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DEDICATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.

One of the most important events in the history of the University will take place tomorrow when the large new Agricultural Building will be dedicated. An elaborate program of exercises has been arranged and will be held in the Chapel at two o’clock. Gov. Fernald and a large body of the legislature will be present, coming from Augusta by special train, and the Governor will accept the building for the State. College exercises will be dispensed with in the afternoon and it is expected that the large Chapel will be crowded with students and friends of the institution. Directly after the exercises an inspection of the building will be conducted for the benefit of the guests on the campus.

The program is as follows:

Music......................... Maine Glee Clubs
Prayer......................... Rev. Alva H. Scott
Report of Building Committee,
Presentation of the Building to the State by
Hon. Edward B. Winslow, President of the
Board of Trustees
Acceptance of the Building in behalf of the State
Gov. Bert M. Fernald
Remarks—Hon. A. W. Gilman, Commissioner of Agriculture.
Remarks—Payson Smith, L. L. D., State Superintendent of Schools.
Music—Maine Orchestra.
Dedicatory Address: “The Development of Our American Agriculture; What it is and What it Means by Eugene Davenport, LL. D., Dean of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois.
Music—Maine Band.

The dedication of the Agriculture Building will mark an epoch in the growth of the University. The structure will provide ample and splendidly equipped quarters for one of the most important colleges in the University. Maine is primarily an agricultural state. This is the only institution within its bounds where scientific farming is taught, and was originally founded under the name of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Ever since its establishment the University has been supported in large part by the State. Practically all of the students registered in the College of Agriculture have been Maine men and while many of the young men of the State have not had the advantage of its instruction, the effects of its systematic training have been carried throughout the State by those who have been fortunate enough to attend the University, and have done much to advance agriculture.

The Agricultural department well deserves this new building and the advantages of instruction which go with it. The other colleges have been excellently provided for, especially the engineering courses. On the other hand the agricultural students have had to put up with small inconvenient quarters, scattered among a half dozen buildings. Yet no department has made greater progress. This has been largely due to the efforts of Dean W. D. Hurd, a man of fine intelligence, remarkable energy, and of administrative ability. Under him and his predecessors, the department has expanded vastly since 1897.

In that year the name of the institution was changed from Maine State College to the University of Maine. It was feared that with the subsequent extension, the Agricultural department would go out of existence.

Nevertheless, it has grown rapidly. In 1897 21 courses with a total of 636 hours were being given and the faculty and registration was small. At present 116 courses are offered with 3914 hours of instruction during the year. These include numerous subjects: agronomy, animal industry, horticulture, poultry, veterinary science, bacteriology, agricultural and biological chemis-
The courses in poultry raising taught by some of the best professors and with the good equipment as in any institution in the country, are unsurpassed. Courses in forestry, which differ from those in other New England colleges by admitting students without college preparation, are offered. Upon the completion of these, as well as all other agricultural courses, the graduate receives the B. S. degree. In the new building the forestry students will have rooms and laboratories by themselves.

The Agricultural Building has been erected at a cost of $50,000 covered by an appropriation of the last legislature. It has been constructed by C. A. Wilbur and Son of Bar Harbor under the direction of a building committee consisting of Trustees Gould, Mills and Roberts, in accordance with plans designed by W. H. Hart of Boston. The style is that of the Tudor period and the material red brick and artificial stone trimmings. The building is of extensive proportions being 100 feet by 63 feet, and on its high site at the south end of the campus in the rear of the Library, its three and a half stories loom up imposingly.

The first floor contains the Dean's offices, the library and rooms for animal industry and agricultural chemistry. In the well lighted basement are the departments of veterinary science, and various laboratories and other rooms. On the second floor are more rooms for the departments of agronomy, forestry and bacteriology, and the museum. The horticultural department, drafting rooms and a lecture hall occupy the third floor.

In the rear of the main building stands a stock judging pavilion, octagonal in shape and 50 feet in diameter.

The buildings are fitted with all modern conveniences and a large amount of apparatus. The furnishings are now being installed and the building will be occupied immediately after the dedication.

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The Basketball team opened its season Friday evening, Jan. 8, by defeating the Dexter High School five in the gymnasium, 41 to 9. The University boys played a fast game and outclassed their opponents in every way, although the latter worked well. Maine used many substitutes and the first team did not go into the game until the second half.

Joyce threw seven baskets and Marshall and Black made four apiece. Chukey was the star of the Dexter quintet. Maine scored 20 field goals to the visitors' three.

