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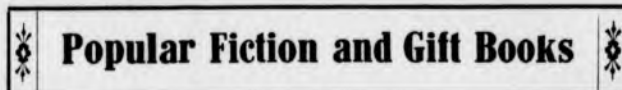
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## CALENDAR

- Feb. 5. 5-6 P.M. An hour of music, Rand Hall.
- Feb. 5. 6.45 P.M. Y. W. C. A.
- Feb. 6. 5 P.M. An hour of music, Rand Hall.
- Feb. 6. 7.30 P.M. Meeting of the Round Table.
- Feb. 7. Annual meeting of the Stanton Club, Portland.
- Feb. 8. 8 P.M. Saturday Night Sociable, Rand Hall.
- Feb. 9. 6.40 P.M. Vespers, Rand Hall.
- Feb. 10. 8 P.M. Jordan Scientific Society, Freshman cage work.
- Feb. 11. 4.30 P.M. Rehearsal of Girls' Mandolin Club.
- 6.30 P.M. Junior Current Events Club, Rand Hall.
- 6.30 P.M. Freshman Current Events Club, Rand Hall.
- 6.30 P.M. Current Events Club, Cheney House.
- 6.30 P.M. Current Events Club, Milliken House.

The library will be open evenings, as usual, on and after Feb. 11.

## MODERN PROBLEM STUDIES

Six sessions between examinations and the Easter recess.

The college man ought to be wide awake to great modern problems that are now pressing for solution. Present world problems that he will soon be asked to take a man's part in helping to solve, should demand no small part of his attention and time during his days of preparation. With many of these problems we have been perplexingly asking: "What shall we do with them?" So pressing, so imminent are they now becoming that we are almost fearfully asking: "What will they do with

us?" To get a glimpse of some of these problems from authors who are close to actual conditions has been the purpose of the Young Men's Christian Association in organizing these modern problem studies. Three courses will be offered. One in "Fundamentals in Modern Social Problems" is to be given by Prof. Gould and is open to Juniors and Seniors. The first class meets in the History Room Feb. 16, 6.45 P.M.

For group classes, "The Chinese Revolution" and "South American Problems" will be offered. "South American Problems" is by Robert E. Speer, who writes from personal observation of that great continent. When one remembers that South America has greater territories, richer natural resources than our own country; that settlements were made earlier than in our own country; that they have as yet scarcely begun to utilize these vast resources; and that education and general prosperity is greatly limited and the population scanty, one is struck with the contrast between the two countries, and the more so when he realizes that such conditions are largely if not entirely, the result of moral problems.

"The Chinese Revolution" is written by Arthur J. Brown and is the result of several years' observation and travel in China. The book is a timely discussion of a great movement—the reconstruction of a wonderful nation. When one thinks that China has an area one-third larger than all Europe with a population and natural resources in like comparison, that one province alone is estimated to have coal enough to supply the whole world a thousand years, and that one province of less area than the state of Missouri has a population equal to one-half that of the United States, the magnitude of the movement can be appreciated. Bulk does not always mean proportionate power, as Africa illustrates. But when huge

size and potential quality are combined, and when the whole mighty mass begins to move and to come into direct contact with other and weaker or smaller peoples, and all other peoples are smaller and weaker than the Chinese, the possibilities of the situation are almost overwhelming. If it be true that the proper study of mankind is man, the study of China is the most proper study of the world to-day."

Prof. Gould's course should speak for itself; the other two courses—open to students of any class—are upon subjects of vital importance in this age.

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#### ORATORICAL CONTESTS OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE PEACE ASSOCIATION.

As a means of interesting college men in the really vital principles of peace, the Intercollegiate Peace Association is arranging oratorical contests throughout the country. The following extract from the rules and regulations of the contests explain the arrangement:

1. All colleges and universities entering the contests must hold a local contest.
2. The first prize winners in local contests shall represent their college or university in the state contests of their respective states.
3. Winners of first prizes in state contests shall represent their respective states in interstate, group contests each group comprising five or six states.
4. Winners of first prizes in group contests shall represent their respective groups in an inter-group, national contest.
5. Winners of first prizes in any state contest shall not be allowed to compete in any further state contests of this Association.
6. No prize money will be given for any oration that has been previously delivered in any other oratorical association.
7. All local contests shall be held before the middle of March and all State contests must be held not later than the middle of April. Group contests will be held the later part of

April or early in May. The national contest will be held about the middle of May.

