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A Mother's Song

Gulie Annette Wyman, '11

The wind is moaning mournfully;  
Like a lone, lost soul it seems;  
But the bright sparks crackle and dance in glee  
Where the shining hearth-fire gleams.  
While the woeful wind is wailing-O.  
Thou and I will a-sailing go  
On the misty deep of dreams.

The snow comes swirling against the pane  
And the drifts lie cold and deep;  
But we care naught for the storm, we twain,  
While the light flames glow and leap.  
While the earth is white with the driving snow.  
Thou and I will a-riding go  
In the purple car of sleep.

The world is but a whirling storm.  
And life's but a weary quest;  
But here in the firelight bright and warm  
I clasp thee close to my breast.  
While the busy world goes flinging by  
Thou and I a-singing lie  
In the peaceful realm of rest.
THE DREAM THAT SAVED "691"

ROXANNA ELIZABETH SPILLER, '12

The autumn sun, still an hour high, lighted up indistinctly the smoke-begrimmed walls of the station and round-house at Caxton. The smoke of the locomotive drawn up by the watertank, hung low in the lazy air. The noise of escaping steam and pouring water so filled the ear that the men could scarcely make themselves heard. Within the round house a wiper leisurely cleaned Number 691, just in from a race across the state.

Beside the engine at the tank, a child in ragged garments stood gazing in admiration at the monster machine. Her blue eyes were wide, her lips parted, her whole face too intent to smile. The engineer watched her with amusement. The fireman shut off the water, the train steamed out of the yard, ready to start again on its journey.

The child walked slowly away to a tenement house at no great distance from the yards. She made her way to the roof and sat down facing the sunset. She would not see "her engineer," as she called him, for another forty-eight hours, but her soul was filled with content. Had he not smiled and called "Good-bye" to her as the train pulled out? And her lonely little heart was filled with love and adoration for the man whom she knew only as her engineer, the man whom she had seen first a year ago, and who since then had never failed to smile at her as she stood beside the track in the yards. She would never forget the day when, tormented by the other children because her mother had been sent to the Reformatory for drunkenness, she had sought refuge in the yards, and the engineer of the flyer had given her a stick of
candy, bidding her not to mind the others, and had smiled at her. That smile had gone straight to the heart of the child, accustomed only to blows and harsh words, and she treasured the memory of it. In it she found comfort and hope. She had watched for the engineer and,—joy beyond her dreams,—he had remembered her. So she continued to haunt the yards when his train was nearly due.

To-night she gazed at the golden sunset with its borders of pink and purple, and her heart was at peace. The gold faded and gave place to a faint reflected light, and that in turn to the deep and deeper blue of night. The stars twinkled one by one, and still the child sat gazing at the sky unseeingly. She was watching, in imagination, her engineer racing along in the darkness, the great headlight illuminating the pathway before him. As she thought of him, he was always sitting at the throttle, with his eyes which had looked down at her so kindly, fixed on the gleaming rails ahead.

A harsh voice from below called her. She sprang to her feet, trembling, to hurry down the stairs, eat her scanty supper, and crawl into her bed in the unlighted room next the kitchen. As she lay there in the darkness, she thought of what she had heard that day at the settlement house. Miss Wilkins had told her that, when people want anything very much, they ought to pray for it; for God, a mighty Being whom we never see, but who sees and hears us, will give us what we want if we ask him very earnestly, and if it is right for us to have it. Then she had taught them a prayer, learned in her own childhood, telling them that she used to say it when she went to bed. Closing her eyes tightly, the child repeated the prayer.

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take."

But Miss Wilkins had said they could pray for anything they wanted very much. So the child added, "And please, God, take care of my engineer."

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The flyer was rushing away through the golden light of sunset, through the gray dusk, and on into the pale starlight. His hand on the reverse, the engineer gazed ahead at the track, speaking now and then to the fireman or glancing aside at the sunset, the mountain, the river, the white farmhouse in the orchard. For every engineer is a poet in his soul. The throb of the engine beneath him fills him with a thrill as great as that of a soldier going into battle; the matchless painting of the dawn, the tempest, the rugged hills, the peaceful river, speak to him of the God in whom he trusts; for, scoff as he may, none but a man who trusts in some power greater than himself, whatever name he may give it, dares to take his life in his hands as an engineer does every day. So, as he rode, his thought returned to the ragged child at Caxton, and he smiled to himself. "I've got one friend, anyway," he muttered, "the little kid won't go back on me. Gee! it must be a pleasant life she leads to make her care so much for a stick of candy and a smile."

It was an hour past midnight. The child awoke with a start, quivering with fright. The terrible vision was still before her. She saw a train rushing through the starlight, across a broad plain, her engineer at the throttle gazing ahead with a smile on his face. And in some way, she knew not how, she felt that he was in danger, that he must stop.

"Stop, oh, stop!" she cried aloud. Then she remembered the God who could give her anything she asked. "Oh, God!" she cried, "please make my engineer stop!" Over and over again she said it, so paralyzed by the dreadful certainty of peril to him that she could think of nothing else. But after a long time, hours it seemed to her, she felt as if God—must have heard and she fell peacefully asleep.

As the train passed from the rocky cut out onto the plains, the thought of the child came to the engineer more vividly than before. Out of the darkness before him, a white, frightened face seemed to look at him, the great blue eyes full of fear, the parted lips crying "Stop, oh stop!" As he stared at the face, it grew clearer. "Oh, God!" it cried again, "please make my engineer
Almost involuntarily he closed the throttle and applied the reverse. The fireman looked at him in amazement.

“What’s the matter, Haywood?” he asked.

In a dazed voice the engineer answered, “I don’t know. I think there’s something wrong up ahead.”

The two men swung off with a lantern, and went forward along the track. Five hundred feet ahead was the bridge over the Isinglass. When they reached it the fireman spoke under his breath.

“Well, I’ll be—hanged” he said. For at the other end of the bridge was a pile of ties and rails on the track. “Looks like somebody wanted to get us off the track.”

