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BATES COLLEGE, LEWISTON, MAINE, JUNE 17, 1940

SPECIAL COMMENCEMENT ISSUE

College Honors 141 With Degrees At 74th Commencement; 500 Alumni Back

PROMINENT CITIZENS RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES



From left to right: Mrs. Dora Shaw Heffner, Gov. William H. Vanderbilt, Ashmun C. Salley, Joseph L. Moulton, and Charles J. Nichols

R. I. Governor, Alumni Honored

Headed by the famous Republican governor of Rhode Island, William H. Vanderbilt, a list of distinguished citizens, four of whom are Bates graduates, received honorary degrees at Commencement.

Governor Vanderbilt, well known for his governmental re-organization plans to insure greater honesty in government, received the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mrs. Dora Shaw Heffner of Los Angeles, Cal., distinguished member of the legal profession and graduate of the class of 1906, received the degree of Doctor of Administration in Social Service.

Ashmun C. Salley, distinguished missionary for the Presbyterian denomination in Brazil for the past 30 years, graduate of the class of 1906, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Charles J. Nichols of Portland, well-known lawyer, authority on American colonial history, and long active in the interests of Bates, graduate of the class of 1890, received the degree of Master of Letters.

Joseph L. Moulton, for the past 15 years eminent missionary in India for the Congregational Church, graduate of the class of 1915, received the degree of Master of Arts.

Pres. Gray Receives Colgate Doctorate

President Clifton D. Gray and Bates College were honored June 10th when Colgate University conferred on the President the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The citation read in part: "Foremost among the achievements for which we honor him is his twenty years of fruitful service as President of Bates College. Under his administration the College has made substantial gains both in physical equipment and in its educational program". In summarizing Dr. Gray's accomplishments in the Church and in education, the citation termed him "a distinguished minister, editor, author, and educational administrator".

Pres. Gray Recommends Tuition Increase In Annual Report

At the annual meeting on June 14 of the President and the Trustees the annual President's report was presented by Dr. Clifton D. Gray, covering the activities of the College during the past year, together with comments and recommendations.

One of the most important recommendations made by the President was that tuition be increased, effective towards all classes, as of the opening of the College year in 1941.

Bequests and gifts totaling about \$75,000 have been received during

Seniors Present Sign At Class Day Exercises

Featured at the annual Class Day exercises of the graduating class of 1940, held Saturday afternoon in Alumni Gymnasium, was the presentation by Howard Kenney, member of the class, of the class gift. The graduating class selected a wrought iron and carved wood sign to serve as a marker for the College campus. President Clifton D. Gray accepted the gift for the College. The sign, bearing the legend "Bates College, Established 1864", has been attached to one of the large elms at the corner of College Street and Campus Avenue.

A large number of returning alumni, parents, and students witnessed the annual ceremony. The program, presided over by toastmaster Frank Coffin, recent recipient of the degree of Doctor of Laws, was a principal speaker.

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Climaxed by the conferring of 141 degrees at the Commencement exercises in the Chapel on Monday morning, June 17, the 74th annual Commencement Week brought a large group of returning alumni, families and friends of the graduating class of 1940 to the campus for a varied program of traditional academic events. The degrees awarded included five honorary, seventeen masters and 119 bachelors.

Delta Sigma Rho Has 25th Reunion

The Bates chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic fraternity, celebrated its 25th anniversary Friday at a reunion luncheon, where Prof. Brooks Quimby '18, backbone of Bates and New England high school debating for 13 years, was a principal speaker.

Prof. Quimby spoke on the nature and importance of the national Delta Sigma Rho fraternity. Other distinguished speakers were L. B. Costello '98, of Lewiston, trustee of the College, who spoke of debating at Bates before the advent of the Delta Sigma Rho chapter; E. Leroy Saxton '15, on the founding of the local chapter; and Frank Coffin and Mary Gozonsky of the present graduating class who spoke on Delta Sigma Rho today.

