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FOOTBALL SUMMARY.

With games lost to Colby and Bowdoin and won from Bates, Maine has third place in the standing of the four colleges for the championship. The season ended Saturday when Maine was defeated at Brunswick, 22 to 0. The pennant goes to Colby with three victories, second place to Bowdoin with two won and one lost and fourth place to Bates with three lost.

Maine's eleven last year was not of championship calibre and had very few men to make a strong nucleus for the team this fall. Consequently several Freshmen and other new men have found positions on the team, and while some of these will make good players with experience, they brought out all the faults of an unseasoned eleven. The Maine men have had more fighting spirit this season than for some time and not once in the state series did they stop fighting for every inch of ground. Their defeats were due to the superiority of the seasoned elevens of Colby and Bowdoin.

The team has not been that steady machine which two or three years of working together will make it. At times it has played fine football, especially in the Harvard and Bates games and in some of the scrimmage work. At other times the second team has hammered it to a standstill and especially in the Tufts game it gave a very poor exhibition of football.

Up to the Bates game Maine had scored 32 points to her opponents' 26 and in the three state games Maine scored 21 points to the other teams' 45. Only three goals have been kicked from touchdowns and Maine has scored no goals from the field and no safeties. The results of the season's games are as follows:

M. A. C., 0; MAINE, 0.

The season was opened Sept. 25 against Massachusetts Agricultural College. It was an ideal game for showing up the weaknesses of the

Maine eleven and neither team seemed to have any advantage over the other. Though the work of both was ragged, Maine's line was much the firmer. Parker in the backfield played well but as a whole no one made himself any surer of a position. Several times a fumble or penalty prevented Maine from scoring.

FORT MCKINLEY, 0; MAINE 16.

To fill an open date in the schedule, manager Johnson arranged a game with the Fort McKinley team. In the first half the work of the team was listless and showed the weakness of the line which was caused by the absence of Ray and Bearce at tackles. In the second half Maine came back strong and scored twice. The backfield was much faster than the week before against M. A. C. Several substitutes showed up well, especially Buck.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 0; MAINE, 16

Again on Oct. 9, Maine maintained a clean slate by defeating New Hampshire State College 16-0. It was a game replete with spectacular plays. The entire team showed a strong improvement and development in unity of play, though a little weakness in defense. The backfield was faster, especially Parker whose 108-yard run for a touchdown was the feature of the game. Captain Cook also played a star game.

HARVARD, 16; MAINE, 0.

The following Saturday Maine went to Cambridge and faced the Harvard eleven. The game cannot be judged by the score, for Maine was only outplayed in the use of the forward pass and in punting. The whole line held well against the superior weight of Harvard. Batty at fullback was very fast and showed strong ability in line plunging. The result of the game was gratifying to Coach Schildmiller and to Maine supporters.

TUFTS, 9; MAINE, 0

The result of the game with Tufts was a surprise. The Medford boys took a brace which was entirely

unexpected. Maine was weak both in offense and defense. Consistency and dash are qualities expected at the middle of the season, but they failed to appear. The result was such, however, as to take out all the over-confidence which might have existed.

BATES, 6; MAINE, 15

This year the state championship games opened Oct. 30, on the home gridiron against Bates, and it was a well-earned victory for Maine. The game was exciting from start to finish, replete with spectacular runs. Not until the middle of the second half was it certain which team would win.

In the first half Bates put up a strong fight and the play was about even. Maine worked the forward pass successfully twice while Bates lost her only attempt. The period was characterized by a series of punts in which Bates gained ground as she had the benefit of the wind. Maine's first score came after a fumble which was recovered by Cook; a forward pass put the ball on the 4-yard line, from which Parker was pushed over. Parker missed the goal. A few minutes after this, Keaney caught the ball on a punt and dodged through the entire Maine team for a touchdown, afterwards kicking the goal. The half ended with the score 6-5.

In the second half Carlton and Pratt replaced Hosmer and Batty. Then began Maine's rally. The benefit of the wind together with brilliant line plunges resulted in another touchdown. At this point Bates seemed to weaken and Maine gained at will. In a series of rushes the ball was pushed up to the Bates' goal-line and Parker scored the last touchdown. Time was called shortly after the following kickoff. Score 15-6.

