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Do you ask what great man first prepared this wonderful ink? What was the cause of its invention? How long has its power been known? Alas! I do not know. Only conjecture can reach back so far. Perhaps it was invented by some mighty man of "ages inconceivably remote;" some dark Egyptian, or some cunning man of Ninevah or Tyre. History testifies against the theory of Ninevah (we have no record of cuneiform writing in red ink), and inclines us to the theory of Tyre. Tyrian purple, we are told, was really scarlet. And since the modern product is often made of dyes, why might not the ancients have made theirs similarly? Perhaps some passionate lover of the olden days wished to typify the intensity of his ardor by letters of seeming blood. What a thrilling effect the first glowing document must have had! But these hypotheses are vain! Even Webster does not, cannot disclose the dark secret of the ages.

For us, however, the interest lies in the modern application of the subject. Though made of carmine, or potassium eosin, or a decoction of Prazil wood mixed with stannous chloride and gum arabic, if administered in judicious doses, Red Ink has wonderful medicinal properties. On the other hand, too little of it is liable to be dangerous, and many an overdose has proved fatal. Then, too, it has artistic and patriotic elements, which must not be overlooked.

In the treatment of the disease known as "enlargement of the cranium" (capitis inflation), Red Ink is a particularly efficacious remedy. It is applied several times weekly, usually at least three times a week to Freshmen and once or twice to Sophomores. Upper classmen do not need it so often, but have to take a little occasionally, unless the Powers-That-Be prefer to use the milder Blue Pencil, which has the same effect, though in a lesser degree. Many a Freshman, seriously affected by the disease as a result of high school or preparatory school praise, has had his head reduced to normal size by the faithful application of this sovereign remedy.

This beneficent effect, as I have indicated, comes from the judicious use of Red Ink. If the quantities administered are too small, there results not infrequently an aggravation of the disease, and oftentimes an acute attack. Equally bad for the patient is an overdose, which brings on the various degrees of humiliation, self-abasement, and despondency, and, on rare occasions, a serious, sometimes fatal attack of despair. In some cases students have given up trying for success when their most sanguine hopes have been dashed to pieces on the rocks by a sanguinary C.

Only those who are favored with generous quantities can appreciate fully the artistic effect of a border of red on a theme, or on a page of Latin Composition. The talents of the professors and instructors who apply it with such careless ease vary delightfully. One confines his handiwork to the margin, creating a vertical red and white frieze. Another leaves the margin clear, and scatters his vivid interpolations like maple buds upon the last spring snow.

When the writer has used black ink, the red decorations are very pleasing, but the best results come from the use of blue ink. Then the combination cannot but appeal strongly to true American patriotism, and it is often with the utmost difficulty that the joyous recipient can be restrained from shouting "Hurrah for the Red, White, and Blue!" Only the quieting presence of the teacher in the classroom prevents the expression of this patriotic fervor.

Besides its medicinal, artistic, and patriotic qualities, Red Ink is invaluable as an aid
to the memory, as one or two examples will show. In Latin Composition, for instance, a young lady wrote "corpore" for the accusative "corpus." When the notebook was returned, she found the offending word surrounded by a red ink fence, surmounted by the glowing and appropriate epitaph, "Bury it." Do you think she will ever use the wrong form again? No! She will remember to write "corpus," and as for "corpore"—Requiescat in pace!

On another occasion a theme was returned with a scarlet sign to the effect that the material was bloodcurdling, even to the calloused reader of the penny dreadful. The implication astounded the student. Before that time he had looked up to the professor as widely and wisely read. But to have before him in words of fire the man's own confession that he, the critic, was "the calloused reader of the penny dreadful" was to stamp the sad fact indelibly on the student's mind. And so it is with all red ink remarks—they burn themselves into one's brain, and cannot be forgotten.

From these few characteristics that have been mentioned, persons of more philosophic bent might draw us many a wise conclusion. It is not my purpose to moralize about the wisdom necessary in its use. My task has been simply to enumerate and explain the most prominent and praiseworthy qualities of Red Ink. Undoubtedly some individual of keener analytic mind will one day turn his greater powers upon the subject, winning for it and for himself immortal fame. To that unknown, whoever he may be, good wishes and deserved success!

