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See notices of recent advertisements, and read carefully the advertisements themselves. Boys, help those who patronize your paper.

EDITORIALS.

Quite a number have complied with our request, in the last issue, in regard to paying up back subscription, but there are still a good many outstanding which we hope to have before the present board turn over their accounts to the next year's one. Please be prompt in regard to this matter and you will confer a great favor upon the editors.

It should be the aim of every young man to enter good society. We do not mean the society of the rich or the fashionable, but the society of the wise, the intelligent and the good. Where you find those who know more than you do, and from whose conversation you can gather information, it is always safe to be found. It has broken down many a man to begin by associating with the low and the vulgar. If you wish to be respected we advise you to be particular about your associates. Strive for mental excellence and strict integrity and you will never be found in the bucket shops of the speculator or on the benches of the gambler. Once live a virtuous course, once secure a love of good society and no punishment would be greater than to be obliged, even for a short time to associate with the low and vulgar.

A short time ago we mailed to our older alumni a request for a short sketch of their preparation, college life and success in business, thus hoping to add interest to our personal columns, and also to better acquaint the undergraduates with their predecessors. So far we

have received but very few replies. We do not think that it can be from a lack of interest or a cooling of their ardor for the M. S. C. that the alumni have neglected to comply with our requests, but rather would we think that it is from carelessness or oversight, or perhaps from a pardonable dislike to write in regard to themselves. However if they would consider how much encouragement a short account of their exploits, trials, tribulations and subsequent successes would often prove to the students who are at present occupying their old positions we feel sure that we would receive a much more hearty response to our moderate requests.

In selecting a course at college one cannot be too careful to choose one congenial to his abilities for a congenial employment is essential to happiness at least and oftentimes to success. It is more education than schools or books. All of us have some work to do which heaven has especially fitted us for, it did not give us our faculties to lie still and rust but to use and rejoice in, and in gratitude we ought to make the most of them. Our work is not a mere provision for animal want; without doubt it is designed to be the means of our livelihood but this is its lower use. Work feeds and clothes us, gives us homes and luxuries often, not only does it do this but it promotes virtue and health by occupying our time, training our faculties and disciplining our nature to patient, persevering effort. A mind uncongenially occupied is a mind ill at ease, and many a promising life has been ruined by endeavoring to make success of an uncongenial business or profession.

To enjoy our work we must be conscious of personal improvement through its instrumentality it must afford employment to the mind and enlist the feelings. If it fails to do this it soon degenerates into the dullest and most monotonous routine. The most common day labor the humblest pursuits have some connections with natural law which if properly studied extend our thoughts and refine our tastes. Books and men are not the only teachers, nature is full of private helps and a mind open to instruction, anxious to learn burning with eagerness is sure of aid and success though compelled to

toil unceasingly for the comforts of life, while on the contrary a mind unconcentrated or occupied in uncongenial labors will either be a failure or else attain success of a very meager kind.

As the base ball season again comes around we will not repeat the old worn out formula in regard to hard and judicious practice, conscientious team work and good management. All these things, which are essential to success, should be and undoubtedly are fully impressed upon the minds of the manager and candidates for the team. But we would urge all to aid the team of '91 in a pecuniary way. While on general principles we recommend economy, we feel that we do not do wrong when we say to both students and faculty that they ought to subscribe liberally to the support of the team. There is nothing supported by the students, which advertises a college so widely as athletics, and as base ball is the only form of athletics in which we indulge it should receive the hearty support of all, for by advertising your college you advertise yourself, you make your degree of so much more value to you, and you have the satisfaction of attending a school of some importance.

We cannot expect those whom we choose to manage affairs to use private funds in defraying the expenses of a club. It would not be right even could someone be found who would be willing to do such a thing. If the managers and members of the team give their time and use all their efforts to make the season's work a success that is all we can in justice expect of them. The financial factor should come from the student body, and if each man contributes what he really and conscientiously can, the season will be a financial success at least with no deficit in the treasury at the end.

There are a certain class of people in the State who seem inclined to lay all the blame for the small number of students who take the agricultural course at the M. S. C., to the management of that course at the college, whereas we think that the lack of interest in agricultural subjects lies outside of the college entirely and principally with the agricultural interest of the State as they appear to young

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men. In the report of the commissioner of Industrial and Labor Statistics for 1890; we read that in the single county of Penobscot there are one hundred and fifty-two abandoned farms (abandoned farms in this connection meaning farms not worked or used) with the buildings standing and one hundred and sixteen without buildings. In these farms there are 32,932 acres, and their assessed valuation (undoubtedly very low) is \$72,907, in the entire state there are 3,253 abandoned farms with 244,049 acres and valued at \$1,235,824. While these farms compose only a small part of our State, they show to any thoughtful mind that there is something wrong.

One cause may be a lack of the theoretical education which is afforded at our college, and there may be a thousand others. We will not attempt to say. The point we would emphasize is that any young man with only his head and his hands to earn him a livelihood will almost invariably seek some field of labor which, on the exterior at least, presents a more encouraging aspect than building up a farm does.

So if the dissenters and grumblers who seem to take delight in picking flaws in the agricultural course of the M. S. C., would look beyond the college entirely to the hardships and difficulties which beset the young farmer in our State they would see a fruitful cause if not the principal one why so few young men fit themselves for the life of a farmer.