Clarence P. Quimby '10, brother of Prof. Quimby, was the first president of the chapter, and Harry W. Rowe '12, assistant to the President, its first secretary. W. Lewis Parsons '05, of Boston, and Ira Nahikian '40, of Worcester, Mass., are its present officers.

Newest initiated members of the local chapter are: Frank Coffin, Leonard Clough, Eric Lindell, (Continued on page four)

Large Crowd Acclaims Robinson Production

The Robinson Players' production, "Merchant of Venice", as enthusiastically received as when first shown last month in the Little Theatre, was presented Saturday evening as the Commencement play in the Chapel.

Directed by Miss Lavinia Schaeffer, College dramatic coach, this was the first Shakesperian play presented here since 1936, when "Much Ado About Nothing" was directed by Professor Robinson. Miss Schaeffer was assisted by Miss Barbara Kendall '39, and an unusually able student cast and stage crew.

It was estimated that more than 500 alumni returned to campus for reunions and annual alumni festivities. Registrations began to pile up Friday, June 14, when the first activities started with annual meetings of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho, the Trustees, the Alumni Association, and the Alumni Council. During the Alumni Night celebration in the Gymnasium, which followed, a portrait of the late Professor George M. Chase was presented to the College from alumni.

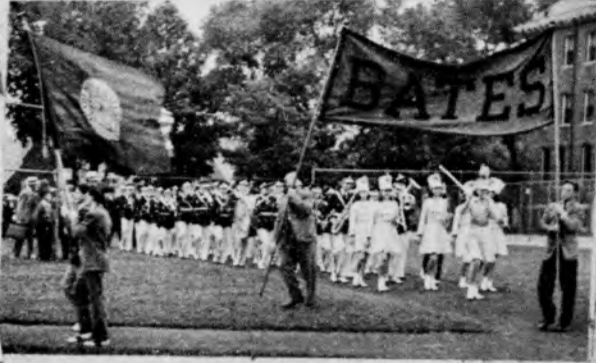
The annual parade of reunion classes and Alumni Carnival were staged Saturday morning on Garcelon Field. In the afternoon the Senior class held Class Day exercises in the Alumni Gymnasium, when the 1940 class gift, an ornamental "Bates College" sign to identify the campus, was presented to the College. In the evening several hundreds watched an effective presentation of the Commencement play, the "Merchant of Venice", in the Chapel. An Open House was held at Chase Hall after the play.

The Bates Key held its annual meeting and breakfast Sunday morning in the Women's Union. President Gray delivered the traditional Baccalaureate sermon at the annual service to graduates Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

