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FARMERS' WEEK.

The fourth annual Farmers' Week of the College of Agriculture will be held at Agricultural Hall, beginning Monday, March 7th, and closing Friday, March 11th. The week will open with registration at 7 o'clock, Monday evening, after which the opening addresses will be given by Hon. A. W. Gilman, State Commissioner of Agriculture and by President G. E. Fellows.

The features of the next day's program will be the meeting of the Cooperative Breeders' Association, at which Dr. L. S. Merrill, the State dairy inspector, will preside, and the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Maine Experiment Station. Dr. Woods will have general supervision of the latter exercises and the address will be by Dr. W. H. Jordan, Maine '75, director of the Maine Station from 1885 to 1896 and recently of the New York State Experiment Station. The following have been invited to take part in the exercises:—Hon. Frederick Robie, ex-governor of the State of Maine, who signed the bill establishing the station twenty-five years ago; Hon. S. L. Boardman, formerly editor of the Bangor Commercial and now of White Plains, N. Y., who, as secretary of the Board of Agriculture, was a member of the first board of directors of the station; Hon. Z. A. Gilbert, a member of the first board of managers; James M. Bartlett, chemist at the station ever since its foundation; Hon. Bert M. Fernald, present Governor of the State; and Hon. A. W. Gilman.

Again this year, a prominent place in the week's program will be taken up with the Domestic Science section, in which the wives of the farmers and other ladies of this vicinity will find much to interest them. The section will be presided over by Prof. Comstock and Miss Chase, formerly instructor at Pratt Institute. There

will be an exhibition of cooking on electric stoves recently installed for this purpose.

MAINE, 37; BANGOR A. A., 7.

In a basketball game which was perhaps more amusing than interesting, the Maine quintet maintained unbroken its string of victories, Friday evening by defeating the Bangor A. A. team, 37 to 7. It was the roughest game that has been played in the gymnasium this year, the first half especially being little more than a rough and tumble affair. The lead which Maine secured at the beginning kept the crowd in a good humor, however, and it didn't mind having the Bangor fellows rough it part of the time.

Maine piled up its big score in the second half, Scales shooting several pretty goals on some long chances. Although at the opening of the period the score was 13 to 4, the Maine team was not satisfied with this lead and played all around their opponents. Marshall and Nason did some good work, the former being strong in carrying the ball down the floor.

The work of the team showed the effects of its long practice, and it will be interesting to see just what it can do in its first college game, which comes next Friday in the gymnasium with the New Hampshire State College men.

A good crowd was in attendance at this game and a large number remained and enjoyed the dance afterwards, it being the first dance after a basketball game this year.

The line-up and summary follow:

MAINE	BANGOR A. A.
Scales, r. f.	Moran, Williams, l. f.
Nason, l. f.	Cook, r. f.
Swasey, Washburn, c.	Johnston, c.
Marshall, r. b.	Abbott, Kelley, l. b.
Cleaves, Swasey, l. b.	Rogers, r. b.

Goals from floor, Cook 1, Scales 6, Nason 5, Swasey 1, Marshall 3. Goals from fouls, Scales 7, Cook 5. Referee, Stuart; Umpire, Kelley. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

THE NEW DORMITORY.

The plans for the new dormitory are completed, and bids are being advertised in the various newspapers for the construction work. The date for the closing of the bids is February 25th, and as soon as possible after that day the contract will be awarded, in order that the construction work can be started early this spring. It is expected that by the beginning of the fall term the building will be ready for the students.

The dormitory, which is to be located just north of Oak Hall, will be four stories high, with a basement, and will be divided up into three sections. On each floor of each section there will be a bathroom. The study rooms are intended for two students, and opening off from each study there will be two individual bed-rooms. The dining room will be large enough to seat 300, and a kitchen with the best modern appliances will do away with the old kitchen known as the Commons. Provisions are made in the plans for a large clubroom, and also for a room for a training table to be used by the various athletic teams while in training.

The exterior style of the new dormitory will be in keeping with the other college buildings, and when completed it will be a worthy addition to our campus and a building that every Maine man can point out to his visiting friends with great pride.

