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## NOT A VOTE CAST AGAINST U. OF M.



The final passage of the resolve in favor of the University of Maine came up in the senate March 26, and Sen. Proctor of Cumberland spoke for some little time, rehearsing a good deal that had been discussed before. He was followed by Sen. Philoon of Androscoggin, who went over the same general facts.

After the remarks of Sen. Philoon, Sen. Mills of Hancock made a very able speech in favor of the position of the university. Sen. Mills in the course of his remarks said that nothing new had been urged by the opponents of the measure, who now come forward with the same old arguments after the senate had already taken a decisive vote upon the subject. He argued that no trivial matters should come into the discussion.

Sen. Stearns of Penobscot made a very able closing of the arguments in favor of the university. He urged the senators to vote for the passage of the resolve, as otherwise it would mean that the usefulness of the university would end here, as such action would take the very life from the institution and compel it to close.

On motion of Sen. Mills the president of the senate called for a vote on the question which was unanimously passed, no one having the courage to stand up and vote to put an end to the very life of the university.



### REVIEW OF THE B. A. CONTROVERSY.

The attempt to secure action by the Legislature of 1907 which would compel the University of Maine to discontinue its liberal arts courses and cease to grant the B. A. degree seems to have had its source in one man, Ex-Senator Barret Potter of Brunswick.

Mr. Potter was a member of the Senate in 1903 and 1905, but was defeated for reelection this year. In 1903 he introduced a rider to an appropriation for an engineering building which provided that the money should be available only upon the discontinuance of instruction in Latin and Greek. In 1905 he made an effort to have the University prevented from having its printing paid for out of the general printing appropriation, a privilege accorded to all State institutions. He also introduced a resolve providing for the appointment of a recess committee to report to the Legislature of 1907 upon the just obligations of the State to the University. In consideration of the fact that the ten year appropriation for the University made in 1897 would cease in 1906, and that largely increased funds for the support of the University were required, this proposition was supported by the friends of the University and adopted. Mr. Potter was made chairman of this committee.

The Potter committee met in Orono, and later Mr. Potter arranged another meeting in Portland at which President Hyde of Bowdoin, President White of Colby, and President Chase of Bates appeared upon the personal invitation of Mr. Potter. Beginning with President Hyde, who delivered a carefully prepared speech which had been furnished in advance to the newspapers of the State, each of these gentlemen spoke strongly against the continuance of the liberal arts courses at the University. It seems clear that the purpose of this Portland meeting was to give opportunity for these objections to be made public.

At the public hearing given upon the University bill by the Committee on Education, there appeared in opposition to the continuance of liberal arts courses at the

University, Mr. Potter, Hon. O. B. Clason of Gardiner, and Dr. J. W. Beede of Auburn.

The effort to secure the abolition of the liberal arts work at the University has been spoken of as "the conspiracy of the colleges," but this is unfair and has a tendency to create ill feeling which is without justification and is to be deplored. It is true that at the request of Mr. Potter the presidents of the three colleges appeared, but each of them stated that he appeared as an individual only. While Mr. Potter himself is a graduate of Bowdoin, a member of its Board of Overseers and secretary of its Board of Trustees, Mr. Clason is a graduate of Bates and a member of its Board of Overseers, and Dr. Beede is a trustee of Colby, while the most active opponent in the Legislature of the liberal arts courses was Mr. Carl E. Milliken of Island Falls, a graduate of Bates and a son-in-law of President Chase of Bates, yet it is also true that among the alumni of these institutions in the legislature were those who supported and spoke for the retention of the liberal arts courses, and that of all the alumni of the three colleges in the Legislature a majority voted in favor of their retention. Not only should all credit be given these men who resisted strong pressure to vote as their sense of public duty required, but let no friend of the University make the mistake of harboring unkind feeling toward the colleges because certain of their representatives permitted themselves to assume an attitude hostile to the University.

The Potter committee presented two reports, the majority report favoring the retention of the liberal art courses, and the minority report, drawn by Mr. Potter, advocating their discontinuance. The committee on Education also presented two reports, the majority report advocating the abolition of the liberal arts courses, and the minority favoring their continuance.

The arguments of those opposed to these courses, reduced to their simplest terms, were as follows:—

1. The land grant act of Congress of 1862 was designed to call into existence institutions which should be agricultural and mechanical colleges, nothing more.
2. The State of Maine, in its acceptance of the act, contemplated the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college, nothing more.
3. The change of name by the Legislature of 1897 was intended to be a change in name only, nothing more.
4. The money required for the support of liberal

arts courses could be used to better advantage if applied directly to agricultural and technical lines.

5. The duplication by the University, at the expense of the State, of liberal arts courses given elsewhere in the State, without expense to the State, is an unwise public policy.