There is an old Latin proverb (*Festna lente*) which says "hasten slowly." It is rarely that we find two little words that express so much or contain so much food for thought. Some individuals manifest their disposition to hurry over important things differently from others, but the application of the fault alluded to may be understood by the following illustration:

Suppose a person to require some information upon a subject of which he is comparative ignorant, the steam engine indicator for instance; having procured a treatise upon the subject he runs his eyes over page after page, touching first upon this example, now upon that till he reaches the end. The first time he attempts to converse upon the subject or to apply its principals practically he discovers his ignorance and is put to shame or inconvenience.

All this is caused by making haste to reach the end without grasping the fundamental principals and mastering them, and each detail also without going further. It is absurd to suppose that any matter, wholly of study, can be mastered in a cursory examination, yet many persons relinquish the pursuit of knowledge from this very cause. Finding it impossible to comprehend in fifteen minutes some point it may have taken the author as many days or weeks to settle, they deem the matter beyond their comprehension and throw aside their book in disgust.

There may be some gifted spirits among us to whom the knotty point of a new theory or the intricacies of an unfamiliar science are clear and plain at first sight, but to the many, knowledge is only acquired by patient study and not by rushing through the fields of learning.

When sensible men go abroad to acquire information in foreign countries they do not take express trains and steamboats, but staff in hand they penetrate into villages and hamlets and learn from the peasant and the prince, the low and the high. So it is with those who study to learn and retain what they read. Patient plodding is better than running from "pillar to post," and the truth of this assertion is manifest to those who have ever given the subject attention.

COMMUNICATION.

EDITORS OF THE CADET:

Last summer I was told by your literary editor that I must furnish an article for THE CADET and if I did not send it soon he would haunt me until the article was in his hands. As I have a mortal fear of ghosts, I have decided to commence the essay before anything supernatural appears.

Nearly every student of the M. S. C. as he graduates and goes out from its halls resolves that he will do considerable to help the boys that remain and the old college along, but in the rush and whirl of business life he finds so little time to write, that very little literary work is done, and that of an inferior kind.

This age seems to call for the lighter literary

work, new and startling theories, no matter how absurd they may be. Thousands of copies of books of this nature are sold and the largest sales of fiction are in this line.

Everybody that has a cranky idea or a wild thought airs it in paper covers. Imagination rides rampant while slow moving thought is distanced in the race for public attention and public approval. In the tide we move believing it is easier for imagination to prepare the article than the deeper thought, and so we sit down to-night to white paper, black ink and blue thought to write the essay. For it we claim neither sense, reason or judgment; it is only the flighty wanderings of a brain half asleep, half awake. Read and hold your peace.

All through the New and Old Testaments is proof that human beings are to be resurrected from the grave, and that the old bodies are to be raised up and transformed. We will cite for evidence the following: David says in the Psalms: "My flesh also shall rest in hope for Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell"; (the grave.) Daniel says in his description of the resurrection; "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Christ himself shows to his disciples after his resurrection that his body is flesh and bones, the old body that died upon the cross, and Paul says in his epistle to the Romans: "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection." Then comes the unquestioned testimony of Christ in his reproof of the Jews, St. John V, 28, 29: "Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which that all in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth." St. Paul's views of the resurrection are given in 1 Corinthians XV. Other testimony is given in Acts XVII, 31; XXIV 15; 1 Thessalonians IV, 14-18 and in Revelations XX, 11-15. St. John's vision gives the last link in the chain that joins one argument to another and shows convincing proof that the dead are raised again, in flesh and blood and in the old body, like unto Christ's resurrection, and in that old body the elements that formed it will be raised up of which eighty per cent. is air and water and the

rest solid matter.

Every human being will be resurrected with his requisite amount of oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, together with the other materials of his earthly body. For thousands of years God has kept the books of human lives. He has seen generation after generation develop into strong manhood and womanhood and then go down the steep hill of decline into the valley of the shadow of death to mingle their dust with the dust of mother earth, and yet the elements of those bodies are to be raised again and they must be subtracted from the sum total of the weight of those same elements in and on the earth. Then on one side of God's great inventory of this earth is placed the total weight of air and water, and on the other side the amount to be subtracted by the death of each human being, the same amount that is to be resurrected on the judgment day to form each human being.

We have spoken of air and water particularly because these elements form so large a percentage of the human body, and these will necessarily be used up in the formation of those bodies before other elements would. So in our mind's eye we can see angels sitting in the office of heaven keeping the books of this world as well as the millions of other worlds in the universe, and as each human being dies, entering the weight of the elements of that body on the credit side of the Inventory of Earth; until as generation after generation passes away, a time will come when the two sides of the book will balance, and the weight of water and air in the bodies of created man, will equal the weight of all the air and water of the earth. Then creation will cease and resurrection will begin, and when ended our much loved earth will swing around the sun in its orbit, a dreary, lifeless waste, without water, without atmosphere, a counterpart of our moon in barrenness. As it was with our earth so planet after planet will be deprived of life and when the last one of our solar system shall have become a discarded cemetery, lifeless earth and rock, then the work of the system will be completed, then our sun will be called to its maker, whereto it now directs its course sailing on accompanied by its planets to that point of the heavens where all the fixed stars of