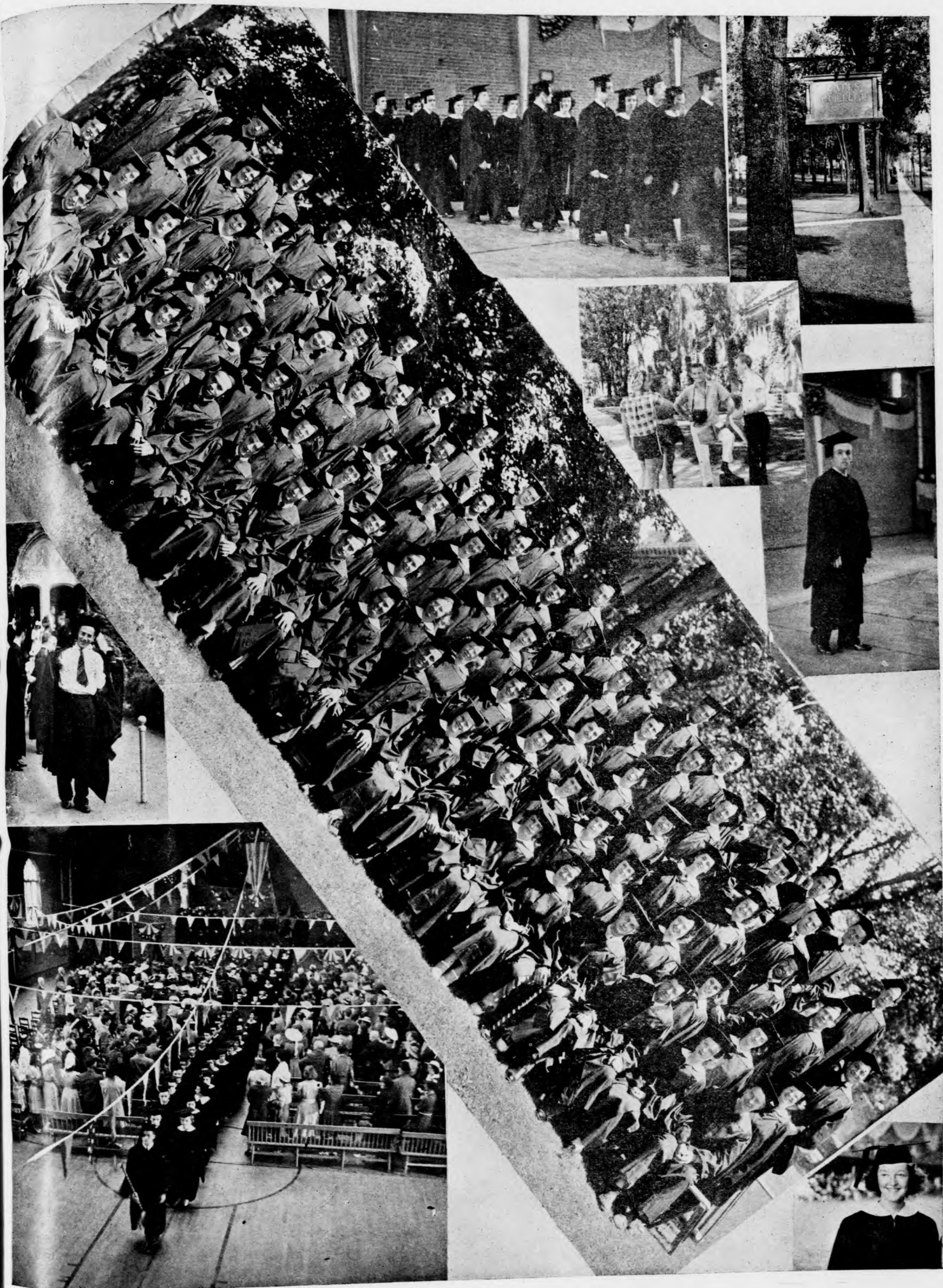
A further feature of Sunday's activities was the Commencement Concert in the evening, under the direction of Prof. Seldon T. Crafts, Director of Music. Miss Mary Nevery, soprano, well-known Boston concert singer, was a guest soloist. Other guests were Nina Spaulding, violinist, Mrs. Marion Payne Louisefell of Auburn, pianist, and Harry E. Rodgers of Boston, who played the Chapel organ. The concert was followed by a candlelight communion service in the Chapel.

Monday morning, to the 69 men and 50 women in the graduating class were awarded 95 bachelor degrees in arts and 24 in science. Following custom, four students presented the Commencement speeches. They were: Douglas Bragdon, on (Continued on page four)

Hail Alumni and



Farewell 1940



THE BATES STUDENT



Special Commencement Issue

Editor Brooks Hamilton '41

Issued weekly during the college year by the students of Bates College

Teamwork . . .

To present a summary of Commencement activities while the events were still of current news interest, the Bates STUDENT and the Department of Public Relations joined forces in producing this Commencement Extra. Distributed at the Commencement Dinner as a special edition of the STUDENT, it will go to alumni, parents of Bates students, and other friends of the College as the June issue of the Bates College Bulletin.

