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Of blood thine own,
That on thy country's life
Dyed red a zone:
The tribute of the years
To thee, who knew no fears.

A hundred battles fought,
And their red tide,
Bearing the unforgot
Forth from thy side,
Nerved then thy heart anew
To breast the struggle through.

What meed hast thou for scars
And warm life blood—
Receipt and price of wars
For human good?
And some who wist not said,
"Go count him with the dead."

Methinks that Heaven decreed
That thou should'st live,
Example for a deed
That heroes give
To those whose cradles rock,
Swayed by the battle shock.
A generation gone,
  Another war
Fought out while yet the dawn
  Of Freedom's star
Pales sweet on Orient hills,
  Her hope thy pulses thrills.

Dim grows the echoing boom
  Of thunder shot;
The iron hail becomes
  Forget-me-not:
Stand thou our pride and hear
Homage thrice speaking cheer.

FRANKLIN F. PHILLIPS, '77.

HERO-WORSHIP

LONG before Caesar crossed the Rubicon or the Spartans faced death at Thermopylae, peoples worshiped their heroes; and the twentieth century, with all her greatness, still bows to the popular idol. The savage worshiped a hero of mighty physique who scorned to flinch at pain; the classic worshiped a hero of mighty intellect who could produce *enduring* verse; the bold knight of the middle ages worshiped a chivalrous hero who would defend the weaker sex; the twentieth century, while it admires physical strength, intellectual ability, and chivalrous conduct, is demanding, with ever-increasing force, a hero who shall personify truth. Yet long is the list of the heroes and heroines of truth who are living to-day unapplauded and unrewarded.

Because of blindness, men have ever been slow to perceive the truth; because of pride, they have often refused revealed truth; and because of jealousy, they have again and again refused to recognize the advocates of truth. And yet it is well said that *truth alone* endures. Galileo declared that the earth moved around with the sun and received the reward of condemnation and imprisonment. Joan of Arc
was obedient to the Heavenly vision, led her people to victory and was betrayed into the hands of a deadly foe. John Bunyan boldly preached as he understood the truth and spent twelve years in Bedford Jail. The Man of Nazareth said with authority "I am the way, the truth and the life" and, though even his enemies found no fault in Him, was crucified. But the truth of Galileo's declaration has been established, the spirit of Joan of Arc still works in the heart of humanity, the faith of John Bunyan encircles the Globe, and the Gospel of the Crucified conquers all nations.

If the twentieth century is to build for eternity, she must demand heroes personifying truth; and he who would become a lasting hero must embody truth.

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

Rome built on power and fell in utter ruin. France bowed to "an absurd society," and was saved only by the blood of Revolution. Russia bowed to a haughty aristocracy and all but lost herself to Japan. And even our own fair country stooped to gain by enslaving humanity and paid the price when the blood of the Blue and the Gray mingled in the trench.

When the Pilgrims, disinherited, stepped on bleak Plymouth Rock, they had pledged themselves to high ideals of truth and humanity; and with stern fidelity to duty, they laid the foundation of our New England civilization. We speak with pride of a church on every hill-top and a school-house in every valley. We recall with pride the patriotism of '75—the noble self-sacrifice of Washington, Adams, Franklin, Hale. We pride ourselves on freedom of conscience and liberty of action. We delight in our public institutions of learning and our philanthropic asylums. We say our hero must embody all these ideals. But let America
beware lest, while she admires a twentieth century hero in the presidential chair, she may worship some hero of greed and ambition and reap her reward.

But in vision I see our hero—a man of careful thought and decisive action. The purple morn is just breaking as he rises from his couch; and, mindful of his Maker, goes forth into the fragrant stillness to reflect upon his responsibility to his fellow-man. He draws no hasty conclusions. He delays not to act decisively. He counts the cost; and, with the calm poise of a noble conception of duty, I see him, as day advances, close in for the struggle with care and vexation. The fight waxes strong; temptations arise to slight duty, to yield principle, but still he holds firm. Finally in the midst of all he is betrayed by a trusted friend. Ah! Will he yield? A moment! Methinks there comes over him a remembrance of the quiet morning beauty and calm resolve; and he stands true.

Again in vision I see a people trodden under oppression. The popular conscience seems deadened. There is no Garrison to voice the right, no Lincoln to strike the shackles, no Roosevelt to curb the money power. To speak means hatred, to act means death. Right calls for a champion. With firm resolve advances our hero. Hatred hinders him not, ostracism alters him not, death daunts him not. Again the conflict rages. The enemy presses sore. All is lost but life.

Hero, what thinkest thou? Is right worth the cost? And a calm voice replies: "In days of youth a queenly mother, by precept and example of self-sacrifice, taught me that truth alone endures and right alone triumphs." When in process of time America becomes possessed of more such queenly mothers and more such heroes of thought and action, then may she truly hope to build for eternity—then may she boast a true Hero-Worship.

F. W. Jackson, '07.
HOW RAY WENT TO THE FAIR

IT WAS a sober little fellow of ten years who was leaning on the gate before his home one beautiful morning in early fall. He was watching with envious eyes the carriages filled with merry people as they passed the house on the way to attend the county fair. He had thought and talked of little else than this fair for the last two months. But this morning his father had said, "Ray, I am sorry to disappoint you but I have promised to have a load of potatoes ready for Mr. Brown when he calls for them to-morrow morning and I shall have to have some help about picking them over this afternoon; besides, I am short of money just now and I don't see how I can spare any."

As the little fellow watched the passers-by the longing to see more was too much for him and he said, half aloud, "Now, I know father won't care if I just go down to the fair grounds and watch the people go in; it is early and I can get back before dinner and he doesn't need me until afternoon. I would tell mamma but she has just gone over to Mrs. Jones'. Anyway, she won't care if I only get back in time for dinner." So he ran into the house, seized his cap and hurried down the road, toward the village.

He did not mind the walk except that he was impatient to get there for he was afraid that he might miss some of the sights. But at last he saw the banners floating from the tents and as he came nearer he could hear the shouts of the venders and the music of the merry-go-round.

He began to wonder where all the people were coming from. It seemed to him as if nearly every one must be coming to the fair for he could see teams in all directions. He had to dodge to keep from underfoot, but finally found a place at the end of the ticket stand where he would be out of the way and could see about all there was to see.

Some of the people must have lots of money, he thought, for here was a woman with three children and they were all going in to the fair. The next ones to come up to the ticket stand were a boy and a girl. The girl wore a white dress which was trimmed with yards of bright pink ribbon; this
took our little friend’s fancy at once, and he watched them until they had passed through the large gate and mingled with the ever changing crowd within. He said to himself, that when he was older he would buy a dress, just like that, with lots of pink ribbon on it, for his sister. But who was this man who was buying a ticket now? Just see the money that he had. That must be Mr. Carnegie, for he had heard his father say that Mr. Carnegie had so much money that he didn’t know what to do with it and that he was giving it away to people to build libraries with. Now, the man moved along with the crowd strapping his huge pocket-book as he went. Just as he passed Ray a quarter of a dollar dropped unheeded from his hand and rolled toward the boy. Quick as thought he put his foot on it, to stop it, and as he was about to call to the man and give it back to him, the tempter said to him, “Keep quiet Now is your chance to go in to the fair. He has plenty of money and won’t miss this at all.” How the money burned his bare foot! Almost in spite of himself he let the man pass on without calling to him. Then he began to look around to see if anyone else had seen the money drop. His conscience troubled him but he did want so much to go to the fair and now he was to have a chance.

No one else seemed to have seen the money and now the man had gone and he couldn’t give it to him so he might just as well use it himself.

He bought his ticket and passed in with the crowd There was a dull ache about his heart when he thought what he had done, but this was soon forgotten.

What wonderful sights he saw! It was like slipping into fairy land. Here a woman dressed in scarlet and gold was making candy which looked like cotton batting. At a little distance from her a man was selling beautiful jewelry, diamond pins and rings, for almost nothing Ray involuntarily felt in his pockets to see if there weren’t some stray pennies there. Then there was a great swing which went round and round so fast and so high that it made him dizzy to watch it.