REHEARSALS FOR DRAMATIC CLUB.

The first rehearsal for the play to be presented by the Dramatic Club this year, "A Pair of Blinders," will be held in the lecture room of Agriculture Hall this evening. This rehearsal will serve as a trial of the candidates for the cast, and the proficiency of the men will be determined by judges who have been selected by Professor Daggett.

The cast of this play calls for only eleven characters and there will probably be a hard scramble for places, as there are many good men left over from the cast of last year's play and there are sure to be some capable candidates from the freshman class.

Although work on the play is commencing later this year than usual, the cast will be called upon to put in some hard practice for the next four or five weeks, with rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The number of presentations will be about the same as the number last season, and several of the same trips will be taken.

MUSICAL CLUBS IN BANGOR.

The Musical Clubs gave their first regular concert Thursday evening in the Bangor City Hall under the auspices of the local Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The clubs were greeted by a large audience and presented an excellent program, similar to the one given in Oldtown a week ago. The work of the Glee and Mandolin clubs was especially good, although the leader of the former, George E. Springer, '10, who has been ill for the past week, was greatly missed. His place was taken by N. B. Whitcomb, '12, who did very creditable work. The Mandolin club was conducted by L. M. Gerrish, '11.

The features of the program were the solo by William Sansouci, '13, and the readings by M. E. Fassett, '10.

NEW COURSES.

Several of the departments in the College of Arts and Sciences are offering additional courses this spring, notably the English department. This broadening of the field of instruction in advanced work tends to bring the College more than ever to the fore, and already in some departments more courses are given than in the colleges of arts and sciences in many other institutions.

Prof. Gray and his staff are offering as new courses, work in Beowulf, advanced composition, English prose in the nineteenth century, and advanced reading. In Philosophy, Prof. Craig has extended the department to include social psychology, an introduction to modern philosophy, and readings in modern philosophy. Prof. Huddilston is also continuing his course in the history of New Testament literature.

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Publicity of a disagreeable sort has recently been given the University by newspaper reports of the arrest and conviction of a student of the College of Law for the larceny of books belonging to its library. Such being the case, it seems advisable that an accurate statement of the facts should appear in THE MAINE CAMPUS.

On Thursday, January 20, a telegraphic inquiry was received at the University from a Portland firm asking if four volumes of Maine Reports, whose numbers were given, were missing from the University library. Investigation showed that three of the four were missing from the law library, and further information from Portland showed that the volumes had been offered for sale by an individual who had signed his letters with the name of "Henry Slater."

The purchaser was requested to send check payable to "Cash," to "Henry Slater, General Delivery, Bangor." This aroused suspicion, and when the volumes were received it appeared that three of them had belonged to the University, although an effort had been made to conceal that fact.

Inquiries made from the postal officials in Bangor showed that mail for "Henry Slater" had been called for by a man who also received it under the name of Harry A. Sacknoff. As Sacknoff was a special student in his second year in the College of Law, suspicion pointed strongly to him. Arrangements were made so that a registered letter was sent "Henry Slater, General Delivery, Bangor," to be delivered only to the addressee in person, enclosing an unsigned check.

On Saturday morning Sacknoff called for mail for "Henry Slater," signed the registry receipt under that name, and without noticing that the check enclosed had not been properly signed endorsed the same name upon its back, when he was arrested.

The facts bearing upon the case were reported to the county attorney, George E. Thompson, '91, who handled the matter arranging that the arrest should not occur until the incriminating signatures were made.

After the arrest, Sacknoff at first admitted

partial guilt only, but when threatened with the appearance in court of the real Henry Slater, a Portland traveling man, he admitted his guilt, and when arraigned in court Monday, pleaded guilty.

In consideration of the fact that this was a first offence, and because conviction would forever debar Sacknoff from admission to the bar in the State of Maine, the county attorney asked only for the imposition of a fine, which was fixed by Judge Harding at \$30.00 and costs.

The fourth volume of Maine Reports sent the Portland firm by Sacknoff proves to be the property of Col. Frederick Hale of Portland, in whose office Sacknoff had read law for a time, and by whom he had been given \$75.00 in order to help him through the law school.