Awarded first place among weekly campus newspapers in colleges of this size by the Associated Collegiate Press at a national college press survey, the STUDENT provides an excellent and economical means of satisfying alumni desire to keep in touch with life at Bates the year 'round.

PBK Committee Reveals Post-Graduate Election

Miss Jennie L. Pratt, of Auburn, graduate of the class of 1890, was awarded the singular honor recently at a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa committee, of receiving a post-graduate election to the Bates Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Pratt was formerly transcriber in Braille for the Red Cross in the Library of Congress, and is well known for her literary talents.

Other elections to the chapter from the class of 1940 were: Edith Krugelis, major in Biology, member of Lambda Alpha and Ramsdell Scientific Club; Bernice Lord, major in French and recently elected to the Bates Key; Wilbur C. Connon, major in History and Government, active in football and the Politics Club; Dexter Pattison, major in Chemistry, graduated magna cum laude, and assistant in Chemistry; Thomas Puglise, major in French, member of La Petite Academie and Phi Sigma Iota; Edward Quinn, major in Physics, member of Jordan Scientific Society; and L. Owen Wheeler, major in History and Government, member of Heelers, Varsity Debating, Delta Sigma Rho, and the Politics Club.

Commencement

(Continued from page one) "Science and Human Values"; Leonard Clough on "Streamlined Religion"; Mary Gozonsky on "The White Plume"; and Frank Coffin on "Some Reflections on the Dismal Science".

Bates College Confers 1940 Commencement Degrees

Summa Cum Laude Frank Morey Coffin, Lewiston Magna Cum Laude Donald Frederick Maggs, Fitchburg, Mass. Alfred Winslow Morse, Newton Hds., Mass. Dexter Brayton Pattison, Osterville, Mass.

Cum Laude Leonard George Clough, South Brewer Frederick Willard Downing, Auburn Robert Stanton Ireland, Newport, Vt. Ira Kissag Nahikian, Worcester, Mass. Donald Silas Pomeroy, Westfield, Mass. Edward Harold Quinn, Jr., Auburn Laurence Owen Wheeler, Wilton Clarence Warren Whittaker, Easton