The engineer did not reply. “And to think—that kid”—he murmured softly to himself.

The child could scarcely wait for the time when her engineer’s train was due. The moment the engine stopped at the tank, and he had swung off with his oil can, she was beside him.

“Was der anything de matter wid you, night ‘fore last?” she demanded.

“We came near being derailed over by the Isinglass Bridge,” he said. “We would have been, if you hadn’t told me to stop.” He stood still, looking at her gravely.

With serious eyes fixed on his, she answered, “T’se glad! T’se glad!”

The engineer bent over her, and lifting the little face, he kissed it impulsively. “Thank you, little girl,” he said gently.

Just then the conductor gave the signal. Haywood sprang into the cab and was gone, turning with a last wave of his hand and a smile at the wistful childish figure which remained motionless until the train flashed out of sight behind the shoulder of the hill.
THE SILENT WITNESS

RUTH TARBEll HUMISTON, '12

It was just after sunset on a dreary autumn day. I had just returned from a hard day's work in the college laboratory and lecture room, thoroughly exhausted in mind and body. The long stairs to my room seemed insurmountable just then, so I went into the reception room to rest awhile. The room was nearly dark so that the only distinguishable object was the face of a clock on the chimney-piece, which reflected the dim afterglow of the departed sunset. I was exceedingly drowsy and just on the point of falling asleep when the clock began to tick. It sounded queer, for all our efforts to make it go had been unavailing. After listening intently for a few seconds I began to distinguish an occasional word and it dawned on my half-conscious senses that the clock was actually talking! The words became more distinct.

"It's hard," said the clock, "to stay here day after day, week after week, my hands always pointing at 10.15 and my wheels motionless. It was not always so, for once I performed my duty as faithfully as any clock ever did. But Fate did not allow such calm enjoyment of life to continue.

"I have always been in this room but the things I have seen and heard are many and varied. My happiest hours were those between eight and ten on my second round when, as often happened, two people, a man and a girl, occupied the room, spending the time in pleasant conversation over a chafing-dish; indeed, it was due to my too eager interest in affairs like this that my misfortune came about.

"The girl I loved most to watch was a merry-eyed, dark-haired damsel, quick to speak, and quick to act. One thing which I never understood was that the same man seldom came twice to enjoy her pleasant little evening feasts. Still more puzzling was the fact that my ill luck dated from the time when one did begin to come regularly.

"At first the conversation was light and timid and most of the evening was spent in preparing dainty rarebits or wiggles. As
the season wore on, however, the young people spent more and more of the time in long, eloquent pauses broken by a few low-spoken words. Somehow those pauses unsettled me; I hated to keep on ticking, but try as I would, I couldn't stop completely and the only result was that I lost a number of minutes each week.

“One night the usual preparations were made and my heroine had left the room for a few minutes when two of the other girls crept stealthily in and made straight for me. I couldn't imagine what they wanted for I had already been wound that week. I was not left to consider long; they opened my face and wound me so tightly I could scarcely tick at all, then, to make a bad matter worse, they wound another part of me that I had not known about before. Needless to say it worried and puzzled me most of the evening till the dreadful accident happened.

“The two girls had scarcely disappeared with ill-concealed giggles when the bell rang and The Man was ushered in. When the Girl appeared in the door she looked very beautiful, more beautiful than I had ever seen her. The Man was quick to notice it; he could scarcely turn away his eyes from her the whole evening, but she was strangely unresponsive as if fearing some portended evil. Her answers were short, almost uncivil, and she made very little attempt at conversation. Her behavior puzzled and offended The Man but he bravely concealed his feelings for some time. Finally in desperation he resolved on a bold stroke; he took her hand and with pleading voice began: ‘Marguerite, why do you act so strangely to-night? Have I offended you in any way? I have waited so long—’

“Just then, when I was straining every spring to keep from ticking too loudly, a sudden convulsion in another part of my anatomy nearly broke my balance wheel, and that unknown part of me began to whir and buzz and clang in a most alarming manner. With my balance wheel so disabled I could neither see nor hear; to gain control of myself was an utter impossibility. In an abandonment of frenzied despair, I ran completely down, and when at last I came to myself the room was deserted. My hands pointed to 10.15* and there they have been to this day.

“I have never recovered from the shock I experienced that
night; no longer can I recognize people and connect ideas and events as I used to do; in short, I am a mere useless ornament. Occasionally at the twilight hour I can tick a few minutes, but my hands never move.

"Sometimes I wonder as I see the changing classes if my heroine is among them or whether she has left these classic halls never to return.

"Oh! my lot is hard, for simply to exist is not life."

The weird voice ceased. I jumped up with a start and involuntarily looked at the clock. Sure enough, in the dim light I could make out the hands pointing to 10.15, but never a tick nor a tock to show that it had once been alive.

Pondering on this strange phenomenon I gathered up my books and went upstairs.

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**MY HERITAGE**

_James Frank Hill, '14_

The great gray towers glimmer in the haze,
Reared high above the threatening crags, that raise
Their mighty heads in pride; the waters roar
And lash themselves in thunder on the shore.

Over the castle gate the ivy climbs;
From moss-hung towers peal forth the evening chimes;
The sea birds poise above the massive wall;
The great keep spreads its shadow over all.

Beyond the castle, sloping to the west
Green meadows stretch, by sunset glow caressed.
There myrtle flowers grow wild, and sage and thyme,
And thence I view that frowning keep of mine.

Yes, mine! All mine, this castle rare and old;
Mine the rich fields and crags sheer-cleft and bold;
All mine the broad estates, the prospect fair—
My heritage of dreams—my castle in the air!
THE TWO ANSWERS

SALIM Y. ALKAZIN

Amidst a loving few the Prophet sat,
Inhaling deep the balmy breath of night,
Musing, pondering long; his eyes tracing
Upon the domed page of heaven the signs—
The mystic signs of fate—the awful lines
Of light and flame—and what between the lines
He read, I cannot tell. He listened long,
He gazed and gazed. Perchance Gabriel's face
He saw among the stars and heard his voice,
Or more. Perchance the airy legions he
Perceived with faces turned towards the throne
And heard their song.