The local contest will be arranged by each college and a prize will undoubtedly be offered. The State contest will be financed by the Maine Peace Society. The first prize in the Maine contest is \$75 and is given by the Intercollegiate Peace Association through the Maine Peace Society; the second prize is \$50, and is given by the Maine Society through the kindness of Mrs. Charles F. Flagg of Portland. The first prize in the national contest, held at Mohonk, is \$100; the second, \$75.

It is understood that all Juniors and Seniors entering the contest will be allowed to use their papers as parts or theses due in the spring. The following have already signified their intentions of entering the contest: Cash, James, McDaniel, Slade, 1913; Partridge, 1914, and Saxton, 1915. Others will undoubtedly enter the contest and it is felt that Bates will make a very creditable showing.

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#### BATES COLLEGE ART GUILD

There is a general movement throughout the country for the development of Fine Arts, as strong in its manifestation in the West as in the East.

A league exists for the promotion of the study of Fine Arts in the colleges and through conferences from time to time suggests methods of enriching the courses.

The movement is not confined to the colleges, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Portland are among the cities that have led in discussing plans for the City Beautiful. In the legislature of Massachusetts a bill is pending to endow the Museum of Fine Arts. The argument brought to bear was that not only the city but the whole state was benefited both educationally and financially by that higher civilization that attended cultivated taste.

From this attitude of the state and the city it is not strange that the movement has invaded the common schools. Portland has introduced the study of Fine Arts into the High School.

The reasons assigned for this progressive step are these: Students that go to college have the opportunity to study Fine Arts; the students that leave the High School to go into business have had no such opportunity. The picture shows that are degrading are distasteful to the man or woman whose sense of beauty is developed. Poor theatrical performances and all low amusements have no attraction for the all around developed man or woman, but are supported by those of low taste. Undeveloped taste more easily becomes depraved taste, therefore Fine Arts in the High School as well as in the college promotes the well rounded, well poised character. The wage earner usually has six unemployed hours; what will he do with them? enjoy good pictures, good music, good books, wholesome sports or seek the trash and sensationalism of bad taste and perverted humanity?

With the belief so fast becoming general in the Fine Arts as a factor in promoting a sound civilization a movement has been started to unite the citizens of Auburn and Lewiston in a bond for mutual benefit for college, school and town.

The following paper has begun its circulation and explains itself:—

We, the undersigned, wish to join the Bates College Art Guild, which shall exist for the purpose of bringing works of the first order of Art to the reach of the people of Lewiston and Auburn who may wish to participate in the opportunity. The paintings, prints, photographs shall be cared for by the college and be insured in its name during the time of their stay. The college will provide a suitable place with skylight for the exhibition of the year, and also a caretaker. An Art Committee shall be formed of Trustees and Faculty and an auxiliary committee from those who join the Guild.

The dues shall be fifty cents a year; the year to extend from February to February. Professor William Hartshorn will be treasurer and an itemized report of all expenditures for exhibitions shall be furnished by the Art De-

partment. It will be the aim of the committees to confer with the Guild as to suitable hours for opening the gallery and upon questions of mutual convenience and advantage.

It is reported that no one has yet declined to sign it. This is not surprising in a city that has greeted the Bates College Art Collection with so much interest; eight hundred visitors have been already welcomed without numbering the throngs for the dedication exercises of Carnegie Hall.

It is possible that graduates of the College will like to send their names to join the guild. Such co-operation on their part will be welcomed by the STUDENT.

