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SIX SCHOLARLY MEN ELECTED TO UNIV. FACULTY

FOUR NEWCOMERS HAVE DOCTORS DEGREES AND OTHER HONORS

Three Coming to English Department

Announcement was made Thursday, May 22, by President Clarence C. Little of the University of Maine of the appointment of six new members of the faculty. The appointment includes four men who have Ph.D. degrees, two of whom are coming to the department of biology, one to the department of physics and one to the Department of English. An assistant professor and an instructor are also coming to the English department.

Dr. Phineas Wescott Whiting, who comes as professor of biology to take the position vacated by Dr. Minton Asbury Chrysler a year ago, is a citizen of Iowa City, Iowa. He was born in Lowell, Mass., and was educated in the public schools of that city and at Harvard college, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1911. In 1912, he received the M. S. degree from Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania conferred a Ph. D. degree on him in 1916.

His teaching experience dates from 1916, when he became connected with the University of Pennsylvania, conducting a graduate course in genetics for two years. From 1918 to 1920, he was professor of biology at Franklin and Marshall college and from 1920 to 1921 was in charge of biology at St. Stephens' college. Since 1921, he has been conducting a genetics and eugenics seminary at the State University of Iowa.

His other occupations include research in genetics under the Harrison Research Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania from 1916 to 1918 and other research work at Woods Hole, Mass., and at Cold Spring Harbor during the summers. He has conducted research in genetics at the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station since 1921.

He is a member of Sigma Xi, a fellow and life member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Zoological society, American Society of Naturalists, American Eugenics Research Association and the Eugenics Society of America. He has contributed a great many papers to learned periodicals.

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Home Economics Dept. To Add New Course

The realization is growing among educators that some provision should be made in women's education for the fact that the majority of women finally go into the profession of homemaking. Next fall the department of Home Economics will offer a general curriculum of four years leading to a Bachelor of Science degree which will include the usual Home Economics courses and their prerequisites but will offer thirty-eight hours of electives.

This curriculum is planned for the girl who is going into homemaking and wishes a wider range of electives, for the girl who is interested in social service and wishes to take more sociology and economics, who wants to go into research and wishes a stronger foundation in certain sciences, etc. A girl who is interested in a foreign language may continue it in her home economics course. The department also offers a teacher training curriculum whose graduates are eligible for the secondary professional certificate and for positions in Smith-Hughes high schools.

Both curricula offer a well balanced liberal education with special elements of interest to women.

Frosh Are Victorious In Annual Rope Pull

Sophomores Gain Power House Roof and Scrap Follows

"Rising Night" the annual final scrap between the two lower classes took place last Wednesday in the rope pull and sophomores in gaining possession of the power house roof. Instead of having the rope pull at the river as in previous years a miniature lake was made by the flooding the field in front of Balentine Hall by the Senior Skulls. Two teams of fifty men each selected by the committees of the respective classes so as to make the rope event a contest instead of a riot as has been formerly.

The large crowd that gathered in front of Balentine witnessed an earnest struggle and for about five minutes there was much speculation as to which side would win; however, the handkerchief that was tied to the rope midway between the teams slowly began to move to the freshman side and had gained about 4 feet when the signal was given for the classes to help their respective teams; with reinforcements the freshmen easily ran off with the rope.

A number of individual fist fights were broken up at the power house as the Skulls fired the pistol which proclaimed the end of "Rising Night" and the consequent emancipation of the freshmen. Excellent sportsmanship was shown by

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Junior Prisms Put on Sale Wednesday, May 28

The 1925 Prism has provoked much favorable comment. It is bound in limp semi-flexible black leather, with an oval embossed in gold on its cover. The pages are double bordered in gold, and the best glazed white paper obtainable has been used thruout. The opening section is very attractive, in Nile green and gold. The book is dedicated to Dr. Little, and there is an excellent portrait study of "Prexy" by "Bill" Weatherbee which has been acclaimed as excellent by several local art critics.

The new Prism is excellently engraved and there are over 350 pictures to illustrate the volume. It has many new features, including a group of campus views in the front of the book; seals or coats-of-arms have been introduced into the fraternity-sorority sections; and a new military section features also.

The usual administrative, faculty and class organizations have been listed, and a permanent and complete record of the past year will be found therein. Especial emphasis has been stressed on a good athletic section.

There are only one hundred books on sale, and it looks as though they will all go—everyone is pleased with them. The Prisms will be distributed to all Juniors on the campus; otherwise call on Jacobs at the Sigma Nu. Books can be purchased by all except Juniors at the bookstore or from D. C. Jacobs at the Sigma Nu House. The books will soon be entirely distributed as there are only 100 copies for general circulation.