He wandered about until he was tired. Then suddenly
above the noise of the merry-go-round and the shouting of the men, he heard the most beautiful music. He had never heard such beautiful music before. He saw that the crowd was hurrying toward the fences so he moved with them. A man stood in a little house which was built like a church steeple. He was ringing a bell and shouting names from a paper. Ray wondered what it all meant and was pressing his way through the crowd in order to get a better view, when he heard some one say that it was nearly half past one. Could it be possible? What would his parents say? He must hurry home at once.

Seeing a clear place ahead of him and thinking only of getting home as quickly as possible, he crawled under the fence and started to cross the track, not seeing the race horses which were coming at full speed. One of the sulkies hit him with great force. He was thrown several feet and lay on the ground with his face deathly pale except for an ugly bruise on the temple.

The crowd gathered around the prostrate child. After a few moments his eyes opened with a bewildered expression. Bright colored balloons, jewelry and shining quarters seemed to dance before his eyes. Gradually this illusion passed and he began to notice the people about him. Where had he seen this man who was holding him on his knee and examining him so tenderly to see if any bones were broken? Surely he had seen him somewhere before.

Then it all came back to him. This was the man who had dropped the quarter. With stammering voice he said, "Oh! Mr. Carnegie, I am—I am so sorry I kept your money. I knew I ought not to, but I did want so much to come inside. Where—where is my cap? I must go home now. It is so late. What will papa and mamma say?"

Little by little the kind-hearted man got the story from the lad, and he said, "Now, sonny, don't you feel so bad about the money. I am not Mr. Carnegie, by any means, but I am glad you kept the money, you have probably got more fun out of it than I should. I have a horse and buggy out here by the gate. You come right along with me and I will hustle you home in a jiffy, and fix it all right with pa and ma, too.

JENNIE H. EDWARDS, '10.
DAY AFTER DAY the sturdy immigrant ship ploughed through the waters of the lashing sea, braving its perils, and defying its buffeting storms as if impelled by the confident hope and dauntless courage of its passengers. On board all was bustle and excitement as if some great event were at hand. To these simple German peasants this voyage was the greatest adventure of their lives. Each day, gathered in groups, they told the fairy like tales which they had heard concerning the wonderful America to which they were going, where every one was happy, where there was no hunger, no sickness, nor misery, where all caste was abolished and where every one loved his neighbor as himself. Their hope rose high with their imagination and the country which they were nearing, hourly grew more marvelous. The pain at parting from the loved ones and at the last farewell look bestowed upon their own dear country were all forgotten in thoughts of the magical future before them.

Now the voyage is over, they have reached the land of their dreams, and, crowded together in the inspection office, await the approval of the officers. Bright-faced girls, clad in the quaint costume of their native land, peep curiously through the windows and chatter gaily together in their own language, never dreaming how soon, surrounded by strange people, strangely clothed, and with still stranger speech their hearts will sicken for the home country. There are stalwart youths, burning with zealous ambitions which have brought them to this country; and sturdy men and eager to begin work in the land where money is so easily acquired, in order that they may soon send for the little German wife and children. Every face is lighted with eagerness and every heart throbs with joyous expectation as they file past the officer after answering a few hasty questions.

But now an old woman halts before him. She is small and her thin shoulders are stooped by toil, but the tired look in her blue eyes has been banished by one of hope, and the patient face lined by sorrow and hardship is all aglow with
joyful anticipation. Every limb quivers with excitement, for she is on the verge of realizing the happiness which has cost her long years of toil.

Ten years ago she was left a widow almost penniless. Although overwhelmed with grief, she did not give up weakly to her sorrow, but spent all her energy and love upon her three stalwart sons. Such wonderful boys, she thought, would some day become illustrious if they only had the chance. So, crowding down the sorrow and pain, day after day she toiled in the great factory until at the end of two years she had saved enough to send her oldest son to America. How proud she had been of him that morning as he had spoken that last farewell and with a look of determination on his face, that face so like his dead father's, he had declared his intentions to prove himself worthy of her sacrifices. Then she had toiled on, and in two more years her second son was enabled to join his older brother. She tried to content herself by the thought that she still had one son left, her youngest, a bright-eyed lad with a cheerful disposition who would care for her in her lonely old age. But glowing reports came back from the two brothers concerning the wonderful America and soon her youngest son grew discontented with the daily drudgery of the Germany factory and begged to be allowed to join his brothers, promising to make a little home for her there and to send for her soon.

To the mother the thought of parting with this, her youngest son, and sending him across the cruel sea alone, seemed unbearable. Night after night she lay awake struggling against it. But at last she made the sacrifice and, putting all her savings into his hand, with bleeding heart she watched his departure, feeling that she had nothing left worth living for. For a time her sad heart was cheered by the letters which came back across the sea, and the thought that soon she would see them all. But as the months went by the letters had become less frequent until finally she watched in vain.

One night as she came home wearied by the day's toil, and the tiny house seemed even more desolate than usual, she sat down in the gloom and thought of the happy days when
three children played about her knee. Ah, it seemed such a short time ago! And where were they now? It had been so long since she had heard from them! Not once did she doubt their love and fidelity. Perhaps they were in trouble and needed Mother. All the mother love welled up in her heart with redoubled force. The thought of their possible need was unbearable. Going to the old chest in the corner she took from it all of her scanty savings and, sitting down by the candle light, eagerly she counted it over. When she had finished, a bright spot was burning on each cheek and her eyes were glowing. Again she counted it, very carefully this time. Yes, there was no mistake. She had just the required amount for her passage to America. With fingers trembling from excitement she wrote a letter to her sons, telling them that she was coming, as a party of emigrants was soon to start.

The voyage was a hard one. Dreadful sea-sickness attacked her, and a terrific storm almost destroyed their ship, but all these troubles she bore cheerfully for the sake of the sons in America and the great joy which was to come. Surely they would be at the wharf and her troubles would all be over.

Now the journey is ended and as she waits expectantly to hear the beloved voices welcome her, every lineament of her careworn face beams with joy and her heart swells with thanksgiving. The strange and numerous questions of the inspecting officer bewilder her, but she feels confident that her sons will soon be there and make everything right. Eagerly she watches the door but all in vain. Quickly she turns at a voice which sounds familiar, but only to confront a stranger. Grasping tightly the rude bundle which contains all her earthly possessions, she waits patiently, hopefully.

Another strange officer enters with a paper in his hand. Hastily he glances over the throng and then approaching the poor old woman, he tells her in tones cruelly business-like that she is the one for whom he is looking, that she cannot be allowed to remain, she is too old and feeble, and taking her by the arm, he hurries her back on board. She is too dazed to realize the meaning of his words until the ship
is loosed from its moorings and is bearing her back to Germany. Suddenly the terrible truth flashes upon her. What does it mean? Have all those years of toil been spent in vain! Were her sons lost to her forever! Must she go back, old, feeble, penniless, childless, and even homeless, to take up again the former lonely life of drudgery! Some terrible demon seems to be clutching at her heart, then within her head there arises a terrible tumult.

The ship goes on its way, with very few passengers except the crew on board. On the floor in the darkest corner of the cabin sits an old woman. Her gray hair is dishevelled, her face has a blank, vacant look and there is no reason in her staring blue eyes. Day after day she sits there, swaying to and fro, repeating over and over again the same dreadful monotone: "Mother is coming, Mother will soon be there." But she is only a poor old German immigrant and no one heeds, no one cares that a mother's heart has been crushed, that a mother's reason has been shattered.

Mildred Schermerhorn, '10.

THE ROMAN METHOD

We, as many another, have instructed pupils in the classic Latin through a long term of years; we have used both the English and the so-called "Roman Method" of pronouncing the words of the language, and can testify to the merits of the one and the disadvantages of the other, though we may not be able to convince a single reader of this article of the folly of adopting a "foreign fad" into our American schools, and the folly of laying an added burden upon American pupils who speak the English language. Rome was a borrower, and an imitator of other peoples, hence in independent thinking and intellectual stature she
never excelled the peoples she was so fond of aping. Every instructor knows, and knows it well, that his pupils who copy their work from others never excel when the test is set before them, and with good reason.