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the suns of other systems, are holding their way, that point, which we can call by no other name than the throne of God. "Ah," you say, "this is absurd." No, for can we conceive that our moon was placed in space merely to furnish its sickly light to moon struck individuals of this earth, to be only an immense but poorly polished mirror reflecting sunlight, to be a barren waste without air, without water, without life. Is not this supposition far more absurd than any theory? Rather let us conceive that the moon once was a fertile planet with green fields, fragrant air, living springs, and immortal souls, but as the ages rolled by the materials of its structure, such as oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen were used in the formation of living beings and then came the resurrection and the moon was left a blank dreary mass of earth and stone to circle on in its orbit until every planet shall have had its resurrection and the sun attended by its barren dependents shall approach the throne of God, pass into the atmosphere of heaven and be shut out forever from the eyes of mortal beings. Where is the missing Pleiad? Where is the wandering sister of the seven stars that blessed the vision of the ancient Greeks and Egyptians? Where indeed? It, together with its planets, has had its resurrection and has swung into the spiritual atmosphere of heaven and is now invisible to mortal eyes.

Our planet is drawing nearer and nearer to that day when the last ounce of oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen will be used in the formation of human bodies, and the resurrection will come and our earth will await the time when the solar system will be drawn into the atmosphere of heaven.

You say, "This is lunacy." So it is, but the editor of the *Christian Advocate* says that every man is crazy if he says and does what passes through his mind, and that the only difference between a sane man and a crazy one is, that the former balances what he thinks and acts accordingly, while the latter says and does whatever enters his head.

The latter is my position. I have written what the wandering of the brain suggest, the foam of thought dropping down to the point of the pen. However, if there be milk in the form you are welcome, even though it be Jersey and a thousand times richer than it is.

A. H. KEYES, '85.

LITERARY.

A SERENADE.

(With Guitar Accompaniment.)

Marguerite! The stars are shining,
Upon thy rose bound lattice smiling,
The wan moon waits for thee.

Drifting clouds the heavens are sweeping,
Thine own star will soon be sleeping,
Sighing still for thee.

Sweet blush rose its vigils keeping,
Dew drops soft for tears are weeping,
While thy true love waits.

'Mid such radiant beauty, sorrow
Hath no place, and still I borrow
From the rose a tear.

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(Aside) Often have thy lover borrowed,
But never yet a tear.

Come my love do not be lazy,
He who sings is Mike O'Grady
Of the Volunteers.

THE HERO.

The hero of a hundred fights!"
Behold him yonder calmly standing
Dauntless as a fabled Hercules,
With head erect and "chest expanding."

Mark as he casts his vestments loose,
No gladiator e'er looked bolder,
See now he tests his gleaming blade,
And bears his sword arm to the shoulder.

And while for action he prepares,
His eagle eye nor quails nor blanches,
But flashes as in years gone by,
It flashed across the foeman's trenches.

With iron nerve and stern resolve,
Regardless of each idle gazer,
Now raiseth he his strong right hand,
Lathers his chin and strops his razor.

MARY.

Mary fairy,
Light and airy
As the gushing morn,
Chin that dimples,
Hair that crimples
Like the sun curled corn.

Eyes the bluest,
Heart the truest,
Love bards ever sing;
Skin the whitest,
Laugh the lightest,
Ever made to ring.
And her singing,
Ever ringing
Deep within mine ears;
Often gladness,
Never sadness,
Flingeth o'er my cares.

THE HABIT OF SMOKING.

The almost universal habit of smoking has given rise at various times to profound dissensions and discussions. The advocate of smoking on the one hand insisting that the habit is accompanied with a great degree of pleasure, the narcotic and soothing effects of the weed being to conduct the mind into that peaceful state so enjoyable and important to us at times, and they quote the remark of Byron, that he who smokes thinks like a philosopher. They insist that its influence upon the physical constitution is beneficial, that it assists digestion and other functions of the body, and to prove that it cannot be hurtful they point to the great, the wise and the good of all times since smoking became customary, who have used the weed and experienced no evil consequences. They affirm that smoking is conformable to the nature of man and point to the savage, untrammelled in his native wiles by any of the conventionalities and arts of refined society, who, at the close of day, sits by his wigwam and smokes his pipe, while imagination brings to his mind visions of the various blessing which his bow and arrow bring for his comfort. And when a war is ended enough blood has been shed and the hatchet is buried, see the curling smoke as it ascends from the pipe of peace, an emblem of future friendship and good will, and in its progress toward the sky he pictures in the fragrant cloud the vows of peace and fidelity that passed through the lips of the smokers.

Thus argues the votary of smoke and we would be inclined to believe him did not an advocate on the other side desire a few minutes attention. He will inform us that all we have heard is sheer nonsense, that the very idea that

sensible rational beings cannot pass their time pleasantly without a pipe or a roll of tobacco sticking out of their mouth is absurd. He said that any habit which will compel us to leave the society of ladies cannot but be debasing in its influence, and that where smokers congregate language of the worst kind is practiced, and that it is only a short step from the pipe and the cigar to the beer mug and the whiskey bottle.