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#### CHAPEL NOTES

At the main exercises of the Day of Prayer for Colleges, Jan. 23, we were fortunate in listening to a very helpful address, by Dr. Enoch F. Bell. Dr. Bell's subject was "Heroic Service." In developing his address several types of true heroes were mentioned. In football, as in life, the true hero is not always recognized. To make the "touchdown" does not mean, necessarily, to have done the most work, or the best. The man who defends an unpopular cause because he feels that it is his work to do, shows what service means. The missionary, who sacrifices the great privilege of remaining at home with his family, who gives up all advantages, for the greater privilege of helping those who cannot dispense with his services, whether they know it or not, the man who bears a heavier burden, that the burden of a wretched people may be lifted somewhat, is made of hero-stuff. Dr. Bell brought home to the students their own responsibilities and privileges and the need of the world for men who recognize those responsibilities without shirking them. What the American college needs to do and is doing is "turning out" such men. This was Dr. Bell's second address at Bates, he having been here last year.

Rev. Dr. Preble read a passage from the Scriptures. Rev. Dr. Canney offered prayer. President Chase presided. The college quartet furnished music.



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In this issue of the *STUDENT* we have introduced the "Communication" column, to which we invite all students and alumni to contribute a free and open discussion on subjects of timely interest. We hope to obtain a frank expression of the students on those subjects of immediate interest. Send all communications, with your name signed to the Editor, but if you do not wish to have your name printed with the article, simply say so.

There are many subjects, connected with present college life at Bates, about which we would be pleased to receive the honest opinion of the students and alumni. There is the subject of class prayer meetings; the cause for the lack of interest in chapel services; the lack of social life at Bates, and some method of improving it; the problem of the literary societies; and methods of improving the *STUDENT*. These are subjects of immediate interest to the students and we should like to receive communications concerning them. There can be no harm in a fair and open discussion of any of these subjects, moreover such a discussion may result in considerable good by toning down

some extremely radical views and by helping create a more rational public sentiment and opinion regarding them.

The letter in this week's issue on "Our Society Problem" opens our eyes to one of the most vital problems connected with the social life of the college.

If the students wish to spend Friday evening in social enjoyment, why confuse this fact with the pretense of a literary program? The societies are now trying to combine both literary and social activities, and are failing to secure either in a degree to make it worth while.

There are chiefly two reasons why students attend these societies, first for social enjoyment and second out of a sense of duty.

If the societies in their present form, have outlived their usefulness, should we try to keep them alive just for the sake of their traditions? Should we not substitute some form of social life that the present conditions demand?

## COMMUNICATION

(We invite all students and alumni to submit communications on subjects of timely interest, but assume no responsibility for sentiments expressed under this head.)

### OUR LITERARY SOCIETY PROBLEM

*To the Editors of the Student:*

It is self-evident that our literary societies are on the decline, both in attendance and in the accomplishment of the purpose for which they were founded. This fact was considered of sufficient importance by last year's officers to warrant a council of executives with the end in view of finding means to re-establish serious literary work in the societies.

After a very careful study of all sides of the question this body drew up a set of resolutions which would make it possible for the societies to carry on real literary work. These resolutions were voted upon by the three societies and almost unanimously rejected. This action proved that the student body is not seeking the training which the literary society affords.

Conditions have radically changed since the founding of these societies, both in the college community and in the city proper, and the decline of the literary societies may be traced to both of these changes.

Our college curriculum has been enlarged so that now it includes those branches of literary activity which at once time were left to the society. Debating and discussion of literature are now required courses. Great emphasis is laid upon public speaking in the prescribed courses in oratory. The student feels that Friday evening may be more profitably spent in the relaxation which the city amusements afford.

The city amusements are making a stronger appeal to all classes of people than ever before. By the uplift of the drama and the development of the moving picture form of entertainment the theatres have gained the patronage of those who several years ago found pleasure in gatherings for the discussion of literary subjects. Even "Browning" Clubs seem to be on the wane. A few years ago dancing was looked upon only as a possibility for evil. Now it is looked upon as a means, not a cause, and ways are being devised for the betterment of its environment. Some of the large cities have led the way by opening up the public schools one night each week where dances are held under the proper supervision of patronesses.

Evidently the student is seeking relaxation and amusement when he is not busy with his studies. If the theater and dance have a stronger appeal than the literary society, even though it be unpleasant, the issue must be faced and plans made accordingly. Even if it were desirable, it is not possible to prevent dancing and theatre-going. The only thing that remains to be done is to compete with the city amusements which have so strong an appeal by offering the students opportunity of relaxation on the campus in a better environment than they can find elsewhere.