The popular magazines and other periodicals of the day are loaded with articles ably and intelligently written about the arduous labor of children in factories and in mines; and clergymen of the various denominations are invited to speak from their respective pulpits in regard to this important feature of our civilization, in order to arouse the public conscience to a sense of responsibility in alleviating such conditions for the future good of the body politic. But whose voice is raised in protest against the unnecessary mental burdens of children in the schools, though the curriculum has been “enriched” to full satiety, and we are in great danger of becoming not only superficial in our mental attainments, but also mental dyspeptics as well.

If all the arguments advanced in favor of the “So-called Roman Method” of pronouncing classic Latin, by English speaking pupils, be carefully weighed in the balance of common sense and logical reason together with the advantages of the English Method, the former will “kick the beam” instanter. What say the authors of our Standard Latin Grammars on this subject? “The Roman Method” is, at least, an \textit{approximation} to the ancient pronunciation of Latin!” Again: “The pronunciation of Latin in different countries!” What have we to do with “approximations?” Why should we set “approximations” before our pupils as the genuine article, and teach them that thus did Cicero, Cæsar, and Vergil pronounce their mother tongue, when it is only “approximating” it, how nearly no one seems to know? And why, even were it the exact enunciation of the great orator himself, is the pronunciation of classic Latin “different in different countries?” Is it not because each nationality prefers to follow the analogy of its language, the German his, the Italian his, and others theirs? Shall we celebrate our “independence” annually with thunder and lightning, and slavishly ape some insignificant fad of a foreign school, which adheres rigidly to its own language
through national pride, and justly so, too? If it is advan-
tageous for the German or the Italian to pronounce classic
Latin according to the phonetics of his own tongue, why
should not the English speaking pupil derive as much ben-
et from the study of Latin by pronouncing the Latin
according to the phonetics of his language? Cecil Rhodes
has left a large fortune to enable college students, gradu-
ates of American Universities, to avail themselves of
advanced courses of study at Oxford. Why did he not
designate Universities of some other country? Is not this
English University a leader in the educational world? If
not, why should he have chosen such a center as a supple-
ment to American education? Yet Oxford and Cambridge
follow the English Method of pronouncing classic Latin.
We Americans boast of our independence, of our inventions,
and progress that lead the world. Why, then, should we
force our children to adopt a method of Latin pronuncia-
tion that is tabooed in every court room of the United States,
where the college bred lawyer learns to forget it as soon as
possible? Why burden our pupils with a Chinese jargon,
which afford no educational profit to the living, and surely
is of no memorial value to the dead—Romans? It is a self-
evident fact that the "So-called Roman Method" adds a hun-
dred per cent. to the mental burden of the average pupil in
learning the forms of classic Latin, besides obliterating
from his mental vision the similarity of derivates in his
own language, which owes to the old Latin a multitude of
words in common use, to say nothing of orthography. And
in addition to this, such a barbarous pronunciation of the
Latin by the pupil is spoiling his pronunciation of his own
language. All, we think, will agree that the study of Latin
is one of the best mediums extant through which to gain a
better knowledge of the English language. But who cannot
see and fully understand how such a foreign appendage
handicaps the pupil by eliminating from the equation the
very advantages for which he engages in its study? When
a pupil writes "mayor" for the comparative of "magnus,"
and when asked to give the derivative of "fama," gives
"farmer" in response to the "Roman Method," but quickly
answers "fame" in reply to the English pronunciation, the advantage is on the side of the English Method at once and always, at least, from the pupil's point of view.

The saying that "Men willingly believe what they wish to believe" is as old as Julius Caesar, and was true long before he uttered it; and yet among the noble legions of instructors in classic Latin, how many themselves pronounce Latin by the "Roman Method" correctly even according to the rules given in Standard Grammars? We venture the assertion that not one in a score, which is a very low estimate, for even college professors have been known to admit their own ignorance of vowel quantity in this vaunted "Roman Method," and also their despair of ever being able to master it perfectly. What stupendous pretentions to a thing that is not what it seems. Not long ago a call was issued, urging New England teachers and instructors engaged in teaching the classics to meet and form an association for the main purpose of increasing the already waning interest in the study of the classics.

If only this association will give its best endeavor to strip this noble classic of its unsightly dress of simian snobbery, like "beauty unadorned," it will not fail to attract to its shrine lovers of that ancient language, which "In Cicero rings with hoarse invectives against the wily Catiline," and "In Vergil flows like the Eridanus through rich lowlands fringed with tall poplars and rimmed with grassy banks."

As lovers of our own country, as lovers of the world's literature, as lovers of our own language, the richest and the best language on the globe we inhabit, let us rise in our intellectual independence and throw off this foreign yoke, and be no longer "Slaves to a horde of petty tyrants"

GEORGE W. FLINT, '71.
AT CAMP

The summer night was calm and cool. I was sleeping in my canoe, which the rippling stream rocked gently to and fro. Sometime in the night I awoke and, still half dreaming, gazed up at the sky. In its velvety depths myriad softly shining stars beamed upon the sleeping wilderness. The tiny clearing and the bark-roofed camp were tranquil in the pale light. The fire had died away; only a faint glow showed among the ashes. The fir trees, monarchs of the encompassing forest, leaned caressingly over the camp. In their shadowy branches the night wind crooned a low lullaby, mystic and tender. Now and again from the depths of the slumbering forest were wafted soft breaths of balsam, potent to bring rest to weary minds. And always rose and fell the rhythmic murmur of the stream, clear and musical, yet low and sweet—a slumber song.

Jessie Nettleton, '09.

RESOLUTIONS

Inasmuch as we, the Eurosophian Society of Bates College, are grieved by the death of Miss Josephine Sanderson, a Senior member of the society, and desire to express our heart-felt sorrow; be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the earnest, faithful way she performed her duties in the society and our esteem for her beautiful and noble character and our deep regret for her early and unexpected death.

Resolved, That we extend to her family our sincere sympathy in this, the time of their great affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of the society, that a copy be sent Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson and be published in the Student.

Amy E. Ware,
Mabel M. Porter,
True M. Morrill,

Committee on Resolutions.
It has seemed best to the present board to increase the size of the Student to thirty-six pages. In connection with this statement we wish to remind the students that it requires more material to fill a magazine of thirty-six pages than one of twenty-eight. May a word to the wise be sufficient.

We want a new cover design. Our present one is good (so we are told), but we want something absolutely new and original. Solomon says there is nothing new under the sun but we are inclined to doubt it, so we repeat our statement.
We want an original cover design. Will any one in college or out of it who is of an artistic turn, please submit a design to the Editor as soon as possible. The best one will be used.

We are glad to announce the election of Assistant Manager Charles E. Roseland as assistant manager of the Student. This is another departure from the old system and we think it a good one. The change will be beneficial in several ways. With the increased size of the paper and the increasing circulation, it was impossible for the manager to do the work alone.

Moreover, this is one step toward making the Student the college paper that it should be. Most important of all the assistant manager will have the benefit of this year's experience and so will be better able to carry on the paper next year.

To be or not to be, that is the question before the literary societies of Bates College. It may surprise some, to know that the idea of closing them for a time is being seriously discussed by many of the students. But it is a fact. And if some change is not made before long it is reasonably certain that the societies will close their doors and pass quietly out of existence.

Nor will their loss be deeply mourned. The great majority of the students take no interest in them whatever. There are many in college who haven't been more than twice this year. As now conducted the societies furnish, except at rare intervals, neither pleasure nor profit.

At present there are among the girls two societies organized "for the fun of it." If we may believe their members, they have an object and they accomplish it. In that case the old societies must go down and out before them. For the so-called literary societies seem to have no object in particular and if they had one they haven't life enough to accomplish it.

