. But one foreign student is to be found, one Freshman man came from Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Matthews is Chase Lecturer "Science and Religion" is Subject of Chicago University Dean

Dr. Shailer Matthews, the Dean of the Chicago University Divinity School, was the first lecturer at the college chapel, in the George Colby Chase series of 1927. Dr. Matthews is a distinguished graduate of Colby College, receiving his masters degree in 1887, three years after his graduation. He studied at Newton Theological School during the same year. From here he went to the University of Berlin, graduating in 1891.

Dr. Shailer Matthews first held a position as associate professor of Rhetoric at Colby, later as professor of History and Political Economy. He left in 1894 for the University of Chicago and has been there up to the present time. He was made Dean of the Divinity School at the University in 1908. Besides being a noted lecturer, Dr. Matthews is the author of a number of books, and for a time edited two magazines.

Dean Matthews' subject was Science and Religion, which he developed in a most interesting and instructive manner. He first pictured the world and the existence of man without the knowledge and use of modern scientific inventions. The primitive idea of the earth at that time was conceived from actual sight of the regions about, augmented by imaginative inferences. A desire for further knowledge influenced the people to experiment and investigate; thus was formed a mathematical conception of the world that led to the plotting of the stars and many scientific investigations. The discoveries of Galileo and Copernicus formed the basis of general investigation which so developed that the eighteenth century was known as the Age of Illumination. This unfortunately led to unbelief, strengthened in the next century by

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Bates Faculty Numbers Forty

Pomeroy and Berkelman
Resume Duties After
Year's Studying

For the first time in Bates history, the faculty numbers forty members among which are nine new names.

F. Brooks Quimby, Bates '18, who has been studying at Harvard Summer School, is the new assistant professor of argumentation and public speaking.

Percy D. Wilkins, Bowdoin '21, former instructor at the Case School of Applied Science where he received his master's degree, is assistant professor of mathematics.

In the department of French, Richard P. Mezzotero, a graduate of the College of Wooster, who received his master's degree at Pennsylvania State College, has been named assistant professor. John M. Sullivan, a graduate of Lawrence College, will be an instructor in French. Both Professor Sydney S. Brown and Professor Blanche E. Townsend of this department are on leave of absence, and studying in France this year.

The faculty in the women's physical education department are entirely new. Miss Lena Walmsley of Fall River, Mass., professor of hygiene and physical education, succeeds Miss Mildred Francis as director. Miss Walmsley is a graduate of the Posse-Nissen School of Physical Education in Boston, and of the University of Columbia, where she received her master's degree. Her assistant is Miss Constance James, who is a graduate of Central School of Hygiene and Physical Education in New York.

Reginald H. Threlfall has been appointed assistant to Carleton L. Wiggin in the department of physical education for men. He is a graduate of Purdue University and was one of the star varsity football men there.

Miss Doris L. Goodwin is taking the place of Miss Eva Mackinnon as director of the College Commons. Miss Goodwin comes from Boston and was four years bookkeeper and stenographer for the Union Machine Co. She has had a year's training at Simmons College, taking a course in institutional management.

Professor Fred E. Pomeroy, who has had a leave of absence for a year, has resumed his position as head of the department of biology. William H. Sawyer, assistant professor of biology is on leave this year studying in Harvard.

Miss Nola Houdlette, registrar, who was unable to assume her duties last year on account of illness, has been granted a second year's leave and Miss Mabel L. Libby, Bates '18, is now acting registrar.

Robert G. Berkelman, who was English instructor at Bates 1924-25 and 1925-26 has returned, after spending a year at Yale where he received his master's degree.

President Gray Host To Student Council

On last Thursday evening the entire personnel of the Student Council, led by its worthy president, Walter Ulmer, assembled at the home of Pres. Gray. Coach Jenkins, Prof. Ramsdell, and Coach Wiggin of the faculty were present. After a dinner, consisting of fruit cocktail, chicken, ice cream, cake, and coffee, talk turned to some of the problems confronting the faculty and Council this year.

Time rolled on apace and the hour set for the big fisticuff contest was near at hand. Pres. Gray tickled up the radio and all anxiously awaited the main bout. Round by round the story of the big battle came over the wire from the lips of announcer McNamee. Chairs were tilted on edge. Everyone listened with bated breath and was gratified to hear Tunney pronounced the winner.

Debating Team will Meet English Union in Portland H. S.

Trials Soon to Determine
Men Debating English
University Graduates

Bates will open its debating season on October 24th in the Portland High School auditorium. The National Union of Students Debating team, composed of young English university graduates will be met on the question: "Resolved: That efficiency has become a deplorable fetish in modern life". The Portland High School Debating Society is managing the event.

The Institute of International Education is sponsoring the tour of the Englishmen. They have debates scheduled with many prominent colleges in the east and south east. The team includes Frank Ongley Darvall B.A., a graduate of the University of Reading; Mr. Andrew Haddon M.A., University of Edinburgh and John Ramage, a very young man but one of the most influential and best known men in the famous London School of Economics and Political Science.