The line-up and summary are as follows:

**MAINE**
Clark, Strout, lb..........................rf., Dearborn
Russell, Marshall, r. b...................1. f., Chukey
Joyce, Black, c..........................c., Gore
Parker Scales, l. f..........................r. b., Bailey
Nason, Merrill..............................Spencer
Wasdworth, r. f..........................l. f., Brown

**DEXTER**

Manager Farwell has announced the following schedule.
Jan. 19, Dexter H. S. at Orono.
Jan. 16, Colby at Orono.
Jan. 22, New Hampshire State at Orono.
Jan. 30, Colby at Waterville.
Feb. 6, Open.
Feb. 13, Colby at Orono.
Feb. 22, Colby at Waterville.
Feb. 23, Worcester Polytechnic Institute at Worcester.
Feb. 24, Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst.
Feb. 25, Lowell Textile at Lowell.
Feb. 26, New Hampshire State at Durham.

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To W. R. Farrington, '93 belongs a large portion of the credit in establishing the first institution of "College" standing in Hawaii. While a member of the Board of Public Instruc-
tion, he introduced a resolution calling on the Territorial Board to investigate the possibility of establishing in Hawaii a college of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. As Chairman of the special committee of the board he made an investigation and reported to the Legislature. As a result of this, a bill was framed for establishing a college in Hawaii. This bill was passed successfully and an appropriation bill immediately followed. These bills were passed two years ago and last fall the Hawaii College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, at Honolulu, opened its doors to the first class with a good sized faculty of instruction, an excellent equipment, and a full share in the Federal appropriation for institutions of this character. The college has had a very auspicious beginning and with its wide field will undoubtedly develop wonderfully in the next few years and become a permanent and lasting institution in Hawaii.

To a Maine man and to Maine belongs the honor of starting the movement which resulted in the establishment of the first college in the Territory of Hawaii.

Mr. Farrington has been actively engaged in many lines of work since he has been in the Territory, and is certainly doing credit to his Alma Mater.

Y. M. C. A.

Just at this time of year as we come to face mid-year finals we feel that we are crowded for time to accomplish all that we are called upon to do. Some things we will put aside until finals are over; others we will continue to give the usual amount of time to because we believe they are worth the time and effort they cost us. Does not the weekly Bible-study class come under this last named division? In previous years many of the Bible classes have failed to meet between the middle of January and the first of February as some of this number failed to call their members together again for a considerable time after the opening of the spring term. We appeal to every man enrolled in any one of the classes to think this matter over and decide whether it is not of importance to himself and to the University in general that he support his class by his attendance at the regular weekly meetings, both now and after the spring term work gets under way.

The group Bible-class leader has perhaps a larger responsibility than the rest of his class for he must take the initiative and see that the class meets regularly. In order that the work as a whole may conform to some system through succeeding years, the course he is teaching should be completed. Past experience has proven that a class can accomplish this end to better advantage before May 1st, than later in the college year. Leaders, get out to your Normal class each week and make your part of the work easier and more effective.

The Y. M. C. A. is making a canvas this week among the faculty and students to obtain money with which to meet its current expenses and send delegates to the Student Convention at Northfield in June. About twenty-five are engaged in the canvas under the direction of the Finance Committee, Sargent, '11, Forster, '10, Wakefield, '11, and Jones, '12.

Maine has always had a good delegation at the Convention and it is hoped that it may be made larger than ever this year.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Debating Society Thursday evening Mr. Prince gave a short talk on "Oral Debate." The matter of the annual debate between the Bates sophomores and the University of Maine sophomores was discussed. Before the final answer is given to the opponents, F. G. Wadsworth, the President of the Society will address the Sophomore class in an endeavor to arouse spirit and enthusiasm which will cause more men to come out and try to make the team a winner.

A movement is on foot at the University of Minnesota to offer the presidency of the institution to W. J. Bryan, providing President Northup cannot be induced to withdraw his resignation.
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EDITORIAL

WHY doesn't this University grow faster?"

"Why doesn't it grow at the same rate as the western State Universities?"

These are two of the questions nearly every person who has ever attended this University has asked himself. But they are easily answered and are in fact answered by a single phrase. Lack of Accommodations. We have grown but our progress has been arrested by the lack of accommodations. If this institution is to fulfill its duties as an educator of the people of this State, this obstacle, lack of accommodations will have to be surmounted.

This set-back is felt throughout the institution but principally in the question of dormitories. We have only one dormitory for the male students and its maximum accommodations is ninety. The total enrollment last year at Orono during the regular college course was five hundred and sixty-three. Out of this number of students the eleven fraternity houses on the Campus care for two hundred and sixty-three, this leaves two hundred and ten students to board and lodge themselves where and how they may. Under such conditions could any institution, regardless of its merits, ever hope to grow? Under such conditions can a State University, no matter what its worth, ever hope to fulfill its functions as a State educator?

Hundreds of students have turned away and many have gone without a higher education because of this fact. This institution under its present limitations can not fulfill its entire duties as a State educator. We should have a new and larger dormitory. The fraternities cannot take care of more students and there is no room for new fraternities. A few fraternities in a college are beneficial but when their number increases they become more harmful than good.