This state of affairs should be changed. The social part
of the meetings should be made more attractive. What we need at the end of a week's work is not an opportunity to improve our minds, but a chance for a little of the social life that is so lacking here at Bates. It is imperative that the societies be either revived or revolutionized or buried.

ALUMNI LETTERS

We have received many letters of advice and encouragement from the alumni. We take the liberty of publishing herewith several which were of special interest to us and may prove interesting to others.—Ed.

“All the attention that is given to the study of English at Bates, the practice in debate, to say nothing of other work, should make the Student the best college publication extant, which means work and assistance of course.”

East Jaffrey, N. H.
The italics are ours.

“I am glad to note that the Board intend making the paper more representative of college life than ever before, and should like to suggest that you make an effort to extend the alumni news.”

Presque Isle, Me.

Comment: We now publish all the alumni news we can get. We would gladly publish three times as much. We can get alumni news only from alumni. Will the graduates take this matter up?

“Start up that new paper you are talking of, and give us some real “news;” that is what the alumni want—news of happenings in college; and what the alumni are doing. Bates ought to have a weekly.”

Manchester, Mass.

Comment: There are some in college, as well as out, who think we should have a new paper. We hope more alumni will express their opinion on this subject.
THE SOCIETIES

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THEM?

We publish below a discussion of the subject which just now ought to be most seriously considered by all interested in student life at Bates College. The Student does not agree with all that is said in these articles, nevertheless we believe they fairly represent the feeling of the students. We have tried to choose representative members of the societies to write them. They are worth reading, worth considering. The Student will be glad to hear from any one who has a suggestion as to how the societies can be resurrected.

A EUROSOPHIAN OPINION

WHERE is the social life of Bates College? There are what we call Literary Societies here, where an attempt is being made to combine a literary and a social hour together. But of what aesthetic value are these societies to-day? Who would care to invite an outsider to one of the meetings? How many of the students attend regularly and how many take part once during the year? The fact is, that the programs are failures nine times out of ten because no time or thought is put into the separate parts by the participants. The social hour is a bore for there is nothing to do but swap jokes with your friends—intelligent conversation is evidently out of place for it is never indulged in. Such are the societies! And this is not social life, it is nearer social death.

The parties, receptions, teas, all the functions in which the whole student body takes part, at various times during the college year, are inevitable failures. Pleasure and gaiety are unknown factors in these social (?) affairs.

Everybody knows what the trouble with those social affairs is. We all know that the officers of the societies and the entertainment committees are in no way at fault. They work strenuously, early and late, mentally and physically, though they never achieve anything but failure. The fault lies with the members of the societies, with the student body as a whole. For some are too nice, too superior, too exclusive to work for a literary society or to exert themselves to
be entertaining at social functions. Some are too stupid, too ignorant, too boorish to do anything but decorate some obscure corner or attach themselves to the wall. Some are too busy, too selfish, too lazy to spare time from their own personal work and pleasure to help out at society or to add to the jollity of a college gathering. And the college men as a whole are too supercilious, too critical, too jealous to enter whole-heartedly into the good times of which they are not the prime movers.

If the societies are to continue, if there is to be any social life whatever, the students have got to make it. Indeed, there is not a student in this college who does not need the training and the cultivation that active participation in social functions and literary affairs will give. All the learning in the college won't make an individual cultured, pleasing to meet, or give him self-control and ease of bearing, which qualities are rightly expected of college graduates. Contact with others in the pursuit of pleasure will do this. And if we don't want to rusticate we must support the literary societies and make all the social affairs successes.

PIÆRIA'S IDEA

In Polyemnia, Eurosophia, and Piaeria every upper class man admits that the societies as social functions are failures. Probably, however, no two members would be exactly agreed upon the causes. One, however, who has attended regularly the meetings and who has observed at all, is aware that the girls and boys as a whole, do not mingle. It is not necessary to discuss the cause for this. It is sufficient to note that the fact exists.

Knowing that the boys and girls as a whole do not mingle may the question not fairly be asked, "Why not have a society for the girls and another for the boys?" At first the question may seem to be aimed at the very foundation of our college, viz., that girls shall have the same privileges as the boys do. The framer of the question, however, aims not at privileges which are enjoyed by any. The girls would welcome a society of their own in which they might meet to
entertain themselves and develop their talents as they liked, while the boys would be no less pleased with the change. The boys who now cannot be hired to speak before a promiscuous audience, would gladly speak before an audience of boys.

The idea of dividing our societies on the line of sex is not an original thought with the writer. The matter has been considered for some years by the boys and girls alike. If I am correctly informed, however, the girls have been more active in carrying out this idea that the boys. What has been forbidden to be done openly has been done secretly.

One of the speakers in a house-discussion in Piaeria on "How can the interests of our society be best promoted," said: "In my opinion it were better for the society to meet only once in two weeks instead of every week as now. "Because," said she in explanation, "we girls could then get together on the other Friday night and have a good time among ourselves, and the boys could do the same." She did not say: "Then we girls can have a society of our own and you boys can have the same," but certainly such was the idea she had in mind.

Why not carry her idea further and have a union meeting of the boys and girls once a month leaving the other three weeks free to be used by two societies, one to be composed exclusively of boys and the other exclusively of girls? Would this plan, if carried out, not increase and better the social life of our college?

BY A POLYMNIAN

THE LAST few months of college life have witnessed a decided decrease of student interest in the literary societies. When three societies, formed for the purpose of encouraging debating, find it impossible to arrange for more than one debate in the first five weeks of a term evidently there is something fundamentally wrong. The attendance at the meetings, as well as the interest, has likewise steadily declined. Three years ago the society rooms were so crowded every night that it seemed evident that larger rooms must
be provided and at once. In spite of the fact that the cata-
logue shows an increase of sixty Bates students over three
years ago, some Friday nights find scarcely one hundred, or
one in four, of the student body at the society meetings.
Someone has proposed that the time of the meetings be
changed to once every two weeks. The results of this change,
however, would be just the opposite of that desired. If a
satisfactory program cannot be arranged once a week it
would not be long before it would be just as impossible to
arrange one for every fortnight; while the increase in the
length of time between the meetings would still further dis-
pel the interest and merely add to the death throes. If the
society is to die kill it at once and do not let it suffer a linger-
ing death. Already Polymnia has appointed a committee to
consider the advisability of continuing its meetings and if
the committee reports in favor of discontinuance no doubt
the society will adjourn to an indefinite time.

If, however, the societies are to be kept alive, the students
must wake up and that immediately. Few really care to see
the society dropped, but if the meetings are to be continued
a greater interest must be aroused and more members must
take part. When the chairman of an executive committee
asks individually seventeen different members to debate on
a given night and each one refuses, can one wonder that he
has not the courage to ask anyone else or that the meetings
are not as interesting as they might be?

Furthermore, why not have more outside talent to help in
the programs? One may get tried of hearing the same few
take part every night and a change would be interesting. A
monthly meeting wholly given to hired talent might be profit-
able; a series of lectures by good speakers would be helpful;
a banquet once a year, given by the three societies, at which
some prominent public men would speak would certainly add
interest to the societies. These and countless other sug-
gestions might be followed with good results. Why not fol-
low them, then, and bring back the societies to the position
they have occupied and should occupy?
Yes, they have come! Freshman “decs.”

We are glad to note the return of Harmon, '10, who has been confined to the hospital for the last two weeks.

Professor Stanton recently gave his lecture in Roger Williams Hall on “Are the Other Planets Inhabited?”

Professor A. N. Leonard recently addressed the Social and Literary Guild of Lewiston on “Some Hard Problems in Goethe's Faust.”

The following committee has been elected from the Freshman Class to arrange for the Freshman declamations, both preliminary and prize division; Peter I. Lawton, Iris Johnson, Grace Archibald.