Bachelor of Arts Degrees

Patricia Marian Atwater, Agawam, Mass. Jasper Moulton Balano, West New Brighton, S. I., N. Y. Annette Lucile Barry, Lewiston Bertha May Bell, Houlton Janet Bridgham, Bath Roy Blethen Briggs, Lewiston Walker Walter Briggs, Jr., Lewiston Lynn MacPherson Bussey, New Bedford, Mass. Pauline Morse Chayer, Manchester, N. H. Ralph Warren Child, Campello, Mass. Ann Luella Cleveland, Skowhegan Frances Elizabeth Coney, Bethlehem, N. H. Wilbur Clarkson Connon, Rockland Eleanor Harriet Cook, Fall River, Mass. Raymond John Cool, Lynn, Mass. Charles Wescott Crooker, Malden, Mass. Lois Culbert, Oxford Dorothy Hale Davis, Littleton, Mass. Jean Dickson Davis, Medford, Mass. John Augustus Davis, Southboro, Mass. Ladora Preston Davis, Portsmouth, N. H. Evelyn Marie Dodge, Yarmouth Jean Fessenden, Wakefield, Mass. Martha Bennett French, Worcester, Mass. Geneva Fuller, Hallowell Harold Norris Goodspeed, Jr., Wakefield, Mass. Kathryn MacLeod Gould, Freeport Mary Ann Gozonsky, Laconia, N. H. Ruth Barbara Gray, Sanford Roberta Louise Greaton, Auburn Martha Greenlaw, Waltham, Mass. Priscilla Hall, Beverly, Mass. Grace Mary Halliwell, Fall River, Mass. Basil Costello Hanscom, Greene Genevieve Gwendolyn Hawkins, Auburn Ruth Elaine Hawkins, Auburn Jessie Carolyn Hayden, W. Newton, Mass. John Woodbury Hibbard, Dedham, Mass. Malcolm Pratt Holmes, W. Hartford, Conn. Wilfred Glenroy Howland, Concord, N. H. Adeline Kuslansky, Auburn Francoise Simonne LeClair, Lewiston Mark Lelyveld, Rockland, Mass. Carl Eric Lindell, Newport, R. I. Jordan Davidson Lippner, New York, N. Y. Fannie Longfellow, Augusta Bernice Lenora Lord, South Berwick John Willard McCue, Salem, Mass. Elizabeth Emerson Marks, Portland Anne Ruby McNally, Framingham, Mass. Elizabeth Emerson Marksfi Portland Dorothy May Pampel, South Orange, N. J. Charles Osgood Parker, Brooklyn, N. Y. Francena Leah Pearson, Madison, N. H. Robert Leon Plaisted, Sanford Cassie Anne Poshkus, Lisbon Falls Thomas Puglise, Stratford, Conn. George Allan Rollins, West Medway, Mass. Barbara Mary Rowell, Jackman George Cameron Russell, Jr., Quincy, Mass. James VerNooy Sands, Queens Village, N. Y. Frank Avery Saunders, Portland Marguerite Morse Shaw, South Paris Harry Buffum Shepherd, Hanover, Mass. Robert Remo Simonetti, Everett, Mass. Robert Franklin Spencer, Augusta Mary Osmun Sprague, Bath Ruth Evelyn Sprague, Bath Carol Jean Stifler, Summit, N. J. Francis Wilbert Stover, Bath Esther Elisabeth Strout, Pittsfield, Mass. William Henry Sutherland, Jr., Glen Ridge, N. J. Sumner Bernard Tapper, Chelsea, Mass. Leslie Linwood Thomas, Biddeford Charles Hasty Thompson, Auburn Hazel Elsie Turner, Milton, Mass. Maxine Macy Urann, Wareham, Mass. James Berry Vickery, 3rd, Unity Bernice Walins, Stratford, Conn. Donald Thomas Wark, Portland Joan Wells, Farmington, Conn. Stanley White Williams, Portland Eleanor Wilson, Portland Elizabeth Louise Winslow, Lewiston Delbert Alexander Witt, Orange, Mass. Chester Benson Young, Lewiston Earle Zeigler, South Norwalk, Conn.

Bachelor of Science Degrees

Carl Edwin Andrews, Providence, R. I. Philip Louis Archambault, Lewiston Douglas Estes Bragdon, Portland Samuel David Burston, Lewiston Frances Helen Clay, Newtonville, Mass. Hamilton Peacock Dorman, Washington, D. C. James Albion Dunlap, Jr., Harvard, Mass. Reginald Edgar Fournier, Eagle Lake Charles Graichen, Lawrence, Mass. Robert Inslee Hulsizer, Jr., Washington, D. C. Howard Washington Kenney, Tuskegee, Ala. Philip Edward Kilgore, Lynn, Mass. Edith Judith Krugelis, Waterbury, Conn. Richard Gordon Martin, Belmont, Mass. Ernest Russell Mower, Lewiston Vincent James Pellicani, Rockland Charles William Stratton, Jr., Lee, Mass. Norman Gerald Tardiff, Lewiston Kendall Mayes Tilton, Ipswich, Mass. Gordon Kirke Wheeler, Keene, N. H.