COLBY, 17; MAINE, 6

Colby sealed her grip on the state championship in football, Saturday, Nov. 6, by defeating Maine on Alumni Field, 17 to 6. Both teams fought with their utmost ability and it was a grand struggle to watch. Colby's victory was due to her better punting and more successful open play.

In the first half Maine was much superior and

scored in the first twenty minutes of play. She was for the most part irresistible in line bucking and Parker, Batty and Pratt went through Colby's line for good gains. Both teams suffered from penalties. A poor pass enabled Colby to make the first score of the game. From then until the close of the period Maine's backs ploughed through Colby's center and right tackle and a touchdown was the result. Cook kicked a difficult goal. Score 6-6.

The second half began with hopes high for a Maine victory. Colby started the period fast, however, and after a forward pass and a series of line plays, Roy Good got away around left end for a touchdown. Colby's third touchdown came after two end runs by Ralph and Roy Good, when the ball was pushed over from the 2-yard line. The game ended with the ball in Maine's possession. Score 17-6.

BOWDOIN, 22; MAINE, 0.

Maine was defeated by Bowdoin Saturday, at Brunswick in the final game of the championship series, 22 to 0. Notwithstanding the fact that the previous records of the two teams this season had been about equal, Maine was quite outclassed on that day. The players fought hard to the very end of the game but were unable to break up Bowdoin's line or circle her end and were quite as incapable of stopping her opponents backs.

The contest opened at 2.30 o'clock before 2500 people, the Bowdoin supporters occupying the Hubbard grandstand and the Maine contingent filling the bleachers on the opposite side of the field, while both ends of the gridiron were lined with people. The sky had cleared since the morning and the weather conditions were fair for a great football contest in which both elevens seemed to be evenly matched.

From the first kickoff, however, which Bowdoin made to Smiley, Bowdoin showed her superiority, a superiority which astonished the most sanguine admirers of the black and white and which many said was developed only in the past week. Parker was the only Maine back who could hit the Bowdoin line at all consistently and time and again he was called upon and each time responded

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In the first three minutes of play Bowdoin scored a safety by Boynton's block of Smiley's punt on Maine's 20-yard line. The ball rolled over the goal-line with two or three Bowdoin men after it, who would have scored a touchdown had not R. Smith been too quick for them. In a few more minutes Bowdoin reached Maine's 15-yard line where F. Smith scored a pretty goal from placement. Two touchdowns were then made by Bowdoin in this half, which ended with the score Bowdoin 16, and Maine 0.

Both teams played many substitutes in the second period and were more equally matched, though the ball was in Maine's territory most of the time. Bowdoin scored in a few minutes of play but after that Maine held Bowdoin away from her goal-line.

Maine's only chance to score came near the end of the second half when Sawyer took the ball on a blocked kick and by a 20-yard run put it on Bowdoin's 12-yard line. Maine lost the ball on the next play, however, when Cleaves tried a forward pass to Carlton.

The line-up and summary were as follows:

BOWDOIN	MAINE
E. B. Smith, Mathews, l. e. r. e., Buck, Webster, King	
King, Pratt, l. t. r. t., Bigelow, Conlogue	
Newman, l. g. r. g., Wright, Derby	
Boynton, c. c., Eales	
Hastings, Huston, r. g. l. g., Sawyer, Bigney	
Crosby, r. t. l. t., Ray	
Hurley, Bosworth, r. e. l. e., Cook	
Sullivan, Wiggin, Wilson, q. b. q. b., Cleaves, Smith	
Frank Smith, Ballard, l. h. b. r. h. b. Parker, Carlton	
Farnham, Wiggin, r. h. b. l. h. b., Smiley, Hosmer	
Kern, Purington, f. b. f. b., Pratt, Batty	

Touchdowns, Kern 3. Goals from touchdowns, Frank Smith, 2. Goals from field, Frank Smith. Safety, Smith of Maine. Umpire, Fred Murphy of Brown. Referee, Carl Marshall of Harvard. Field judge, A. S. MacCready of Portland A. A. Head linesman, Capt. Ralph Good of Colby. Assistant linesman, R. Smith for Bowdoin, Amidon for Maine. Time, 35m. halves.