A sigh the silence broke—
How deep the sigh! how awful was the spell
It broke! And one by one upon the ears—
The anxious ears, and longing, thirsty hearts—
Like drops of dew upon the parched land
His words now fell;

"All, all that dwell in heaven
Above, and all that crowd this earth below
And all that fill the space between extol
And praise Allah! At night the gates of heaven
Are opened wide—extol and praise Allah!"

The name of God the spell of silence broke—
Then one, a stranger lately come, a new
Convert unto the faith, advanced and said,
"O prophet of Allah—my heart has gone
To thee. I love thee well—dost thou in turn love me?"
"Thy heart will tell thee, friend. It knows the hearts
Are witnesses." The prophet spake and turned
His back upon him and he vanished in
The night.

"What made him go?" the whisper ran.
"The question put—the answer given? and what
Is there—yet hold! How strange that answer was!"
Then one, "I love thee, too; my heart has gone
To thee, O prophet of Allah. Hast thou
A place, though small, within thy heart for me?"

"My friend, there is a silent, secret road—
A bridge between the hearts. I've answered thee!"

To the list of famous misprints should be added that ascribed to Dean Irwin, of Radcliffe College, who was made to say in an annual report that the new swimming pool at Radcliffe had a capacity of 20,000 gals.—Christian Register.

Many people mistake science for a rapid fire gun trained against their religion when it is only a modern telescope thru which they may see the works of God.
"Equal opportunity" is a phrase that strikes the key-note of many an ardent utterance of the present time. William Allen White says in a recent article that the essence of every reform since the world began, has been the struggle for equal opportunity. There is more than a half-truth in his statement of the case. A tradition has come down from the early part of the last century in the community where I live to this effect: the dignified parson of the period made his accustomed visit to the school one Saturday morning to instruct the pupils in the Westminster catechism. Pointing his finger to the children he asked them in turn the questions of that solemn document. In course of this exercise he is said to have called out to a certain boy, "You, you, sir, what is the chief end of man?" The boy with a twinkle of roguery in his eyes replied, "To keep all you get and get all you can." This rather irreverent parody is not the most inapt description of the chief purpose of the possessors of special privilege. Equal opportunity for all to strive for the prizes of life, whether or not it is attainable, is a worthy political and social aspiration.

But in this brief essay I am giving, I take a look at opportunity from another angle of vision. While men suffer from inequality of opportunity, more grievous still is their loss from failure to recognize and welcome such opportunities as do come their way. One of the standing wonders of life is the inequality of men whose opportunities have been equally good, or, to all seeming, equally bad. Not once or twice the best opportunity has turned out to be the worst, and many a man who began life with vast odds against him, has lived to thank his lucky stars for that fact. All of which goes to show that when equality of opportunity arrives as a public issue, the personal issue will be as unsettled as ever.

From this more personal point of view opportunity has at least three outstanding characteristics: it is fleeting; it comes our way once and does not return; it is more easily recognized after it is gone.
To say that opportunity drives a swift steed is to express a truth that, at some time or other, comes home to most of us with tragic emphasis. Here opens a door into what tragedies of the human heart! The fact of the swift moving of opportunity invests life with a certain awe. It lifts the present moment into an unreckoned significance. Prof. Stanton, in what was fitly described as a “beautiful speech” at the alumni meeting in Hartford, said, “The most remarkable thing about this life is its brevity.” How better could one say that opportunity moves swiftly—is in fact equipped with both wings and feet.

And quite as pronounced a feature of opportunity is that it comes but once. Similar ones come, but is it not true that the same one never knocks at our door the second time? Like the spellers in the old-fashioned spelling matches, we have but one chance at any particular opportunity that passes along. A most interesting case in point is that of Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer. Just now he is engaged in making a frank statement of the facts as to his quest of the pole—availing himself of the opportunity offered by the press to set himself right with the public. How utterly different is this opportunity for frankness from the one he had in the first place! Opportunity to tell the truth, even, is not brought over from yesterday, but comes new with the occasion. Every person inclined to sympathy will say, “What a pity that he did not see and grasp the earlier opportunity for frank dealing with the public!”

But that is one of the outstanding features of opportunity—it is more clearly seen and easily recognized after it is past. It stands in the shadow, as it dances in the light. We do not see plainly its form and countenance. It comes veiled, or are we veiled? Probably the latter. Prof. James used to say that we all are afflicted with a certain blindness. Ask any man, who by grasping the skirts of opportunity has been borne on to some high fortune, if he saw in the beginning very plainly the face of the opportunity seized? It is more than likely that he will say if he is gifted with memory and a discriminating mind, that the nature of his opportunity was something like a shrewd guess in the beginning. It was by no means as plain as the nose on his face. Grasping any opportunity has just enough of adventure
in it—and thus, of course, of uncertainty—to make it interesting. Hence failure is, of necessity, no such disgrace as it is often reckoned to be. Failure, as men judge things, is not seldom the name of the finest heroism. The fact that opportunity does not plainly reveal itself makes the very act of perceiving and grasping it one of the finest disciplines of life.

Thus opportunity, from its very nature, is not a ready-made success, not a substitute for insight, initiative, and inventiveness, but an occasion for the exercise of these gifts. Opportunity is not a design to make life easy, but to make men strong. It is not a name for nature’s favoritism, nor the world’s favoritism, so much as often appears on the surface of things, but rather for nature’s way—which is but another form of expression for the Lord’s way—of making characters. In some particulars it is grossly “unequal,” while in others, and those perhaps the more fundamental, it is the grandly impartial possession of all. This aspect of the case is forcefully put by Edward Rowland Sill in the following poem under the heading, Opportunity:

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:—
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince’s banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.
A craven hung along the battle’s edge,
And thought, “Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade the King’s son bears,—but this
Blunt thing—!" he snapt and flung it from his hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.
Then came the King’s son, wounded, sore beset,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout
Lifted afresh, he hewed his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.
The stars shine dry in the frosty sky
As we pace along the shore;
The waves slide by in mountains high,
And the combers hiss and roar.
The hoarse wind snarls in a rancous screech
And staggers over the frozen beach,
And our eyes are lost 'mid the wint'ry reach,
E'er our lonely watch is o'er.