Six men have been selected for the squad by Mr. Quimby and Prof. J. Murray Carrol. A practice debate was held Tuesday. The final try-out will be held on Friday at which time three men will be selected.

Y. M. C. A. Meets At Chase For The First Time

Plans for Year Include
Lectures by Prominent
Local Business Men

College has begun! And with it the "Y" meetings, meetings which are destined to give pleasure and help all through the year to those who attend.

There were about fifty at the first meeting, a great part of whom were first-year men.

The meeting opened with a hymn, led by "Bill" Brookes. After this, the president, John Alexander, gave a short prayer. Then came the song in response to the prayer, with Bill again leading.

Briefly, Howard Bull outlined the program for the coming year—a program full of interest for every active "Y" man. For the main part this will consist of several vocational talks such as were held last year,—talks on business, on law, on teaching, on everything that might interest a Bates "grad". Next week, he announced, the speaker will be Mr. W. P. Hinkley, of "Good Will Farm", who will talk on the "Teaching Profession". Following this, he introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. "Andy" Myhrman.

Professor Myhrman opened his talk by expressing his delight at once again seeing the Bates Campus, and being at another of the "Y" get-togethers. He strongly stressed the advantages that might be obtained from attending these helpful gatherings each week.

Then, entering upon his topic, he said he would discuss but one phase of the situation in Russia—its "Present-Day Religion". In the old times, said Prof. Myhrman, the peasant-class had no chance in the government or the religion. The actual religion was not understood by them.

Nor are the Bolsheviks responsible, he continued, for the Revolution in Russia, but rather the rich aristocracy. However, they still gather to reverence the religion—the Saints—in Russia. But, on the other hand, ethics seem entirely foreign to reverence.

Still another cult has sprung up in that country, he asserted—called Leninism. Lenin is looked up to thruout the length and breadth of Russia by many.

"But what will come of it all?" he asked. Probably this, that some of the lesser churches thru'out the land, believing somewhat in Christian fashion, will exert a good influence, and later the old Orthodox Church will come back.

After the close of his talk, a final hymn was sung, followed by the Mizpah benediction.

Plans for future meetings have been carefully drawn up and it is hoped that in the future a large number of upper-classmen will evince a live interest in this, one of the liveliest campus organizations.

BATES FIGHTS STIFF BATTLE WITH M. A. C. HERE TOMORROW

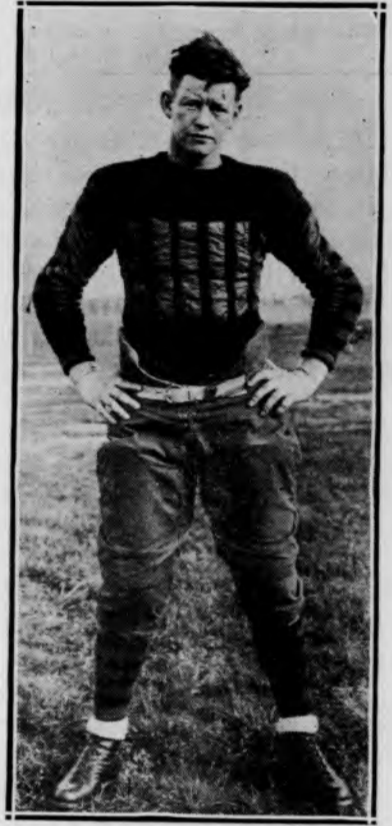
Gridmen Make Remarkably Fine Showing in Scrimmages
Coach Threlfall has Worked Wonders with Line
Maher Expected to Shine in Backfield

Much Progress on Plans for Debating Tour

There is no doubt that Maine people appreciate and approve of the world debating tour sponsored by President Gray. Although a sum of \$7,000 is necessary to cover expenses, Guy P. Gannett of Portland, chairman of a state committee of twenty-five prominent Portland citizens, has issued a statement to the press to the effect that checks and cash contributions are coming in every day.

The team will be made up of four Bates men who are to be chosen as soon as trials have been completed. These men, representing the state of Maine, will be ambassadors of good-will to all the world. It is planned to start their long journey in April, and their itinerary takes them first to San Francisco, thence to Honolulu, Manila, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa to the east coast of Africa, England through the Suez Canal, returning to the United States and to Maine in October.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has expressed his approval of international debates in a message sent recently to Bates. He is quoted as saying that "international debates are bound to further mutual understanding between the youth of our two countries, an object very close to my heart".



REGINALD THRELFALL
Conditions are looking remarkably favorable now for a successful season in football. Coach Threlfall has worked wonders with the material at hand for a line, while Coach Wiggin has developed a powerful backfield. The team shapes up well in scrimmage, and seems to be better than last year's offer in every department.