1916.

—John William Daniels, '76.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATING LEAGUE

On March 19, the Bates Interscholastic Debating League will hold its preliminary debates. The "triple triangular" method of conducting the debates will be used. Nine schools are members of the league and are arranged in the following groups, Gardiner High, Maine Central Institute and Bangor High; (2) Morse High, Rockland High and Camden High; (3) Westbrook Seminary, Deering High, and Rumford High. Each school has both an affirmative and negative team, and the debates in every case are on the subject, Resolved, That the women of Maine should be granted the suffrage on equal terms with men.

Gardiner High debates Maine Central at Pittsfield, Maine Central debates Bangor High at Bangor, and Bangor High debates Gardiner High at Gardiner. In the second triangle, Camden High debates Morse High at Bath, Morse High debates Rockland High.
at Rockland, and Rockland High debates Camden at Camden. In the third triangle, Deering debates Westbrook Seminary at Portland, Westbrook Seminary debates Rumford High at Rumford, and Rumford High debates Deering High at Portland. The winner in each triangle will enter the new triangle, which will debate on the third Friday in April for the championship of the League. A cup will be presented to the winning team, medals to the three victorious debaters, and, in addition, honorable mention will be given to that debater of the League who, in the opinion of the judges, has done the best individual debating.

**SOPHOMORE GIRLS DEBATE**

The girls of the Sophomore class at Bates held the first public debate ever held by the women of the college at Hathorn Hall, Saturday evening. The question for debate was: “Resolved, That the Women of Maine Should be Granted Suffrage on Equal Terms with Men.”

The members of the affirmative team were Miss Ruth Lewis, Miss Julia P. McCann and Miss Elinor Newman, with Miss Ruth Capen as alternate. Those of the negative were Miss Aileen Lougee, Miss Eleanor Richmond and Miss Ruth Sturgis, with Miss Ruth Rollins as alternate.

Throughout the debate the speeches were interesting and well presented, reflecting credit both upon the teams themselves and Miss Frances Bryant, ’15 and Miss Gwendolyn Green, ’15, who coached them.

Mandolin music was furnished by Misses Marion Cole, ’15, Florence Nelson, ’16, Grace Berry, ’17, and Annie Leathers, ’18, with Maude Murphy, ’16, as pianist.

Mrs. F. D. Tubbs, Professor William F. Cullen and Franklin Fisher served as judges, awarding the prize of fifteen dollars to the negative side, and the prize of ten dollars to Miss Ruth L. Sturgis for presenting the best debate.

**GIRLS’ ATHLETICS**

The nomination for the officers of the Women’s Athletic Association are now posted. They are as follows: President, Alice King; vice-president, Aileen Lougee, Grace Perry; treasurer, Florence Nelson; assistant treasurer, Ruth Sturgis, Julia Farnsworth; secretary, Ruth Dresser, Evelyn Hussey; managers, hockey, Alice King, Flora Warren; basket ball, Alma Gregory, Grace Berry; volley ball, Harriet Johnson, Maude Murphy; base ball, Alice Russell, Ruth Skinner; track, Agnes Burnett, Evelyn Manchester; tennis, Agnes Bryant, Hildred Roberston; walking, Annie Leathers.

The annual gymnastic exhibition will be given by the young women in Rand Hall gymnasium, Monday evening, March 22.

**DR. WALKER AT BATES**

Dr. Gertrude F. Walker of the Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania was a guest of the college last week. She spoke at conference hour upon the subject, “Medicine as a Vocation for Women.” She showed the great need, to-day of women entering the profession, as it is not an overcrowded one. Dr. Walker is now traveling about from college to college, awakening an enthusiasm among girls in this direction.

She announced to the women student body, that the faculty of the Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania had awarded to Bates College an annual free scholarship. This is in recognition of the excellent work being done there at present by two former Bates women, and the scholarship may be used by any Bates graduate either of former years or of the present or future years.

Dr. Walker brought with her a unique moving picture machine, by the means of which pictures of the various activities of the Woman’s College were shown in Fiske Room on Thursday evening.