Phi Eta Dinner Dance

Phi Eta Kappa held its annual dinner dance, Thursday evening. The dinner consisting of seven courses was served at seven o'clock.

Following the dinner, thirty-two couples began dancing which continued until two o'clock interrupted only by a short intermission when coffee and cinnamon toast were served.

The house was not decorated extensively, but the excellent music furnished by "The Ambassadors" six-piece orchestra offset the lack of decorative features. The favors for the ladies were silver bracelets with the Phi Eta Kappa shield.

Prof. and Mrs. Pearsall and "Ma" Verrill acted as chaperones. The committee responsible for the success of the party consisted of C. G. Patten, R. E. Turner and L. H. Stithan.

The guest of honor was Al Doerr '26 of New Britain, Conn.

SPRING CAMP WILL BE A REAL VACATION, SAYS MAJOR GLOVER

Prexy Little Will Visit Camp Tuesday and Review the Corps

The annual R.O.T.C. Camp at Newport will be held this year as usual. Members of the unit will assemble Sunday afternoon, June 1, at one o'clock in the gymnasium. Altho this camp is one of the greatest achievements in military training that is in use today, it combines this serious objective with a good time and beneficial vacation for those in attendance. Major Glover believes that recreation in its place is as important as instruction, and has made extensive preparation for this feature of the camp. The dancing pavilion has been placed at the disposal of the corps and at least one and probably more dances will be held evenings. Boats and canoes may be rented and it is predicted that the resident fair sex will have a chance to shine. Tuesday will be President's day. Prexy Little will spend the day in camp and review the corps in the afternoon. Col. Goodale, corps area inspector will spend two or three days at camp. Two professional cooks of the first order insure huge increases in avaridupois.

The following will attend the advanced R.O.T.C. camp at Devens on June 16:

W. M. Allen, L. S. Bailey, C. L. Beckett, J. T. Blair, H. W. Candage, L. B. Chalmers, J. W. Chandler, L. C. Connor, C. J. Cutts, F. S. Dole, J. P. Downing, V. L. Everett, S. H. Fifield, G. A. Haskell, H. Humphrey, B. Hutchins, S. B. Hyde, D. C. Jacobs, C. A. Lejonhud, W. A. Littlefield, W. P. Lord, F. W. Marr, C. F. Moody, G. A. Muzzey, F. L. Nevells, M. M. Packard, E. S. Ridion, H. B. Savage, L. A. Sennett, O. S. White-side, E. C. Winch.

Championship Looks Assured in Baseball

Maine having won three games of baseball defeating Bates, Bowdoin and Colby and losing one game to Bates stands a good chance to win the State Championship. Coach "Cuddy" Murphy has developed a fighting team from the candidates which showed up this spring.

Saturday, Maine plays Bowdoin at Orono and although several have exams a good attendance is expected to cheer the team on to victory clinching the championship.

June 4, Colby invades Orono to try and get revenge for the defeat which Maine gave her at Waterville.

Cornell Abolishes Distinction

At Cornell University the athletic association recently adopted a ruling abolishing the distinction between major and minor sports. In explanation of its action the association officials stated that with the possible exception of football there was no sport now dignified with the name "major" which for reasons of financial income to the university, or for skill required to participate in it, could justly claim primacy over the so-called "minor" sports.

Delayed Prisms Make Their Appearance

1925 Book Pleases

The first shipment of 1925 Prisms, somewhat delayed in transit from the publishers, were received Tuesday night and were rapidly distributed Wednesday. The remainder of the order is expected to arrive within 24 hours.

Bound in black imitation leather, printed on fine paper, and containing a pictorial record of the year's activities, the new volumes are very attractive and have aroused considerable interest. Copies may be obtained at the book store or from David C. Jacobs at the Sigma Nu House.

Dean Stevens Speaks To Seniors in Chapel

Greatest Happiness Comes from Unpleasant Courses Says the Dean

The final chapel for the seniors was held Thursday, May 22, with Dean Stevens as the principal speaker to bid the outgoing class "hail and farewell."

The exercises were opened with a short scripture reading and prayer by Guy Griffin, after which Ollie Berg spoke briefly before introducing Dean Stevens. Rising night, he said, marked the rise of the new generation on the campus and the withdrawal of the senior class from active college life. He spoke of the mingling of sadness and gladness in this farewell chapel, gladness for the good spirit, the feeling of fellowship, the joy of work and attainment, and sadness for the parting, for the feeling that perhaps in some cases they hadn't got the most possible out of college, sadness at leaving their alma mater and student friends.