SPECTRE OF DEATH HOVERS OVER CAMPUS

At some time in the last few months a horrible misfortune befell the Bates Campus—the poor defenceless, innocent Bobcat fell unconscious. The cause of the unconsciousness is not known, and it is not yet known whether the stupor will be fatal. Everyone denies actual knowledge of any possible cause for the condition, yet the affair has an air of mystery.

Rumor had it that the little creature—really in its infancy—was clubbed by some of the huskies in our midst. This clue was run down to no avail. It is now felt that it may have been caused by attempted suicide as far back as last June, or possibly perpetrated because of a craving after notoriety.

Certain friends of the Bobcat are seeking the best specialists in order to revive the inexperienced little animal, altho it has lain for such a long period in this condition. Others have sent for the best detectives to seek out any possible motivation for any malicious attack.

If the worst comes, flowers will probably be omitted.

Year's Plans are Outlined by the Members of 4A

"The College as a whole is showing interest in 4A and its work," said Harry W. Rowe in a talk to the club members at their first meeting Monday night.

At the end of Mr. Rowe's talk the club discussed plans for the coming year. The first group of plays will probably be given Oct. 21. It is the aim of the club to go beyond past limitations and this year plans are being made for a three act play to be given before Christmas. The cast for this play is to be chosen from the members of the club.

This year is to mark an innovation in another line. Those who show ability and interest in dramatic work will become "Heelers". After they have proven their worth by taking part in two or more plays, managing several plays, or coaching or writing plays, they will become members of the main club.

Tryouts for the "Heelers" will be held Monday night in the Little Theatre at 7 o'clock. All who are interested please attend.

There are so many star players out for every position, that it is rather difficult to determine who will represent the Bobcat in the first game with Massachusetts Agricultural College, next Saturday. "Pete" Maher will start his smashing career as one of the best fullbacks the team has ever seen, and with White and Violette as halfbacks, the backfield triangle should force the ball through almost any opposition. Oviatt, one of the fastest men on the team, will call the signals.

Captain "Babe" Adams is still shining in the pivot position. He is one of the hardest hitting men on the team, and will probably see plenty of action this fall. Appleby and Carney of last year's Freshman class will start as guards, and Foster and Ulmer, with two years experience on the team will play tackles despite the fact that they are two of the lightest men on the team.

Wood has been recovering from a lame ankle this week, but he and Secor will start the game as ends. Secor packs a heavy charge, and both of these men can be depended upon to get their man.

"Pete" Maher has certainly been showing up wonderfully. His thrilling charges and long gains will be the feature of the team this year, and Bates will undoubtedly witness one of its most successful seasons. Violette will do the punting and most of the passing. He seems to be the best bet for the triple-threat. White has been showing all his old time style in skirting the ends, and promises to carry the ball a long ways this year. With the new lateral pass rule in effect, Oviatt should shine brilliantly. He is awfully fast, and is a hard man to stop when he has the ball.

Mass. Aggies, on the other hand, is a hard team to beat this year. Their line is exceptionally powerful, and they have a very effective forward passing team. After their showing against Bowdoin last Saturday, they look even more dangerous.

It seems strangely coincidental that Mann, the center on the Mass Aggies' team comes from the same home town from which Captain "Babe" Adams, the Bates star center hails.

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| rg Carnie | qb Oviatt |
| rt Ulmer | |

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SELF-EDUCATION

"The best education is self-education." Prexie's first-chapel address had a progressive implication. The upper-classmen, at least, came away with a feeling of satisfaction. Such talk was the kind of liberalism one liked to hear from the Bates chapel platform. Of course, it was hardly to be expected that a mere first-chapel speech would institute an immediate revolution in the systems of college pedagogy. Still it was gratifying that the name of Bates should in reputation, at least, be associated with such liberal pronouncements.

But it seems that the acoustics of the chapel were particularly good on that auspicious Thursday morning of a little more than a week ago, for the President's message did not fail to reach those who surveyed the scene from afar off in the balcony at the rear. Or it may have been that some strange coincidence has made the virtues of self-education simultaneously apparent to all the members of the Bates faculty. Whatever may have been the cause, the praises of auto-instruction have been resounding in the class rooms of the college ever since.

One professor after another has added the weight of his approval to the doctrine enunciated by President Gray. Nor have these subsequent declarations been made as though intended merely as nominal assent to the ideal in question. Rather they have been iterated and expatiated with an ardor which would appear to indicate a real sincerity on the part of those who have allied themselves with the cause. Many instructors have not only signified their approval but have even declared their intention of putting the policy into effect, at least in order to see how it will work out. The movement has assumed the proportions of a crusade. Such enthusiasm is almost bewildering.