**Deutscher Verein**

Monday evening the Deutscher Verein held its regular meeting in the library. A paper was presented on “Hermann Sudermann, the Novelist,” by Lawrence, ’16, and one on “Hermann Sudermann, the Dramatist,” by Spaulding, ’16. This was followed by an informal discussion of the characteristics of Sudermann’s works, by Doctor Leonard. After the discussion, a German game was played, in which Higgins lost his Bett but won the game.
The faculty have given their consent for an application to be made to the National Council of Delta Sigma Rho for the establishment of a Chapter here at Bates. This Council convenes next month in New York.

Delta Sigma Rho was founded in 1906 among some of the middle western colleges. After four years of growth it had attained a position of National importance, and had issued twenty-five charters to institutions of the highest standing. Chapters have been established in Amherst, Williams, Colgate, Brown, Dartmouth, Columbia, Princeton, Harvard, and Yale. Delta Sigma Rho is primarily an honor and not a social Society. It is in no wise similar to the secret societies of colleges, but rather is essentially like Phi Beta Kappa.

The purpose of the society is to "encourage effective and sincere public speaking." The development of general public and student interest in forensics and participation in forensic contests are policies of the society. Any one who has taken active part in an intercollegiate debate or represented the college in an oratorical contest would be eligible to membership, including present students and graduates.

Bates splendid record in debating should stand well in her favor when the matter of a charter is being considered. We have contested in thirty-five debates, winning twenty-eight of these. Bates men have also made good showings in various oratorical contests. We sincerely hope a charter will be granted. Membership in Delta Sigma Rho would constitute the highest society honor that a man could attain in Bates, at the present time, and as such it would be an incentive for men to become members of debating teams, or representatives in oratorical contests.

**ATHLETICS**

**TRACK WORK CONTINUES**

Coach Ryan has established a precedent in requiring the track candidates to continue training for the remaining two weeks between the Indoor Meet and the spring vacation. He believes that the value of the winter's work will be lost if the men are allowed to break training now, and that the two weeks after the vacation before the first meet is altogether too short a time in which to build up a track team.

At a meeting of all the track men in Hathorn Hall last Monday the Coach gave expression to the spirit by which he has won such renowned fame in the athletic world, and which he hopes to instill into his squad. That spirit is FIGHT. He said that he had never been on a losing team and that he didn't intend to now. The value of fight he put in rather a unique way by saying that in running, fight counted 60%, using your head 25%, and muscles 15%. In order to obtain the best results and in order that he might be able to work with each individual he
divided the squad roughly into two groups, the regulars, who have showed some promise, and the inexperienced men. These two groups, which are to report on alternate days, are subdivided into smaller groups, that have specified hours in which to work.

Two more handicap track meets have been arranged in order to give the men some hard work and stiff competition before vacation, so that the rest of the vacation will do them good. These meets will be held Saturday, March 20th and Wednesday, March 24th. If the weather permits they will be held on the side walk in front of Roger Williams Hall. The usual events, 100-yard dash, hurdles, the quarter and half mile, two-mile, shot put, hammer throw, and discus throw, will be run off.

The Freshman relay team has been working faithfully in preparation for the relay race against the Bowdoin Freshmen at Brunswick, Friday night, March 19th. The race will be 330 yards to the man, and will be run on a dirt track. This will give our team a great advantage, and if the race at City Hall on March 10th can be trusted as a criterion Bates '18 team will give the Bowdoin team a hard race. Quimby is used to the Bowdoin track, having competed in several interscholastic meets, and can be relied upon to make very fast time.

The track manager is now in communication with the Bowdoin management for a dual meet to be held at Brunswick, April 24th. If such a meet can be arranged the track schedule is as nearly perfect as possible. This would make three dual meets before the Maine Intercollegiate Meet at Waterville, and should give the men the competition they need in order to put them in fine condition for the big meet in which Coach Ryan says Bates has an even chance to win.

**CAMPUS NOTES**

Miss Mona Ilodnett, '16, returned last Sunday from New York City, where she has been attending meetings of student delegates from the Y. W. C. A.'s. of the Northeastern Colleges, held by the National Student Board.

Miss Hodnett represented the three Maine Colleges, Maine, Colby and Bates.