The homelight's spark athwart the dark
Throws out its ruddy rays;
The frost-rime marks the wreckage dark
Far out where the porpoise plays;
Yet the dreary vigil must never cease
Tho' we long for the fireside's quiet peace,
For wife by our side and babe on our knees;
And we seaward turn our gaze.

The beacon stark on the headland dark
Stands guard o'er the ragged shoals;
And the light shines high in its blinking eye,
And the bobbing bell buoy tolls;
But still a vigilant watch we keep;
Tho' worn and weary, we must not sleep;
Our eyes we turn to the restless deep,
For we are the saviors of souls.

Refrain
For we are the watchers, the watchers of the deep;
'Mid storms and calm, at each alarm
With steady nerve and iron arm
We brave the billows steep;
Ours is a toilsome and thankless task,
'Tis our duty to give, and not to ask,
To rescue men where the brown seals bask—
From the depths where the cables creep.
Few students realize how much the student council is actually doing for the betterment of college conditions. Many things have been accomplished in a quiet way, which are decided moves in the right direction. One of the latest of these is the new regulation relating to the eating clubs. The conduct of the men at their clubs has given rise to conditions, which, although due, doubtless, to mere thoughtlessness, every right thinking student has desired to see improved. The method taken by the council was a very simple one. A meeting of the assembly was held at which the conditions at the clubs were discussed and the list of regulations proposed by the council was accepted. The list is very short, consisting of only the most simple rules relating to the customs of the clubs and the conduct of the fellows while in the club rooms. No fellow would think of violating one of them at home, and he should have the same attitude toward them in the college dining room.

Every fellow should, by his own conduct, aid the managers of the clubs to put in effect the new rules, and to make the club
a place where a student would be proud to take his father or,—why not—his mother, in order to give them an impression of college life.

**Y. M. C. A.** The intercollegiate conference is now very near. That we are to have here at Bates a meeting of the State branches of an organization which is worldwide in its activity is, in itself, a matter of great importance to the college and to the students individually, while the opportunity to hear men of international fame in Y. M. C. A. work ought not to be neglected. An address of especial interest to every student will be delivered on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 18, the second day of the conference, by State Senator Milliken, a Bates man. His subject is to be "Service after College."

The Y. M. C. A. asks every fellow in college to aid in making the conference successful. Even if he has no definite part to play, he will at least, with two hundred or more strangers in our midst, find many opportunities for courtesy and service. Let us all endeavor to show to our visitors from colleges and preparatory schools that Bates is realizing, in actual living, her ideals of service and manhood; and that Bates spirit stands united behind the work and ideals of the Y. M. C. A., just as Bates spirit stands united behind her athletic teams on Garcelon Field.

"The Diplomat"

We are glad to accredit the story entitled "The Diplomat," which was published in the last number of the STUDENT, to Mary Emma McLean, '12.

**FOLK O' THE MOSS**

Oh, why, little men of this shadowy place,
Do you wear pointed hoods with such mischievous grace;
And why hide away in the forest moss gray,
And start when a chiming rings, far, far away?
Oh, is it the hum of a wandering bee?
Or are tiny elf-voices laughing at me?

ELIZABETH TOOF—Vassar Miscellany.
Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard, Prof. Brandelle, and H. B. Stanton were the guests of the Senior girls at dinner in Rand Hall. Sunday, Jan. 22, Prof. and Mrs. Harts- horn and Miss Elizabeth Chase, were guests at dinner.

The Boston Alumni will give a dinner on February 10. Prof. J. Y. Stanton is to be a special guest from the college.

**Prof. Leonard’s Lecture**

Prof. A. N. Leonard delivered an interesting lecture on German Life before a meeting of the Pilgrim Fraternity of the High Street Congregational Church, Monday evening, January 9. Dr. Leonard, who has resided two years in Germany, is a keen student of German life and customs and gave in his lecture much first-hand information of more than usual interest.

**Stanton Club**

Announcement comes from Secretary and Treasurer L. M. Sanborn of the Stanton Club that this annual reunion of Bates Alumni and Alumnae will be held at the Atwood Hotel in Lewiston, February 3. Arrangements are in the hands of D. J. Callahan of Lewiston, President of the Club. Unusually good speakers are promised and Prof. Stanton for whom the club is named and whom all Bates people love to honor, will attend. Hon. W. H. Judkins, '80, will act as toastmaster.

**Dr. Brandelle’s Lecture**

Dr. David W. Brandelle delivered an excellent lecture before the Women’s Literary Union of Androscoggin County, in Auburn, January 5, on “The Aspect of Social Conditions in Europe.” Dr. Brandelle traveled in Europe during the past summer and had many excellent opportunities to observe interesting phases and conditions of Society on the Continent.
On Sunday afternoon, January 22, Dr. Brandelle and Mr. Stanton gave an excellent musical recital at Libbey Forum, with Mr. Tebbetts, '11, as accompanist. The room was crowded with students and friends of the college and many were standing in the hall.

This vesper recital was similar to those given last year and it is earnestly hoped that others will follow during the winter.

The program was as follows:

1. Duet—Sonntagsmorgen  
   2. God, My Father  
   3. By the Waters of Babylon  
   4. Nazareth  
   5. Duet—Herbstlied  
   6. The Lost Chord  
   7. Romance from Tannhauser  
   8. a. Caro mio ben  
      b. Du bist wie eine Blume  
   9. Duet: When the Wind Bloweth in from the Sea

Professor Hartshorn gave an interesting lecture to the Freshmen Tuesday, Jan. 10, on the use of the library. He opened his lecture by informing them that there was only one thing in this institution more important than the Freshman Class, and that was the library. He gave them some valuable information concerning the cataloging of books; and a list of dictionaries, encyclopedias, almanacs and so forth, commenting on the value of each. The lecture lasted for an hour and was very interesting as well as practical.
Saturday afternoon, Jan. 14, a Tea for the 

**Afternoon Teas** Seniors was held at the home of Prof. and 

Mrs. Pomeroy on College Street. The host- 

esses were Mrs. George C. Chase, Mrs. Fred E. Pomeroy, Mrs. 