He argues that although the smoker's doctrine *may* be true that great men and old men may smoke without injury, yet in his observation at least that if here and there there is an old man who indulges in the vice, without injury there are numberless persons whom tobacco has placed in early graves. The smoker points to the savage Indian to prove that it agrees with man's nature to smoke, but our friend says that he is either an Indian or a fool who is willing to sicken himself into the acquisition of this habit. He can point out many instances of drunkards and debauchers who began their downward career at the end of a cigarette, a pipe, or a cigar.

If the smoker's doctrine is true into what elysium are we at once transported whenever we take a cigar between our teeth, but if on the other hand the advocate of total abstinence has the truth on his side, to what great danger does he expose himself who uses the article of tobacco?

CAMPUS

"Chipmunk." Who is he?

There is nothing like a course in *base ballogy*.

"If you split a piece of wood, what do you do?"

The Seniors in Agriculture are taking lecture in Veterinary Science under Dr. Russell.

Small, '94, has been initiated into the Q. T. V., fraternity.

Prof. Aubert has been unwell for a few days and has not been able to meet his classes.

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G. W. Rumble '94, has been initiated into the S. I. U. society.

We all sympathize with Butterfield in the loss of his mother.

"If you should make a cross section of the surface of a river, what would be the effect?"

Bristol and Rich, '92, have returned from their schools and Menges '91, is back.

"If you should put out some thermometers, say in Orono, what would be the effect?"

Maguire '92, is away from college now. He is canvassing.

Two more articles of diet this term; hulled corn and clams.

The salary of the night mail carrier has been raised.

Mr. Plummer who is a junior in the Mich. Agricultural College, has been engaged as the foreman of the hot house.

Gould '93, has been confined to his bed with an attack of catarrhal fever, for about two weeks. He is now improving.

The class in Geology is anticipating taking a trip somewhere in the State this term in order to make a field study of Geology.

As the snow disappears, and the tennis courts emerge, the average student longs to try his hand at the cuts again.

Several of the members of the Y. M. C. A. went to visit the association at Old Town a short time ago.

It is a newly discovered scientific fact that playing the clarinet will make a man's teeth ache.

Taylor, '91, still helps the boys to decorate their rooms by selling pictures and frames at reasonable rates.

Practical work is now being done in the new hot house. The Senior agricultural students are doing work in this department.

Lieut. Hatch has been absent from college for a few days, and his classes in Tactics have been omitted.

The trustees are ready to receive bids for the erection of the new building upon the site of Wingate Hall.

There is a prospect that there will be considerable work done here this summer, and probably many of the students will find employment here.

The Y. M. C. A. has printed a very neat topic card for their Wednesday evening meetings.

It is reported that a scholarship is to be founded here soon, of which more particulars will be given later.

Now is the time to begin to do hard work for the penant, not when the games begin to be played.

When one speaks of going to the city now we do not know what is meant, Bangor or Old Town. Stillwater is now Ward 5.

The first draught of the Senior Commencement themes were due March 26, and those of the Juniors one week later.

We see by the paper that Chapman '94, was chosen School Supervisor in his town of Dixmont at the last town meeting.

Measles have made their appearance among us again. Bradford and Norwood, '94, were the first victims, and then it came French's turn.

During the winter vacation, Prof. Rogers was admitted to the Penobscot Bar, and he is well qualified for a practicing lawyer.

While the *Laboratory* in the place for "stink bottles," still the *Physical Lab.* should not be mistaken for the *Chemical*.

Kleiner tells us that Congressmen shall be privileged from arrest, except for treason, felony, and *breach of promise*.

The Senior Mechanical Engineers are taking machine work now as a part of their regular work. The new machinery is of great benefit to this department.

Boys brace up and write for THE CADET. M. S. C. verse is most lacking. It seems as if the Muse must have dropped a few feathers as she flew over this most eastern college in the land.

Student—"Why can't I write $\frac{2(n-x)}{2(y-x)}$ just as well as $\frac{n-x}{y-x}$?"

Prof.—You can if you want *to*, but that would be *too much two*."

Jordan, '93, who had the misfortune to sprain his knee a few weeks ago while unloading ice, has so much improved that he is upon the Campus and is doing some work at the Station.

Hamlin, '91, is organizing an orchestra among the students. It is a good thing. What is the matter with starting a glee club? We have some good talent, and a little practice would give us more than a respectable showing.

The bill for \$24,500 for the college, which was presented before the legislature at this session, passed both houses without opposition, so the new building is a certainty, and also many other improvements.

Mr. Frank P. Wood of Bangor has given to the college museum a fine collection consisting of corals, fossils, fresh water univalve shells etc. This is a valuable gift from Mr. Wood, and adds to the Natural History department.

Accompanying the thirty-second annual Report of Railroad Commissioners of the State, is an excellent map showing the location of the several railroads, which was prepared under the direction of William A. Allen, Esq., '74, chief engineer of the Maine Central Railroad.

The music of the Y. M. C. A. meetings has been made more pleasing by having Doolittle play accompaniments upon the cornet.

Sally, the tailor of Fairfield, sent an agent here to get the Commencement work of the Senior class, a short time ago. He took several orders.