Possibly instructive entertainment given by professional talent under the auspices of the

three societies, with dancing to follow the regular program would be a solution of our literary society problem. To-day, it is unnatural to expect that serious literary work can be carried on, in any but honorary societies, when the membership is made up of both sexes.

So soon as we have realized that we must compete efficiently with the city amusements for student patronage we shall have gone a long way toward a solution of the problem.

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### POLITICS CLUB

At a meeting of the Politics Club held in Libbey Forum, January 22, Douglas H. Corley of London, England, and Robert H. Keer of Berwick, Maine, were elected to active membership. Marsden, '14, spoke upon Political Events. Packard, '14, presented the subject of "Municipal School Administration." An informal discussion of the subject followed:

Mr. E. H. Van Fossan, Oberlin, '09, and Columbia Law School, '13, visited Bates January 31, in the interest of the Intercollegiate Civic League. The visit of Mr. Van Fossan aroused a great deal of interest in the annual convention of The League, which occurs April 10 and 11. According to the general scheme of the program, the first day is spent in New York with a luncheon and business meeting at Columbia; the second day in Washington, with visits to the sessions of Congress and the Supreme Court. The delegates have an opportunity to meet President Wilson, and members of his Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, and leading Congressmen and Senators, who talk to the delegates collectively.

Every effort will be made to have Bates, the first Maine college to join the League, adequately represented at this convention.

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### SOCIAL EVENTS

The members of the Sophomore class enjoyed a class party in Fiske Room at Rand Hall on the evening of January 25th. After spending a social time during which games and music were enjoyed, delicious ices were served. Much credit should be given the committee in charge of arrangements, consisting of the Misses Bartlett, Malone, Wadsworth and the Messrs. Blanchard, Knight and Perkins.

## SPOFFORD CLUB

The Spofford Literary Club met in the English Seminar at Coram Library the afternoon of Jan. 24. The business meeting was rather long, as the report of the committee on club stationary was heard and discussed. The date of the next meeting was placed on February twelfth.

Miss Amy Weeks gave a critical outline of the play, "The Dawn of a To-morrow," which was then discussed.

Miss Grace Connor presented several additions to the play which the club is collaborating. The ideas of several of the members were given, and it was decided that at the next meeting each member should have something of value in the final working out of the actual dialog, to present.

## JORDAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

On Monday evening, Jan. 20, there was a meeting of the Jordan Scientific Society in Carnegie Hall. Fourteen members were present and much enthusiasm in the topics under discussion was shown. Mr. Hamilton, '14, read a paper on "Heredity" giving a brief account of the Mendelian Theory and a few simple applications. Mr. Cave, '13, gave an interesting essay on "The Alleged Complexity of Tellurium," an element which has recently been the object of considerable investigation on account of its supposed compound character. Mr. Cave's paper supported its elementary nature.

Mr. Seeley, '13, was elected to membership and plans for succeeding meetings made out in some detail. The next meeting will be held in a week.

## CLASS NOTES

At a recent meeting of the Junior Class a committee to nominate Ivy Day speakers was elected, consisting of the following members: Marion E. Lord of Lisbon Falls; Edith G. Fales of Thomaston; Halliberton Crandlemire, chairman; Leon E. Davis of Lubec; Hazen R. Nevers of Houlton.

## LOCALS

A musical at Trinity Episcopal Church was held in the afternoon of the College Day of Prayer. It consisted of sacred compositions from the great masters.

President Chase left Monday, Jan. 27, for a two weeks' trip in the interests of the college.

The alumni will be pleased to know that President Chase recently announced in chapel that Bates has received a present of fifty thousand dollars from Hon. D. D. Stuart of St. Albans, Me.

At vesper service, Feb. 2, Mr. Gammon, principal of Lewiston High School, spoke.

## STUDENT NOTES

Wade L. Grindle of South Penobscot, after being several weeks absent from college on account of sickness, has returned.

Harry W. Lindsay, '14, has left college and gone into business.