6. The maintenance of liberal arts courses at the University will prevent gifts from being made to the private colleges which would otherwise be made, thus interfering with their prosperity and consequently working an injury to the educational interests of the State as a whole.

The reply to these allegations may be summed up as follows:—

1. The land grant act of 1862 contains these phrases, "without excluding other scientific and classical studies," and "in order to promote the *liberal* and practical education." Mr. Morrill, the author of the act, repeatedly and emphatically declared that it was not the intention of the act to exclude liberal arts courses. Legislative action which would abolish these courses would be contrary to the letter and the spirit of the act itself.

2. The act of the Maine Legislature of 1865, which created the State College, explicitly declared,— "The trustees shall, as soon as may be, arrange and make known the several courses of study which they will undertake at the outset of the college, and shall enlarge and improve the same whenever practicable." And again it says,— "Such other studies are to be taught \* \* \* as the facilities of the college and the periods of instruction will permit." These provisions of the original legislative act have always been in force, and every additional branch of instruction which has ever been introduced is in obedience to its directions.

3. A report upon the State College was presented to the Legislature of 1897 by a committee of the Governor's Council in which the policy of broadening its work, then clearly apparent, was severely criticised. Of this committee, the leading spirit was the same Mr. O. B. Clason, who has opposed the liberal arts courses this year. Referring to a phrase in an annual report of President Harris, the committee closed its report with these words,— "It remains to be seen if the Legislature will commit the State to this idea of a university of the greatest breadth and usefulness." After a vigorous discussion, the Legislature of 1897, with this report before it, did what no legislature had ever done before and

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what none has done since, made an appropriation for support extending over a period of ten years, and without any conditions or limitations whatever. After the discussion upon the matter of support, in which the policy of expansion played an important part, the Legislature voted almost unanimously to change the name of the institution from State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts to University of Maine. The discussion in the Legislature of 1897 with the subsequent action of that Legislature, prove that it was meant to endorse the policy of the institution, which was clearly evident at that time and which has been followed since, as well as from the very beginning.

4. The best possible education for agricultural and technical students is the broadest possible education. If such students cannot themselves pursue advanced liberal arts courses, the next best thing is the opportunity for daily intimate association with those who are doing so. To deprive the agricultural and technical students at the University of these opportunities would be detrimental to their interests. That such action would be detrimental is the unanimous opinion of the members of the agricultural and technical faculties of the University, and it is obvious that these men must know the real facts better than those who have never had experience in agricultural or technical education possibly can. The best interests of agricultural and technical students require that the liberal arts courses be maintained.

5. The maintenance of an institution supported by the State at which instruction is given in agriculture and technology, but not in liberal arts, is a discrimination against those tax payers, who for any reason, desire to send their sons or daughters to the State University for liberal arts courses. Such discrimination would be without justification.

6. The effect of liberal support of B. A. courses in state universities has not been detrimental to first-class private institutions in other states; on the contrary, their friends have rallied to their support more liberally than before, with the result that they have prospered both financially and numerically. If the private institutions of Maine should be unable to maintain courses which will stand competition with those at the State University, that is no reason why the young people of the State should be deprived of the opportunities the State University offers them, although there is no sound reason to believe that these institutions will not continue to prosper.

The advocates of the continuance of liberal arts courses at the State University have advanced other contentions, as follows:

a. Forty-one out of Forty-six states maintain institutions which confer the B. A. degree.

b. No state which has established an institution which confers the B. A. degree has required it to discontinue granting the degree.

c. The University of Maine is the only higher educational institution in a portion of the State which embraces two thirds of its area and one third of its population. To require it to discontinue B. A. work would be an injustice to the people of this great territory.

d. The Legislature of 1865, in the act of establishing the University, entrusted the control of its courses of study to a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor of the State, and for any Legislature to take action which would restrict this power would introduce an element of uncertainty which would inevitable be detrimental to the prosperity of the University, as each Legislature might adopt a different policy from its predecessors. On three occasions such action has been proposed, prior to 1907, and each time the proposition has been over-whelmingly defeated.

After prolonged and vigorous discussion, the Legislature of 1907, has refused to take the control of the courses of study from the trustees. The vote upon the retention of the liberal arts courses and the B. A. degree in the House was 123 to 12. In the Senate a proposition to abolish the B. A. degree was carried, 16 to 14, but it was generally understood that other interests than the simple question at issue were involved, entirely foreign to the affairs of the University. After the House had voted to adhere to its action without a dissenting vote, the Senate voted to recede and concur, 17 to 13. After the somewhat unusual spectacle of an attempt to defeat a measure on its passage to be enacted, there was not a single vote against the final passage of the act without amendment.

The majority report, as presented, provided the sum of \$40,000 a year for two years for support, and \$90,000 for two buildings, a heating plant and an agricultural building. The amount for support was increased to \$65,000 a year for two years by a vote in the House of 79 to 34, and in the Senate 28 to 1.