The lecture upon Scotland given at Orono a short time ago by Prof. Rogers, under the auspices of the ladies of the town, was very interesting. The Senior class was invited to attend, and many of them embraced the opportunity of listening to the pleasing discourse which Prof. Rogers is so well able to give. Several photographs taken in Scotland by the professor were shown.

At a meeting of the Base Ball Association

held March 24, it was unanimously voted to enter the State Intercollegiate Ball League. Randlette, '92, was chosen collector for the association. There is good material for a ball team and the men are practicing daily under manager Rich. The battery this year will probably be the Hamlin brothers, and Wilson and Rich. The other places are undecided.

In view of the increasing evidence of enterprise in the line of downy development in college at present, we think the following, received by one of our juniors a short time ago, is not out of place:

I love it; I love it; and who shall dare
To chide me from loving this growth of hair.
I've cherished it long with care and pride,
And over it mourned, and wept, and sighed,
To think that it did not thicker grow,
And all the while I loved it so.

My whiskers grew both thick and fast,
But this has been growing so long and at last,
It's so very feeble and thin and small,
I hardly dare call it a mustache at all.

As through my chamber I often pass,
I stop and admire it in the glass,
But it looks so feeble, that I know full well,
That it never, never will "cut a swell."

I've tried each renewer, but none alas!
Will bring any greater abundance to pass,
So still I must linger, and watch, and wait,
And submit, tho' with many a sigh to my fate.

At a meeting of the Sophomore class, it was voted to observe Ivy Day, and the following men were chosen for the various parts—Chaplain, Kitteredge; Orator, Alexander; Poet, Whitney; Presentator, Smith; Curator, Gould; Odeist, Miss Smith; Toast Master, Williams. They will have a banquet in Bangor as usual.

What is that man doing in the Post Office?
"He is playing tag." "Who is he playing with?" "With some of the Kindergartens in town." "Who is he?" He is a *Senior* at the "Maine State College." "What is his name?" I think his given name begins with R—but ask any of the girls in town they will tell you."

At a meeting of the class of '91, the following men were elected as a committee to have entire charge of the Commencement Concert, Keys, Kilbourne and Hamlin. The concert

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will probably be held in Bangor, and no pains will be spared to make it a complete success.

The Y. M. C. A., has received an invitation from the other College Associations in the State, to visit with them some of the fitting schools in the State with a view to assisting or organizing Associations in them. This is a good move and the Association here will probably send one or two delegates to Buckport, and elsewhere.

Those members of the class in Physics who have been making strenuous endeavors to get ninety per cent. or over in order to escape the examinations, were shocked the other morning to learn that all were to take the examination this term without regard to rank. Also the notes on the lectures are to be passed in, and ranked.

There is one thing which we lack here besides a good gymnasium, and that is a course of lectures. While it is true that both students and Faculty have a great deal of work to do, and lectures are not always well supported by the students, they are one of the things which we need here. A course of lectures under the lead of the Y. M. C. A. as is done in Bowdoin and Colby, would not only arouse interest in the Association but would confer a benefit upon the institution. Or one hour a week taken from the regular morning work of the student, and devoted to a lecture by one of the members of the Faculty, would be an innovation and of much benefit it seems to us.

Why not have some form of Pan Hellenism here at M. S. C.? This subject is receiving much attention from the Fraternities all over the country, and local as well as national Pan Hellenism, would be a benefit. It is successfully practiced in many colleges, and there are many subjects which could be acted upon here with profit. This term is the time for any such move, and thus prepare for the fall campaign next August.

PERSONALS.

OUR ALUMNI.

WESLEY WEBB, M. S., M. S. C., '75.

Although the Maine State College is an institution of quite recent date as compared with

other colleges in the State and nation, yet she has graduated many men from her shops and laboratories who stand high in their chosen professions. Not only in the line of engineering and chemistry does the above statement hold true, but also in that of agriculture.

We are glad that we are able to give a short sketch of one who did good work while in college, and who, since graduation, has done a great deal to advance the cause of agriculture.

Mr. Wesley Webb was born in the township of Montville, Waldo County, Me., in 1851. He attended the public school, and after a few terms at the high school in Unity, Maine, he entered the State College where he pursued the course in agriculture.

Then, as now, a goodly number of the students paid their own bills through college, and Mr. Webb did this by working on the college farm in leisure hours and by teaching during the winter vacations.

Graduating in the class of '75, he engaged in farming until 1882, and for about three years subsequent to that time he was Professor of Agriculture in Delaware College at Newark, Del. He received the degree of M. S. from his alma mater in 1885.

Since severing his connection with Delaware College in 1885, Mr. Webb has been publishing and editing a weekly agriculture paper, *The Farm and Home*, and has become very intimately associated with the agricultural and horticultural interests of the Delaware Chesapeake Peninsula. This close association with these important interests has been especially through the Peninsula Horticultural Society, which was organized chiefly through his efforts in 1885, and he has been its secretary since its formation.

Having been a practical farmer and a college professor Mr. Webb is extremely well qualified to ably edit a wide-awake agricultural paper, as the *Farm and Home* surely is and through its columns he is exerting a powerful influence for the promotion of the important agricultural interests of his section.

'76,—Edward M. Blanding, editor of *The Industrial Journal*, has recently been elected secretary of the Bangor Board of Trade. The gentleman also takes a very active interest in the State Board of Trade.