The faculty of the College of Law have suspended Sacknoff indefinitely and recommend to the trustees that he be expelled.

The offense was so flagrant and deliberate that no course other than placing the facts before the proper legal officials seemed open to the University authorities. It is most earnestly to be hoped that the good name of the University may never again be stained by any occurrence which will require similar action.

LITERATI MEETING.

The program for the February meeting of the Literati which will come on Tuesday, Feb. 15, will consist of a dramatic recital of "Old Heidelberg" by Prof. Daggett. This story is adapted from the novel "Karl Heinrich" by Wilhelm Meyer-Förster. The novel has been read in some of the German classes here at the University and the dramatization has been popular in this country since first produced by Richard Mansfield in 1902.

The impersonation of the various characters of the drama by Prof. Daggett is sure to be very interesting, and this recital will fully maintain the high standards of entertainments which are being afforded at the meetings of the Literati this year.

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EDITORIALS.

AS has been previously announced, the first University Assembly will be held on the evening of February 18. The committee has nearly completed arrangements for it and tickets are now on sale at the fraternity houses and Oak Hall.

These Assemblies are an outgrowth of, and yet

a departure from the former dances which were given by the fraternities. Then, each group arranged and paid for its own individual dance. A spirit of rivalry and a desire to eclipse all preceeding functions were soon developed and the constantly increasing necessary expenditure of time and money was easily apparent. Finally, after some discussion and several conferences, it was decided to institute the custom of Assemblies, in each of which not only the fraternities but the whole student body could feel an interest and a responsibility.

The committee is desirous that every member of the University should entertain just that feeling and that as a result there be a large attendance. Those in charge are obliged to devote considerable effort in arranging the two dances, and it seems no more than fair that their work should be appreciated by the ones for whose pleasure they are striving.

CHAPEL order has not been of the best this year and conditions reached a climax Friday morning, when the student body in general and one class in particular received a well deserved censure from the platform. Carelessness or thoughtlessness is no excuse for a body of college students like ours and it is time every one of us felt a personal responsibility in regard to behavior in chapel. If each one will consider himself answerable for his own conduct, no general criticism will be necessary.

THE business manager will begin immediately to collect the money for CAMPUS subscriptions. This is just some advance information, so that each one who has taken the publication can initiate the habit of putting his spare coins into an empty tobacco box in order to be prepared when the manager or his agent taps you on the shoulder and asks you how you like THE CAMPUS.

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It won't do a bit of good to tell him you are "broke" because he will get you before long anyway, and by paying up the first time you won't be bothered with him further. But seriously speaking, outside of that fact, it is the duty of every fellow to pay his subscription as soon as possible.

FACULTY NOTES.

Professor O. A. Johannsen of the Experiment Station who, it will be remembered, came here at the beginning of the fall term from Cornell University is the recipient of a very beautiful testimonial of appreciation of his work there. Prof. Johannsen was very well liked at Cornell, and it was only with deep regret that the faculty and students saw him leave their campus to accept a position here.

The testimonial is a gift of which anyone should feel proud. It is fully as large as the ordinary diploma, and is beautifully decorated by hand. It contains the signature of the dean of the college of civil engineering in which department Mr. Johannsen worked, as well as that of the secretary of the Cornell faculty and the seal of Cornell.

The body of the testimonial is as follows.

"Since Assistant Professor Johannsen has severed his relations with this Faculty and College to accept a professorship in a sister institution, the Faculty desire to place upon record its high appreciation of his scholarship; his excellent qualifications as a teacher, notably in his clear explanations and sympathetic helpfulness to the students in his classes; and of his noble character, the wholesome influence of which has been recognized by the students and fellow teachers alike. His active participation in the deliberations and legislation of the Faculty and his services as Registrar are also gratefully remembered

"His personal interest in biological study and investigation has been steadily followed since he came to Cornell and finally led to his decision to relinquish work in civil engineering. While we regret that this change of life's plan has re-

moved him from our College, we extend to him our heartiest good wishes for a useful career in his chosen field as an investigator and teacher.