The result of the action of the Legislature of 1907 is, specifically, the endorsement, by a large majority, of the



liberal arts courses and the B. A. degree, and the appropriation of a sum fairly adequate to meet the needs of the University for the next two years.



### FINAL ACTION OF THE SENATE.

In the senate on Tuesday forenoon the resolve in support of the University of Maine came up for final action. In speeches by several senators the whole question was rehearsed and much gone over that had formerly been fully discussed at previous sessions. Finally, on motion of Senator Mills of Hancock the president called for a vote on the question, when the resolve to endorse and support the U. of M. was given unanimous passage.

Thus after this whole matter has been fully considered, investigated and discussed as never before in the history of this institution; from the hearing before the Potter committee at Portland, May 23, 1906, down to the present time; when every attempt which its enemies could invent or suggest to cripple the institution in its splendid work for the education of the young men and young women of Maine, has been placed before the legislature, and every argument used to belittle its standing and lessen its influence among the educational institutions of the country—after all this, the details of which are well known to every reader of the *Commercial*, when on its final passage in the upper branch not a single senator could be found who had the courage to stand up and cut the throat of the University of Maine, as he would have done by voting in opposition to the passage of the resolution.—*Bangor Commercial*.



### Y. M. C. A.

The midweek meeting April 3, was led by President D. Chase, '08, and the subject "Teachings from Paul" was considered. The meeting was full of inspiration and genuine life. Perhaps the greatest lesson to be derived from Paul's work is that we place ourselves, as he did himself, in such a position that we may use life and work to the uplift of Christ's Kingdom. The meeting was followed by a business meeting, in which many new and promising plans for the coming year were discussed.

### PROFESSOR PORTER'S LECTURE

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has sent many and able lecturers to the University of Maine in years past, but never a better one than Professor Porter who lectured on Wednesday before the Seniors and Juniors in the civil engineering course. Mr. Porter possesses an exceeding pleasing address and his stereopticon views were the best which have been shown here this winter. Mr. Porter is Professor of Hydraulic Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has long been connected with the Metropolitan Water Board of the city of Boston and also with the Sewerage Commission of the same city.

In his morning lecture Professor Porter spoke on the system of sewerage disposal worked out under especially difficult conditions for Greater Boston. He covered the ground in a very interesting and instructive manner and with the aid of his splendid slides gave a very clear idea of the practical working of the system and of the conditions leading to its development.

In the afternoon he spoke on the engineering feats connected with the supply of pure water to the metropolitan district including Boston and many neighboring cities. The historical development and the rapid extension of this system supplying upwards of a million people with water were brought out, as well as a more detailed account of special projects illustrating all stages of the work. From his long connection with the works of which he spoke, Professor Porter was able to give a most authoritative and valuable address which will be long remembered at the University of Maine.



### CHEMICAL CLUB.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of the Chemical Club for this year, was held in Fernald Hall on Thursday, April 11. A short business meeting was held and various questions of interest to the club were discussed. After the business meeting a short program was run off, in which different members of the club read papers on important problems, which are before the chemical world today. The subjects were all interesting, and the papers all showed a very complete and careful preparation. Articles were read by the following: J. P. V. Fagan, '07, J. F. Merrill, '07, R. E. Clayton, '07, and C. C. Butterfield, '09.

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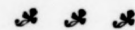
In order to arouse an interest in the study of topics relative to commerce and industry, and to stimulate an examination of the value of college training for business men, a committee composed of Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago, Chairman; Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University; Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Horace White, Esq., New York City, and Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Clark College, have been enabled, through the generosity of Messrs Hart, Schaffner and Marx, of Chicago, to offer again in 1908 four prizes for the best studies on any one of the following subjects:

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A first prize of one thousand dollars, and a second prize of five hundred dollars, in cash are offered for the best studies presented by Class A, composed exclusively of all persons who have received the bachelor's degree from an American college in 1896, or thereafter; and a first prize of three hundred dollars, and a second prize of one hundred and fifty dollars in cash are offered for the best studies presented by Class B, composed of persons who, at the time the papers are sent in, are undergraduates of

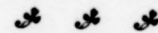
any American college. No one in Class A may compete in Class B; but any one in Class B may compete in Class A. The Committee reserves to itself the right to award the two prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 to undergraduates, if the merits of the papers demand it.

The ownership of the copyright of successful studies will vest in the donors, and it is expected that, without precluding the use of these papers as theses for higher degrees, they will cause them to be issued in some permanent form. Competitors are advised that the student should be thorough, expressed in good English, and although not limited as to length, they should not be needlessly expanded. They should be inscribed with an assumed name and whether in Class A, or Class B, the year when the bachelor's degree was or is likely to be received, and accompanied by a sealed envelope giving the real name and address of the competitor, and the institution which conferred the degree, or in which he is studying. The papers should be sent on or before June 1, 1908, to J. Laurence Laughlin, Esq., University of Chicago, Box 145, Faculty Exchange, Chicago, Illinois.



## MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University was held in Orono on Friday, April 5th, for the purpose of discussing plans for the new central heating plant and power station and for dividing the increase in the appropriation among the different departments according to their needs. It is expected that the heating plant will be ready to use when college opens again in the fall. The site for the Agricultural Building to be erected next year and plans for same were brought up.



## NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL STANDING

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## EDITORIALS

Credit is due L. R. Lord, '08, of the Board who had charge of the last issue.

Never criticise or say unkind things of others.

Amen and Amen to the following remarks from President Eliot of Harvard:

"It is high time that the whole profession of teaching in school, college and university unite to protest

against the present exaggeration of athletic sports during the whole period of education, and especially to bring competitive sports between schools and between colleges within reasonable limits, and establish the supremacy of intellectual and moral interests over physical interests in all institutions of education."

Some of the leading railroads of the country are reported to be finding much difficulty in obtaining qualified young men for subordinate positions on the engineering staff. The demand is for such young men as are competent to begin as roadmen and chainmen, or to do the simpler work connected with the construction and maintenance of railroads.

There is an offer of immediate wages sufficient to enable such beginners to be wholly selfsupporting, and there is the prospect of advance in the engineering grades. A great many distinguished railroad operators never had the advantage of technical school training, but that condition has been reversed. The late President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad rose from roadman to president.

It is certain that the engineering profession is not overcrowded, for the supply falls short of the demand for young men in the subordinate positions of railroad engineering.

## ALUMNI.

1875

Mr. A. E. Mitchell, formerly superintendent of motive power of the Lehigh Valley R. R., has succeeded Mr. L. S. Storrs as engineer of tests of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., and will have his headquarters at New Haven, Conn.—*Engineering Record*.

Dr. Whitman H. Jordan, director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, has just received an appointment to serve on an impor-

tant commission. His appointment comes from Dr. L. H. Bailey, dean of the Cornell Agricultural College, as president of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. The purpose of this commission is to investigate the policies pursued at present in the expenditure of public funds appropriated for the advancement of agriculture, and to make a report to the association of what, in its opinion, should be done to improve the present conditions.

At present there is about \$8,000,000 being expended annually in the United States in the interest of agriculture. This money is being used in part by the United States Department of Agriculture, the state agricultural colleges and the state agricultural experiment stations. With the growth of the amount of money used in this direction a number of complex problems have arisen as to the relation existing between the Federal Department of Agriculture and the state institutions. Besides problems have also come up between the state and federal institutions devoted to agricultural research on the one hand and the so-called unofficial institutes of research on the other. The relations of all these various agencies of research will be considered by the commission.

The American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations has had this question up at various times and on several occasions through its executive committee, it has discussed the matter with Secretary Wilson of the United States Department of Agriculture and the heads of the various federal bureaus. At the last annual meeting of the association, it was decided to go into the problem more thoroughly than heretofore and a resolution was passed instructing Dr. Bailey to appoint a commission for that purpose. It is expected that it will take at least two years to complete the work and prepare a report.

Dr. Jordan looks upon this appointment as a special honor, owing to the distinguished experts with whom he will be associated in the work. The chairman of the commission is David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford University. Dr. Jordan has served on numerous other important commissions, including the fur seal investigation of the waters of Alaska, Hawaii and the South Sea Islands. He also has served as assistant United

States fish commissioner. Dr. Jordan is a scientific writer of considerable note, having contributed extensively to "Science" and other technical publications.

The other three members of the commission are Dr. Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark College, an expert in statistics and social economics, who has served as United States Commissioner of Labor and on President Roosevelt's commission that settled the coal strike; Dr. Henry P. Armsby, an expert in animal nutrition, who is in charge of an institute devoted to problems along his special line, and who has also been director of the Pennsylvania Experiment Station and director of the Wisconsin Experiment Station; Gifford Pinchot, forester of the United States Department of Agriculture, who in his capacity has directed research covering nearly the whole field in the United States.

President D. S. Jordan expects to come east during the latter part of this month or early in May and the commission will hold its first meeting at that time. The exact time and place have not been fixed as yet.

#### 1882

The news of the death of Eben C. Webster was a profound shock to the student body and faculty and has brought a sense of personal loss to what is probably a wider circle of friends among the alumni than was possessed by any other graduate of the University. Born in Orono, June 12, 1861, a son of the late Colonel Eben C. Webster who was formerly treasurer of the University, graduating in the class of 1882, and making his home in Orono all his life, he knew all of the early graduates and a large number of those of later years. With generous inclinations and means to gratify them, no appeal for any university interest ever failed to meet with his cordial sympathy and liberal assistance. No other alumnus has been so generous in the financial aid of athletics.