'79.—C. W. Gibbs, C. E. of the Rio Grande Southern R. R., has changed his address to Ridgway, Colorado.

'81.—In a recent number of *The Illini*, published by the students of the University of Illinois, we notice a valuable communication on the work of the chemists of an agricultural experiment station, from Edward H. Farrington. Mr. Farrington was employed five years as chemist in Connecticut, in the first experiment station established in the country, and for several years past has been occupying a similar position in Champaign, Ill.

'84.—Miss Harriet C. Fernald, Librarian of the State College has been chosen secretary of the State Library Association, recently organized in Augusta.—Clarence S. Lunt, city editor of the *Bangor Commercial*, has been on a trip to Florida, visiting on his way many intermediate points of interest. He contributed several interesting letters to his paper during his absence.

'86.—The work of Irving B. Ray of Harrington, both as a fielder and batter, is evidently appreciated, for he has again signed with the Baltimores for another season, and he has left to join the team and begin practice. He will play right field.

'88.—Mr. Fred L. Eastman is chief draughtsman with the Thomson-Vanderpole Electric Mining Co., his address being No. 532 Central Avenue, Dover, N. H. We take the liberty to quote a few words from a recent letter from Mr. Eastman: "I would not be without THE CADET, principally because it is the only means in most cases by which I know of the whereabouts of 'the boys,' and partly because it was nursed through its infancy while I was a student."—We clip the following from a recent paper: "Mr. John R. Boardman is a most persistent news gatherer, allowing no item however small, to escape his attention. Although nominally doing the Gardiner work for the *Kennebec Journal*, he frequently is called on to attend to the more important Augusta events. His description of the Governor's reception was a gem.—Mr. Ralph H. Marsh, who has been principal of the High School in Stillwater for several terms, has gone to Burlington, Vt., where he has entered a medical college.

'89.—Mr. Elmer E. Greenwood was united in marriage to Miss Eva Russell of Madison, Me., at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Russell, Dec. 25. Miss Russell has been a successful teacher in Madison for several years and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. Mr. Greenwood is a civil engineer on the Norfolk and Western R. R. in Virginia. The ceremony was performed by the aged uncle of the bride, Rev. J. P. Longley. After partaking of a bountiful wedding luncheon the happy couple took the two o'clock train for Carnegie City, Va., which will be their future residence, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends. They were the recipients of many beautiful and costly gifts.—Gilbert S. Vickery was prominently mentioned for the position of City Engineer of Bangor at the recent election. He, however, did not care for the situation and made no efforts to secure it.—Mr. Jere S. Ferguson, now a student in the Medical College of the University of New York, has been passing the winter vacation at his old home in Searsport.

'90.—Geo. I. Bowden has just finished teaching a very successful term of High School in Kenduskeag.—Hugo Clark has a position as surveyor and draughtsman in the plan department of the Associated Factory Mutual Insurance Co., 31 Milk street, Boston, Mass.—F. O. Andrews is draughting in East Boston.—A. J. Coffin has left his position in Philadelphia and has gone to Roanoke, Va., where he is associated with C. G. Cushman of '89.—N. C. Grover has been chosen assistant in civil engineering to aid Prof. Hamlin.—A. C. Hardison has gone to Santa Paula, Ventura County, Cal., where he is assistant to the county surveyor.—F. P. Reed has gone upon a ranch in Utah, intending to go into the sheep raising business if the prospects prove favorable.—E. F. Heath was married to Miss Evelyn Wardwell, daughter of Rev. Mr. Wardwell of Camden, early in the winter. Mr. Heath is the popular principal of the Camden High School at present.—W. S. Webb has gone to Gallitzin, Pa., where he has a position with the Pennsylvania Central R. R.—C. J. Wallace, who has been at work in the civil engineering department of the Great Northern R. R. in Montana since graduation, is now with C. E.

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Putnam, C. E., (M. S. C. '83) at Franklin Park, Boston.—William Bridgton Pierce, of Hudson, is studying law in the office of A. L. Simpson, Esq., in Bangor.—J. R. Rackliffe, civil engineer on the C. B. & Q. R. R. at St. Joseph, Mo., is at his home in Hampden, having been called there by the very serious illness of his father.—Geo. H. Babb, draughtsman with the Thomson Houston Electric Co., Lynn, Mass., is contributing a series of illustrated articles on electrical subjects to the *Industrial Journal*.—Mr. Elmer L. Morey, on a recent evening, delivered a very interesting lecture on Ceylon before a large audience in Trenton, N. J. Mr. Morey is the son of the United States Consul at Colombo, Ceylon, and for a number of years was a resident there. During that time he made a close study of the country, and of the customs, language, and literature of the people. Mr. Morey had thoroughly mastered his subject and spoke for more than an hour on the ancient and modern cities and the beautiful temples of Ceylon, and the language, literature, habits and customs of the people. The *Trenton Times* says that the lecture, which was illustrated by beautiful stereopticon views, was a good one. Mr. Morey, who has been employed by the New Jersey Steel & Iron Co., since graduation, has just accepted a position with the American Bridge Iron Co., of Roanoke, Va. This company is one of the pioneers in the iron business, and Mr. Morey is fortunate in securing a position with such a good firm and one that is destined to become one of the first among the manufacturing industries of the country.