When this University is able to meet the entire demands as a State educator, when this obstacle, the lack of accommodations, is met and surmounted then will it grow and then will it become an institution which will do credit to this State or any other. But until that day arrives it will never be able to stand on the same footing as the other "Land Grant Colleges." We need many things to meet this lack but a principal and vital step will have been taken when a new dormitory has been erected.
MEMORIAL VESPER SERVICES.

Memorial vesper services were held for the late Prof. Horace Melvin Estabrooke, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10. There was a good sized congregation present, including the Faculty, students and friends. The services were conducted by President Fellows.

After the Doxology had been sung, Rev. J. M. Brockie of Orono read Scripture and offered prayer. Dr. M. T. Fernald, who has been a life long friend and worker with the late Prof. Estabrooke, in language which was beautiful and sincere told of the admirable qualities of the man, both as a friend and educator and the goodness of his character.

Rev. George C. Howard, a former pupil of Prof. Estabrooke told of the respect and admiration felt for him by the students, because of his ability and his character in the class room.

Miss Helen Paine of Dexter sang "Ave Maria" by Buck Gounod, Mr. Frank Kendrie of Bowdoin College played Handel's "Largo" on the violin and the University quartette sang "Lead Kindly Light" and the "University Hymn," which was written and composed by Prof. Estabrooke.

Letters of regret for their absence and praise for the deceased were read from President Roberts of Colby and Prof. Chapman of Bowdoin.

AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.

Wednesday morning breakfast will be served at the President's residence for Gov. Fernald, the speakers and trustees. At one o'clock all the ladies of the Faculty are invited to luncheon by Mrs. Fellows to meet Mrs. B. M. Fernald. In the evening there will be an important meeting of the presidents of the agricultural colleges of New England.

ASSEMBLIES.

The Assembly Committee is considering Feb. 12 and March 19 as dates for the two dances. If the first can be held on Feb. 12, it being the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, it is planned to have the Assembly different from the usual standard.

W. E. Connor '09, has been chosen chairman to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of C. A. Plumly.

ECONOMIC ESSAYS.

Awards interesting to students of Maine Colleges have been made by a committee of economists for the best essays submitted by college graduates and students. Four prizes in all, aggregating nearly $2000, have been given. Essays were submitted from all over the United States.

The committee which awarded the prizes consisted of Professor J. Laurence Laughlin of the University of Chicago, J. B. Clark of Columbia University, Henry C. Adams of the University of Michigan, Horace White of New York City, and President Carroll D. Wright of Clark College. The donors of the prizes are Messrs. Hart Schaffner & Marx of Chicago.

The announcement of the awards is as follows:

CLASS A. GRADUATES.

1. The first prize of one thousand dollars to Oscar Douglas Skelton, A. B., Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 1900; graduate student in the University of Chicago; Ph. D., The University of Chicago, 1908; Professor of Political Economy in Queen's University; for a paper entitled "The Case against Socialism."

2. The second prize of five hundred dollars to Emily Fogg Meade (Mrs. Edward Sherwood Meade,) A. B., The University of Chicago, 1897; Fellow at Bryn Mawr, 1697-1899; Fellow at University of Pennsylvania, 1899-1900; for a paper entitled "Agricultural Resources of the United States."

CLASS B. UNDERGRADUATES.

1. The first prize of three hundred dollars to A. E. Pinanski, Harvard University, 1908, for a paper entitled "The Street Railway System of Metropolitan Boston."

2. The second prize of one hundred and fifty dollars to William Shea, Cornell University,
1909, for a paper entitled “The Case against Socialism.”

Notice was also given by the committee that writers and students who wish to compete for the prizes offered for 1909 will be allowed until June 1st, to make their studies and finish their essays.

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**CHICAGO FELLOWSHIPS.**

The University of Chicago offers annually a large number of graduate scholarships, which enable the holders to earn their tuition by attendance in the departmental libraries or in similar work. Other Fellowships, yielding stipends ranging from $120 to $400 and tuition are given. These are assigned on recommendations of departments, and on the basis of work already done or of special promise in some line. The total amount of Fellowship stipends is about $20,000 a year.

Applicants must fill out certain blanks, obtainable in the office, and send them in during the February, previous to the beginning of the academic year, in which residence commences. Appointments are made in March, but are not announced until April. All material must be sent to Graduate School of Arts, Literature and Science.

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**DEUTSCHER VEREIN.**

The Deutscher Verein held its first meeting of the new year on Wednesday evening at the Delta Tau Delta House. Plans were discussed in relation to assigning each member of the society a short subject which will be presented as a part of the entertainment for the next meeting. Miss Mildred Prentiss was elected to fill the position of secretary which was made vacant by the absence of Miss Huntington from college.