In addition to his liberal support of all university interests, Mr. Webster's personal charities were undoubtedly larger and more widely distributed than those of any other citizen of Orono, and given so quietly that only the recipients of his bounty knew



of it. He shrank from all publicity, and concealed as far as possible what many people desire to have known. It is certain, however, that no deserving case of distress ever came to his knowledge that he did not try to do something to relieve it.

The Beta Theta Pi house is a monument to his good taste. He was treasurer of the committee of the local alumni which began to raise funds for its erection, and treasurer of the Chapter House Association until after the house was completed and occupied; as chairman of the building committee, he gave personal attention to the construction, decoration, and furnishing. He was liberal himself and influential in inspiring liberality in others.

Mr. Webster had made a practice for years of spending some weeks or months during the late winter and spring in travel. This year he had been for some weeks at Hot Springs. During the latter part of his stay there he had an attack of heart trouble. He had suffered from this at intervals for more than five years, and the care with which he had concealed it from his immediate family and friends was typical of his invariable thoughtfulness for others and his practice of never making trouble or causing anxiety.

After leaving Hot Springs, he went to New Orleans for a few days, and while there suffered from an acute attack, but was assured by the highest medical authority in that city that it would yield to treatment, and he decided to come North as he had planned. He sailed from New Orleans on the Comus, Wednesday, March 20th. He seemed to improve steadily, but suffered somewhat from seasickness, something most unusual for him.

On the same steamer with Mr. Webster were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNulty of Bangor. They had been at Hot Springs while Mr. Webster was there, were in New Orleans at the same time, and arranged to come North by the same route. Saturday forenoon Mr. McNulty saw Mr. Webster sitting in his steamer chair outside his state-room on the lower deck, and found him feeling better, cheerful, and animated. Later Mr. McNulty called again and failed to find him. Not thinking of any accident at first, he supposed Mr. Webster was in some other part of the ship, but finally became worried, and when search failed to locate him it became evident that he had been lost overboard.

The accident happened at lunch time, so no passengers were about, and as none of the crew happened to be there at the time, just how the accident occurred will never be known. It seems most probable that during an attack of nausea, Mr. Webster stepped to the rail, which was very low directly by the point where he was sitting, and while standing there had a heart attack which caused him to lose his balance and fall overboard.

Mr. Webster was treasurer of the Nekonegan Paper Company and the Union Land Company and was a member of the firm of E. and J. Fred Webster. He was interested in the Milford Construction Company and other enterprises. He served for some years as a director of the Bodwell Water Power Company and was for a long time treasurer of the Universalist parish in Orono.

This untimely death is a source of profound sorrow to the entire community and to a very wide circle of friends. Of him it is absolutely true that,

"None knew thee but to love thee,  
None named thee but to praise."

Memorial services will be held at the family residence, in Orono, at a date to be determined later.

Walter Flint is Supervising Engineer at Jacob Tome Inst. Port Deposit, Md.

1890

Professor N. C. Grover formerly head of the Civil Engineering Department of the U. of M. has resigned his position with the Hydrographic Division of the U. S. Geological Survey and accepted a position in Hydraulic Engineering with J. G. White & Co., 43 Exchange Place, New York, City. His residence is 81 North 18th. St., East Orange, N. J.

1903

O. T. Cimpher is employed as foreman of construction work for the Boston Elevated R. R.

1904

News was received from New York during the recess announcing the death of Connor Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Perkins of Bucksport. Mr. Perkins was a graduate of the University of Maine in the class of 1904 and was employed as an electric-

al engineer. The funeral services were held at the home of his parents in Bucksport, Rev. Henry Norton officiating.

### RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas*, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from us by the unsparing hand of death our late brother, Connor A. Perkins, and

*Whereas*, it is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be had; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, by Psi Chapter of Kappa Sigma, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Divine Being, we not the less mourn for our brother who has been taken from us

*Resolved*, that in the death of Connor A. Perkins this fraternity laments the loss of a brother who was, in every way, worthy of our respect and esteem. He was faithful and zealous as a brother, and an upright and noble man,

*Resolved*, that the members of this chapter wear their pins in mourning for thirty days,

*Resolved*, that the heartfelt sympathy of this chapter be extended to his family in their affliction,

*Resolved*, that these resolutions be recorded in the minute book of the chapter, that a copy thereof be sent to his family, and that they be published in the *Caduceus*, and in the *CAMPUS*.

REGINALD RIDGE, }  
A. A. AUSTIN, } For the Chapter.  
T. A. MALLOY, }

1905

R. E. Higgins is in Salt Lake City working in the Engineering Department of the Rocky Mountain Bell Tel. Co.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Y. M. C. A. desires to extend hearty thanks to those alumni who responded so materially to the recent letters sent out requesting financial aid.