The *Student* hastens to identify itself with this popular movement. It is the sort of thing for which we have been earnestly praying for many months now. It is the sort of thing we have hoped for when, in times past, we have lamented the stereotyped recitation system of the classroom, where students' hands flutter wildly in the air as they vie with one another for the privilege of repeating to the instructor some simple fact with which the instructor is perfectly familiar as is every one else in the class interested enough to inspect the contents of the text book. It is the sort of thing we had in mind when we urged the substitution of occasional hour exams for mid-year and final examinations. We were laboring in the same cause when we suggested that individual initiative courses similar to honor work might very well be extended to other students than the two highest ranking in each department, and again we urge that the student be given more opportunities to indulge his creative instincts in the investigation of problems and the preparation of frequent minor theses.

And then when we had spoken in favor of such procedure on these several occasions, we had just about decided that we had damned the cause forever until this stimulating message from the President gave rebirth to our hopes.

We offer our congratulations to Prexie and to those several professors who have announced themselves ready for the great experiment. May they hold true to their resolutions to pioneer in the field of self-education and may the results of the experiment merit future extensions of the program.

WELCOME 1931

Now that Freshman Week has passed and with it the first mad burst of welcome, the *Student* is pleased to extend its greetings to the future pride of Bates College. In spite of the very strenuous efforts of 1930 to make the incoming class appear like a collection of raw yokels, there are signs of budding genius beneath the camouflage. Announcement appears elsewhere in this paper of the impending trials for the Heelers' Club of the 4-A Players. Here is an opportunity which ought not to be overlooked by such members of the Freshman Class as may occasionally feel a dramatic urge.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

The large audience which filled the Chapel to hear Dean Matthews last Monday night was fortunate in being privileged to listen to so stimulating a message. If the Doctor's thought became somewhat obscure in the course of his epilogue, the brilliance and skill with which he delivered the preceding four-fifths of his lecture were quite sufficient compensation. We are sorry we were unable to follow it all.

The Garnet Sport Pan

'Red' Oviatt, Editor

Once more we resume the monotonous pounding of the keys in a futile attempt to amuse, educate, and scandalize. Of course sport notes are the ostensible contents of this column but one may find anything from an attempt at social reform to an exaltation of the motives of the administration within its sinister boundaries. The first issue, however, we shall endeavor to keep free from aught that does not pertain to the realm of sport-dom.

The 1927-1928 year of varsity athletics has a clean white page before it and we earnestly hope that the credit side of the ledger will include all the figures for the year. Football and Cross-country will be the first departments of athletics that will write in the Book and with the customary optimism and spirit we look forward to a string of victories in both.

The football team is at last blessed with an assistant coach. Perhaps it would be proper to say that Wig is blessed with an assistant,—I don't know. Anyway, the men admit that they are receiving much individual attention that heretofore they were denied—or escaped. The spirit is there—enough to win a hundred victories. The weight is there. The coaches are as good as they make 'em. The question that will be settled tomorrow is, can that combination win football games? Here's hoping.

The football squad has a big crowd of veterans present and it can't be denied that experience is a big boost to any team. Besides the older men, we find many promising men who have stepped up from Freshman berths and are now challenging the rest for their positions. Some are even now

holding down regular positions,—that is as far as anyone can hold down a regular position on a football team. The boys meet Mass Aggies tomorrow and should be out to show the Massachusetts farmers that they can do better than they did last year when they only beat Kid Gore's outfit 2-0.

The Freshmen have a big squad out for football and should be able to form a mighty snappy eleven from the material that is on hand. It is evident that the backfield material is the best at first glance but the first scrimmage will determine what the real possibilities are.

Both the Varsity and Freshman Cross-country teams will have to rely on material whose mettle has not yet been proven. Of course the varsity has several veterans but two or three men do not make a team. But somehow Coach Jenkins always manages to emerge from doubtful seasons with a great string of victories so we are not at all pessimistic about the outcome.

At the end of last year Dudley Davis, '28, was elected captain of tennis for this season. Dud has been playing with the varsity since he was a Freshman and should look good in the State competition this year. Although several of last year's team graduated, there should be a number of men who have been working with them that can take their places capably.

We view with rejoicing eyes, the activities that evidently precede the reconstruction of the corners of the clay track in the athletic building. No doubt it is an effort upon the part of the Powers to heap coals of fire upon our head for even intimating that the immediate rectifying of that most unfortunate mistake might be postponed for an indefinite period. And then again we suppose we shouldn't say that, because it would suggest that we felt our words were so important that the administration had deigned to cast an even casual eye upon them. Anyway, the corners are going to be fixed

and their name is legion who rejoice at it.

Aside from the main battle on Garcelon Field tomorrow afternoon between Bates and Mass Aggies it will be interesting to watch the little rivalry that will be in evidence between "Babe" Adams, our captain and center, and his opponent. The Mass Aggie snapper-back is from Babe's home town and the loser will rather dread entering the environs of Dalton at vacation time.