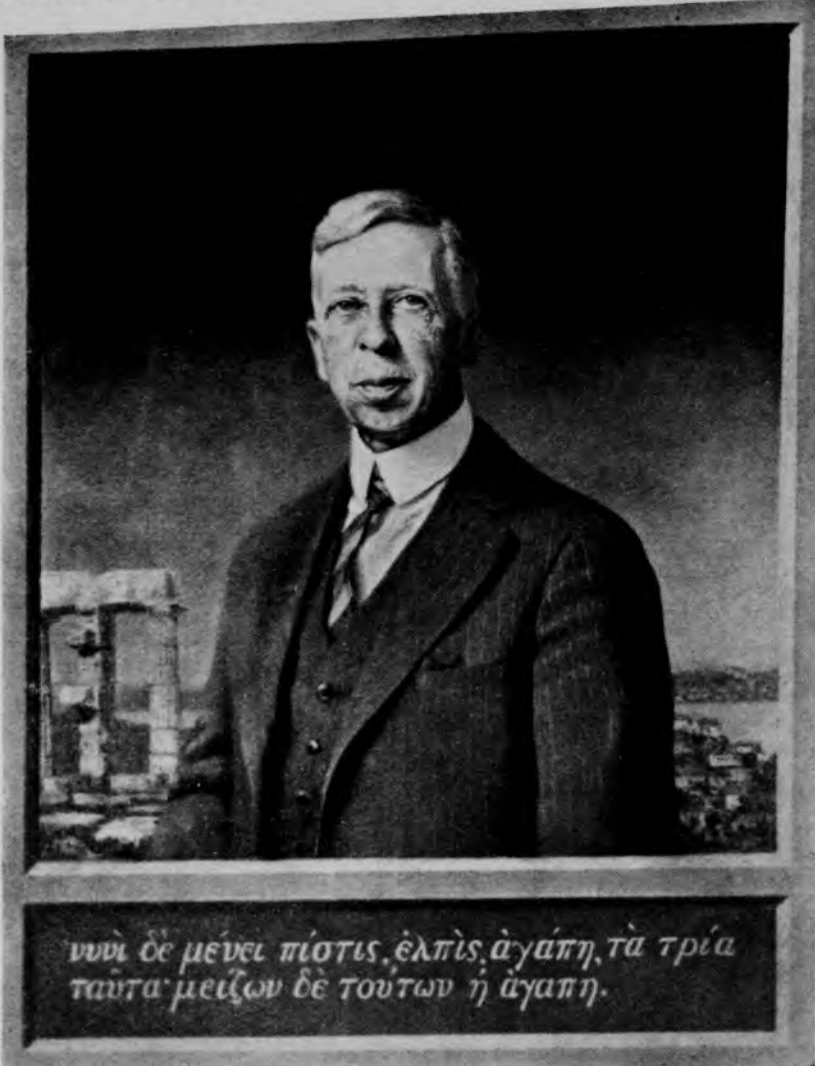
PRO MERITO Master of Education

William Oscar Bailey, South Paris Mary Louise Dulleba, West Warwick, R. I. Clarence Nelson Gould, Farmington Richard Prince Hodson, Gorham Charles Williams Jordan, Winchester, Mass. Mildred Frances Keirns, Portland Rodman John Wells Lehman, Winter Park, Fla. Wilbert Warren Salter, Arlington, Vt. William Hilton Soule, Dover-Foxcroft Philip Angier Stockpole, Kents Hill Royden Maxwell Trip, New Britain, Conn. John Weston Walch, Portland

Master of Arts

Margaret Louise Dingley, Winn Otto Christie Hedderic, Rye, N. Y. Janet Gertrude Moulton, York Village Lawrence Asa Peakes, Ridionville Girlandine Irene Priest, Hincley

PROF. CHASE PORTRAIT FOR LIBRARY



Above is reproduced the portrait of the late George M. Chase, beloved professor of Greek from 1906 until his death in November, 1938, presented to the College for the George Millet Chase Memorial Fund on Alumni Night, June 14, by Abbott P. Smith, 2nd. President Clifton D. Gray accepted the gift for the College.

The painter, Vivian Akers, of Norway, Maine, has symbolized the unison of interests of classical and

modern Greece in the life of Prof. Chase in the background of the picture. The inscription below is the Greek version of the thirteenth verse of the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians.