Dean Stevens chose for the subject of his talk headings from the chapters of the proverbs of Solomon, "Sundry virtues and their contrary vices." To the seniors, he offered four points of advice. He hoped they would be happy but very discontented he said, for discontent only paves the way to more complete happiness and success.

"As you look back on your college days," he said, "you will find that your truest happiness was obtained from the courses and instructors that you particularly disliked. Overcoming this antipathy and actually learning something brought the happiness. Even if the difficulties were not quite overcome, the struggle was worth while."

He expressed the hope that the seniors had picked up from their college work enough culture to enable them later to enjoy the best things of life, that sense of humor "which makes the world come out all right in the end," and something in the form of religion rather than piety. "It is not a silly sentiment," he added, "to prize the numbers 1924. It is right and fitting that you should believe it the best class ever graduated from the University and that you should remember those numerals with loving pride."

Alumni to Hold Annual Frolic Here on June 7

Next week at Commencement time the University will experience its annual invasion of old-timers, the graduates and former students. They are returning with anticipation of a real homecoming. Alumni Day, Saturday, June 7th, is the big day on their schedule but they intend to take a prominent part in all Commencement activities.

The Alumni Office, together with the different Commencement committees, have made elaborate and detailed plans for their welcome and entertainment. Practically every minute of their stay has been accounted for on the program. During recent years a special effort has been made to have alumni return every five years. Classes so returning are called reunion classes. These come back in force to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation and to renew old associations and friendships.

These reunion classes, through their own officers, have arranged many stunts to be given during the class frolics on Alumni Field Saturday afternoon. These festivities will start with a grand parade from in front of Alumni Hall to the Athletic Field. Harry Sutton '09 of Boston will be marshal with an assistant from each reunion class. Class rivalry will be keen. Each will attempt to stage the best stunt and to wear the most appropriate costume.

Twenty-five members of the class of 1899 are returning. They will appear in costume during the frolics and have also arranged a picnic.

About ten members of 1904 will return.

1909 expects to be the "big noise" this year. Twenty-three members of this class are bringing their wives with them and many more are returning un-

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JUDGES ANNOUNCE RESULTS COLLEGE WRITING CONTEST

BATES MEN AND MAINE WOMEN TAKE FIRST PROSE HONORS

Colby is High Point Winner

Colby College has been declared the winner in the Maine Intercollegiate Contest in Writing for Men for 1923-24; and the University of Maine wins the Women's Competition. In each competition two contests were held, one in the short story and one in poetry, the judges being asked to indicate first, second, and third choices in each event. Counting three points for first place, two for second, and one for third, in the Men's Competition Colby has 5 points, Bates 4, and Maine 3, and Bowdoin 0. In the Women's Competition, in which Bates, Colby, and Maine participate, Maine has 5 points, Colby 4, and Bates 3.

It is hoped that the four college presidents of the State who have sponsored the competition, will feel that this year's showing justifies its continuation as an annual contest among the four institutions, with the expectation that greater interest will be taken in it as it becomes better established. No cash prizes are awarded to the individual winners, the student competing on the same basis as in intercollegiate athletic contests, for the honor of representing his institution.

The scoring in the two competitions was as follows:

MEN'S COMPETITION

Prose
1. "The Game," Raymond B. Chapman '26, Bates.
2. "Radio," Charles E. Johnson '25, Maine.

3. "Crazed," George B. Osgood '25, Bates.

Poetry
1. "O Spruce," Joseph C. Smith '24, Colby.

2. "Sparks in Soot," Joseph C. Smith '24, Colby.

3. "The Unbeliever," Wilfred A. Beaudette '26, Maine.

Total Score

Colby	5
Bates	4
Maine	3
Bowdoin	0

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The Association of Deans Has Meeting at Bowdoin

The Association of Deans met at Bowdoin last Friday and Saturday. This is really more of a club than it is a formal organization, and two former deans who have now become college presidents, namely President Sills and President Ferry of Hamilton, are still members. Sessions were held on Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday forenoon and afternoon and all were more or less informal gatherings. The subjects which were discussed were those which the members had previously suggested, because they seemed to be particularly interesting to their institutions, and the discussions were informal and private.

The guests were entertained by the members of the faculty. On Friday evening, a dinner and meeting were held at Witherby's on Dingley's Island. Fifteen of the club's members were present at the meetings.