Walter Deering, '13, and Thomas Blanchard, '15, spent the week end in Dexter.

Miss Helen Vose, '13, has returned from Cape Elizabeth where she has been substituting as a teacher.

Miss Nellie Hadley, '14, is substituting in Lewiston High School for a short time. Miss Marjorie Stevens, '16, is substituting in Lewiston High School.

Miss Rachel M. Irish, '15, who is teaching in Turner, this year, was the guest of several of her classmates over the week end.

Miss Gwendoline Green, '15, has resumed her studies after being detained at home on account of illness.

## Y. W. C. A.

Wednesday evening, January 29, the weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. took the form of a pageant, the plan of which was sent out by the National Board. There were three scenes representing different phases of Y. W. C. A. work in the three countries, South America, China, and Japan. The remainder of the even-

ing was spent in canvassing for members of the Mission Study classes.

For the ensuing year, an advisory board for the Y. W. C. A. has been appointed, consisting of Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. Pomeroy, and Mrs. Chase.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting on Feb. 5th will take the form of a devotional service. "Our Syrian Guest" will be read.

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#### SOCIETY NOTES

Friday, Jan. 24, was Mark Twain Night at Piæria and right well was it observed. A Biography of Mark Twain was given by Mr. Waterhouse, '16. There were vocal solos by Mr. Nickerson, '13; violin solos by Mr. Smith, '14; and readings by Mr. Houston, '13, and Mr. Watson, '16.

Polymnian Society offered a program which gave great pleasure to all those who heard it. The first number was a piano solo by Mr. Dunn, '15. Readings by Miss Piper, '15, and Mr. Sylvester, '14; a vocal solo by Mr. Morrison, '13; and selections by Mr. Partridge, '14, followed. A duet by Misses Thompson and Johnson, '16, closed the evening's entertainment.

Eurosophia held a business meeting.

After the regular meetings of the societies, candy was offered for sale by the Y. W. C. A.

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#### TRACK

The relay team is putting on the finishing touches for its race Saturday night at the B. A. A. games. With three of last year's men and the addition of Nevers, a 'varsity dash man, the prospects for a winning team look good. Owing to the illness of Coach Lathrop, no time trials have been held the past week. Houston, Woodman, and Syrene have been running well and their times have been very close. The relay team will be accompanied by Capt. Shephard, who will participate in the weight events, Woodman for the hurdle races and Kempton for the high jump. Manager Sullivan and Coach Lathrop will also accompany the team.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

1893.—George Lincoln Mason has begun his fifth year as minister of Grace chapel, Green Harbor, Marshfield, Mass. Mr. Mason is now studying for an A.M. degree in the philosophical department of Bates.

1905.—Miss Elizabeth S. Perkins is a missionary at the Foochow Mission in Diong-lales, Foochow, China. The Foochow Girls' College and Preparatory School has 72 students, 23 of whom are in college grades.

1909.—J. Murray Carroll, who is taking post-graduate work at Harvard this year, is in Lewiston for a few days' vacation.

1910.—Grace Archibald completed the course in Gymnastics at Wellesley, last June, and is teaching in Northfield Seminary, Northfield, Mass.

Deborah Blossom is teaching in Lowell, Mass.

Olive Farnham and Alice Hall are teaching in the high school at Hudson, Mass. Miss Farnham's engagement to John Williams, also of 1910, was announced recently.

Gladys Greenleaf is teaching in the high school at Fairfield, Me.

The engagement of Florence Perry, '10, and Clinton Park, '09, was recently announced.

Mildred and Nelly Vinal are both taking courses at Simmons College.

Nellie Barker is teaching in the high school at Oldtown, Maine.

Alice Burnham is spending the winter in California.

Myrta Hall is teaching in Colebrook, N. H.

Lena Niles is studying Gymnastics at Wellesley.

Mabel Eaton is a member of the staff of the Library of the University of Chicago.

1911.—J. Garfield Bishop is teaching in the Military Institute, Lyndon, Kentucky. From Jan. 1 to Apr. 1 he is in Eau Galia, Fla.

James H. Carroll, Medford, Mass., is studying law at Boston University.

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