PERSONALS

As yet the usual rush of parties and good times at the various dormitories has not begun due to the fact that our Freshmen are adjusting themselves to the novel conditions of college life and the upper classmen are busy with the new duties of beginning the year 1927-28.

Miss Emma Abbott, '31, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. F. D. Abbott of Auburn.

Miss Mildred Beckman, Miss Murial Beckman, Miss Joan LaChance and Miss Jeannette Record, all of Whittier House entertained at a card party last week, George Anderson, David Spofford, Ragnar Lind and Romeo Houle, all of the class of 1930.

Miss Bernice Parsons, '30, was at her home in South Paris this last week-end.

Miss Flora Tarr and Miss Ruth Moore, '28, spent the week-end in Farmington.

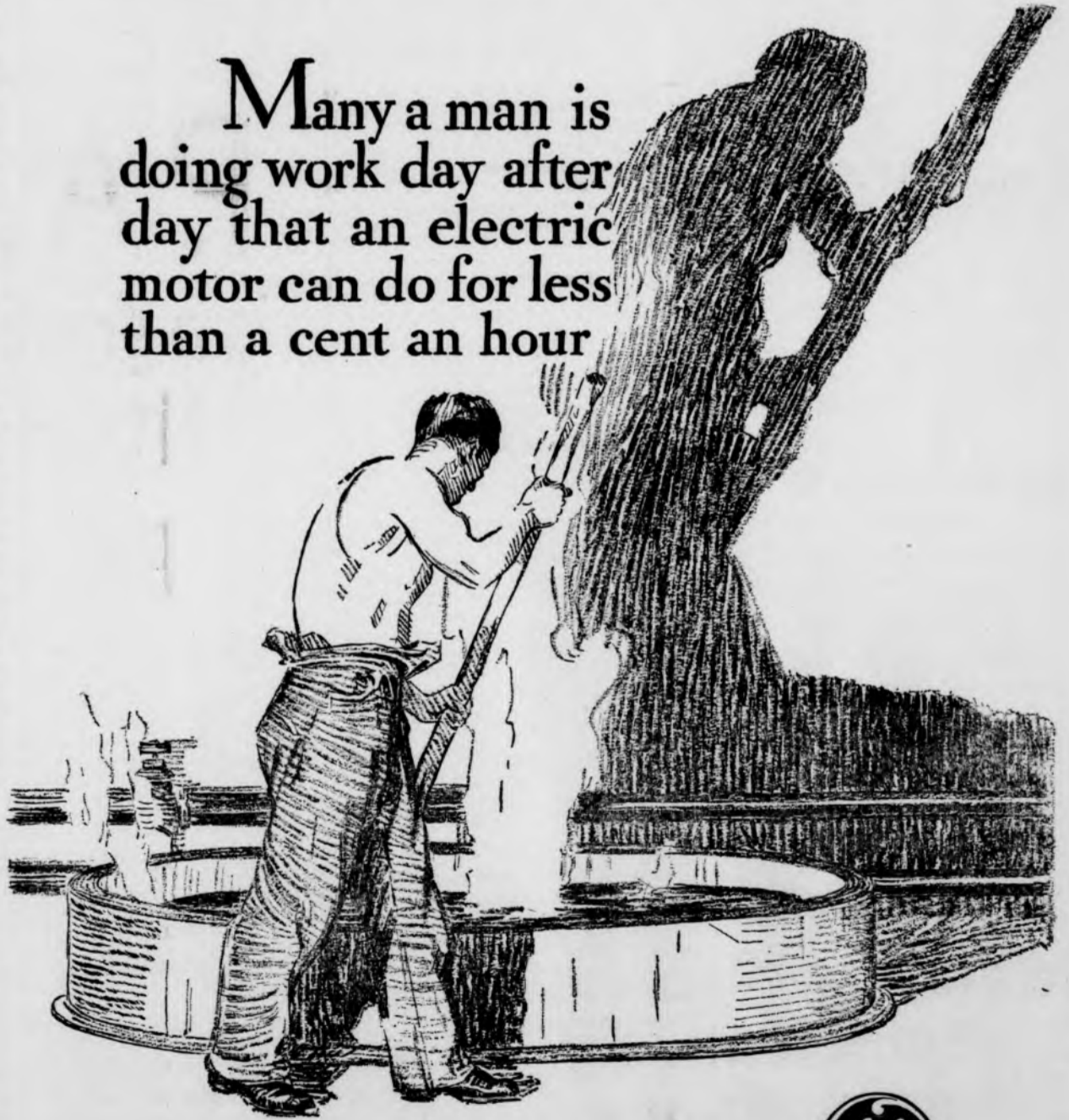
Mr. and Mrs. John N. Balch of Kennebunk visited their daughter, Miss Aurie Balch, '30, Sunday.

Miss Gladys Young, '30, was in Augusta the past week-end.