President Fellows will attend the annual banquet of the New York Alumni association in New York City on February 12. On the same day he will be present at a meeting of the committee on higher education composed of the heads of the departments of the National Education Association, of which committee he is chairman.

The Faculty committee on student organizations other than athletic teams has decided that all candidates for membership in those organizations must obtain a statement of their eligibility to such membership from the secretary.

The Conversation Club met with Prof. Jones on Friday evening, January 28. President Fellows was the leader, the subject for the meeting being "Is Democracy a Failure."

Prof. Merrill has purchased the house formerly owned by the late Professor Carr. The house will be occupied during the remainder of the year by Prof. H. G. Bell and family.

Dean Hart visited the Foxcroft Academy on Wednesday, January 26.

Prof. Comstock and Miss Boring entertained a few of the Faculty at a supper party at the University Inn on Friday, January 28.

The Arts Club was entertained by Prof. Garrett Thompson on Saturday evening, February 5.

Prof. Colvin entertained several of the Faculty at dinner, January 20, at the Mt. Vernon House.

ORCHESTRA ENGAGEMENT.

Five pieces of the University Orchestra have been engaged to furnish music Friday night, Feb. 11, for the annual concert and ball to be given by the Senior class of Searsport High School. M. E. Fassett, '10, has also been engaged to give several readings during the concert. The following men will go: Tucker, violin; Markle, clarinet; Burke, cornet; Higgins, trombone; and Short, piano.

THE RELAY TEAM.

Next Saturday evening at the B. A. A. indoor meet the relay team will run for the seventh time and will attempt to score its fourth straight victory over Vermont. There has been considerable competition for the team and Maine will have four fast men to represent her, some of whom have run on former teams.

Contrary to the original intentions of the track management, this year's contest will not be a triangular one, as Bates will run a dual race with Colby. The University will not be as in some past years, represented in any other contest.

The preliminary trials for the team were held last week, but the finals did not take place until yesterday afternoon, so that the personnel of the team was not determined until too late for printing in this week's issue of the CAMPUS.

LECTURES ON ENGLISH LITERATURE.

The University, in pursuance of its policy of having each semester a course of weekly lectures given by various members of the Faculty, has arranged for a series of fourteen lectures this spring by Professors R. P. Gray, G. A. Thompson, and W. P. Daggett. These will take up in a general way the development of English literature, taking into consideration the characteristics and the places in history of the several periods. With the exception of the first two lectures, however, these points will be brought out by discussions on leading authors of each age.

The course will begin next Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in the lecture room of the Library, and it will be conducted according to the following program:

FIRST GROUP—PROFESSOR GRAY

- February 9, Development of English Literature from the Beginning to the Seventeenth Century.
- February 16, Development of English Literature from the Seventeenth Century to the Twentieth.
- February 23, Beowulf, The Oldest English Epic.
- March 2, Chaucer: Life and Works. Illustrated.
- March 9, Shakspeare: Illustrated lecture.

SECOND GROUP—PROFESSOR THOMPSON

- March 16, Edmund Spenser: Life and Works.
- March 23, John Milton: Life and Works.

- April 6, Francis Bacon: Life and Works
- April 13, William Wordsworth: Life and Works.
- April 20, Lord Byron: Life and Works.

THIRD GROUP—PROFESSOR DAGGETT

- April 27, Charles Dickens: His Creative Genius.
- May 4, Charles Lamb: His Personality and Literary Style.
- May 11, Alfred Tennyson: Some Aspects of his Poetry.
- May 18, Robert Browning: The Poet of Energy.

SCENES FROM "MERCHANT OF VENICE."

On Tuesday evening of last week, the Literati gave its fourth monthly entertainment in the lecture room of the Library. The program was a novel one and a large number of the Faculty, students, and friends enjoyed a unique presentation of the scenes from the Merchant of Venice. The scenes were not acted, but the readers interpreted the plot and characters with good effect, several of them showing marked ability in this work. The performance was the necessary requirement for credit in the course of expression and advanced public speaking.

PRISM DEDICATED TO PROF. SPRAGUE.