Miss Mildred Bassett, '15, was called to her home in Rochester, New Hampshire, on last Saturday, because of the sudden death of her brother.

Miss Florence G. Clough, '18, spent the week end at Saco with Miss Ruth A. Severance, a former member of 1918.

The regular Mission Study Classes met this week, with a good attendance.

Miss Marion Everett of South Paris has been a recent visitor at the college.

Miss Amy Hayden, '16, spent Sunday at Norway.

A pageant of the beatitudes was given at the weekly meeting of Y. W. C. A. on Wednesday evening in Fiske Hall. The subject was, "If the Beatitudes Should Walk about the Campus." Miss Marguerite Girouard assisted upon the violin, and the Freshmen Girls gave various chants.

The Library is being invaded by bands of Sophomores. Subjects for history essays have been assigned.

Senior parts and class meetings are occupying a good deal of the Seniors' time lately. The nominating committee for Class Day speakers and the committee for Commencement have already been decided upon.

Thursday afternoon, March 11, the Bates Needle Club was entertained by Mrs. George M. Chase and Miss Mabel Marr at the home of Mrs. Chase on Frye Street.

Miss Ruth Parker, '16, entertained her father, Dr. Charles Parker and brother last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Camilla Smith, '15, Miss Mabel Gogins, '16, and Miss Doris Ingersoll, '18, spent the week end in Portland.

Why can't we have some college songs for the girls? Other colleges have them, why not we? And, too, why can't we revive the old Bates songs, so that students from other colleges won't ask us if we "have only one song?"

Enkuklios has issued an invitation to the trustees, faculty, student, and friends of Bates to be present at its annual reception, to be held on Saturday evening, March 20, from eight until ten.
Last Saturday evening, following the debate, the Sophomore girls were pleasantly entertained by Dean Buswell at her rooms in Rand Hall.

Mike Ryan won the 25 mi. Boston Marathon in 2 hr. 21 mi. 8 1-5 sec.; Edward Amherst Ott (no relation to Bob) spoke continuously for 2 hr. 21 mi. 8 1-5 sec., thereby breaking all City Hall Marathon records for long distance talking.

Some of the Freshmen are wandering about the Campus with a vacant look in their eyes. They know not what to do with themselves since the living models at the Great Department Store have left town.

Mr. Coleman’s son, Rolland, passed a few unpleasant days in the Maine Central Hospital having his adenoids and tonsils removed.

A Y. M. C. A. deputation team consisting of Moulton, ’15, Meader, ’15, Clifford, ’16, Sherman, ’17, and Chayer, ’17, spent the week end in Monmouth. The men spoke in different parts of the town during Sunday and at a joint meeting in the evening held in the Methodist Church.

Joseph Blaisdell, ’16, has been observed out sniffing the spring air every morning. Some of Joe’s friends express the fear that he may have difficulty in containing his emotions until the spring recess.

Refreshments were served at the Junior Chemistry period Friday. Somebody suggested that stimulants would become necessary to the survival of the would-be-chemists unless there was a let-up in the work. Well! people have been driven to drink for a lesser reason.

Bradbury Swift, ’15, has increased his family by the acquisition of a full blooded English Setter, “Peter-the-Great.” The prize came thru Mr. Oldham, whose father-in-law owns Kennells in Pennsylvania.

The Girls’ Glee Club concert was very poorly attended. It seems to be a precedent among the men not to support any activity of the women—NOT RIGHT.

The Student will have some interesting articles next week on the Collegiate Baseball situation in Maine by Coach Purrington and Capt. Talbot.

It is hoped that it may be possible to awaken interest enough so that the tennis courts will be lonesome during the championship games next spring.

The Men’s division of the Sophomore Class hold their championship debate tonight. Resolved, That the government of the United State should own and operate the Railroads within its borders. This may be a question that some of us can learn something about. At any rate we should attend because it is a college activity.

The following make up the teams:

**Affirmative**
- Dyer
- Wilson
- Stettbacher
- Alternate
- Thompson

**Negative**
- Purinton
- Allen
- Ballard
- Alternate
- Von Tobel

Prof. J. M. Carroll will preside.