Miss Muina Thompson, '31, was in New Gloucester Sunday.

Miss Mary Briggs, '31, spent the week-end in McFalls.

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Dean Ruth Pope Tries Her Luck at Monte Carlo

Among the members of the faculty and student body of the college who went abroad this summer are Dean Pope, Professor Myhrman, Professor Robinson, Dana Ingle, '28, and Taylor Clough, '28.

Dean Pope visited on her trip, England, Scotland, the Hague, Amsterdam, Antwerp, and Brussels. Then she took the Rhine boat trip. The most interesting and delightful part of the trip, though, was the motor trip through the French Alps. Dean Pope saw the Chasseurs des Alps (Mountain Cavalry of France) practice; tried her luck at Monte Carlo, visited Paris, and the battlefields of France. In fact, she saw all there was to see before she returned home by way of Canada.

Prof. Myhrman traveled in Russia during almost the entire time he was abroad. He went with a group of students. While the Soviets do not as a general thing hold out open hands to tourists, students receive hospitality. Prof. Myhrman had many very interesting experiences, and secured much information on the new order of affairs. The student body will be able to profit greatly by his experience abroad and secure a far better knowledge of Russia than is possessed by the average person.

Professor Robinson's trip did not extend further than England and Scotland.

He sailed on the Aurania, the first ship to pass through the Straits of Belle Isle. After his landing at Glasgow, he visited the Burns Country, Abbotsford, Dryburg Abbey. An 8 day trip from there to John O'Groats, most northerly point of Scotland, nearly spoiled things, as, on the trip home, he nearly got killed. He was at Edinburgh when the King and Queen and Prince of Wales were there. He saw a most gorgeous pageant given at Craigmiller Castle, 600 girls in one dance, tournaments, etc.

The real purpose of his trip, tho, was his work at the University College School of Speech, Oxford, where he studied two weeks and his two weeks work at Stratford-on-Avon in the School of Stage Production. He saw the Shakespeare Festival players in all their performances, with the opportunity of going behind the scenes. The school itself put on three plays.

Prof. Rob's trip was even more extensive than this implies. Besides other side trips, he visited Doc. Finnie's brother in Jarrou on Tyne. He says he likes England, English people and their hospitality very much.

Miss Ingle only made a short flying trip across this year. She can boast now, tho, that she has eaten roast beef, and pork pie and has quaffed ale at the Cheshire Cheese, made famous by Dr. Johnson.

Taylor Clough signed articles on a freighter, thereby securing passage to Hamburg and Bremen, Germany, working as a deck hand for two months. Having arrived at Hamburg, he paid a German wages for six days and started out to use the days to good advantage. Most of the time was spent on trains which took him the length of Germany and Switzerland to Geneva by way of Berlin and Leipzig and back by the Rhine. The following week was spent in Bremen.

His observations were the absence of traffic in cities, acres of cultivated forests, French flags above buildings in Rhine country, hospitality of both German and Swiss people, and the lack of poverty everywhere.

Intercollegiate News

AUBURN J. CARE

IN PRACTICE

Dr. Meiklejohn's plan for letting students educate themselves is being introduced under his direction in the new experimental college at the University of Michigan. Classes, lectures, and subjects, which are in the departmental system of education will be replaced by the study of situations. A large group of average students will study ancient and modern civilization with an aim to understand all its problems and farces. This will be done under the guidance and co-operation of expert professors of philosophy, economics, science, and other departments. Dr. Glen Frank characterized the idea as being "the natural plan of education".

KNOWLEDGE

While many educational leaders are doing well to emphasize ability to think, others are mindful of the value of knowledge. President M. E. Woolley of Mt. Holyoke in her first chapel address, "The World as it is" declared that "Men and women who are earnestly desirous of helping to bring about a better world cannot afford the handicap of a lack of knowledge".

PERSONAL BUREAU

Yale is establishing a new institution, called the Personal Bureau. The Bureau is divided into two divisions. A bureau of appointments which attempts to assist graduating seniors in securing positions and adopting lines of work. The second division deals with the orientation of freshmen. Advice is given by discussion with students concerning election of courses and choice of careers. At the same time material is gathered for vocational guidance. Information is also secured to aid the Board of Admission in its selection of students.

DORMITORY CONTESTS

A scholarship contest between dormitories is being introduced at the University of New Hampshire. The plan is new and attracts much interest. At the end of the semester the average

scholarship ranks of each hall will be determined and the one having the highest grand average will be the winner. The prize offered is a dance given by the losing dormitories for the winner.

IMPROVEMENT

Princeton has the good fortune to have an unusually intelligent freshman class this year; in fact the "most intelligent class" since 1922 according to the Director of Admission and Dean of Freshmen. The conclusion is based on school records and entrance examinations. He also reports that competition for entrance was the keenest it ever has been.

The entering class at Dartmouth numbers 611 in spite of the fact that last April a ruling was made limiting the number to 580.