At the meeting of the 1911 *Prism* board last week, the question of the dedication of the annual came up for discussion and it was finally voted to dedicate it to Prof. Robert J. Sprague, head of the Economics department. Prof. Sprague has been identified with the Faculty of the University since 1906, and has made a state wide reputation as a student of economic and sociological problems and as a writer of articles upon such topics. As Professor of Economics he has been popular with his students and there is now a larger registration of men majoring in his department than in any other department of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Chapman Evangelistic meetings are being well attended by students and members of the Faculty.

Eight Kappa Sigma boys went on an enjoyable ride to Hines' Pond last Friday.

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FRIDAY CHAPEL TALK.

The talk in Chapel last Friday morning was given by Prof. Huddilston, who spoke on the undergraduate degrees now being granted by American colleges and universities. In regard to the B. A. degree he said that it originated in the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge and has always been the principal degree granted by those institutions. From England the degree was brought to America and for a long time was the only undergraduate degree awarded in this country.

About 1870, however, the practice of granting the B. S. degree for work in purely scientific branches found root here and gained general favor. The very strict qualifications for the B. A. aided the introduction of the B. S., and these two are now the principal degrees granted, as the practice of giving the B. L. and Ph. B. degrees, which was started in the West, is dying out. With the broadening of the qualifications for the B. A., the traditions and history of which give it an unapproachable dignity, it is now regaining its former strong place in American institutions.

The Chapel talks which are given Friday mornings are designed to be a help to the student body by keeping them informed regarding events of current interest. So far as possible subjects are selected which are conspicuously before the public at the time. If any of the students have in mind subjects which they would like to have presented in Chapel, they are asked to hand them to Prof. Stevens and they will be discussed if practicable.

DEAN STEVENS SPEAKS.

Dean Stevens conducted the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday. He took for his subject the story of Cain and Abel with special emphasis on the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He said: "The people in the world who try to be their brother's keeper may be divided into three classes. The first class is rather undesirable. It consists of those people

who try to conduct other people's affairs instead of looking after their own. In the second class are the people who realize that their influence may affect someone else, and who, because of that fact, try to make their lives stand for the things which are right and good. The third class goes farther than that and tries to lead others to Christ. It is in this class that the active Christian workers belong."

Dean Stevens made his talk especially applicable to religious conditions in the University and after the address several of the seniors spoke along the same lines and several good points were brought out which may be of use in the future work of the Association.

PLAN FOR MONEY MAKING.

The finance committee of the Y. M. C. A. has devised a scheme for raising money by collecting waste paper from the University buildings and the fraternity houses. The cooperation of every one is asked to help make this scheme a success. The amount of waste paper which may be collected in this way is very much greater than one would ordinarily believe. Old newspapers, books, magazines and all clean scrap-paper can be used. The paper will be sold to the Androscoggin Paper Co. of Portland. The price ranges from eight to ten dollars per ton. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Northfield delegation.

Dr. Fellows has received a letter from the Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise soliciting his aid in the forwarding of the movement for the establishment of a safe and sane celebration of the Fourth of July. With the letters were copies of letters from the governors of several of the States in the Union, which highly supported the movement.

Prof. and Mrs. McKee entertained the seniors majoring in Chemistry at dinner last Wednesday evening. Those present were R. J. Bird, A. K. Burke, K. R. Fox, R. O. Hatch, R. A. Jellison, and R. P. Littlefield.

GIFT FROM JUSTICE EMERY.

Mr. Chief Justice Emery of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, recently presented a very interesting gift to the Law School. The gift is an original Chancellor's commission for the North West circuit, Summer Assizes, 1909. The commission, printed on parchment, was issued by Edward the Seventh. Suspended from the bottom of the parchment by a cord is the great Royal seal in wax, fully six inches in diameter. It is a most interesting document and the gift is much appreciated by the Faculty and students of the Law School.

The following recommendations have been made by a committee appointed by the recently organized Law School Athletic Association: "That the insignia of the school be a large block M with the word 'law' in small letters directly beneath it; that the color be light blue, as that of the University of Maine; that a man to wear the insignia, as far as the game of baseball is concerned, must play in at least 18 innings during any one regular playing schedule; the dues will be fifty cents a term and for the remainder of this school year one dollar; any member of the School is eligible for a team." These recommendations were duly ratified at a meeting of the Athletic Association on Friday morning, Feb. 4th.

WESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The ninth annual meeting and banquet of the Western Alumni Association was held in the College Room of the Hotel La Salle in Chicago on the evening of January 22. After a sumptuous banquet the officers were elected for the coming year. Fred M. David, '01, acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by C. C. Whittier, '99, A. W. Totman, '07, G. W. Sturtevant, '81, Geo. E. Fernald, William Webber, '84, and Geo. D. Parks. The principal speaker of the evening, however, was Abram W. Harris, President of Northwestern University and former president of this University.

CALENDAR.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

- 6.30 P. M. Mandolin Club rehearsal, Chapel.
- 6.45 P. M. Orchestra rehearsal, Chapel.
- 7.15 P. M. Glee Club rehearsal, Chapel.
- 7.30 P. M. Meeting Executive Committee Athletic Association, Library.
- 7.30 P. M. Trials for cast of "A Pair of Blinders."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

- 9.45 A. M. Special Music at Chapel.
- 4.30 P. M. Prof. Gray lectures in the Library on Development of English Literature from the Beginning to the Seventeenth Century.
- 4.30 P. M. Band rehearsal, Chapel.
- 6.30 P. M. Mandolin Club rehearsal, Chapel.
- 7.00 P. M. Basketball practice, Gymnasium.
- 7.15 P. M. Glee Club rehearsal, Chapel.
- 7.30 P. M. Agricultural Club, 12 Agricultural Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

- 4.30 P. M. Y. M. C. A. Meeting, Library, Leader Prof. G. W. Thompson.
- 4.30 P. M. Y. W. C. A. Meeting, Mt. Vernon House.
- 4.30 P. M. Band rehearsal, Chapel.
- 6.30 P. M. Mandolin Club rehearsal, Chapel.
- 7.00 P. M. Basketball practice, Gymnasium.
- 8.00 P. M. Musical Clubs give concert at Ellsworth.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- 9.45 A. M. Talk on Current Events, Chapel.
- 1.00 P. M. Press Club, Coburn Hall.
- 7.00 P. M. Basketball practice, Gymnasium.
- 8.00 P. M. Musical Clubs give concert at Bar Harbor.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- 8.00 P. M. Basketball game, Maine vs. N. H. State, Gymnasium.
- 8.00 P. M. Relay Race, Maine vs. Vermont at B. A. A. Meet, in Boston.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- 3.00 P. M. Vesper Service, Chapel.

LOCALS.

G. E. Springer, '10, is ill with grip and tonsillitis.

E. S. Alton, '10, has left college and will spend the remainder of the winter in Porto Rico, convalescing from his recent illness.

W. A. Shales, '12, of Belfast and C. Harrington, '13, of Dexter have left college but expect to return next year.

Mrs. A. K. Kelly, matron of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity has been seriously ill during the past week.

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W. A. Cowan is attending the Law School.

The Delta Kappa basketball team played two games last week, winning the first from the Danforth H. S. five 17-13, and losing the second to the Lincoln A. C., 32-17.

W. H. Dwyer, '12, has left college to accept a position in Boston. He will return in the fall to continue his study.

O. F. Sevens '10, completed his college work last semester. He has accepted a position in the biological department of the University of Illinois.

G. N. Worden, '12, has been pledged to Delta Tau Delta.

J. H. Gould, '10, and L. B. Thompson, '11, have constructed an ice boat, which they are running on the river.

The Sigma Chi fraternity held a party and dance on Friday evening, Jan. 27th.

Kappa Sigma gave an informal smoker last Saturday evening. 127

Parker, '10, Crabtree, '12, and Woodward, '12, have returned from a gunning trip in the Hancock woods.

A number of students were able to enjoy a few days at home after the mid-year exams.

THE WESTERN CONFERENCE ON ATHLETICS.