The next meeting of the Deutscher Verein will be held March 6th. Professor George T. Files, Professor of German at Bowdoin College, will address the Verein on “The Region of Wilhelm Tell.” Professor Files spent the past year in Germany and made a special study of the Tell locality.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges was fittingly observed here at Bates. Chapel exercises in the morning were conducted by President Chase and Dr. Anthony. After the regular exercises Dr. Anthony gave a short address followed by a very interesting meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room. A public service was held as usual in the afternoon. The speaker at this meeting was Rev. A. B. Howard, Bates '96.

Professor and Mrs. George M. Chase gave the Greek division of the Freshman Class a delightful reception, Saturday evening, February 16. The guests were presented with cards and pencils and obtained the names of the class written in Greek. A Shakespearean game taxed the literary ability of the class. Other amusing parlor games were played. Refreshments, consisting of cake and ice cream, were served. More games and college songs completed the evening's entertainment. The class dispersed with cheers for Professor Chase and Mrs. Chase and the new class yell.
A short time ago the Misses Mona and Frankie Griffin entertained the Cheney House girls by a spread. Each girl represented some character; there was the school-marm, the athletic girl, the fashionable girl, the Japanese lady, the Senior girl in cap and gown, and many others. Various games were played during the evening. Miss Ruby Hopkins won the prize in the Art contest—a Keuka College banner. Refreshments were served, after which the girls repaired to their rooms at a late hour.

The Bates Round Table met at the New Dormitory Friday evening, February 8. Prof. S. J. Case gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The Origin of Writing."

The Round Table met February 15th at the home of Judge and Mrs. A. R. Savage of Auburn. Prof. A. K. Spofford was the presiding officer. Dr. H. H. Britan was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Sleep and Dreams."

At the next meeting Dr. A. N. Leonard will speak on "The Song of the Bell."

The Gymnasium at Rand Hall was prettily decorated Saturday evening, February 9, when ten Sophomore girls entertained as many 1909 boys at a Valentine Party. The girls wore white dresses decorated with small red hearts, and wore large hearts on their sleeves, by which their partners might identify them. Games of various kinds were played until nine o'clock when small tables were brought in and a lunch was served. The place-cards had ink drawings of Cupid upon them, together with the name, date and menu. The evening's entertainment was ended by singing college songs and giving cheers. The refreshments were served by two Freshman girls.

St. Valentine's Day was observed by a party at Rand Hall given under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. Envelopes were handed to each one as he entered, containing a sheet of paper and two small pictures of flowers, hearts, greeting, etc, with which a valentine was made, an original verse written upon it, and mailed in one of the United States mail boxes which were placed about the
room. The mail was collected, and later each one was handed a valentine at the general delivery window. The program began with a promenade, followed by a search for hearts concealed in the halls and down in the Gymnasium. Various games in keeping with the day were indulged in and chocolate and heart-shaped sandwiches were served for refreshments. The program ended with another promenade, after which the guests returned home. The college orchestra was in attendance during the evening.

There is a peculiar saying that “one fire will be followed by two others.” This proved true here at Bates on February 14 in a three-act melodrama.

Act I. Scene—Parker Hall. Room 19. The couch caught fire—cause unknown—and the Hall was saved from destruction only by the quick work of Bridges and McCullough. Damage slight—except to the couch.

Act II. Scene—Science Hall. Cyrus Kendrick was carelessly playing with a box of matches when they accidentally took fire. Kendrick’s coat ruined; total destruction of the pocket.

Act III. Scene—Roger Williams Hall. Fire was discovered about eight o’clock in Room 48 on the fourth floor of the Divinity School. Mr. Rollins, a divinity student who was confined to his room with grip, gave the alarm. The Lewiston Fire Department responded in its usual slow manner and after it arrived failed to accomplish very much. In about two hours they had the blaze under control. The slate roof kept the fire from spreading. The loss is estimated at $2,000, covered by insurance.

Bates has two debates this year. Clark College, Worcester, is our first antagonist. This is the first time we have met Clark in debate but in all probability the debates between the two institutions will become annual affairs. The debate this year will take place at Lewiston April 19. The question reads:

Resolved, That it is for the interest of the United States to establish a general system of shipping subsidies.

Bates has the affirmative. Our speakers will be Aldrich, Davis and Pendleton.
The other debate is with the University of Maine—Sophomore teams from each institution. An agreement has been entered into by the two institutions making the debate between the two Sophomore classes an annual affair and specifying the submission of the question, the time, place, judges, etc. The debate this year will be held about May 1, at Lewiston. The question is:

Resolved, That the annexation of Cuba to the United State is desirable, provided it represents the general wish of the Cuban people.

Six men have been selected from the class for the trials and three of these will be chosen for the debate. The six are Carroll, Crommett, Holt, Kenney, Libby, and Peckham.

Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION OF MAINE

THE FIRST annual state convention of the Young Women's Christian Associations of Maine opened in Waterville on February eighth and continued throughout February tenth. Delegates came from the various colleges, normal and preparatory schools throughout Maine. On Friday, after registering, the delegates gathered in the vestries of the First Baptist Church for supper. At eight o'clock the first regular session of the conference opened in the auditorium, Miss Edith M. Wells, assistant student secretary of New England, presiding. The devotions were led by Dr. Anna L. Brown, secretary of the National Board, and she announced the theme of the conference to be, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, cleanseth us from all sin." I. John 1:7. Addresses of welcome were given by Miss Grace E. Berry, Dean of Women, Colby College, and by Miss Adelle Gilpatrick, preceptress of Coburn Classical Institute. Both of these addresses gave the delegates a warm, hearty and cordial welcome.

Miss Bentley of California, lately elected New England secretary of Y. W. C. A., was introduced and made deep impressions in the hearts of the girls with suggestions as to
how one may come close to Christ by taking as a text the theme of the convention.

On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, several group meetings were held—the Freshmen in one division, Sophomores in another, Juniors and Seniors—and each group discussed topics which bore upon the conference. These were followed by a Bible hour conducted by Dr. Brown. The first epistle of John was read in concert and again the theme of friendship and fellowship was brought before us. “We all have friendships with one another on the ground of God’s love for us and in coming to know Jesus as our Friend, Saviour and Advocate. He loves us all alike. Do we love Him as He loves us?”

At eleven o’clock came the Roll Call and Reports of Associations. Reports were heard from Bates, Castine Normal, Coburn, Colby, East Maine, Bucksport, Farmington Normal, Hebron, Higgins Classical Institute, Kent’s Hill, Maine Central Institute, Ricker, U. of M., and Wilton. Bates sent the largest delegation, numbering forty-five.

Another Bible hour similar to that of the morning was held at 2:30 P.M., over which Dr. Brown presided; and the last part of the afternoon was devoted to a conference hour of which Miss Wells had charge. At the close of this hour an informal reception was given the delegates at Foss Hall, under the auspices of the Colby and Coburn Associations. The evening address was given by Rev. D. N. Beach of the Bangor Theological Seminary, and to this service the public was invited. Dr. Beach brought out more fully the power that comes to us through personal knowledge and acquaintance with Christ. He said, “Have your lives transfigured and glorified and built out by the power of God”—and to do this we must have Jesus in our lives. All Christ does is indispensable, and all he is is infinitely more.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o’clock Dr. Anna Brown led another Bible hour and this was followed by a farewell service. During this hour the secretaries and teachers gave short addresses and then the meeting was made rich and impressive by testimonies given by many of the delegates.

In the evening a mass-meeting of all the Waterville
churches was held in the City Hall. To this the delegates went in a body and were greatly helped and interested by an address by Rev. Smith Baker.

The convention was in every way successful. It was a strong and inspiring course of services and made the students feel more keenly the need of Y. W. C. A. influence in the school life.

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**ATHLETIC NOTES**

**CAPTAIN** Johnson has called out the baseball candidates for cage practice. About thirty have reported so far. The Freshman squad has been working under the direction of Coach Purinton and Capt. Johnson for some weeks. Among the Freshmen who are showing up well are Harriman and Martin, pitchers; Tasker and Dorman, first base; and Cole, second base.

Stone, 1909, will be a great help in developing the team. Although the one year rule prevents his playing in the Maine games, he could be used to advantage. He has played together with Johnson and Wilder, on two championship teams—Gardiner in the Trolley League in 1905, and Biddeford, state champion in 1906.