William H. Hartshorn, Mrs. William R. Whitehome, and Mrs. 

George E. Ramsdell. Mrs. George M. Chase and Mrs. Alfred 

W. Anthony poured. Jan. 21, the tea for the Juniors was held 

at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Britan. The hostesses were Mrs. 

Lyman G. Jordan, Mrs. S. M. Robinson, Mrs. Arthur N. Leonard, 

Mrs. Halbert H. Britan, and Miss Elizabeth D. Chase. Mrs. 

George C. Chase and Mrs. William H. Hartshorn poured.

**Banquet at Science Hall** Formally to celebrate the opening of its 

enlarged and redecorated quarters, the 

Science Hall Club gave a banquet Tuesday 

evening, January 10, at which the faculty were guests. The 

members of the club and guests enjoyed one of the best menus 

that Chef Voyer has ever served at the Club.

The guests of the evening were: Prof. L. G. Jordan, Prof. 

W. H. Hartshorn, Prof. G. M. Robinson, Prof. A. N. Leonard, 

Prof., F. A. Knapp, Prof. F. E. Pomeroy, Dr. H. H. Britan, 

Prof. G. M. Chase, Dr. W. R. Whitehome, Prof. G. E. Rams- 

dell, Dr. D. W. Brandelle, Coach R. D. Purinton, Stanley R. 

Oldham, Harold B. Stanton, Samuel F. Harms, Track Coach 

Edward O'Connor, and Janitors F. H. Merrill and F R. Wey- 

mouth.

**Debating** Negotiations are under way with Clark Col-

lege and with the College of the City of New 

York arranging for the annual debates with 

Bates. March 31 has been agreed upon for the debate with 

Clark, to be held this year in Lewiston, and April 28 is the date 

arranged with New York, the debate to be held in that city.

The question for debate will be the same with both colleges, 

and while it has not as yet been definitely worded it will relate to 

some phase of Reciprocity with Canada.
A preliminary debate on this question will be held in the chapel, February 24, and at that time the best three or four men will be chosen to represent Bates in both debates. For the preliminary the teams are as follows:


The Sophomores are arranging the second annual debate with Massachusetts Agricultural College to be held in Lewiston. No question or date has yet been agreed upon. The Sophomore debates will begin February 20.

Massachusetts Club Banquet

About twenty-five members of the Bates Massachusetts Club enjoyed the first annual banquet of the organization at the New DeWitt Hotel, Wednesday evening, January 11.


Harold B. Stanton of the faculty and Track Coach O'Connor, who are also from Massachusetts and were present as guests of the club, gave a few remarks.


New Science Building

President Chase was given a hearty welcome by the students as he entered the chapel on the morning of January 24 after his return from a two weeks' trip to Boston and to New York, soliciting funds for the New Science Hall. When he left Lewiston there remained $15,000 of the $50,000 to be obtained in order to secure the $50,000 promised by Mr. Carnegie.
During his trip President Chase secured in money and pledges $12,000, which leaves but $3,000 to be obtained, provided all previous subscriptions are received.

There is now no doubt that as soon as the weather permits and the ground is in proper condition, work on the new building will be begun.

The first lecture for 1911 in the George Colby Dr. Aked's Lecture Chase Lecture Course was delivered in the Main Street Free Baptist Church, Monday evening, January 23. The speaker was Dr. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, and a large and appreciative audience listened to a most scholarly and inspiring address.

Dr. Aked's subject was: "The Strongest Man on Earth." He said in part: "The strongest man on earth is the man who stands most alone. Every man who is true to himself when the truth costs him dear, every thinker who in the quietness of his study will think out the thoughts that God has given him, every young man fighting the battle to be pure and decent, every such a man is driving one golden spike in the progress of the race."

The speaker cited Henrik Ibsen as an example of one of the strongest men on earth. We need some Socrates to make us explain ourselves. In Henrik Ibsen the formative minds of Europe have recently had a Socrates.

"Do great men produce great ages or great ages produce great men? Emerson and Ibsen answer the question. All history resolves itself quite easily into the life stories of a few great minds. It is the great Emersonian doctrine, the great Ibsenitic doctrine—'trust yourself.'

"Luther did not fear to stand alone. Oliver Cromwell lives in the England he helped make. In the words of Cromwell: 'Man never mounts so high nor travels so far as when he knows not whither he goes but trusts in God.'

"The world waits not for another religion but for a reincarnation of the same religion, for a religion which will appeal to the colliers as well as to the legislators, a religion which will be
as good for the polling-booth as for the prayer meeting; a religion which will address itself to the smallest realities of our life.

"Truth never resides with majorities." This is the challenge to democracy by Ibsen, and in it there is no fallacy. Majorities do not rule. Minorities rule; ideas govern. It is the men who are strong because they do not fear to stand alone who sit on the thrones of the ages giving the laws to all mankind."

In introducing Dr. Aked, President Chase announced that the next lecture in the course will be given March 2, when Dr. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell College, Iowa, will speak on "The New Immigrants and the New Problems."

A selection by the college quartet, prayer by Dr. A. T. Salley, and a response by the quartet, preceded Dr. Aked's lecture.

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Musical Clubs in Saco

Friday evening, Jan. 20, the Bates musical clubs gave a very successful concert in Saco under the auspices of the Baraca class of the Cutts Avenue Baptist Church. The different numbers were received with hearty applause, and the students responded to frequent encores. After the concert a reception was held at the home of Mr. George Crosman in Saco.