If memory serves rightly, the majority of Maine men follow the events in the world of college athletics eagerly, and their interest is broad enough to include the big institutions of the Middle West as well as the better known Eastern universities. Michigan, Chicago, and Illinois, at least, are familiar words on all our lips—Michigan and Chicago for their football teams, Illinois for baseball and track. All of us know the terms "Western Conference" and "Big Nine" (or more recently "Big Eight"), but only a comparatively few of us have any adequate conception of what the Western Conference is, or of the work which it has accomplished.

It is within the memory of the youngest of us that Collier's Weekly published its series of articles

on the athletic situation at many of our largest universities, disclosing an alarming state of affairs, especially in the realm of football. The charge rested most heavily on a few Western institutions, although Eastern colleges were scarcely less seriously involved. The effect of these and many other articles, all testifying to widespread public concern, was very different in the two sections of the country. In the East the authorities already existing attempted to deal with the situation and the individual colleges made as few changes as were consistent with a substantial improvement in conditions. In the West (using the word in an Eastern sense) the same conditions resulted in the entire revision of the existing authorities, and in the establishment of an entirely original body, "The Western Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives," which has come to be the controlling power in athletics in the Middle West.

It is seen, then, that the Conference, strictly speaking, is a Faculty organization, composed of one representative from each of the institutions comprising its membership. In practice it works out that many of these representatives are the athletic directors, like Stagg of Chicago, and Williams of Minnesota, giving professional wisdom to its deliberations. Illinois, on the other hand, is represented by the head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and the professional coach is by no means in complete control of the situation. The most effective work of the Conference was done some little time after its establishment, when in 1906 it gave intercollegiate athletics the most thorough overhauling they have ever received, and placed Western athletics on a higher plane than the similar sports in the East have yet attained. Out of the sessions of 1906 grew most of the rules which are now enforced, and which have accomplished much, although by no means all, that they were intended to.

The distinctive features of the Conference code may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. No student may represent a college until he shall have completed a full year's work in that college over and above entrance requirements.

2. No college athlete may compete more than three years as a total in any branch (A portion of one game in a season counts as a full year in that sport).

3. No students holding any degree may compete.

4. Delinquency in one subject disqualifies.

5. Eligibility must be certified to by both the Faculty committee on athletics and the student himself (Expulsion is the penalty for false certification by the student.)

6. No athlete may represent any athletic organization not connected with his own college. Especial permission may be obtained to play on amateur teams without compensation of any sort, by applying to the chairman of the Faculty committee *before* playing. Copies of such permits, stating names, dates, and places, are sent to all the Conference colleges before September first each year and are published in certain newspapers.

7. No high school or academy games are permitted.

8. No football team except the 'Varsity plays teams from other colleges.

9. Seven football games constitute a full season.

10. Training tables and training quarters are abolished.

11. No games with non-Conference teams in Conference territory, played on a basis of equality are permitted.

12. In games outside of Conference territory the Conference rulings may be suspended.

To glance at the above briefs more carefully, we note that rule 1 covers freshmen as well as transferred students. The freshmen maintain their own teams and afford a strong practise team for the 'varsity. In track freshmen teams of different institutions frequently meet, but this is not permitted in other branches. The Freshmen teams at Illinois frequently call forth as many candidates as the 'Varsity. In practise this really defeats one of the main advantages of excluding freshmen from the 'varsity, as the non-interference of athletics with the first year of study (commonly considered a Conference merit in the East) is largely a myth. To show that Conference teams have the same difficulty

as others, the case may be cited of an Illinois freshman who in the fall of 1908 exceeded in practise the world's record in the discus throw (he was good for 135 feet at any time), but his career as a college athlete did not materialize, for his studies put him out before he had even a chance to make the freshman team. It must be said, however, that the rule has worked beneficially in other respects.

Rule 5 requires a full and complete certification by the Faculty committee on athletics that the student is fully matriculated, that he is not behind in any subject, and that he is carrying a full course at the present time. In addition the student fills out and signs the following statement:

"I hereby certify that the above is my complete athletic record, that I am an amateur, that I know the Conference rules of eligibility for intercollegiate players, and that I am eligible to take part in intercollegiate contests under the letter and spirit of those rules."