THE PLAYERS AND COACHES

Maine had a great football team this year, everything being taken into consideration. The

squad started in work this fall with a good representation of last year's eleven but the methods of Coach Schildmiller from the very first made it impossible to size up the squad. Up to the opening of the State series the eleven was an unknown quantity, not only to football followers throughout the state but to the students themselves.

Coach Schildmiller's work in the field for the first few days brought to mind ex-President Roosevelt's pet term "strenuous." During the first week the old men were put through such practice as they had never been used to having until after a good work-out and it didn't take long for the squad to realize that its motto this year would be "work." Notwithstanding the September heat the men had ninety minutes of hard practice every day and for a couple of weeks every one of the sixty men reported in togs was given a chance. Although the squad soon began to decrease, as it was bound to do, the constant tryout of various men in various positions was kept up, in the search for the best man in the right place.

This method, coupled with the idea that every contest up to that with Tufts was a practice game, made it impossible for anyone to predict what sort of an aggregation would be brought together to face the Bates eleven in the first of the championship series.

Although this spirit of uncertainty still existed when the team went to Medford there was a feeling of confidence that the score of the game there would be satisfactory but this confidence received a decided jolt when Tufts was victorious 9 to 0. Everyone believed that the defeat was caused by a slump from the form displayed in the Harvard game but everyone wondered also, if the team would recover. The next week some changes were made in the line-up of the varsity and the feeling of uncertainty which had existed all the season was not alleviated.

When the coach finally selected the men to start the Bates game, it was seen that Maine would be represented by what was in every sense of the word a "green" eleven. Several of those who had played last fall were not first-string men. Furthermore, the team had lost Bearce

and McHale, who had been looked to to add much strength to the line and backfield. All but three of the players had never started a championship game before. Some of them were upperclassmen who had only reported this year and several were freshmen.

Every college man in the State was watching to see what kind of a showing Maine would make against Bates and many were surprised at the result of the contest. Notwithstanding the fact that for the most part the players had had but little college football the team made good. It proved that the time which the coaches had spent all the fall had not been spent in vain, and what is more, it displayed that true fighting spirit, the absence of which has been marked in the past few years. That knowledge of football and that spirit were seen as well in the game with Colby.

The team had numerous advantages which former Maine teams have not had, foremost of which perhaps, was a training table. This was possible through the generosity of many of the alumni who gladly contributed part of the sum necessary to meet the expenses of the table. The benefits to the men go without saying.

Furthermore, the team had just such a coach as it needed, one who could not only teach it football but could also put such spirit into the men as is necessary for a successful eleven.

The eleven this year has not been a one-man or a two-men team. On the other hand, each player has been expected to fill his position satisfactorily and the weaknesses of the team in certain lines have not been neglected in the efforts to make the best use of one or two star players. Consequently each position has received careful attention and at the end of the season there was a good first string man for every place and a strong substitute.

If it is permitted to look as far ahead as next year, this fact augurs well for Maine another season. Having lost only four Seniors the team will have a big nucleus of excellent and well-trained men with which to begin work.

In Eales Coach Schildmiller has developed a center who has held his own with every center in the State, and this from a man who came here

this fall, eager to play football and to learn, but who had had no experience whatever. He was the heaviest man on the eleven and quite fast,



CHESTER C. JOHNSON, Manager.

and was in such good condition that he played all of each State game.

The two regular guards, Wright and Sawyer, have with Eales, made a center trio through which the backs of opposing teams were unable to open holes. Wright graduates this year but Sawyer is a freshman. Although the former was on the squad four years he did not prove of 'varsity calibre until this season but has made good at right guard. Sawyer is a heavy man and his two years' experience at Hebron developed him into a strong, heady player, so that he made good at once. The sub-guards have been well up with the first string men. Derby, who played center part of the season, got into the State series as well as Hilton, who played tackle earlier in the fall.