Columbia University begins this, its seventy-fourth year, with an enrollment of 35,000 students. Columbia has had the distinction for the past few years of being the largest educational institution in the country.

Harvard's first day of registration showed a total of 7,414, an increase over the first enrollment last year which was 7,305. The Law School has the largest increase in registration; 1,353 last year compared to 1,518. The college of arts has an enrollment of 3,201.

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Announcement was made last July of the awarding to Erwin D. Canham, '25, the first prize under the Brooks-Bryce Foundation for the best essay written by a student at Oxford University on the subject "To What Extent Do the Ramifications of International Trade and Commerce Effect the Political Relations Between the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations?" Mr. Canham was traveling in Europe last summer with his mother and has returned to Oxford this fall where he is the Rhode Scholar from Maine.

Henry P. Hopkins, '27, is taking graduate work at McGill University.

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I remember standing on Fifth Avenue one day in autumn watching the swarms of people rush onward. A queer-looking girl passed by. She wore a grey dress and was pretty with lips colored a vivid scarlet and a Christ-massy green felt hat. I would have liked to stop her and say, "Hello, what's your name, and how do you live?" Perhaps she was interesting, perhaps she wasn't interesting in spite of her odd colors—it may be I wouldn't have liked her but I was curious. However individuals are too isolated to accost each other on the streets; besides Mrs. Grundy would have perished on the spot.

Once long ago—a year ago—Mr. Rugh spoke to us on the conditions in China. I was inspired to buy a ticket for China immediately and see things and do things. China was the most fascinatingly exotic and adventurous place on earth. But how could I get to China. So I remained highly inspired for some hours, then being horribly human my ardor chilled especially at remembrance of my conglomeration of additional desires. Cryin' for the moon again.

When I am in a library I want to read all the books in the world. This one has such a fascinating title, oh and that one has a most thrilling paragraph at the bottom of the tenth page, a third is beautifully bound in blue, and think of the learning one would gain. I see books and books and all of a sudden realize that if I sat down right this minute and read until I died I couldn't read them all. Just to be perverse I feel like not reading any.

The other Sunday I was looking at the art-gravure section of the New York Times. There was a picture of a man doing a beautiful dive. Heavens, lucky monster, how I wanted to be able to do that!

Once this summer I went to a road-house (a very respectable road-house). It was early and just one man and girl were on the floor and how marvelously they danced. They glided smoothly and swiftly, then twisted suddenly, then pirouetted airily—they were light as dandelion fluff blowing on the breeze. I was green with envy.

When I hear some one sing I think, oh, to be able to sing like that, to pour out one's feeling in melody like that.

I would like to feel the way a society matron does as she receives the guests at her Newport ball. I would like to feel the way a vagabond under an autumn apple-tree feels. I would like to feel as my room-mate does for just one day. Imagine actually being some one else for a day. I would like to do all things, see all things. Cryin' for the moon.

And religion teaches contentment with one's lot as the cure for such ardor; and philosophy advises complete knowledge and control to place one above such adventurous desires—and we ourselves—life's circumstances inhibit us, deny us this and give us that as a conciliating sop, and soon we grow old and extinct. Queer that human nature can be so queer, so changing. Even in youth our desires and moods are so intermingled that we never keep perpetually before us and fire-hot a particular wish. We never have a sustained mood. We have periods when we yearn for everything, periods when we do not care, and periods when one of life's occasional gifts holds us in the leash of contentment for a while. These feelings, tho incoherently expressed, are universal I know.

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Opening Freshman Initiations Held

Men of 1931 are Game but "All Wet" at Big Pajama Parade

The class of 1930 welcomed in true sophomore vehemence the class of 1931 last Friday night and issued the edicts which keep unruly frosh on the straight and narrow path. Accompanied by ear-splitting yells and cannon roars, the members of the entering class were hustled into reception rooms and belittled toward microscopae. They were indeed a meek and willing group, despite the "Hit me, you big brute" expression which clouded the faces of some. The Sophomores were then entertained with speeches, songs, dances and whistling exhibitions. A mock marriage was solemnly enacted, accompanied by sweet strains of Lohengren's wedding march.

The feature of the evening was a major operation performed upon a certain member of the Freshman Class who had industriously been nursing an infant moustache which had at last attained a noticeable stage of development. A fellow classmate was called upon to act as barber and the embryonic protrudance was skillfully removed. Posters were finally distributed and the class of '31 was allowed to return to their rooms.

The next event in order came with the Tug-of-War contest Monday afternoon between freshmen and sophomores. This was easily won by the class of 1930, and the freshmen were accordingly "sent to the showers".

The sophomores again showed their supremacy in the Flag Rush, Tuesday afternoon. But the class of '31 fought long and fiercely in this contest, and gained the admiration of the second year men as well as the upper classmen.