In addition to Dean Nixon and President Sills they were Dean Stevens of the University of Maine, Dean Howes of Williams, Dean Esty of Amherst, Dean Greenough of Harvard, Dean Nicolson of Wesleyan, Dean Jones of Yale, Dean Laycock of Dartmouth, Dean McClenahan of Princeton, Dean Hawkes of Columbia, President Ferry of Hamilton, Dean Randall of Brown, Dean Warren of Boston University, and Dean Wren of Tufts.

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The "Abortive System"

"Enough of this palming off of the blame. Enough of undergraduate grumbling and snarling at the faculty, and of faculty pillorying the undergraduate, because neither of them are to blame. The fault lies—and here it seems to us is the heart of the matter—not with the faculty or the undergraduate, but with the SYSTEM. Consider this ghastly and abortive system, this educational merry-go-round which makes operator and rider alike dizzy and ugly. Consider its hard-and-fast, cut-and-dried lectures and classes, its insistence that one attend a Math class at 10 o'clock every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and that one hour later on the same days that one turn off the flow of mathematical thought to turn on another flow of philosophical thought—for an hour. Consider the regime which turns out pedantic dunces and where the honors of the community life to go not to the most scholarly but to the victor in athletics of extra curriculum activities."

"All this means that faculty member and undergraduate are to reverse positions. The undergraduate in search of his own education will quizz the faculty when he needs help, and the faculty member will make it his chief job to be able to answer such quizzes concisely and intelligently. There will have to be checks on the undergraduate, of course; but it doesn't follow that these checks need be three class room exercises a week in every course, exercises which take the heart out of the day, and which usually bore him so thoroughly that he has no zest left for work of his own."

The Dartmouth To the foregoing fragments of an editorial published by one of our esteemed contemporaries, The Campus appends a fervent Amen. "Abortive system" is good. That is a phrase for which we have been groping. We rejoice that some one has found it.

A Swan Song

Following this issue, The Campus will suspend publication until the last of September, when the reopening of college will provide a wealth of material for the news columns and will present new problems for editorial discussion. It has been a pleasant year for the editorial staff, marked by the usual troubles, the unavoidable errors, and perhaps, by occasional negligence in the performance of its duties, but a pleasant, instructive year withal. The board has consistently tried to make the paper a mirror into which members of our community can look and see themselves. Insofar as it has fallen short of that ideal, it has failed.

The year's experience has shown that student editorials are not particularly powerful instruments in the molding of opinions. Like the public prayers of theological students, the editorial dictums are indulgently regarded as practice efforts, worthy enough as exercises in English composition, but hardly of sufficient importance to demand earnest cogitation and definite action. We do not deplore the attitude; we simply recognize it with proper humility.

Perhaps we would regret the tendency to treat lightly our periodical fulminations if we did not realize that the molding of definite opinions is a difficult process. Human beings are subject to prejudices against which arguments have little effect. For several years our faculty has endeavored with scant success to discredit "cribbing" and to eliminate loafers from the student body. How can we, by occasionally publishing an impertinent, irresponsible editorial, hope to achieve the elimination of conditions which stir us to rebellion? We realize the futility of it, but we can keep on trying.

Commencement

Another commencement will soon be here. Once again, will a Senior class be forced to assume a new phase of life, to take on greater responsibilities. In fact, every class in college, from Freshman to Junior, have acquired obligations. Now is the time to become introspective. What have you acquired in the manner of new ideas, and thoughts? Do you really feel that this year of college has been a worth while period?

Every one, undoubtedly, has his or her regrets, has a sense of not having taken every opportunity to prove his ability. Nevertheless, we are fortunate in having a period to start anew. For the Seniors it is an entirely new life under new conditions; for the returning students, it is a new year, new courses, new tasks. Let every one begin to prepare to make next year worth while.

The "Wisecracker"

In almost every crowd of individuals gathered together for a meeting or session of any kind is found the "wisecracker," the individual who waxes witty; who is quick to see a real or apparent relation between ideas, and is delighted with the prospect of displaying his knowledge and keenness by making a play on words or giving them a humorous twist.

The world would be a rather gloomy place, were it not for the "wisecracker." The person afflicted with the habit of making puns, absurd deductions, or clever retorts of any kind is often the life of the party and is secretly envied by his slower thinking companions. This talent if properly used is a developer of personality. It helps the witty one to promote the growth of his own faculties and to see the comic side of life rather than the morose. Monotonous conversations and tense situations are often relieved by the gentle art of "wisecracking."

As in the case of every other good thing the practice of "wisecracking" can be carried to an extreme. There is nothing quite so disgusting to a group of individuals as to discover in their midst one who has not learned the art of "wisecracking" in the proper proportion, and who cannot refrain from letting his jibes and oftentimes crude jokes hurt the feelings of someone or shock the finer sensibilities.