Ray has been one of the men most sure of their position. He played at left tackle where he was last year and is one of the ablest men in the State for breaking through the line. Bearce was regarded as a fixture at right tackle until he had to abandon football on account of injuries, and then the problem of filling his place confronted the coaches. Several men were tried out, Hilton Ryder, Conlogue and Fisher, but finally Bigelow, who had been playing sub-fullback was shifted to this position and made good.

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previous years of 'varsity football he proved himself a fast end and a strong tackler, and this year he has led the team in a most able manner. He has worked harder, perhaps, than any other



HORACE J. COOK, Captain.

man in athletics here during the past four years, as he has been in almost constant training for football or track. The other end position has been a tussle between Buck and King, both men being good, though Buck, who was for the first season a 'varsity man, was a little faster.

In the backfield were some good men and Coach Schildmiller trained two sets of backs which were about equal. At quarter has been Cleaves who improved greatly as the season advanced, used his plays to good advantage, and caught punts well. Smith made a strong try for the position but was handicapped by not having reported early and by being out with injuries.

At fullback Batty and Pratt proved to be the best men with little to choose between them. Both were good ground-gainers, though Pratt was perhaps a better defense man. Batty, though a sophomore, did not go out in togs until this fall while Pratt has worked four years.

One of the few men left over from last year's eleven, Parker, has played right halfback all the season. He was the most reliable man back of

the line, being powerful on the offense and good on the secondary defense, as well as doing most of the punting.

At left half there were three men of about equal ability, all new to 'varsity football. Hosmer, although lacking in experience, developed remarkably into a fast man, quick to take advantage of his holes. Carlton, a freshman from Berwick Academy, has also shown up well in this position, being perhaps faster than Hosmer but less sure in gaining his distance. Smiley is another man who was seen at left half. He was rather slow but hit the line hard and was one of the best defense players back of the line.

Besides these men who formed the first and second strings there have been a dozen or fifteen men on the field every afternoon, who, while they did not make the 'varsity, aided greatly in developing the team.

When the news first reached the campus last spring that George H. Schildmiller, Dartmouth, '09, had been engaged to coach the football team for this fall, it caused a great deal of satisfaction. By his active participation in athletics during his preparatory school and college courses, he was admirably fitted to take charge of the Maine squad. He prepared for college at Andover, and represented that school on the basketball, baseball, and football teams. He was for one year captain of the Andover basketball team. He spent one year at Princeton and then finished his course at Dartmouth. At Dartmouth he played on the varsity basketball, baseball and football teams. As end on the football team he attracted a great deal of attention all over the country, and for one season was picked for that position on the All-America team. He was captain of the Dartmouth baseball team in his senior year.

It is difficult to say enough good of a man who has made such a place for himself on the campus, as he has since he has been here. He is a man of the strongest characteristics and a leader of men; but above all he is a gentleman in every sense of the word. As a football coach he has been remarkably successful. From a squad of men, many of whom had never played

college football before, Coach Schildmiller turned out a working unit.

The football squad to a man respected and admired him. On the field his word was law, and he kept all of the men busy with a lack of discord very seldom seen in a large squad. He soon made it plain that he had no use for any but workers, and all others were quickly weeded out.

The student body had the utmost confidence in him. Not a word of criticism or discontent has been evident, and now that the season is

after the physical condition of the men but as coach of the second team he was invaluable to the football squad. Every man who has attended practice regularly this fall knows the great work which he has put in on Alumni Field. The second team never worked so hard as when he was behind the backs urging them on. Under his inspiration they developed a dash and fighting spirit that fairly swept the varsity from their feet at times. He has a firm friend in every student on the campus. No one can arouse the



over the students feel that he gave everything that he had for the team.

Mr. Schildmiller has been ably assisted several times during the season by Waldo Pierce of Bangor. Mr. Pierce was a student at Andover with Coach Schildmiller and played football there. Later he made good at guard and tackle on the Harvard varsity. At present he is attending the Maine Law School. Mr. Pierce's work was highly appreciated by the management, student body, and the whole squad.