### 1908 PRISM.

To the Alumni —

The whole of the 1908 *Prism* is now in the hands of the printers and is rapidly nearing completion.

This year we especially wish to interest the alumni in the *Prism* as we feel certain that the annual this year will be especially interesting to our graduates.

It is conceded by all that the year now passing has been a crisis in the history of the institution in more ways than one.

It must be of interest to everyone of the alumni to know what rapid strides and what progress their alma mater is making.

There are being added at all times new departments in college activities, new phases of college life as well as new buildings and new departments in an educational way.

The only publication going forth from this institution that will give you all this information and recall your college days, and all illustrated by half-tones and line drawings, is the *Prism*.

We have designed the *Prism* this year to be of especial interest to the alumni and we wish your support and must have it to keep abreast of the times and to keep pace with other institutions in this line.

The *Prism* will appear Junior Week and we are now prepared to receive orders. Kindly address all communications to W. D. Trask, Mgr. 1908 *Prism*, Orono, Me.



### SENIOR CLASS MEETING.

Thursday before the Easter recess the Senior Class held a well attended meeting in Coburn Hall and many important matters brought up for discussion.

The report of the 1907 *Prism* Board was received and accepted. Commencement plans were talked over and the following elections were held:

Valedictory, Miss M. Balentine, Orono.  
History, J. K. Goodrich, Skowhegan, Me.  
Oration, A. P. Rounds, Bridgton, Me.  
Marshall, R. F. Talbot, Andover, Me.  
Address to Undergraduates, A. W. Totman, Fairfield, Me.  
Chaplin, D. N. Garland, Hampden, Me.  
Commencement Committee, E. Philbrook, Milan, N. H.; Geo. P. Goodwin, Skowhegan, Me.; W. E. Stone, South Brewer, Me.; John Bates, Calais, Me.; and P. L. Swift, Norway, Me.



## LOCALS.

The Y. W. C. A. held a very successful candy sale in Coburn Hall last Wednesday afternoon, and the patronage received was highly satisfactory to those in charge.

Prof. Gilbert would like to have all who are able, pay their Spring athletic subscription at an early date. He can be found in his office every morning from 10 to 12 o'clock.

The first baseball game of the season is next Friday, April 19, when Maine plays Colby at Waterville.

Guy Roberts ex '07 has returned to the University for the remainder of the term.

Jack Burleigh '07 has left for the rest of the term to accept a position in Boston. He will return at Commencement to graduate with the Senior Class.

A special quartet for stringed instruments was arranged for chapel music last Wednesday but owing to the severe storm, it was impossible for all the players to reach the Campus in time so Miss M. C. Weston of Bangor kindly substituted on a few minutes notice. As Miss Weston had no idea of playing at this time, she brought no music and so it was necessary for her to play without the usual organ accompaniment and this fact makes her excellent playing more praiseworthy. Her playing was that of an artist and those in charge of the chapel music feel very grateful to Miss Weston for her willingness to assist in overcoming the difficulty on such short notice.

The date for the intercollegiate debate between Colby and the University of Maine has been decided upon as May 10. The debate is to be held at Waterville, probably at the Opera house. It has been necessary to make a change in the Colby team owing to the fact that R. A. Colpitts, '07, has resigned. The following is the team as it now stands: Roscoe C. Emery, '07; Burr F. Jones, '07; Herman B. Betts, '07,

The exhibition game between Colby and the University of Maine scheduled for April 25, has been changed to April 19, owing to the fact that at

the last legislature Fast day was abolished and Patriots' day established in its place.

All the men who recently took the examinations for hydrographic engineering and the Reclamation Service passed them with credit.

Prof. Boardman is giving a series of stereoptican lectures to the seniors in Civil Engineering along lines of modern engineering practice.

At a recent meeting of the Faculty it was announced that Professor Rogers will give his regular courses next fall. Professor Sprague will also remain as Professor of Economics and Sociology.

Prof. W. J. Morse has been on a visit to Houlton during the past week.

Prof. H. M. Estabrooke has recovered from his recent illness, and resumed his college work.

Junior Week is scheduled from May 20 to the 25. The complete program will soon be announced.

The next Round Table reception to the students of the University has been postponed until this afternoon, Tuesday, April 16.

The Sophomore debaters who will represent Bates in the debate with Maine have been selected. They are Holt, Libby and Carroll. The debate will take place, May 10, in the Lewiston City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Deutscher Verein was held at the Mt. Vernon House last Wednesday evening.

The University of Maine chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon held a special initiation Wednesday evening April 10, when Dexter S. J. Smith of Bangor was taken into the fraternity.

During the Easter recess, instructor Raymond K. Morley of the faculty, and a graduate of Tufts College was married to Miss Annie E. Thatcher of Augusta, and a graduate of Berkeley College in California. Mr. and Mrs. Morley will reside in Orono for the present.