After the meeting Dr. J. N. Carr spoke very entertaining on the life and works of Gerhart Hauptman the greatest and most successful living dramatist in the world. A clear outline of “The Sunken Bell,” Hauptman’s masterpiece was given. The pleasant evening spent around the open fire was brought to a close after refreshments had been served and German songs sung.

Dr. Rudolf Tombo of Columbia who spoke last year on Faust will speak at the University on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, on “The Sunken Bell.” Anyone who heard Dr. Tombo last year will not miss bearing him again for his charming personality and splendid power of delivery won the admiration of all.

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**MUSICAL CLUBS.**

Due to various reasons the Glee, Mandolin and Banjo clubs, have not been up to the standard. The main cause is not the lack of good material but the loss of interest by both the old and new men. By this it is not meant that the clubs are in poor condition, but quite to the contrary, for they have taken a decided and sudden brace. Recently a director was secured for the glee club, namely Wilbur Cochran who has instilled new life into this particular branch of the musical clubs, and has caused them to improve rapidly under his tutorage.

There are still however plenty of opportunities for men who are able to sing as well as play. In fact there are openings for the right fellows in nearly every branch of the clubs. There have been several concerts in Bangor which have included portions of the musical organizations; however these concerts were not by any means an example of what all of the clubs are capable. On February 28, the first concert of the entire club will be given in Bangor, and from present conditions it will be a good one. Plans are on foot for a concert the first of February and also a trip through the western part of the state including Massachusetts during the Easter vacation.

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**LOCALS.**

At the Vesper Services held last Sunday, the Rev. Leroy W. Coons of the Universalist Church of Augusta was the speaker.

The St. George’s Society met at the Phi Eta Kappa by Arcl...
Kappa house Sunday afternoon and were led by Archbishop Robinson.

Miss Louise Horne of Bangor played a cornet solo as special music last Thursday.

A course in Advanced Composition will be given by Prof. Prince next semester. A course in Shakespeare also appears.

Several of the students took part in a large amateur vaudeville show held in Bangor last Friday and Saturday evenings.

Prof. Chrysler gave a lecture last Wednesday on the "History of Botany." Tomorrow at 11 o'clock he will give the second one on the same subject. The lectures are illustrated by lantern slides.

Prof. Tower attended the meeting last week of the Society of American Foresters and the American Forestry Association in Washington, D.C. He gave a paper before the latter on the "Special Characteristics of the Lodgepole Pine."

ALUMNI NOTES

'03.

Harold Shehan, who has been engaged in irrigation work was on the campus recently.

'05.

Clare J. Moody is at present in Poplar, Mont., where he is engaged in the United States Reclamation Service.

'06.

I. S. Sherman is in Rockland where he is engaged in office work in the employ of the Eastern Steamship Company.

C. H. Johnson has returned to college as instructor in the mechanical engineering department.

'07.

William B. Alexander is instructor in the department of science, and advanced mathematics at the Manor School, Stamford, Conn.

"Cracker" Wilson is employed by the General Electric Co., Lynn, Mass.

E. H. Stetson was in Orono a few days last week. He has been working in Pittsburg, Pa.

Ex-'07.

Ralph E. Bucknam is now engaged as Chief Engineer for the Ocean Coal Company, Herminie, Pa.

L. R. Partridge, is in the employ of the American Bridge Co., New York City.

B. R. Conell, who is with the General Electric Company Lynn, Mass., was on the campus recently.

'08.

S. B. Locke is taking graduate work in forestry at the Yale Forest School.

W. D. Trask is working with the City Engineers, Augusta.

'09.

Ralph Harmon is engaged in electrical work out in Indiana.

Ex-'10.

"Si" Fulton is now planning to return to college for the spring semester.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY.

7.30 Rehearsal of Mandolin Club, Alumni.
7.30 Meeting of the Literati, Library.

WEDNESDAY.

10.00 Special music, Chapel.
11.00 Lecture on History of Botany, Prof. Chrysler, Coburn.
12.45 Rehearsal of Glee Club, Alumni.
7.00 Basketball practice, Gym.
7.10 Y. M. C. A. Meeting, Library.
7.30 Meeting of the Junior Civil Club, Wingate.

THURSDAY.

12.45 Glee Club rehearsal, Alumni.
7.00 Rehearsal of Mandolin Club, Alumni.
7.30 Meeting of Agricultural Club, Lord.

FRIDAY.

1.00 Meeting of Press Club, Coburn.
12.45 Rehearsal of Glee Club, Alumni.
7.30 Basketball game, New Hampshire State College, Gym.

SATURDAY.

8.00 Examinations begin.
3.30 Vesper services, Chapel.
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