'91,—Edwin W. Hodgdon, who is now a student at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, in Boston, will graduate from that institution this spring. He recently passed very creditable examinations before the Commissioners of Pharmacy of both Massachusetts and Connecticut.

EXCHANGES.

A pile of exchanges which has been accumulating in the month just gone again confronts our gaze and challenges a swarm of comments.

Upon examination we find that this pile can be separated into three divisions, those of a high order of excellence which best unite the various interests represented in a typical college journal, those of medium worth which make one department paramount over another whether it be the literary, personal, or local department, and those of poor merit which make no department of particular interest to any one.

One of the first exchanges which comes to our notice is the *Bowdoin Orient*, which for some time has been greatly distressed over the misbehavior and unseemly rudeness of some of the students at chapel exercises.

It is to be hoped that the several sermons preached by the *Orient* upon this violation of modern decorum will bring about a discontinuance of such practices and thereby end wearisome dissertations.

The publications from the various colleges receiving bequests from the late Mr. Fayerweather are rejoicing over their good fortune in having been the recipients. Such munificent legacies are better appreciated by the college world than by the public at large.

It is gratifying to note the interest with which "*The Dartmouth*" dips into athletics.

The various sports indulged in at college go farther in making a college education a popular thing than almost any other inducement which can be mentioned and when a college publication gives considerable space to a consideration of this subject it strikes the key note to popularity.

One interesting department of the "*Polytechnic*" is that devoted to lectures delivered before the Students of the Rensselaer Institute upon engineering subjects by thorough and competent engineers. The Institute is particularly favored in numbering among its graduates, upon whom it draws for addresses, some of the most eminent Civil Engineers in the country, and the interest in the "*Polytechnic*" is much enhanced by the reproduction of those addresses.

The *Polytechnic's* exchange department however, is notably conspicuous for its absence.

Besides the publications from the other three Maine Colleges we note the following exchanges from the "Pine Tree State:" *The Kent's Hill*

Breeze, the Ariel, the Stranger, the Academy Bell, the Cony Student, The Racquet, and the High School Breccia.

OTHER COLLEGES.

Arthur Cumnock, of Harvard, received \$5,000 from his father for winning the foot ball game with Yale.

The Yale museum has just received a skeleton of a saurian, a prehistoric monster, of which but two complete skeletons are known.

Ann Arbor has been honored by the appointment of one of her students to a professorship in Heidelberg University, the first instance in which an American has been appointed to a chair in a university of Germany.

Since the organization of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1876, Harvard has scored 108 points, Columbia 93, Yale 57, and Princeton 53.

Harvard has one hundred and eighty courses of study open to undergraduates. Ann Arbor claims to have two hundred and forty-two.

The College of Mexico is the oldest in America, and was founded fifty years before Harvard.

The Crouse Memorial Hall at Syracuse University is the finest college building in America. Its original cost was \$700,000.

Columbia college, with an endowment fund of \$9,000,000, is the richest college in the United States. Harvard follows with \$6,000,000.

The literary societies at Wesleyan University are compelled by the Faculty to adjourn their meetings by ten o'clock.—*Ex.*

Seventy-one American colleges were represented by 185 students at the University of Berlin, the past season.—*Ex.*

Miss Aston a young girl who has been blind from babyhood, has just entered the Melbourne University at the age of seventeen. In spite of her infirmity she passed creditably in Algebra Arithmetic, Latin, French and other branches.

President Gates, of Amherst, is the bowling

champion of the college. His highest record, made a short time ago was 278 out of a possible 300.

An effort is being made to raise a subscription for the erection of a gymnasium at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Mich. This University has over 2,000 students, and as yet has no gymnasium.—*Ex.*

The American College and Education Society refuses to aid any student who uses tobacco.

There are 119 elective courses open to academic juniors and seniors at Yale.

Columbia sophomores have voted not to let the freshmen wear whiskers of any kind.

Eastern colleges ascribe their continued success to the prominence they have given athletics.

The class yell of the young ladies of the Freshman class of Colby University is stated as follows: "Co-ordination; ha, ha, ha! tesseras kai enenekonta dux femina facti; rah, rah, rah!"

Northwestern University began in 1885 with one thousand dollars and ten students; to-day it has an endowment of \$3,000,000 and 1,700 students.

College Journalism originated at Dartmouth in 1800. Daniel Webster being editor of the paper. There are now 190 college papers in the United States and only one in England.

CLIPPINGS.

MY SUMMER GIRL.

Here's to the girl I met last summer,
Charmingly sweet and fair, well a stunner,
Ford of the woods and fond of roaming
First in the dance and bold in the gloaming.

She for gay moths was just the candle
Singeing their wings and yet without scandal.
I was a moth with wings wide spreading
But not a tear at their loss am I shedding.

Here's to the girl I met last summer,
Charmingly sweet and fair, well a stunner.
Ever to her shall my heart burn increase
I, without wings, have been not at all "fly" since.

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BEFORE AND AFTER.