There is nothing quite so pitiful as the fresh youth who broadcasts his alleged wit with a glib tongue and thinks everybody should laugh at everything he says. You will find this species of "wisecracker" most anywhere. He infests classrooms, fraternity houses, newspaper offices, business meetings, and sometimes even Sunday School classes. He is extremely disliked, but doesn't know it. The moral is: be a "wisecracker," but don't be a "wise wisecracker."

—Ohio Lantern.

"Too Little Sleep Is to Blame," Says Professor

Too little sleep, too much play, not enough study, too much leisure, fast eating, and diversified thinking are factors that devitalize students and are responsible for the "delinquent groups" found in every university, according to a report made public by Professor Howard of Northwestern University. . . .

Delinquency does not necessarily imply lack of intelligence. The average intelligence of the delinquent group is quite as high as that of the general student body. . . .

Among the total group of men interviewed (1600 in all) only fifteen were thought to be handicapped by "mental immaturity." . . .

"These are boys who have, for the most part, been reared under easy circumstances and who have never been required to view life seriously. Such students have a distinctly childish attitude toward their classroom work, have no intellectual interests, no definite ambitions, no sense of responsibility. In most of these cases high-school preparation has been superficial and inadequate."—The School Review.

American Chem-Society Announces Prize Winners

Winners in the American Chemical Society's Prize Essay Contest, which is the result of a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan of New York City, were announced at the national headquarters of the committee in charge here today, and two hundred and ninety-four \$20 gold pieces were forwarded to school authorities for distribution among successful competitors. An equal number of high school students were accorded Certificates of Honorable Mention as having submitted the second best essay. The announcement followed the receipt of the returns from local committees in the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia, and the two hundred and ninety-four winning essays were entered in the national contest which is under the control of a committee of judges headed by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and including J. R. Angell, President of Yale University; Charles H. Mayo, Surgeon, Mayo Foundation; James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Senator (New York), Chairman U. S. Senate Committee on Military Affairs; Jane Addams, Settlement Worker; J. C. Merriam, Carnegie Institution; Robert J. Cuddihy, Literary Digest; George Eastman, Eastman Kodak Co.; Julius Rosenwald, Sears, Roebuck & Co.; H. N. MacCracken, President of Vassar College; Edgar F. Smith, ex-Provost of University of Pennsylvania and Past President of American Chemical Society; Arthur Capper, Senator (Kansas), U. S. Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; Ida Tarbell, Editor; Alice Ames Winter (Mrs.), General Federation of Women's Clubs; Robert Andrews Millikan, Physicist; Frederick E. Weyerhaeuser, Lumberman, and J. J. Carty, Vice-President American Telephone & Telegraph Co. This committee will select the six best essays from among the two hundred and ninety-four state winners and will award six four-year scholarships to Yale University or Vassar College to the successful contestants. The scholarships, in addition to tuition, carry \$500 a year in cash and are also the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan.

The Prize Essay Contest has been recognized by national and state educational officials and has received the official endorsement of universities, colleges and schools all over the country. More than thirty-five scholarships have been donated by various universities and colleges, and will be awarded to winners in the contest at the discretion of the state committees in charge and of the college authorities.

The prize winners in Maine are:

FIRST PRIZE

Alvin Alton Newell, Farmington; Samuel P. Dancause, Kent's Hill; Doris M. Ball, Damariscotta; Audrey Hackett, Kent's Hill; Myrtle M. Walker, Wiscasset; Lawrence H. Clark, Caribou.

HONORABLE MENTION

Edgar B. McKay, Waterville; Frank E. Irwin, Jr., Kent's Hill; Howard E. Cook, Athens; Doris Doyle, Yarmouth; Vaughn B. Staples, Woodfords; Don DeLance Irish, Turner.

State Committee Members were:

Prof. C. A. Brautlecht, Univ. of Maine, Chairman; A. B. Larcher, Penobscot Chemical Fibre Co., Old Town; Dr. E. Tomlinson, Orono; R. L. Hunt, Principal, Hebron Academy, Hebron; Major G. B. Glover, Commandant, U. S. Army R.O.T.C., Orono; A. H. Staples, Editor, "Lewiston Journal," Lewiston; Mrs. J. H. Huddilston, Orono; H. M. Bigelow, Portland Press Herald, Portland; Prof. H. S. Hill, Orono; E. B. Winslow, Winslow & Co., Portland; P. S. Harmon, Simmons & Hammond, Portland; Dr. W. H. Jordan, Orono.