Manager Pendleton has announced the baseball schedule as follows:

**APRIL**

Wednesday, 17th—Exeter at Exeter.
Thursday, 18th—N. H. State at Dover.
Monday, 22d—Andover at Andover.
Tuesday, 23d—Tufts at Medford.
Wednesday, 24th—Harvard at Cambridge.
Saturday, 27th—Kent’s Hill at Lewiston.

**MAY**

Wednesday, 1st—Open.
Saturday, 4th—Bowdoin at Brunswick.
Wednesday, 8th—U. of M. at Orono.
Wednesday, 15th—Amherst at Amherst.
Saturday, 18th—N. H. State at Lewiston.
Tuesday, 21st—Tufts at Lewiston.
Saturday, 25th—Bowdoin at Lewiston.
Thursday, 30th—Bowdoin at Lewiston.

**JUNE**

Saturday, June 1st—U. of M. at Lewiston.
Wednesday, June 5th—Colby at Lewiston
Saturday, 8th—Colby at Waterville.
The indoor athletic meet will be held this year on Wednesday, March 20. Manager French and Coach Purinton are busy arranging for the meet and it is sure to be a success. The drills this year will be competitive. The Freshmen will have wands, the Sophomores Indian clubs, the Juniors, dumb bells. The competitive events will be run off as usual—dashes, hurdles, shot put, distance runs, etc. Interscholastic relay races promise to be an interesting feature. One event entirely new will be run off—a relay race between the Bates Freshmen and Bowdoin Freshmen.

The Freshmen at a recent meeting elected Leon A Luce captain of their indoor track team.

Edward Ellsworth—commonly known as “Bill”—has been elected to the captaincy of the 1908 basketball team. McCullough, who has been captain for the past year, resigned because of his absence from college.

Bates was represented at the B. A. A. Meet in Boston, February 16, by Bosworth, ’08, and Williams, ’10. Bosworth entered the mile with a handicap of fifty yards and finished sixth. This is a very creditable showing as some of the fastest mile runners in the country were in the race. The time—4m. 40 3-5S.—shows how fast the pace was. Williams was entered in the high jump. He jumped 5 ft. 3 1-2 inches, which, with his 6 inches handicap, made 5 ft. 9 1-2. He did not secure a place but showed up well.

Although neither of our men won a place, the experience they gained will be invaluable to them.

Fraser has been elected captain of the 1908 indoor track team.

The Junior basketball team played the Edward Little team on January 24. The game was fast and clean, and abounded in good passing and shooting. It showed up in strong contrast to the game between the same teams a few days previous. In the first few minutes of play E. L. H. S. clearly outclassed 1908 and for a while the score was in their favor. But the pace was too fast and gradually 1908 forged to the front and won by the score of 28-15. Ellsworth and Fraser played brilliantly for 1908, and Bearce and Coombs excelled for Edward Little. The line-up follows:

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McCullough, Brown, r.f.............r.f., Smith
Ellsworth, Burnell, c...............c., Bearce
Bridges, r.g.....................r.g., Skinner
Burnell, Ellsworth, l.g...........l.g., Daicy
The Sophomore team played the Lewiston Five recently in the gymnasium. The game was marked by poor shooting on the part of both teams. 1909 easily excelled and won, 15-6. Wadleigh, the acting captain of 1909, and Adams, both played well. The line-up and summary:

**1909**
Adams, l.g.......................l.g., Mahoney
Wadleigh, r.g.....................r.g., Cloutier
Libby, Hayward, c..................c., Clifford
Wiggin, r.f.......................r.f., McCarthy
Cochran, Morrell, l.f................l.f., Rowe

**Score—1909, 15; Lewiston Five, 6. Baskets from floor—Wiggin 4, Wadleigh 2, Morrell 1, Clifford 1, Rowe 1. Fouls—Morrell 1, Rowe 2.**

**1908, 60; BOWDOIN, 3**

The 1908 team played a team from Bowdoin February 16 in the gym. As an exhibition of basketball the game was very poor, because so one-sided. Bowdoin never had a chance for the game. In justice to the visitors, however, it must be said that several of their best players were not in the game and the team as it lined up against the Juniors had never played together before. The 1908 team was far from its usual form. Fraser and Bridges fouled repeatedly. Ellsworth, the newly-elected '08 captain, played his usual hard, fast game. The summary:

**1908**
Fraser, r.f.........................r.f., Jackson
Brown, l.f.........................l.f., Sedgely
Schumacher, Burnell, c...........c., Whitmore
Bridges, r.g.......................r.g., Walker, Nulty
Ellsworth, l.g....................l.g., Wakefield

**Score—1908, 60; Bowdoin, 3. Baskets from floor—Fraser 13, Ellsworth 7, Schumacher 5, Brown 4, Bridges 1, Nulty 1. Fouls—Whitmore 1.**

**SOPHOMORES, 13; FRESHMEN, 11.**

The Sophomore basketball team defeated the Freshman team February 22 in the gym. The game started out slow and uninteresting and the first half ended with the score 8-1 in favor of the Freshmen. But in the second half the Sophomores gradually gained, principally on the fouls thrown by Parks, and the score was 11-9 in favor of the Freshmen.
with just a few minutes to play. Then the 1909 team started with a rush, scored two baskets in succession and won the game. Great credit is due the Sophomores for their plucky fight. Wadleigh and Adams, in particular, played well. Although both were injured they fought hard and time and again broke up the passing of the Freshmen. Both teams showed up strong on the defence and weak on the offence.

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Miss Britan, together with the class captains, has formed a league of the different class basketball teams, and a regular schedule has been made out. The result of these games will determine the championship. The schedule follows:

February 18—Sophomores vs. Freshmen.
February 20—Seniors vs. Juniors.
February 26—Seniors vs. Freshmen.
March 4—Juniors vs. Freshmen.
March 12—Juniors vs. Sophomores.
March 18—Seniors vs. Sophomores.

The first of this series, that between the Sophomores and Freshmen, was an exciting and hard-fought battle. The Sophomores started things with a rush and fairly played the fair 1910 damsels off their feet. The half ended with score 6-3 in the Sophomores favor. The Freshmen, however, early in the second half, roused themselves from their stage stupor and scored basket after basket. Several of them, however, must be attributed to good luck rather than skill. Miss Johnson was easily the star of this half, scoring three baskets from the floor and two on fouls. The Freshmen won, 16-10.

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STANTON CLUB BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Stanton Club was held in the Johnson House at Gardiner, on the evening of February 1st. It was a most delightful occasion. About twenty-five persons were in attendance, representing perhaps a dozen classes. The dinner served was a credit to the host of the Johnson House and would have been worthy of any hotel in Boston.

Hon. O. B. Clason, of Gardiner, acted as toast-master. Speeches on various college matters, but all of them having as their central theme something connected with the distinguished services of Professor Stanton to their Alma Mater, were made by President Chase, '68; Hon. A. M. Spear, '76, of the Supreme Court of Maine; Principal W. L. Powers, '88, of the Gardiner High School; Principal H. L. Douglass, '96, of the Gardiner Grammar School; Dr. S. O. Clason, '00, of Gardiner; Hon. Scott Wilson, '92, of Portland; F. M. Swan, Jr., of Boston.

There were present at the banquet, in addition to the graduates referred to, several friends of the college, including Hon. W. S. Libbey of the Governor's Council, who was in attendance with his daughter, Miss Alla A. Libbey, Bates, '06. As Mr. Libbey and his daughter passed from the dining-room, all spontaneously rose in recognition of the generous man who is to meet one of the great needs of Bates by the erection of an auditorium. President and Mrs. Chase remained over night at Gardiner as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clason. It needed only the presence of Professor Stanton, whose health would not permit him to leave home at the time, to render this gathering of the Club one of the most enjoyable in its history.