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College Day of Prayer

The annual Day for Prayer for Colleges was observed by Bates Thursday, January 26. The exercises of the day were held in the chapel at 10 A.M. Canon Nolan of Trinity Episcopal Church led responsive reading. Rev. G. E. Kinney, pastor of the Sixth Street Congregational Church, Auburn, read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. F. M. Preble, pastor of the Court Street Baptist Church, Auburn, offered prayer. The College Glee Club was in attendance and rendered two selections.

The speaker of the day was Dr. Clarence A. Vincent, pastor of the Emmanuel Congregational Church, Roxbury, Mass., who delivered an inspiring address on "The Idealism of Faith."

Dr. Vincent may truly be said to be "a man with a vision." He held before his audience the thought of high ideals and of the possibilities of humanity, and made a plea for an optimism
which should include not only that which is present and seen, but that which is unseen and eternal.

At the Union meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. on Wednesday evening, Dr. Vincent spoke on “Christ as the Foundation.” Pres. H. F. Turner of the Y. M. C. A., presided, and Miss Corey, ’13, rendered a vocal solo.

New Books at Coram Library

Cambridge Modern History, vol. 10; Europe since 1815, C. D. Hazen; Expansion of the British Empire, W. H. Woodward; Society and Politics in Ancient Rome, F. F. Abbott; Roman Assemblies, G. W. Botsford; Influence of Wealth in Imperial Rome, W. S. Davis; Roman Life and Manners under the Early Empire, vol. 3, Ludwig Friedländer; Roman Public Life, A. H. J. Greenidge; The Roman Forum, Christian Huelsen; Life in the Roman World, T. G. Tucker; from the Bates Fund.

Handbook of Egyptian Religion, Adolf Erman; Discoveries in Crete, R. M. Burrows; Christianity and Social Questions, William Cunningham; Crete the Forerunner of Greece, C. H. and H. B. Hawes; Ethics of Jewish Apochrypal Literature, H. M. Hughes; Studies in European Philosophy, James Lindsay; The Social Gospel, Shailer Mathews; Prophecy and Poetry, Arthur Rogers; Ethic of Jesus, James Stalker; Spirit of America, Henry Van Dyke; Cities of St. Paul, W. M. Ramsay; from the Divinity Library.


Outlines of Chemistry, Louis Kahlenberg; from the Chemical Laboratory Fund.

On Thursday, January 19, the men who made their "B" in baseball last season elected Ernest Griffin of South Portland, captain of the Bates team for the following season. At the end of last season Keaney was elected captain, but on account of financial reasons he was obliged to play professional ball during the summer vacation, thus making him ineligible. Griffin is very popular with the team, as is shown by the unanimous vote that he received. His ability as a baseball player is proven by the work which he did last year behind the bat. He was steady at all times and always played the game "hard." It is expected that he will make an earnest, hard working captain and it is hoped that he may lead the Bates team to as good success as they achieved last season. Practice under Capt. Griffin commenced about Jan. 20.

It has finally been decided that Bates will run Bates vs. Colby against Colby at the B. A. A. meet which will be held in Boston, February 11. The matter has been in discussion for a long time. It was first stated that Bates would run against Bowdoin, but by a previous agreement Bowdoin was obliged to run Tufts. The material for the Bates relay has done some fine work as each man has been training hard. The team, however, received a severe blow when it was stated on January 28 that Carlton Dennis, a member of the victorious team of 1910, would be unable to run at the B.A.A. meet on account of a serious injury to his foot.
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Fencing

The Juniors instead of taking the regular gymnasium work, are taking a course in fencing. They have met several times to listen to lectures on fencing, by Coach Purinton. The fencing practice commenced only a short time ago. It is hoped that a fencing team may be made up, to fence with terms of other colleges.

Girls' Basketball

At a meeting of the girls' Freshman basketball team, Miss Helena H. Blethen was elected captain. The team will be organized as soon as possible.

Of the 490 members of Congress, 297 are college men. About 100 different colleges and universities are represented.

American sports and athletics are held up by the German emperor as a model for the students of the German universities, where athletics are almost unknown.

Russian youths have become much interested in football. The vocabulary of the game has gone with it. Perchance this will be the universal language of the future.
1867—Prof. Frank H. Hall, formerly of the Class of 1867, former superintendent of the State School for the Blind at Jacksonville, Ill., who invented a typewriter for the use of the blind and who turned down the opportunity to become wealthy as a result of its sale, rather than add any possible extra expense to those who used it, died Jan. 3 at his residence in Aurora, Ill. For several months he had been in ill health from tuberculosis of the throat.

Prof. Hall was widely known, for he was the author of eighteen text-books. Among his friends he numbered many prominent men. His invention for writing for the blind is in use not only in America but in Europe and Australia.

He was born in Mechanic Falls, Me., Feb. 9, 1841, and was educated at Bates College. He served in the federal army during the Civil War and moved to Earlville, Ill., after the close of the war.

In 1890 he was appointed superintendent of the State School for the Blind at Jacksonville, and this position he held until 1902, save for the four years when the state was under Democratic rule, and John P. Altgeld asked him to retire. During this time he was head of the public schools at Waukegan, Ill.

His funeral was held from the New England Congregational Church in Aurora, and he was interred in a cemetery of that city.—Chicago Tribune.

1868—President George C. Chase has nearly finished the raising of money for the new Science Building. While he was absent from the college he attended a meeting of the National Civic Federation as one of the Maine delegates, the other being Hon. C. H. Payson of Portland. Among the prominent speakers which he heard at the Convention were Ex-President Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Senator Cummins, Elihu Root, George B. Cortelyou, Alton B. Parker, Samuel Gompers, and Seth Low.
1870—Prof. Lyman G. Jordan attended on Jan. 21, an important meeting at Augusta with State Supt. Payson Smith, the State Inspector of High Schools, and representatives from the other Maine colleges for the purpose of examining the High Schools and Academies of the State in regard to their courses of study and the relation of their courses to college entrance requirements.

1870—Hon. Josiah Chase of York is an active member of the Maine Legislature.

Other Bates alumni who are serving this winter as Representatives in the Maine Legislature are Tileston E. Woodside, '98, of Lewiston; Alton C. Wheeler, '99, of South Paris; Ralph I. Morse, 1900, of Belfast, and Hon. Frank A. Morey, '85, of Lewiston, who is Speaker of the House.