Colorado to Exchange Professors with London

Leading all the state teachers' colleges in the United States, Colorado State Teachers' College will start an exchange of professors with an English university in 1925. Professor Lester W. Boardman, head of the English department, will be exchanged with Miss Ellen C. Oakden of Goldsmith's college, University of London.

Miss Oakden, lecturer in language and English, comes with enthusiastic recommendations. T. Raymont, president (warden) of Goldsmith's writes:

"She is, in my opinion, an exceptionally gifted woman. She is a sound scholar, a stimulating lecturer and of excellent disposition. She is twenty-nine years of age and is equally popular with her colleagues and students."

Miss Oakden received her M. A.,

which corresponds to the Ph. D. degree granted by an American university, from Birmingham University in 1918. In 1919-20 she lectured in Somerville College, Oxford, and in 1921 joined the staff at Goldsmith's. She has written the libretto for "Stella Mundi," a nativity play.

Professor Boardman will leave for London in August, 1925, and will lecture on English and American literature and possibly on American education, using the material which he assembled while with the Carnegie Foundation on state systems of education. The work done at Goldsmith's will probably be very similar to that done in Teachers' College English department. Mr. Boardman will return to his duties in Teachers' College in the fall of 1926.

Mr. Boardman's family will accompany him. Brewer and Philip Boardman will probably enter the University of London. Mr. Boardman stated that it was his desire to establish a Teachers' College "colony." They will rent a large furnished and hope to accommodate any students who may be in England at that time.

The plan originated in the summer of 1923 when the late President Crabbe was in office. Dr. John Adams, one of last summer's lecturers from the University of London, assisted in working out the details. The board of governors at Goldsmith's authorized the change in January, 1924. It was approved by the local board at the meeting held on April 10. Announcement of Mr. Boardman's probable appointment was first made by President Frasier in chapel Monday, April 21. Teachers' College, Columbia, is the only other teachers' college which has such an exchange.

Goldsmith's is acknowledged to be the best teachers' training college in England. It has an enrollment of 520 students, both men and women. The University of London itself is one of the foremost universities of the world.

This exchange will doubtless mark the beginning of a more extensive program. An exchange of professors in the education department is already under consideration. The rank of the University of London makes the contemplated exchange an exceptional honor.

An unusual tribute was paid to the Teachers' College position in the educational field when the University of London agreed to an exchange of professors which will take effect in 1925. It is a feather in the cap of the college, not only because C. T. C. is the first state teachers' college to exchange with an English university, but also because the University of London is counted one of the greatest universities in the world.

The plan, which is the work of both the late President Crabbe and President Frasier, puts Teachers' College definitely to the front as one of the most progressive teachers' colleges in the United States. Now that the first step has been taken, it is only a question of time until exchanges in other departments, notably the department of education, will be arranged.

Such an exchange has almost unlimited possibilities. Friendly educational relations will result more quickly from

such a procedure than from any number of conferences or treaties. But the effects are even more far-reaching than that. Unity between the two greatest nations in the world is coming to be acknowledged more and more, an absolute necessity to the continuation of the peace of the world. The exchange contemplated by Teachers' College will contribute to the friendly relations of the two countries, not through official channels but through the friendship of peoples, which is the way in which future peace may be obtained.

—Colorado State T. C. Mirror

Are University Students Doing More Actual Work?

Are university students doing less mere listening and more actual digging? It would seem so, to judge from records contained in the annual report of F. K. Walter, librarian at the University of Minnesota, which shows that last year there was an increase of 41.6 per cent over the year before in the number of books drawn by Minnesota students. Allowing for the increase of approximately 10 per cent in numbers of students between the two years, the gain is still a huge and startling one.

Mr. Walter believes the increased first-hand use of library books by students is partly explained as a recovery from war-time disorganization. During the years when the colleges and universities were turned chiefly to war uses, when drill and special courses took up much time, instruction was given in such haste that there was little chance for scholarly delving on the part of students. Even after the war was over, the universities were still filled with students whose study habits had been marred by the excitement and stress of that period. Students who entered in the fall of 1918 were graduated in the spring of 1922, and last year's figures were the first in which they were not represented. The theory and the facts support one another.—Minnesota Chats.

So great is the demand for raw cotton, hosiery and cloth clippings in Germany, that they are not only allowed free entry into Germany, but are totally exempt from customs duties.

Toys are seldom bought in Portuguese East Africa because most of the children above the age of 10 are sent to the Union of South Africa or Europe for education.

Pianos made especially to stand the trying atmospheric conditions and heat of India are to be made in a factory just opened in Burma, the first in all that country.