The Sophomores feel pretty proud of the fact that they were able to distribute their programs in spite of the best efforts of Supt. Andrews. Now that the excitement is all over they would like to have their property restored to them. There weren’t enough left after the raid to go around and some failed to get one. That page of the Memory Book is still vacant.

At last a Bates man has so far disregarded the ideals of which this institution was founded, as to become the sole owner and operator of a motor car. Of course many good things could be said about owning motor cars. Prestige, healthful exercise, etc., but the experiment in this case receives our heartiest condemnation, because of the fact that the rest of us can’t have one. The offender is “Adin Sharon Turner” with Metz Model G, 1888.

M. Winthrop O’Connell, ’16, entertained his parents from Roxbury, Mass., on his 21st birthday, Thursday, March 11.

A fool is not really a fool unless he gets fooled the same way twice.

There is going to be a campaign for revival (or creation) of college spirit after the Easter vacation. It would be inconvenient to get Billy Sunday up here, so a few of the men that have convictions, have volunteered to lay them before the students. The plan is to use the vacant period Thursdays for this purpose.
If you have an idea formulate it and you will be given an opportunity to express yourself.

Everybody prepare for a "bloodless revolution" right here in Bates.

The girls basketball games (championship) will begin soon. Reserved seats on sale four weeks in advance. Apply to Hopkins, John Bertram Hall.

They say that—The indoor meet netted about four times as much this year as last. Coach Ryan got City Hall free; Manager Merrill worked like a dog; Treasurer Gould knew where the money was spent—A real example of big business in Bates.

**ALUMNI NOTES**

1908—Arthur L. Harris is in newspaper work in San Francisco, Cal.

Elsie Blanchard is a student at the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa.

1911—Charles Russell Clason, who during the months of December and January was a representative of the American Commission for the Relief of the Belgians, and located in the country around Brussels, returned to Oxford, England, the first of February.

Lawrence Damon is teacher of sciences in the high school at Hingham, Mass.

Marion Manter is in the sophomore class of the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia.

The son born to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Downing (Rita Cox, Bates '11) on Feb. 12, has been named Morton Franklin Downing, Jr. Mr. Downing is in the Agricultural Extension Service, and has charge of several schools in connection with his work. Their home is in Bellows Falls, Vt.

1912—Jessie W. Alley is teaching Latin and Mathematics in the High school at Enfield, N. H.

Clarence I. Chatto is the principal of the high school at Orono, Maine. It is a "live school" with 165 pupils, five regular teachers and seven practice teachers from the U. of M. Educational Dept.

J. Richard Tucker is located in Barberton, Ohio, where he has a position with the Portage Rubber Tire Company.

Guy M. Monk, formerly of 1912, has given up teaching, and gone on a farm. Last November he was married to Miss Blanche Meserve. Mr. and Mrs. Monk live in North Bridgton.

Ernest H. Brunquist, graduate assistant to Professor Pomeroy in 1912-1913, is teaching for the second year in Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. He is looking forward to a trip to his home in Oregon this summer, and hopes in the fall to enter the medical school at the University of Michigan.

Ada R. Rounds, who took a course at Bryant and Stratton's last year, is teaching in the commercial department of the high school at New Britain, Conn. Her address is 48 Camp Street.

C. C. Knights is chemist with the Lewiston Bleachery and Dye Works.

1914—Hazen R. Nevers is teaching in the high school at Chelsea, Mass.

1916 BANQUET

The Junior men held a real regular time last Tuesday evening in celebration of all their past doings. Mitchell provided the banquet. There was plenty doing all the time, songs between courses, presentation of various features by several men, and a splendid social time before the toast master Cloutman called for speeches. Coach Ryan, guest of the evening, gave a toast on Athletics that the men will never forget. This was voted the greatest time the class have ever enjoyed together. Toasts were given by the following:

- Class Events .................. Richard Boothby
- Our Spirit .......................... John Goba
- Memorial of Probation .......... Maurice O'Connell
- Girls of 1916 .................... Frank Benvie

Selections by 1916 Sextet

Nichols, Clifford, Stillman, Benvie, Keniston and Keaney.

The Faculty .................... Webster McCann
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