1872—Alonzo M. Garcelon, M.D., a member of the Lewiston School Board, has been unanimously elected a member of the Lewiston Public Library Commission for a period of six years. Dr. Garcelon is senior member of the staff of physicians at St. Mary's General Hospital.

1874—Mrs. Sarah B. Stanford, wife of Frederick B. Stanford of the Class of '74, died last November in Brooklyn, New York.

1875—Rev. A. T. Salley, D.D., has so far recovered his health as to be able to resume his duties as pastor of the Main Street Free Baptist Church.

1880—On Jan. 20 Hon. W. H. Judkins delivered an address on “The Making of Crime and Unpunished Crime” before the Bates Round Table, which met at the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Hartshorn.

1881—On Jan. 25 Mrs. Emma C. Rand made an able appeal before the Committee on Appropriations of the Maine Legislature for State aid to the Hayes Home for Young Women, which is situated in Lewiston.

1881—Hon. George L. Record, '81, and Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, are considered the ablest speakers on public questions in New Jersey.
1882—Rev. John C. Perkins, D.D., pastor of the Unitarian Church at Portland, has recently been granted a leave of absence for six months on account of ill health.

1887—Hon. Arthur S. Littlefield and his wife have gone to St. Augustine, Florida, to remain thru the month of February. Mr. Littlefield is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of typhoid fever, but it was thought that a change of climate was advisable for him.

1890—Rev. George H. Hamlen, a missionary in India, contributed an article to the Baptist Missionary Review on Free Baptist Missions in India. The *Morning Star* of Jan. 5 contains an interesting account by Mr. Hamlen of his tour in the Balasore District last November.

1893—Rev. Dorance B. Lothrop, pastor of the Essex Street Free Baptist Church of Bangor, has resigned his position to become pastor of the Roger Williams Free Baptist Church of Providence, R. I.

1894—Rev. E. J. Hatch of Freedom, Me., is a director of the Maine Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Pierce, both of the Class of ’94, have a son, Eugene Frederick Pierce, born Jan. 23. Mrs. Pierce was formerly Miss Ethel Cummings.

1895—Charles S. Webb, principal of the High School at Franklin, Penn., has resigned his position to become Instructor in Physics at the Goldam High School of St. Louis, Missouri. The Goldam High School is one of the largest in St. Louis.


Hon. Carl E. Milliken gave a talk to the Bowdoin College Y. M. C. A. on Jan. 19. Mr. Milliken is serving in the Maine Senate this winter.

1898—Ralph H. Tukey, Ph.D., Professor of Greek in William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., has an article in the “Morning Star” of Jan. 5, on the Greek word “baptizo,” referring to the use of this word in a recently discovered play of Menander.
1899—Rev. Albion B. Hyde has resigned the pastorate of the Free Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York, to take the pastorate of the Essex Street Free Baptist Church in Bangor, Me.

1901—Mrs. Gertrude Libbey Anthony was chairman of the Committee from the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County which had in charge the sale of Red Cross stamps at Christmas time. About $140 was raised for local work in fighting tuberculosis. Mrs. Anthony recently delivered an address before the Sunday Schools of Turner.

1902.—Rev. A. A. Walsh on Dec. 18 resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church of Sabetha, Kansas. His resignation is to take effect the last of February. Since going to Kansas last March he has baptized forty-three persons, and he leaves this important church to re-enter the evangelistic field. His wife was formerly Miss Ruth E. Pettengill of the Class of '02. The family will probably make their home in or near Lewiston, Me.

1902—Willard M. Drake, Deputy Supervisor of the Forestry Department of Flagstaff, Arizona, has a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, born Jan. 1.

1903—Halbert R. Jennings has a son about four months old. Mr. Jennings has given up automobile manufacturing at Amesbury, Mass., and has bought a farm.

The engagement of Ralph L. Hunt, principal of the High School at Glendive, Montana, to Miss McCullough of Portland, has been announced.

1905—Elijah D. Cole is principal of Sanderson Academy, Ashfield, Massachusetts.


Zelma M. Dwinal is a member of the capitol squad of police at Washington, D. C., and is attending the Georgetown University Law School there.

1907—Alice Churchill is teaching French and English in Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro.

Caroline W. Chase is literary assistant in the Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

1908—Charles E. Kenney is principal of the South China High School.
Mr. Herbert G. McCool has a position as private secretary to
A. R. Williston, President of the Wentworth Institute at Boston.
Charles H. Pratt was a guest at the college recently.
Many alumni will be grieved to learn of the sudden death
of Guy Coldwell Haynes, who was teaching at Fort Wayne,
Indiana.
1909—Alice M. Humiston is taking a library course at Sim-
mons College.
Frederic M. Peckham is principal of the High School at Cas-
tine, Me.
Fred Lancaster, who is attending the Georgetown Univer-
sity Law School, was in Lewiston a short time ago.
The engagement of Miss Alice A Foss, '09, to Mr. William
H. Buker, '10, has been announced.
1910—Cyrus M. Kendrick is principal of the High School at
Garland, Me.
Clara Verrill has been a guest at Rand Hall recently.
Mildred Jones is teaching in the High School at Middlebury,
Connecticut.
Charles A. Magoun is studying in the Massachusetts Institute
of Technology at Boston.
Nellie S. Nutting is principal of the High School at Bel-
grade, Me.
Christine Leland is principal of the High School at Caratunk,
Me.
Florence A. Pinkham is teaching in a High School at San
Francisco, Cal.
Paul C. Thurston has been a guest at Bates College recently.
Fred H. Martin, who is teaching in the Maine Central Insti-
ute, was in Lewiston a short time ago.
John H. Moulton is studying in the Bowdoin Medical School.
Nettie M. Merrill is teaching in the High School at Caribou,
Maine.
Fred M. Loring is principal of the Webster High School
at Sabattus.
Herbert W. Wood is principal of the High School at Hallo-
well, Me.
John H. Powers is studying in the Georgetown University
Law School at Washington, D. C.
Carmen Taylor is teaching in the High School at Wells, Me.
Charles H. Peasley, who is teaching at North Woodstock,
was visiting friends in Lewiston a few days ago.
I wonder how many of the Bates students ever read the exchanges—not the list, but the real live papers which, weekly and monthly, under Uncle Sam's faithful care, bring to the heart of old Maine their interesting and graphic glimpses of student life all over our country from Maine to California, from Michigan to Texas. Do you say you haven't time? Take it, if possible. It will be worth your while. You are not interested perhaps? Try it and see. The exchanges are to be found on a shelf at the right of the reading-room in the library.

