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## MAINE INTERCOLLEGIATE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Maine Intercollegiate Christian Association Conference began its session Friday evening, March 12, with a reception in Memorial Hall, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. After a social hour, during which the Bowdoin band played a number of selections, those present listened to a short speech of welcome from President Timberlake of the Bowdoin Association. He then introduced C. C. Robinson, State Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., as presiding officer. There was a selection by the Mandolin Club and then Mr. Robinson called on President Hyde who greeted the visiting delegates on behalf of the Faculty and the college as a whole and struck the key-note of the whole conference when he said that for the first time the four Maine colleges were getting together in some spirit other than that of rivalry or hostility.

Mr. Robinson next called upon members of the Faculties of the four colleges, Prof. A. W. Anthony of Bates, Prof. W. T. Foster of Bowdoin, Prof. H. E. Simpson of Colby, and Prof. E. W. Waid of Maine. There was a second selection from the Mandolin Club, which was followed by responses from B. A. Chandler, President of the U. of M. Y. M. C. A., O. B. Reed, President of the Colby Y. M. C. A., J. B. Wadleigh, President of the Bates Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Curtis of Bangor Theological Seminary. The formal part of the program was concluded by short talks from J. C. Smith, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and F. M. Harris, International Student Secretary for the East.

Saturday morning there was the first business meeting of the conference in Hubbard Hall. Chandler of Maine was the presiding officer. The meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by C. C. Robinson, followed by a talk from Timberlake of Bowdoin on "The

Machinery of Organization." He spoke of the different classes of men met with, of the necessity of a definite policy, but without the evil of too much organization.

J. W. Wadleigh of Bates spoke on "The Places of Bible Study and Mission Study." He said in part that the Bible Study should come before the other as the Bible Study can be easily merged into Mission Study. In the discussion which followed, it was brought out that, while Bible Study attains its best results in small groups, Mission Study can be pursued successfully in large classes.

Chandler of Maine spoke at some length on "The Bible Class in the Fraternity and other Restricted Groups" saying that one of the secrets of success in any work is adaption to conditions. If there are fraternities, make them the basis of the work in Bible Study. Have a man in each class in each group. W. A. Foye of Colby told in what "The Value of the Normal Class" consisted. He pointed out that a great deal depended upon the ability of the leader to get into close touch with the boys.

Roderick Scott, General Secretary of the Bowdoin Christian Association, and J. C. Smith of the State Y. M. C. A. both spoke on "Co-operation with Supervisory Agencies." They brought out the necessity for co-operation with the churches, with Northfield, with the state and national committees.

The forenoon's session was closed by an address by David R. Porter, International Secretary for Preparatory and High Schools, his subject being "The Temporary Opportunity of the Christian Student." He said among other things that college days were the period of intensest temptation and greatest struggle, both physical and mental. Leaders in college can make their influence felt on many men who will some day be prominent. What we should aim for is a sane and vigorous type of Christianity where



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## EDITORIALS.

IT will not be difficult to remember that last year after the Easter vacation an epidemic of scarlet fever broke out on the campus. This was thought to have been brought back with the students from their home towns and so introduced around college. This epidemic was not only a most serious thing for the individuals who had to undergo the suffering but it was a decidedly unpleasant and unfortunate thing in other directions. No end of inconvenience and trouble was caused to the college at large and several of the fraternity houses were quarantined.

This year we may take this matter in hand in season and with a little care prevent any future trouble of this kind. The spring of the year is the time in which all these infectious diseases are most prevalent and every fellow should take the utmost care not to expose himself to any of them in his home town. It is not only for his own personal good but for that of the whole college community.



NEVER before in the history of this institution has a class made such a poor showing at the indoor track meet as did the Freshmen at this last meet. Just where the trouble lies it is difficult to say, certainly it cannot be attributed to lack of numbers for 1912 is not afflicted by any such want. Neither can it be set down to the want of ability for the showing made by the Freshmen last fall at the outdoor meet disproves any such false idea.

To what then can we blame it? In the first place it is due to a lack of class spirit. For some reason utterly unaccountable this very necessary quality seems to have been left out of the make-up of the Freshmen and it is a decidedly serious thing. Secondly there is evidently a lack of *personal responsibility* among the members of the class and really this may account for the lack of class spirit for it is *individual responsibility* that makes a strong class spirit. These wants are not only evident when athletics are in question but are very evident in other things as well. As a class it is clear that the Freshmen do not pull well together.

Class spirit undoubtedly fosters college spirit, a most necessary thing in any institution of our type. If a class fails in this respect during their first year what can be expected of them in the future? It is to the Freshmen that the graduating class look for enthusiasm and interest in every college pursuit and a failure in this

regard does not promise a brilliant future for the University.

There is still time for a reawakening and a chance to forget the past in new achievements. It is to be hoped that some thought and new feeling will be put into the matter and that in the coming events the Freshmen will show a new life and interest.

#### UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION.

The bill in favor of the University as recommended by the committee on education has passed the Senate and the House has passed it on the second reading almost unanimously. Although some little opposition was made, it did not affect the passing of the bill at all. The bill provides for \$80,000 annually for two years for maintenance and \$25,000 in 1909 and \$50,000 in 1910 for the construction of a dormitory, on the conditions that no new courses be instituted and that the tuition for out of state students in the engineering courses be increased to \$100 per year, for the next two years.

#### BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

Robert C. Marshall '11, of Wellesley, Mass., has been chosen captain of next year's basketball team. His selection will be a popular one as he has proven himself to be a most excellent player. Next year will be his third season of 'varsity basketball and in the two previous ones he has distinguished himself in his position at guard. He captained his class team during his freshman and sophomore years.

#### MUSICAL CLUBS

The Musical Clubs will take another trip during the spring recess, giving four concerts. On Monday they will play in Madison, on Tuesday in Rumford Falls, on Wednesday in Portland and on Thursday in Hallowell. After the successful trip taken last week the reputation gained by the clubs will attract large audiences.

#### AGRICULTURAL CLUB

An important meeting of the Agricultural Club was held Wednesday evening, March seventeenth, in Agricultural Hall. In spite of the severe snow storm there were a good number present. The meeting was called to order by President Smith. The first matter to come up was a discussion of the proposed contest at the corn exhibit to be held next year under the auspices of the New England Conference of Rural Progress. Then followed a discussion of the rules governing stock judging contests as proposed by the executive committee of the New England Federation of Agricultural Clubs. This matter was carried over to be further considered in the next meeting.

After the business of the meeting was finished Mr. H. M. Tucker, the herdsman at the college farm, gave a very interesting talk on the problems of Animal Breeding. Mr. Tucker's talk was based upon his own personal experience and as he has been interested in cattle breeding from his boyhood, he was able to give his audience some very interesting and instructive thoughts. He gave examples of the results attained by different breeders of Jerseys to illustrate many of his statements. The subject of in breeding was spoken on to considerable length.

Professor Elford of Ottawa College, one of the lecturers during the short poultry course, gave an illustrated lecture on poultry appliances and breeds as he found them in Ontario. He gave illustrations of the chick from the egg all the way to maturity showing the different stages of growth and the various change in quarters. He gave illustrations of good types of the various breeds about which he spoke.

The Washington County Club had a stag party at the Niben Club last Saturday night.

At a recent meeting of all students, majoring in Economics, a committee consisting of D. L. Thomas, '07, and W. L. Gilbert, '09, was appointed to arrange for a smoker, at which plans will be discussed for forming an Economics Club.



## ALUMNI NOTES

'76.

At a recent annual meeting of the Boston Alumni Association Hon. L. C. Southard made a very interesting speech in which he expressed his views on the question of the increased demands on the colleges and universities. He showed the great increase in numbers among institutions of higher learning as compared with the increase in population and expressed the opinion that the time was not far distant when the various states would have to extend their school systems above the present secondary school standard, and found state institutions to become a part of the regular school system. He did not believe that the present number of private institutions would be adequate to meet the increased demands for higher education which will in the near future be made upon them.

Ex-'87.

Hon. A. S. Ruth, formerly a resident of Maine, now of the State of Washington has recently been on a visit to his old home at Linneus. Mr. Ruth has been in Washington for a number of years where he has gained considerable prominence both in engineering and political lines. For the past four years he has been a member of the Senate and was this year elected President of that body. While in Maine he has been making a tour of the state and has been gathering statistics on the question of prohibition which is now being considered by his state. He does not believe that our present system is at all successful and will probably not recommend a similar one in Washington.

'90.

Mr. S. H. T. Hayes, of Baltimore, was present at the Banquet of the Cornell Alumni of Washington which was recently held in that city. Dr. Arthur M. Farrington, '76, was also present.

'94.

Mr. A. T. Jordan, Manager of the New Brunswick Hygienic Milk Co., of New Brunswick, New Jersey, was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Farrington of Washington, D. C., during the Inauguration ceremonies of President Taft, and seemed

to enjoy the celebration in spite of the snow storm and disagreeable weather.

'05.

George W. Carle was on the campus last week visiting friends. Mr. Carle will shortly leave for Toledo, Ohio, where he will be in the employ of the Toledo Massillion Bridge Co.

E. L. Dinsmore is Principal of the High School and is Superintendent of Schools at Newport, Me.

'07.

C. C. Butterworth who has been in the employ of the Larkin Drug Co., of Waterville, was recently in Orono.

Erwin Hussey was on the campus last week for a few days. He is engaged in engineering work in New York State.

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The Literati held a social gathering Tuesday evening at the Mount Vernon House. Those present enjoyed a pleasant evening spent in entertaining conversation. Refreshments were served.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES

The first college Y. M. C. A. Congress ever held in Maine will take place at Brunswick, March 13 and 14. Ten delegates will be sent from each of the Maine colleges and it is expected that this will be a very successful step towards establishing the Y. M. C. A. in the colleges of this State.

A fund is being raised by the students of the University of Pennsylvania for the purpose of presenting to their alma mater a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of his birth.

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