Neon, a rare gas discovered by Sir William Ramsay, was practically useless to civilization for more than 20 years, until recently when a method of employing it as a spark detector or testing instrument for use by automobilists, was found.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

1924

University of Maine

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

4.00 P.M. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation
5.00 P.M. Phi Kappa Phi Initiation
6.30 P.M. Banquet National Honorary Societies, Balentine Hall
Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Zeta, Phi Beta Kappa

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

9.00 A.M. Meeting of the Board of Trustees
9.30 A.M. Meeting of the Alumni Council, Library
Class Day Exercises, University Oval
6.00 P.M. Senior Skull Initiation and Banquet
8.00 P.M. President's Reception, Library (Dress optional)
9.00 P.M. Reserved for Fraternity Receptions

SATURDAY, JUNE 7—ALUMNI DAY

9.00 A.M. Annual Business Meeting, General Alumni Ass'n.
Chapel, Alumni Hall
12.30 noon Alumni Luncheon, The Commons
Class Frolics
3.00 P.M. Baseball, New Hampshire vs. Maine
6.00 P.M. Alumni Banquet, Alumni Hall
9.00 P.M. Alumni Hop (Informal) Gymnasium

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10.30 A.M. Baccalaureate Services, Alumni Hall
6.30 P.M. President and Mrs. Little, at Home to Senior Class, Informal Supper

MONDAY, JUNE 9

9.30 A.M. Commencement Exercises, University Oval
8.00 P.M. Commencement Ball, Gymnasium

Judges Announce Results College Writing Contests

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- Prose**
1. "Volume 2," Joy L. Nevens '24, Maine.
 2. "Eros the Divine," Madeline H. Field '26, Maine.
 3. "The Peerage of Adam," Dorothy Clark '25, Bates.
- Poetry**
1. "To Poplar Leaves," Vera E. Fellows '27, Colby
 2. "River of the Dark," Dorothy Clark '25, Bates.
 3. "Prayer at Evening," Marion D. Brown '24, Colby.

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

Total Score	
Maine	5
Colby	4
Bates	3

The judges for the contests were: Men's Prose, R. H. Titherington of New York, managing editor of "Munsey's Magazine"; Men's Poetry, Robert Frost, Amherst College, author of "North of Boston" and other volumes of poems; Women's Prose, Mrs. Laura H. Richards, Gardiner, Maine, novelist and short story writer; Women's Poetry, Lincoln Colcord, Searsport, Maine, author of "The Vision of War" and other poems and several volumes of short stories.

Frosh Are Victorious in Annual Rope Pull

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both classes throughout the fight and also afterwards when they joined forces to search the campus and Orono for non-participating classmates; these delinquents were subjected to the disciplinary action of being tossed into the river. A large group gathered in front of the

Strand theater, sang songs, cheered, and carried on a general celebration around a huge bonfire. By courtesy of the Strand management the entire group was admitted gratis to the second show.

The husband, who had a great habit of teasing his wife, was out driving with her, when they met a farmer driving a span of mules. Just as they were about to pass the farmer's rig the mules turned their heads toward the auto and brayed vociferously. Turning to his wife, the husband remarked: "Relatives of yours, I suppose?"

"Yes," said his wife, sweetly; "by marriage."—*Wildcat.*

Camp Fire Girls now number more than 100,000 in this country and the membership will be at least ten per cent greater by the time of the annual program of camping next summer, it is believed.

May-dolls, which are paraded on May-Day in Devonshire, England, and in parts of Wales, are believed to have represented the Virgin and Child, for many of the dolls carried small dolls in their laps.

World series in baseball was known in 1878 in this country when there was only one National League, the first and second teams playing for the Temple Cup after the regular championship had been decided.

Juice of the prickly pear mixed with other chemicals constitute a gasoline substitute for automobiles, which has been invented by an Orange Free State man who named the motor spirit "Springbok" for the fleet antelope of that country.

Stay for Class Day

Hypnotism Used as a Cure for Stuttering

Hypnotism as a cure for stuttering and stammering is now in use at the City College of New York. In every case, improvement has been marked, and a final complete cure is only a matter of time. As defective speech is caused entirely by nervousness in most instances, the problem is to give the patient confidence in his powers of clear diction.

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—*The Tech.*

One feature of the Fourth International Sample Fair of Naples next September will be representative exhibits of the production of industries established abroad, especially in America, by citizens of Italian extraction.

Taxicabs have their origin in China about 600 years ago, when natives carried passengers in a vehicle and dropped a pebble in a receptacle to measure off every mile that was traveled.