Several of the papers have no exchange department. Among such are The Collegian, The Laurentian, The Acadia Athenaeum, and the Decaturian. Are there no critics in these colleges? Honest criticism may be made very helpful.

The exchange list in the McGill Martlett is very good, but mere lists and perhaps one quotation are not helpful. We should be glad to see some comments and suggestion for our own paper as well as for others.

The Boston University Beacon is a paper of real merit. A little gentle humor would brighten the pages. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men." "The Inspiration of the Passion Play" is a sympathetic appreciation of the sincere and beautiful spirit of the humble people of Oberammergau as displayed in their wonderful portrayal of the Passion. The account of "New Year's Celebration in Friesland" is very interesting. The quaint old town of Esens, where "streets are shaded by giant oak streets whose limbs reach out over the spot where witches were tried and tortured, and lords and barons lie buried," is the scene of rare and unique customs, especially on holidays.

The Acadia Athenaeum has a very good number this month. It contains an excellent description of "Joaquin Miller and a
Glimpse of his Home.” The story “What Others Said” is original and shows knowledge of human nature.

Evidently the editors of the Sibyl feel very heavily the weight of the responsibilities of which the passing of the old year reminds us. That is right to a certain extent. It is well to take a backward glance sometimes, but as we face the New Year we must not forget that He who rules the seasons has placed us in the sunshine of the Now, not in the shadow of the Past. “The Tale of a New Year’s Eve” has some very good points. The character of Anne is well drawn. However, we would suggest that the author make two stories of it. Either story by itself would be excellent, but by combining the two the effect of both is lost.

The articles in Old Penn are of practical value. The last number contains a photograph of Benjamin Franklin and an account of his relation to the University. “It may suffice to say that the University of Pennsylvania owes a debt of gratitude to the memory of the philosopher which has been, and ever will be, hard to repay.”

“The Transformation of Billy Malone” in The University of Texas Magazine” has an old plot. It could be condensed considerably. “The Man Who Came Back” is a well developed story. It touches a universal chord—one familiar among all peoples—the return of the prodigal to the home of his childhood.

In The Decaturian, the story “More Than Coronets” shows a knowledge of human nature and how much love does in humble homes where poverty robs of pleasure and of even the necessities of life. The short article on “The Superman” by Daniel Gray is excellent. It shows originality, faith, idealism and that broad vision of the future, that makes this little part of life now worth while.

In “Mine Host, Harry Jones” in the Brunonian, we find ourselves in the atmosphere of old England and of the old English tavern. The quaint tavern and “mine jovial host” are the typical public house and its keeper which history has made known to us. It is an excellent sketch. A very lucid little treatise on poker in “The Colonel on Poker” raises the question “Why was this ever
written and how did it ever find its way into a university paper?"
If it is meant for a defense of the game, it is a very weak one; if
a short story, there is no plot, as we are led to expect in the intro-
duction; if a character sketch of the colonel, there is little charac-
ter in it. The dialect is very much overdrawn.

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**IN OTHER COLLEGE HALLS**

*Oxford University, England.* After a year of agitation, it
has been voted to retain compulsory Greek.

*Wellesley.* Anyone who passes in a paper in which three
words are misspelled must join one of the large classes of spell-
ing in which there are now more than 600 students.

*Yale.* Five demerit marks are to be the penalty for studying
in chapel.

A gift of $100,000 has been granted to the University by Mrs.
E. H. Harriman to establish a chair of forest management.

*Princeton.* The students are much grieved over the resigna-
tion of Henry Van Dyke who wishes to devote his time wholly
to literary work.

*University of California.* Two Indians have been added to
the faculty to aid in preserving a knowledge of the languages,
legends and customs of their race.

*Columbia.* The enrollment of 7,429 students makes Colum-
bia the largest university in the United States and not far behind
the large German universities.

*Harvard.* The will of Mrs. W. O. Moseley of Newburyport,
Mass., has left $60,000 to establish two fellowships by which med-
ical students of special ability may study abroad.

*Mt. Holyoke.* When the Class of 1913 graduates, the history
of secret societies will come to a close at Mt. Holyoke. This
movement has come from the society girls themselves who out of
loyalty to their college have voted to abolish societies that were
not realizing the purposes for which they were established, to pro-
mote college spirit.

*University of Texas.* Effort is being made to collect old uni-
versity songs and to encourage the writing of new ones for a
University Song Book. Prizes are offered ranging from $50 for the best university hymn to $5 for a parody on some popular song.

Wesleyan. Hockey as a university game has been discontinued.

Elmira College. Mr. Carnegie has provided for the erection of a new Science Hall.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The registration for 1910-11 is 1,506. There are 93 foreign students from 34 different countries.


McGill—A unique feature at McGill recently was the Mock Parliament held on January 14.

Dartmouth. Dartmouth has recently received the largest single gift in its history, half a million dollars from Edward Tuck of Paris who has previously made large gifts to the college. The income of this fund is to be devoted to increasing the salaries of the professors and to a general strengthening of the teaching force.

University of Mississippi. Greek Letter Fraternities are to be abolished.

University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Edgar F. Smith assumed his new duties as Provost on January 1. Dr. Harrison, his predecessor, will retire to private life.

University of Minnesota. Dr. George Edgar Vincent is to succeed Dr. Cyrus Northrop as president. He will be inaugurated on the first of April.
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