Mr. H. Shute was a visitor in Orono during the early part of the recess, and he reported the best of success in his new work at Exeter.

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## BASEBALL NEWS.

With the approaching warm weather baseball prospects have again taken their place in the lime-light of conversation at the University of Maine. Coach Fitzmaurice has now got the practice work well under way in the cage, and the various candidates are showing up well. But the cage is only 20 feet wide and it will be a very different thing, getting up against a rival team and playing for blood.

The season at Orono is about a week later than it is at the places where the other Maine college teams are situated and this fact presents a serious handicap to the University of Maine team in the matter of getting out of doors. The diamond is not yet clear of snow and even when it does become clear the soil of the diamond is of such a nature that it will not dry quickly.

Coach Fitzmaurice will probably develop a batting team this year and in this he certainly has the right idea. Maine has had enough baseball teams that could field well, but couldn't bat at all. Last spring's team is an example of just this situation. Coach Butman last spring did not pay enough attention to this department of the game, and the result was discouraging in the extreme to the followers of University of Maine baseball interests. Mr. Fitzmaurice comes here well recommended, having the reputation of being a good fielder and batter, and knowing all the tricks of the trade. Maine enthusiasts have great confidence in Mr. Fitzmaurice and it is certain that he will develop the best team possible from the material at hand.

There are quite a number of good men reporting daily in the cage for practice. Capt. Harry Gordon has not yet decided whether he will play catcher or second base. Gordon played two years as 'varsity backstop, but his position before coming to college was second base. Other candidates for the position of catcher are Blossom, Wood and Dixon. Blossom caught some on the 'varsity team last spring when Gordon was out of the game on account of injuries. Blossom is a law school man and this is his second year. Dixon, who is a junior, did some catching in his freshman year, and is showing up well this year. Wood, a junior, came here last fall from Dartmouth and seems to be doing good work so far.

Quite a string of candidates are out for the pitcher's box, among whom are Quint, '07; Dow, '08; Curtis, '10; Welsh, '10; and Libby, '10. Of these Quint has had the most experience and thus far has been doing the best work. Quint has been playing 'varsity baseball ever since his freshman year both as a fielder and as a pitcher. Quint has also pitched summer ball. He will be remembered also from his former good work in 'varsity football.

Dow, '08, has also played 'varsity ball in the field and in the box. Dow is doing well, and should be an available man this year. Welsh, Curtis and Libby are, of course, only possibilities as yet, but each has had prep. school experience, and will probably make good during their college courses.

"Spike" Mayor will probably hold down his old position of first base. "Spike" is a sophomore and will be remembered as having done good work in this position as a freshman. If Mayo can be developed into a good hitter he will be one of the most valuable men on the team this year. He is a good first baseman and Coach Fitzmaurice will make a better one of him before he gets through.

There is some doubt as to who will hold down second base. As intimated before, Capt. Gordon may play that position. If not, Burns, '07, Tuell, '10, or Stanwood, '10, will play there. Burns has been playing 'varsity baseball ever since his freshman year; so in case Capt. Gordon does not play second he will probably be the next logical man for the place. Tuell is doing good work as an infielder, and Stanwood is also showing up well.

Scales, '09, will no doubt, play shortstop. Scales played that position last year and did good work there. Scales will be remembered as the man who did such good work on the 'varsity basketball team, both last winter, and the winter before last. Goodrich, '10, is also out for shortstop. Goodrich is playing good ball, and may be used in the outfield.

Higgins, '09, will probably hold down his old position of third base. Higgins is a good infielder and a good base-runner and it is expected that he will bat better this year than he did last. Tuell could also play this position.

Maine has quite a number of candidates from which to select outfielders. Some of them are



Sawyer, '08; MacDonald, '07; Dow, '08; Blanchard, '08; Goodrich, '10; Tuell, '10; Chase, '08; and others. Sawyer has played two years of 'varsity baseball as a fielder. Sawyer is a sure man in the field, covers a large territory, is a good batter, and a good base-runner. MacDonald has had lots of experience on the 'varsity. Chase, Dow, have played here before, while Blanchard, Goodrich and Tuell have been showing up well.

Altogether, the material is good, the coach knows his business and Maine should be well represented on the diamond this spring. At any rate, it will not be the fault of the coach, nor of the men, if she is not well represented.

While the above gives a general idea of the candidates, there are several others who seem likely to show up strongly when the squad is taken outdoors, and it is certain that the men will all receive a consideration, and the team will be composed of the best players.



### LAW SCHOOL.

The School of Law opened for the Spring Term on Wednesday, March 27. The new subjects taken up this term are Partnership, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional Law, Executors and Administrators and Agency.