During Commencement week end the painting was on exhibit in Coram Library. The fund committee plans to refinish a room in the Library where the portrait will be displayed in the best setting available.

Seniors Dance Tonight To Music Of Will Hudson

Seniors and their guests will participate in the last official act of the College year, when at 9:00 o'clock the curtain goes up on the 1940 Commencement Hop. Music will be by Will Hudson, famous member of the old Hudson-Delange orchestra. Dancing, fun, and frolic will continue until three o'clock, when the assemblage will move to Centennial Springs for Commencement breakfast.

Class Day

(Continued from page one) ent of the fourth summa cum laude degree in the fourteen years of the honor system, was as follows: Class Oration, Leonard Clough; Class History, Bertha Bell; Address to Fathers and Mothers, Ruth Gray; Address to Halls and Campus, Cassie Poshkus; Will, Ira Nahikian and Dorothy Pampel; Presentation of Gift, Howard Kenney; Pipe Oration, Robert Ireland; and Class Poem, Barbara Rowell. The Class Ode, sung by the entire class, was written by Eleanor Cook. Roy Briggs acted as marshal.

Colby, Bowdoin On Home 1940 Football Schedule

Alumni and all Maine college football fans will want to keep this schedule of next fall's Bates football games handy, so they can plan to see as many games as possible.

Saturday, September 28, American International, Garcelon Field; Saturday, October 5, New Hampshire at Durham; Saturday, October 12, Tufts College at Medford; Saturday, October 19, Northeastern at Brookline; Saturday, October 26, Univ. of Maine at Orono; Saturday, November 2, Bowdoin on Garcelon Field; and Monday, November 11, Colby on Garcelon Field.

Delta Sigma Rho

(Continued from page one) Bertha Bell, Mary Gozonsky, Ruth Gray, Ira Nahikian, Donald Maggs, Robert Spencer, William Sutherland, and L. Owen Wheeler of the class of 1940, and Harriet White '41.

Membership in the society is on the basis of all-around proficiency in forensic activity.

President Stresses World Situation

A large number of parents, alumni, and friends attended the annual Baccalaureate service held in the Chapel Sunday, June 16, for the class of 1940. Seniors, for Class Marshal Roy Briggs, led by ed to the Chapel in traditional academic procession, with special music by the choir. Members of the faculty and visiting alumni assisted the President in the service. The class Baccalaureate hymn, written by Bernice Lord '40, was sung by the congregation.

According to tradition, President Gray delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class. He stressed the vital importance to graduating students of the world situation which demands that the United States place its huge material resources at the disposal of the Allies immediately. According to Dr. Gray, something more fundamental than the insouciant nationalism of the past twenty years is behind the world's troubles today. "This deep-seated sickness of western civilization," he said, "is moral and spiritual." The call for a return to morality and vital religion is seen by Dr. Gray as meeting "a sympathetic response among persons of all faiths".

Phelps Collection Numbers 50 Volumes

A unique feature of this year's Commencement was the establishment at Bates of the William Lyon Phelps Collection of signed first editions of books by and about distinguished persons in many walks of life. The gift of fifty volumes comprising the nucleus of the collection from Mrs. Edward M. Powell, with whom the idea originated, was acknowledged by President Gray.

Conceived as a lasting and growing tribute to the widely known professor and bibliophile whose name it bears, in the year of his seventy-fifth birthday, the collection will grow in numbers and in intrinsic value with the passing years. Subsequent additions are to be accepted formally by Coram Library, annually on January 2nd, Dr. Phelps' birthday.

Among the contributors represented in the initial group of autographed first editions are: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, whose husband also signed her book, Thornton Wilder, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Eugene O'Neill, Walter Damrosch, Gene Tunney, Paul D. Moody, Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison, William Allen White, Pearl Buck, Helen Keller, Helen Hayes, George Arliss, Edna Ferber, Gertrude Stein. The books will be on exhibition in Coram Library, from 3 to 5 this afternoon.