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Six Scholarly Men Elected to Univ. Faculty

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William Henry Eyster, who comes to the university as associate professor of biology, is now assistant professor of botany at the University of Missouri, where he has been located since 1920. He prepared for college at Bucknell academy, Lewisburg, Pa., and was grad-

uated from Bucknell university, summa cum laude, in 1914. In 1915, he received his A. M. from that institution and received a Ph. D. from Cornell in 1920. From 1914 to 1916, he was instructor in biology at the Pennsylvania State Forestry school, and from that date until 1918 was head of the department of science and supervisor of nature study at the New York State Normal and Training school, Cortland, N. Y. From 1918 to 1920, while he was doing graduate work, he was instructor in genetics and botany at Cornell university.

He is a member of Sigma Xi, the American Botanical society, the American Genetic association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has contributed to scientific journals.

Harry Edward Farnsworth of Ripen, Wis., at present of New York city, will come here as associate professor of physics. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1918, he has secured from the same institution M. A. and Ph. D. degrees, the first in 1921 and the second in 1922. From 1918 to 1919, he was an instructor in physics at the University of Pittsburg, and from 1919 to 1920 was instructor in physics at Wisconsin. Since 1922 he has been a national research fellow there. He is a member of Sigma Xi, Gamma Alpha and the American Physical society and has contributed to the National Academy of Sciences and the Physical Review.

Dr. Albert M. Turner, a former member of the University of Maine faculty, is returning to the English department as associate professor after a tour around the world. He was graduated from Harvard in 1912 and from then until 1920, did graduate work there, obtaining an M. A. degree in 1914 and a Ph. O. degree in 1920. He has served as an instructor at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., at the University of Wisconsin and as assistant professor at the University of Maine. He is a member of the Modern Language Association and the American Association of University Professors and has contributed often to the publications of the Modern Language Association, Modern Language Notes and the Journal of English and Germanic Philology.

William Irving Beitler, who has an M. A. from Harvard University, is coming here as assistant professor of English. He was graduated from Williams College in 1921 and has had no previous teaching experience. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Modern Language Association of America.

Alvin Christian Eurich of Bay City, Mich., who will be graduated from Northwestern college this year with a B. A. degree is coming here as an instructor in English. He has served as an assistant instructor at Northwestern and was the winner of the Illinois State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest in 1923.

We respect that person who teaches us a new fact, but we love that person who teaches us a new foolishness.

Alumni Day

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accompanied. This class is holding an informal dance at Balentine Hall Friday evening, June 6. They are also having a class luncheon and on Sunday have arranged for a class reunion at the Penobscot Valley Country Club. Later in the day they have a class sing on the steps of Balentine Hall.

The class of 1914, at its tenth reunion, intend also to have the best celebration. This class will have its main stunt during the banquet. Clad in convict garb and marching in lock step this group is sure to form a striking picture. 1914 has challenged 1909 to a dual track meet along burlesque lines. Scores of members of this class are returning.

1919, a war class, has found some difficulty in lining up its members for the reunion. They expect to have about 20 members back in costume and are sure to rival the older alumni in pep and ingenuity.

Arrangements for entertaining alumni returning with their wives have been carefully made. Complete sections of Balentine and Hannibal Hamlin Halls have been assigned for their use. Special arrangements are being made for their entertainment when the men are otherwise engaged.

The Alumni Banquet promises to be a real success. A splendid menu has been arranged. Members of the graduating class are invited and urged to attend this banquet as guests. A short interesting speaking program will follow. Short talks will be given by a representative of the senior class, Norman H. Mayo '09 representing the alumni, Rex W. Dodge of Portland representing the trustees, and President C. C. Little will deliver the principal address. L. J. Brann '98 of Lewiston will be toastmaster and a real banquet is assured.

Plans are being made to hold appropriate exercises when ground is broken for the Memorial Gymnasium-Armory on Sunday afternoon. It has not yet been determined whether construction can be commenced this summer or not. The Building Committee will make its decision next week when they find out if payments on subscriptions are being made satisfactorily. The proposed ceremony includes a procession, music, singing of the Maine Hymn, brief speeches, presentation of prizes and the breaking of ground.

Fraternity reunions and banquets for returning alumni at the several houses will have a big influence on the success of Commencement from the viewpoint of the returning alumnus.

Alumni returning for Commencement add much to its observance. The detailed plans and the fine program arranged for this year give every promise that Commencement Week at Maine will be a decided success.

Every age produces thousands of scientists and millions of business men, but it is quickly forgotten unless it produces at least one poet.—Temple Univ.

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