BATES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET

The twenty-third annual banquet of the Bates Alumni Association was held at Young's Hotel, Boston, on the evening of Friday, February 8, 1907. There were present seventy alumni and sixteen guests which is the second largest meeting this association has had; the largest being two years ago when Prof. Stanton was the guest of the evening.

President Clarence C. Smith, Esq., Recorder of the Land Court of Massachusetts, acted as toast-master, and the following speakers were introduced by him: President George
C. Chase, ’68; Dr. W. B. Cutts, ’91, of Providence, R. I.; Mr. F. E. Stanley of Newton, formerly of Lewiston, and a warm friend of the college; Enoch C. Adams, ’76, Principal of the Newton High School; Mrs. Josephine Hodgdon King, ’92, now a resident of the Philippines; C. H. Swan, Esq., ’93; Luther I. Bonney, ’06, teacher in Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., and Prof. W. H. Hartshorn, ’86. Prof. Hartshorn was the special guest of the evening and in the course of his remarks gave a most interesting set of statistics as to the growth of Bates in comparison with other New England colleges in the past twenty and ten years, respectively. He showed that the growth of Bates in the last ten years has been second to that of Dartmouth only.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

President—J. Stanley Durkee, Ph.D., ’97, Pastor of the Free Baptist Church of Boston.
Vice-President—Mr. Fred H. Nickerson, ’86, Supt. of Schools, Melrose, Mass.
Secretary—Richard B. Stanley, Esq., of Boston.

Among those present were:

’68—President Geo. C. Chase.
’75—Dr. L. M. Palmer, F. L. Washburn, Esq., Prof. H. S. Cowell.
’76—E. C. Adams, Dr. W. O. Collins.
’77—O. B. Clason, Esq.
’82—L. T. McKenney.
’86—F. H. Nickerson, Prof. W. H. Hartshorn.
’88—C. C. Smith, Esq., C. W. Cutts.
’89—I. N. Cox.
’91—Mrs. I. N. Cox, W. B. Cutts.
’95—E. G. Campbell, Mrs. N. W. Howard, Miss W. M. Nash, G. A. Hutchins, R. E. Files.
’96—O. C. Boothby.
’97—Caroline L. Cobb, C. Anna Snell, R. B. Stanley, Rev. J. S. Durkee, Mrs. R. E. Files.
’99—Tetley.
1900—Guy E. Healey, F. E. Garlough.
’01—R. W. Channell.
’02—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Childs, V. D. Harrington, Margaret E. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dexter, Mabel A. Richmond.
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'03—H. R. Jennings, J. C. Junkins.
'04—J. K. Flanders, L. H. Cutten, Amber Parlin.
'05—E. C. Wilson, W. L. Parsons, Thomas Spooner, C. E. Junkins, F. C. Stockwell.

ALUMNI NOTES

The annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association of Bates College will be held March 8. E. W. Given, Ph.D., '79, is President of the Association, and M. E. Joiner, '93, is Secretary.

1867—Rev. H. F. Wood is now residing in Portland, Me., near Woodfords.

1868—Prof. Oliver C. Wendell of the Harvard Astronomical Observatory, has offered a prize of fifteen dollars, announced on the last day of the last term, for the best results secured by any member of the Freshman Class at Bates from a list of twenty-two books, the prize to be awarded the first of June. The list of books may be of interest to graduates: Bible, As You Like It, Franklin's Autobiography, Lives of Plutarch, North (selected); Essays of Elia, Lamb; Debates with Douglass and Other Speeches, Lincoln; Short History of the English People, Green; Queen's Garden and King's Treasuries, Ruskin; Life of Washington Condensed, Irving; Heroes and Hero Worship, Carlyle; Life of Cicero, Forsyth; Life of Gladstone, James Brice; American Ideals and Other Essays, Roosevelt; The Making of an American, Riis; Up From Slavery, Booker Washington; Excursions, Thoreau; Our Old Home, Hawthorne; Shorter Life of Lincoln, Nicolay; Kindred of the Wild, Roberts; On the Border of Pygmy Land, Fisher; The Fireside, Wagner; Sesame and Lilies, or Crown of Wild Olives, Ruskin.

1872—Rev. Clarence A. Bickford, D.D., former editor of the Morning Star, has a carefully prepared article in the last issue of that periodical upon "The United States and Foreign Powers." The gist of the article may be inferred from the last sentence: "With a spirit dominating its diplomacy that will command the respect and admiration of the nations in their better moods, the United States may seek 'expansion' without fear in any of its citizens lest departure from the principles or practices of the founders bring disaster and ultimate ruin."

John A. Jones has been constantly employed during the winter in supervising the planning and construction of new
electric roads in Maine, including one from Gardiner to Lewiston and one from Rumford Falls to Lewiston.

1873—President James H. Baker of Colorado University, was elected President of the National Association of State Universities at the recent meeting at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. All the state universities in the country are members of this association. At this meeting a committee, composed of President Baker, President Thompson of Ohio State University, and President Buckham of University of Vermont, made a report concerning the establishment by Congress of a National University at Washington, D. C. The committee recommended that such a University be established by Congress and maintained by federal appropriations; that the work done at this University be graduate only, and be a completion of the work of the different universities. The report of this committee was adopted unanimously.

Longmans, Green & Company, New York City, announce a new book by President Baker entitled "American Problems." In style the volume is a companion book to "Education and Life" by the same author and publisher.

1881—George L. Record, Esq., Corporation Counsel for Jersey City, N. J., and a prominent leader in the movement for pure politics in that state, has recently been bereaved of his father, Calvin Record, for many years a well-known attorney in Auburn, Maine.

Hon. C. S. Cook has been the controlling spirit in a syndicate that has recently purchased the stock of the Brunswick Electric Light & Power Co. The syndicate is greatly to enlarge the operations of the plant.

Rev. C. W. Williams, pastor of the Baptist Church at Chelmsford, Mass., with his daughter attended the Bates Alumni Dinner in Boston.

William C. Hobbs, superintendent of schools in Norwood, Mass., is one of the directors of the Norwood Board of Trade and was recently appointed chairman of a special committee to investigate and report on the strike of the members of the local Typographical Union in the Norwood Press. He is President of the Norwood Choral Society, a member of the Standing Committee of the Congregational Church and a prominent member of the Norwood Literary Club.

1884—C. S. Flanders is a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and is a member of the important Committee on Education. Mr. Flanders is located at Hillsboro Bridge where he is engaged in newspaper work.

1885—Dr. W. V. Whitmore has just been elected, for the third consecutive time, President of the Pima County (Arizona) Medical Society. At the first of the year he was
appointed County Superintendent of Health by the Board of Supervisors.

After one of the hardest fought preliminaries ever held in Lewiston by the Democratic party, Hon. Frank A. Morey won an overwhelming victory, carrying every ward and receiving the orality nomination by a vote of 841 to 406. When the returns were announced in City Hall, Mayor Webster made the nomination unanimous.

R. E. Atwood has purchased and made extensive alterations in the Morton house at the corner of College and Vale Streets, Lewiston, in which he now resides.

G. A. Goodwin was one of the few members of the last Maine Legislature who was elected to the one now in session.

1886—F. H. Nickerson, Supt. of the Melrose, Mass., Schools, is the newly elected vice-president of the Boston Bates Alumni Association.

1887—F. W. Chase, late master of a grammar school in Boston, has been prevailed upon by the school board of Newton, Mass., to return to that city to take the charge of one of its largest schools. The youngest of Mr. Chase's three children is a little more than five months old.

A daughter of Ira A. Jenkins is enrolled for membership in Bates, 1911.

1888—W. L. Powers recently gave a talk upon Natural History before the pupils of the Horton Street Grammar School, Lewiston, illustrating some of his remarks by the exhibition of rare species of turtles.

1890—W. F. Garcelon represents the city of Newton, Mass., in the House of Representatives of that state.

Miss Ellen F. Snow, a teacher in the high school at Abington, Mass., has recently been bereaved of both her parents. Her father and mother died within a few days of each other. Rev. B. P. Snow was for many years a prominent educator in Maine.