The first meeting of the Assembly for the spring term was held on Friday evening, April 5. The following officers were elected for the present term:

President, W. P. Hamilton.

Vice President, J. B. Clark.

Secretary, Thos. A. Landers.

Treasurer, E. Huntley.

Executive Committee, Forest B. Snow, O. L. Farnsworth, E. Roy Monroe.

Various subjects were discussed and it may be said, that the outlook for this Society is very good indeed.

The prospects are very bright for a fast baseball team this spring. The preliminary practice has started in the Bangor Y. M. C. A. It has been impossible to get outdoor practice on account of wet grounds but it is hoped that the boys will be able to get out by next week. Of last years team there are in school at present, O'Halloran, Keegan, DeWolfe,

Nolan and Leary. Then in the Freshman class are Kierman and Frasier who would undoubtedly have made the 'Varsity but for the one year rule. Goss is also showing up well in the box as is Hamilton Carter, Sanders, Small and Buckley are also showing up well.

Manager Lewis has a fine schedule arranged, the first game being with Bar Harbor on May 12. It is hoped that the team may get a game with the 'Varsity in the near future.



### JUNIOR SPEAKERS

The following members of the Junior class have been selected by the faculty to take part in the Junior exhibition, which takes place during Junior week:

Chester A. Brownell, Newport, R. I.

Elizabeth R. Estabrooke, Orono, Me.

Cecil S. French, Kingfield, Me.

Bell C. Harris, Oldtown, Me.

Stacy C. Lanpher, Sebec, Me.

Perley F. Skofield, Houlton, Me.

Substitutes.

Raymond Fellows, Bucksport, Maine.

Earle N. Vickery, Pittsfield, Me.



### 1909 CLASS MEETING

Last Wednesday, April 10th, the Sophomore class held a very important class meeting. At it were elected the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager of the 1909 Prism. For Editor only two names were presented, Emerson and Mason. Emerson was elected. Three names were balloted on for Business Manager, Roberts, Sutton and Smith. Sutton was elected by a small majority. It was announced that faculty would give as usual cuts on Friday afternoon for the purpose of arranging the "gym" for the Hop. The Sophomore Hop committee made a report and the meeting was adjourned.



### DEBATING CLUB MEETING

On Thursday evening April 11, the regular meeting of the University Debating Club was held in the new

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library. The question for discussion was: Resolved: That the State capitol should be moved from Augusta. The affirmative was upheld by A. R. Lord, '07 and A. P. Rounds, '07 and the negative by R. L. Mitchell, '08 and D. W. Rollins, '07. There was a very interesting discussion and the judges rendered the decision for the negative.

The date of the Sophomore debate with Bates is May 10; and the intercollegiate debate with Colby is for May 17. A debate is also to be held with the Law School in the near future in Bangor and all members of the club are urged to be present.

### CALENDAR.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1907.

- 10.00 A. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 12.45 P. M. Glee Club rehearsal, Alumni Hall.
- 1.30 P. M. Tennis Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 2.30 P. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 3.00 P. M. Baseball practice, Alumni Field.
- 4.30 P. M. Mandolin Club rehearsal, Alumni Hall.
- 7.30 P. M. Band rehearsal, Chapel.
- 7.30 P. M. Literati, Library Building.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

- 10.00 A. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 1.30 P. M. Tennis Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 2.30 P. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 3.00 P. M. Baseball practice, Alumni Field.
- 6.45 P. M. Y. M. C. A., Library Building.
- 7.00 P. M. Glee Club rehearsal, Alumni Hall.
- 7.30 P. M. Agricultural Club, Holmes Hall.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 18.

- 10.00 A. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 12.45 P. M. Glee Club rehearsal, Alumni Hall.

- 1.30 P. M. Tennis Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 2.30 P. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 3.00 P. M. Baseball practice, Alumni Field.
- 4.30 P. M. Mandolin Club rehearsal, Alumni Hall.
- 4.30 P. M. Band rehearsal, Chapel.
- 4.30 P. M. Chemical Club Meeting, Fernald Hall.
- 7.00 P. M. Dramatic Club rehearsal Coburn Hall.
- 7.30 P. M. Debating Club Meeting, Library Building.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.

- 10.00 A. M. Track Team practice, Gymnasium.
- 2.30 P. M. Baseball Game—Colby at Waterville.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 20.

- 9.30 A. M. Dramatic Club rehearsal Coburn Hall.
- 10.00 A. M. Track practice Gymnasium.
- 11.00 A. M. Press Club meeting Library Building.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 21.

- 3.30 P. M. Y. M. C. A. Library Building.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 22.

- 10.00 A. M. Track Team Practice Gymnasium.
- 1.30 P. M. Tennis Team practice Gymnasium.
- 2.30 P. M. Track Team practice Gymnasium.
- 3.30 P. M. Baseball practice Alumni Field.

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