Rule 6 is better known as the "Summer Baseball Rule" and has caused more difficulty than any other conference regulation. A man must get permission *before* playing, can play on only *one* team and that an amateur one, and without compensation. An increasing number of men are maintaining in the West as in the East, that profitable summer baseball is legitimate, but in 1906 the proposition to permit it was voted down, seven to two. It is liable to come up again in the near future.

Rule 9 was adopted to lessen the evil effects of athletics on studying, and to cut down receipts—it is a question whether it has accomplished either. Admittance fees to games are regarded as an evil, and the limit is placed at fifty cents for games and one dollar for meets. High salaries for coaches are distinctly discouraged by the Conference recommendations, and the abolition of the professional coach is to-day a live question. The difficulty of annulling existing contracts has so far saved the day for the coaches. Illinois already has the graduate system. . . . Rule 10 was the cause of Michigan's withdrawal from the "Big Nine" (which then became the "Big Eight") and she still maintains the training table. She

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also plays freshmen and four-year men on her teams, but it is rule 10 alone that keeps her out of the Conference. The Big Eight comprises Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern, Purdue, and Wisconsin. Many other colleges are desirous of joining, but have found it difficult to obtain entrance.

Rule 11 applies to large colleges in Conference territory only. Small colleges play anybody and everybody against Conference teams. Michigan has played only one game with a Conference college since her withdrawal in 1906, and that college, even though playing practically under Conference rules, was made to recognize her backsliding so acutely that the experiment is not likely to be repeated soon. . . . Under rule 12 Conference colleges may use freshmen (they generally do not,) frequently do use four year men, and sometimes maintain a temporary training table, when contesting Eastern teams.

As a general proposition the universities of the Middle West are pretty well satisfied with the Conference rulings, and in only one case has any discipline been necessary. That much remains to be done must be admitted. Athletics have not been brought any nearer the average student, and the freshmen has not been divorced from athletics in anywhere near the measure that was intended. The Western undergraduate is as wildly enthusiastic over his teams and as oblivious to the calls of text-books during the "season," as his Eastern contemporary. There are those who object to the certification of athletes, and wish to play on the "honor system" or "gentlemen's agreement" basis, but such ideal conditions are doubtless far in the future. A recent agitation for the establishment of a "Big Five," consisting of Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, is due not to any dissatisfaction with Conference rulings, but to a natural desire to secure a closer relation between the more evenly matched colleges. Illinois looked with favor upon the proposition because she has not had a foeman worthy of her metal in baseball since Michigan was lost four years ago, but such a combination will probably never be formed if it means a retrogression from present Conference standards. A decided agita-

tion has been evident the past fall tending toward the abandonment of the training table at Michigan and her return to the Conference fold. The Conference track meet is open to all the colleges of the West who are willing to abide even temporarily by the Conference rulings and is really the All-Western. It occurs this year on June fourth on the athletic field of the University of Illinois, the present champions.

ARTHUR R. LORD, 1907.

Urbana, Illinois.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'91.

In accordance with the action of the last Legislature, Governor Frear of the Territory of Hawaii appointed a School Fund Commission, consisting of three men for the purpose of recommending some plan for the Territory that would prove of a permanently better character, for the raising of funds to support the school system. The chairman of this Committee is Wallace R. Farrington, a Maine man. This Commission has made a thorough investigation of the question, and a portion of its findings has been reported in a pamphlet, which has been quite widely distributed. Mr. Farrington has been in Honolulu for a long time and has always taken a vital interest in all that relates to the welfare of the Territory of Hawaii.

'00.

Phil R. Goodwin is located in Oregon in the United States Reclamation Service. He is working on the Klamath Irrigation Project in Klamath County, Oregon. This is one of the large pieces of such work undertaken by the Government, the area to be benefited being about 160,000 acres.

'02.

Arthur E. Silver has resigned his position as Electrical Engineer for the Carolina Power and Light Company at Raleigh, N. C., and has accepted a similar position with the Electric Bond and Share Co. of New York City.

'07.

L. D. Barrows is spending a vacation at his home in Dover. Mr. Barrows has been engaged in Engineering work in the West.

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