Tuesday evening was the night of nights. The Knights of the Knight-shirt paraded the streets of Lewiston while the waters of Lake Auburn reigned in buckets and bagfuls. The Freshman Litany was recited in unison on Lisbon Street, while irate motorists honked their disgust in vain impatience. The evening was entirely successful in proving to the pajama-clad paraders that they were "all wet".

The freshman-sophomore baseball game was played Wednesday at 3.30 P.M. This was a rather lop-sided affair, the sophomores winning easily by a 10-2 score. As a result of their loss, the freshmen must furnish the victorious class with an elaborate banquet. Neil Turner, '29, umpired the game.

Julian A. Mossman, '27, has a position with Jordan and Jordan in Portland.

Charles A. Small, '27, is at the Y. M. C. A. College in Springfield, Mass.

But even tho we tell ourselves that it is useless to want to do many things, that circumstances will prevent us, that desires die and new ones take their places, that we ourselves burn out; in autumn and in youth life calls us and we taste a bit here and there, as big a bit as we can even tho we only tantalize ourselves the more, even tho we reach the stage when we feel almost hopeless concerning our obstacles. I might conclude with one of those flippant meaningless phrases of today which can mean so much—Such is life.

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FIRST EDITOR OF "STUDENT" RETURNS

Last Wednesday Frederick B. Stanford, '74, paid a visit to the campus. Mr. Stanford was the first Editor of the Student, and consequently was much interested in his old paper. One of the Editors of the present, had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Stanford and had a most interesting talk with him.

The old graduate told many facts about the Student of those days. Its quality was so pronounced that it attracted the attention of the leading college papers and even got press notices. Evidently the notices were of a different nature than those received by a certain Bates publication of recent date.

Mr. Stanford thought that some of this data might be of interest and is therefore going to send more concrete information to the Student in the near future. The former Editor evidently had a most extensive newspaper experience prior to becoming interested in the stage and writing several productions himself.

Co-ed Physical-Ed Schedule Started

The Women's Physical Education Department under the supervision of Professor Walmsley, assisted by Miss James, is well started on a rather full year's schedule. Physical examinations will probably be completed by the middle of next week and the fall sports of hockey, archery and hiking will begin on October 10. All Freshman girls, however are required to report Monday, at the Women's Locker Building, in regular gym period, to receive their uniforms, be fitted for shoes, and receive instructions regarding their chosen sports.

Hockey, the favorite sport, will be far more interesting this year in consideration of the unusual advantage of the use, every forenoon, of one of the football fields.

The Publishing Association is to Have an Office in Chase Hall

The office recently occupied by the Athletic Director has been allotted to the campus publications.

When the rooms in the recreation building were first distributed, the Association was denied a room due to the feeling that it might be inconvenient for the women to do their work in the office. However, in as much as the co-ed journalists do little of the routine work which requires their presence at the office, it was felt that perhaps such an objection was not exactly valid.

The new office equipment which the Association now owns will contribute to making the new quarters rather attractive.

The old office of the Association is to be used as an office and conference room for Prof. Chase and Prof. Knapp.

Helen F. Benner, '27, is studying music in Portland, going back and forth from Lewiston, where she has a class of piano pupils.

Gertrude Campbell, '27, is teaching English, French and Latin in the high school in Bethlehem, N. H.

Doris G. Chandler, '27, and Mamie Estelle Farris, '27, are doing graduate work in the department of public health at Yale.

Edwin A. Goldsworthy, '27, is a student at Union Theological Seminary.

Some men give their friends sure-thing tips on the principle that misery loves company.

The heiress may be homely, but if she waits for some young man to tell her so she will never find it out.

Dr. Matthews is Chase Lecturer
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widespread scientific investigation and the appearance of Darwin's Origin of Species. In this manner arose the controversy between the scientists and the theologians. In the opinion of Dean Matthews scientific investigation and scientific knowledge leads to a stronger belief in God and a more intelligent faith in religion.

In a world where one has a right to personal beliefs and convictions, an open mind is a most valuable thing. Many scientists are spending time and energy in the study of matter, that more complete information as to the structure of the earth and its inhabitants may be generally known. Contrary to former belief, every atom of matter contains life and energy, conducive to activity. The infinity of activity, its reduction to intelligible form, its genetic connection, and its tendencies can be solved and utilized through science only, whose hypothesis are synonyms of a faith that can never overtake knowledge. When one follows the line of what is known about the world, he finds that there is something intelligible and purposeful about it all, something conducive to scientific thinking that is a guarantee of religion.

Dr. Matthews was the chapel speaker on Tuesday morning, when his subject was of a more general nature.

Though Dean Matthews has but left, the many townspeople and students who have heard him speak are looking forward to his possible appearance next year.

Beryl Irish, '27, is taking a graduate course in Home Economics at Simmons College, Boston.

Ralph Haskell, '27, is a medical student at the University of Kansas.

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