1892—Cyrus N. Blanchard of Wilton, appeared with others before the Maine Legislature's Committee upon Interior Waters to remonstrate against the bill recently introduced in that body for lowering the lakes at the head of the Androscoggin.

1892—Rev. A. D. Shepard is pastor of the Free Baptist Church at Odessa, N. Y.

Through the loyal interest of Mr. A. F. Gilmore, the Library has had a valuable accession of works published by the American Book Company. These volumes have been contributed with special reference to the needs of the Department of Greek.

1893—Mrs. Josephine Hodgdon King spoke at the recent
Bates Alumni Dinner in Boston upon interesting observations that she had made as a resident of the Philippines. She is to return to the Philippines in April with her husband, Lieutenant Harry King, U. S. A.

C. H. Swan, Esq., made an interesting address at the Boston Alumni Dinner upon his observations of the effects of the recent earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Swan had just returned from a visit to Kingston.

1894—Rev. A. J. Marsh has organized a very efficient men's club in his church at Auburn, Me., that is putting new life into various departments of the church and parish work.

1895—W. S. C. Russell has recently been made a member of the National Geographic Society, also a member of the Arctic Club. Mr. Russell had an appointment with Commander Peary on the last Greenland Expedition. He is lecturing with the stereopticon on the “Historical Phases of Arctic Exploration and the Scientific Achievements.”

1897—Miss Mary Buzzell, teacher of Mathematics in the Lewiston High School, has been granted leave of absence for the summer term. Miss Buzzell is to accompany her parents on a trip to California. Mrs. Ethel (Cummings) Pierce, Bates 1894, is to substitute for Miss Buzzell in the High School.

Edith, the 11-months-old child of Horatio Parker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died in February, of pneumonia.

Rev. J. Stanley Durkee, Ph.D., is the newly elected president of the Boston Alumni Association.

Rev. Albert W. Jefferson of Buffalo, N. Y., has decided to accept a call to the First Free Baptist Church of Portland, Maine. He has been pastor of the First Free Baptist Church in Buffalo for two years.

1898—O. H. Toothaker is chairman of the House Committee on Normal Schools of the New Hampshire Legislature. He is a representative from Berlin where he is located in newspaper work, and is vice-president of the New Hampshire Publishers' Association.

W. S. Parsons is located at East Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he is engaged in ranching.

1899—Dr. Stewart has a fine practice in South Paris, Me.

1900—W. R. Reud is attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, Cal.

1901—Miss Josephine B. Neal, who is doing exceptionally good work as a Freshman in the Medical School at Cornell University this year, has been invited recently to join the A. E. I., the honorary medical fraternity which has chapters in Michigan, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco
and other large cities. It is considered quite an honor to become a member of this fraternity.

1902—J. A. Hunnewell is connected with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation, of Lowell, Mass.

Miss Annie L. Merrill, a teacher in the Gardiner, Me., High School, recently lost her father, Mr. Stephen T. Merrill. Mr. Merrill had been for 32 years manager of the Oaklands Farm, Gardiner.

1903—James Pray, who is a Civil Engineer in South Carolina, is engaged to be married in June to a young lady of Peabody, Mass.

1904—The engagement has recently been announced of G. H. Harmon, '04, to Miss Harriet Sewall, the daughter of Hon. William Sewall of Island Falls, President Roosevelt's famous guide.

Rev. Fletcher H. Knollin is pastor of the Free Baptist Church at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

1905—John E. Peterson is teaching sciences in Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.

E. C. Wilson is taking a course in Civil Engineering at the Boston Institute of Technology and will graduate this spring.

1906—D. J. Mahony is instructor of elementary subjects and athletics in Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

M. S. Giles is teacher of Mathematics and German in the Rockbridge Hall School for Boys at Wellesley Hills, Mass.

A sonnet in the February Williams Lit. appeals to the editorial heart as, of all this good verse, most worthy of copying:

**SUMMER CLOUDS**

White bosomed swimmers of the boundless blue
Like Scheria's maidens who one time did play
In the warm, limpid waters of that bay,
Castles of snow that take forms always new
Until you melt forever out of view;
Islands like Paros white, adrift for aye;
Long silver sands where man's foot ne'er can stray;
You who at set of sun, a glorious crew,
Spread your gold pinions round his glowing bier;
Pale shapes that flit before the midnight moon—
All have I watched at dawn or vivid noon
Or evening, ever fair throughout the year.
Even when the fields are sad and woods are gray,
You still bring memories of a summer's day.

—Roger Sherman Lewis.
FROM OTHER COLLEGES

During the visit of the Chinese Imperial Commission to the United States last spring, the commissioners made a special study of the institutions of advanced learning, and by particular direction of the Empress, of colleges for women. Wells College was one of the institutions visited, and so well did it please the distinguished guests, that as a result three women, members of the foremost Chinese families, have entered the college. They plan to remain here for some years, and their country expects great things of them when they return. The future education of Chinese women abroad certainly depends largely on the success of these three. The ladies are: Mrs. Bien, a granddaughter of Earl Li Hung Chang; Mrs. Sze, granddaughter of one of the present prime ministers, and Miss Chang, daughter of the late governor of the province of Aukin.

Owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever, Amherst College was closed from February 14 to March 1. To make up for the lost time, the usual spring vacation will be omitted.

There has been an epidemic of grip at Vassar, and the infirmary has been full of patients. A number of the faculty were victims of the disease.

Miss Victoria de Maligny will soon begin a series of lectures before American universities on the subject of French literature. She will be the first woman lecturer to appear at Yale.

Miss Corliss Babson, recently appointed assistant to President Taylor of Vassar, possesses a variety of honors. She holds the woman's high jump record for the world,—4 ft. 2½ inches. She also won the prize for the best class poem two years in succession.

On Sunday evening, February 17th, an address was given by Mrs. Florence Morse Kingsley, the well known author, before the students of Wellesley. Mrs. Kingsley was herself a student there from 1876 to 1879. The occasion of this address was the eighty-fifth anniversary of the birthday of Henry Towle Durant, founder of the institution.

Announcement is made at Yale of a new history prize of $25 to be awarded annually to the member of the Freshman or Sophomore Class who makes the most effective use of the library in connection with his work in the introductory history course. The name of the donor is withheld.
OUR exchange list is improving. The college newspapers keep us informed about the doings in sister institutions, and many of them manifest an enterprising, enthusiastic patriotism. Especially enjoyable as giving expression to all the best interests of college life is the *Silver and Gold* issued weekly by the student body of Colorado University. The last number to reach us was the "Law School Number."

*The Courier*, published in the interests of the Cincinnati College of Music, contains an excellent article by Max Hambourg,—"Practical Advice to Pianists." Beginners and advanced musicians alike will find its suggestions helpful.

Of all the literary magazines which have reached us, the most-attractive in form and literary in flavor is *The Williams Literary Monthly*. Cover, paper, type, and frontispiece combine to make the monthly delightful to the eye, and the sane utterances of "Sanctum" and "Chat," as well as some excellently written essays, stories, and poems, charm the mind. "Preferment and the Fool," by Horace Holley, in its January number, is a notably well written, sympathetic allegory.

The *Vassar Miscellany* deserves the palm for number and quality of good stories (which seem the scarcest article this month). "The Downpour" has excellent touches, giving a realistic picture of the negro mammy. The childlike charm of "The Coming of the Fairy Prince" forms a happy contrast to the morbid mystery of "Arsine."

The *Yale Literary Magazine* gives good reading. "Les Bons Vivants" has a touching theme, which it handles simply and impressively. The four poems are excellent. The Bowdoin *Quill* is good. "The Isle of the Blest" has an alluring swing, and suggests a poetic fancy. "Evening," a sonnet, expresses a good thought well. The *Tuftonian* has one excellent story, about a young western giant who tries to be the whole team in football. The real interest centers in the individual rather than in the game. The poetry, too, maintains a high standard; "Pilgrim's Night Song" pleases us as much as anything we have seen in this month's exchanges, but it is a bit long to quote.
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