The bachelor sat in his room one night,
Half musing and half asleep,
And watched the wreaths of smoke so white
From his pipe to the ceiling creep,
His feet on the fender, his gaze on the wall,
With an easy and nonchalant air,
Sole prince in his castle, sole lord in his hall,
This bachelor lolled in his chair.

—Brunonian.

Sing a song of freshman
Coming up to college,
Thinking what a lot he knows
In every branch of knowledge.

But when exams are over,
And he has "flunked" them all,
He will then discover
His learning very small.—*Ex.*

Professor (after long explanation)—"You have now all the conditions of the problem stated. What will you proceed to do?"
Freshman—"Flunk."

Professor—"What is the gender of *eau*?"
Freshman—"Masculine." Professor—"What does the rule show you?" Freshman—"I don't know; but common sense tells me that nothing of a feminine nature could be so incompressible as water."

JANUARY, 1889.

From Oklahoma's border,
Hark, the fearful din—
"Issue forth the order!
Let the boomers in!"

JANUARY, 1891.

From Boston to Tacoma
Rings a doleful shout—
"We'll starve in Oklahoma
Unless you help us out!"

THE ABSORBING ABORIGINE.

"Then," said Mr. Tenderfoot, thrillingly describing his Western adventures, "the Indians stole upon us!"

"And what did they do?" breathlessly asked a friend?

"Then they gradually stole everything else!"

He sued for hand—did the dude—
In a moment exceedingly rash;
And he in turn is being sued,
And she's after ten thousand in cash.

YOUNG AMERICA.

My pony, 'tis of thee,
Emblem of liberty,
To thee I sing!
Book of my Freshman days,
Worthy of fondest praise,
Worthy of poet's lays,
I'd tribute bring.
My gallant pony, thee,
Help to the wearied be.
When "Ex" is nigh,
I love thy well worn look,
Thou gentle little book,
Down in some hidden nook,
Silently lie.
Harpers and Bohn! to thee,
Authors of liberty,
To thee we sing.
Horace, Demosthenes,
Tacitus, Sophocles,
Livy and Homer, these,
The horse is king.—*Ex.*

FRENCH VERSION.

Ze bug of Zhune haf ze gilded ving,
Ze glowworm haf ze glare;
Ze baldbug haf not at all ze ving,
But ze same he all gets zaire.

—*Buffalo Express.*

In the *Queen's* last word contest, Dr. Edmund T. Stevens, of Buffalo, N. Y., won the first prize of a free trip to Europe and \$200 in cash, and Annie B. Turner, of Deposit, N. Y. secured the special prize of a handsome Shetland pony.

The publishers of this well-known Magazine have decided to offer one more Competition, and to the persons sending them the largest lists of English words (not less than four letters) constructed from letters contained in the three words, "Dominion of Canada" they offer many useful prizes, including \$750 in cash, Shetland ponies, China Dinner sets, Gold Watches, French Music Boxes, Portiere Curtains, Silk Dresses, Mantle Clocks, etc., all to be awarded strictly in order of merit. An elegant Silver Tea Service (valued \$30) will be given each day to the persons from whom the largest list is received that day from the State in which they reside. The object of this Special Daily Prize for each State i.e. to increase the interest in *The Queen's* Competitions in every locality in the United States. Those desiring to contest for one of these valuable prizes may start on their list at once, but send six U. S. two cent stamps, and receive last number of *The Queen* with full particulars before forwarding your list. Address *The Canadian Queen*, Toronto, Canada.

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Q. T. V. Fraternity, Orono Chapter, No. 2.

Meetings every Friday night in Chapter House.

W. G. M.....H. V. Starrett.
V. G. M.....Edmund Clark.
Cor. Sec'y.....Prescott Keyes, Jr.

Maine State Chapter, the Beta Eta of Beta Theta Pi.

Meetings every Friday night in Chapter House.

Pres.....Wallace R. Farrington.
V. Pres.....W. E. Healey.
Cor. Sec.....R. H. Fernald.

Psi Chapter of Kappa Sigma, Maine State College.

Meetings every Friday night in Chapter Hall.

Pres.....W. N. Patten.
V. Pres.....M. L. Bristol.
Cor. Sec.....J. Prince.

S. I. U. Society.

Meetings every Friday night in Chapter Hall.

Pres.....C. H. Kilbourne.
V. Pres.....S. M. Timberlake.
Sec.....T. J. Young.

Reading Room Association.

Pres.....H. G. Menges.
V. Pres.....W. C. Holden.
Sec.....H. O. Robinson.

Coburn Cadets.

Second Lieutenant, E. E. Hatch, 18th U. S. Infantry, Commanding.

Cadet Edmund Clark, Major and Commandant.
Cadet J. W. Steward, First Lieutenant and Adjutant.
Cadet H. V. Starrett, First Lieut. and Quartermaster.

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First Lieut. W. N. Patten,
Second Lieut. T. L. Merrill,
Third Lieut. C. Hamlin,

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Pres.....H. G. Menges.
Foreman.....C. M. Randlette.
Sec. and Treas.....G. P. Maguire.
Steward.....W. C. Holden.

Y. M. C. A.

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V. Pres.....M. L. Bristol.
Cor. Sec.....H. M. Prentiss.

M. S. C. Publishing Association.

Pres.....T. S. Merrill.
V. Pres.....G. P. Maguire.
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