Nothing can be said which will show the appreciation which the student body feels for Mr. Farrell's services. He was with the Montreal Amateur A. A. all summer and returned at the beginning of the season. Not only in looking

spirit at a mass meeting that he can. No one can get more work out of the men under him. He holds a position in the hearts of the students which few men have and they cannot do enough to show their appreciation of him.

A ROUSING MASS MEETING

Although only half the student body was present the best mass-meeting of the year was held in the Chapel last Thursday evening. The students filled the seats occupied by the seniors and juniors at chapel and after a few hot speeches by some of the fellows and several selections by the band, every man was bubbling over with

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Maine spirit, cheering until his voice refused to come, singing as well as he could after that, and applauding each speaker loud and long.

The program was opened by brief speeches by three of Maine's best football players, Ray, Captain Cook, and Parker, who assured the fellows of the fine condition of the team.

Professor G. W. Thompson was called upon and received with great applause. He urged every student to be in Brunswick Saturday to support the eleven as a manifestation of the love which he owed the University and which he was eager to give to her. Mr. Gannett, treasurer of the Association, made several announcements concerning the special train which left Orono for Brunswick.

The following speaker was one whom the students have not had the privilege of listening to this year and who was received with the usual demonstration—"Steve" Farrell. He told a few funny stories, as is his wont, and assured the audience that every man who would take part in the Bowdoin game was in fit condition to do his best.

The last speaker was Coach Schildmiller, who was also received with applause which lasted several minutes. When it had finally quieted the coach reiterated the statement made on Maine Night that the team was a fighting team and that every man would do his best in the last game of the season. On this he was willing to stake the reputation which he has made this fall.

SPECIAL TRAIN.

One of the largest and best special trains that ever carried a body of Maine students from the campus went to Brunswick, Saturday. Although barely 200 students had pledged themselves to attend the game, when the time came for the long string of cars to pull out of the Orono station, 200 more fellows, aroused by the mass-meeting Thursday evening, and by the sight of the other boys leaving the campus, found themselves tightly packed into the train. Fully 100 friends joined the crowd on the way to Brunswick.

The train, scheduled to start at 7.45 o'clock

was a few minutes late and was considerably delayed on the road, not arriving at its destination until 12.50 o'clock. It returned after the game at 6.20 and made good time to Orono, reaching here shortly before half past ten.

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

Last week the Freshmen began preliminary practice consisting of signal work and light practice, in preparation for the annual football game between the two lower classes next Saturday.

The Freshmen team this year bids fair to make the Sophomores work if they hope to score a victory. 1913 has a number of 'varsity men, Eales as centre, Ryder and Bigelow as tackles, Sawyer as guard, and Carleton as halfback forming a nucleus about which a fast team should be very readily developed. On the 'varsity squad are such first year men as Ficket for fullback, Tipping guard, Wescott for quarterback or end, and Davis, who was unable to remain out with the 'varsity squad because of deficiencies in entrance points, will make a strong bid for fullback.

Among the other Freshmen who will give the 'varsity men a tussle for positions are: Young, who is showing up very promisingly for half, Carey, who plays fullback, Hurd fullback or end, Hamlin, Bope, Proctor, Swasey and McLaughlin, halfbacks, and Carter and Fletcher as ends. There is considerable good material here and under the able coaching of trainer Farrell and Bearce, the Freshmen hope to turn out a winning team. W. L. Fletcher, president of the class, who played end on the high school at Dorchester, Mass., is acting captain. Frank W. Haines of Dexter, is manager.

The alarm for the peanut scrap sounded last Wednesday night and the Freshmen quickly assembled to rush for the peanuts which the Sophomores had supplied. It was soon discovered, however, that the usual amount of peanuts had not been procured and the Freshmen, alleging unfair treatment, refused to scrap and disbanded.

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EDITORIAL.

THE football season is over again and we have
not succeeded in accomplishing the end to
which we have striven in each of the past four
years. Our football team lost to Colby and
Bowdoin because they played better games than
ours did. There can be no complaint from us,
because we were defeated fairly. However, there
is another football season coming and we must
look forward to that with hope and determination,

rather than backward upon this with a feeling
of failure and disappointment.

Although we have not won the games which
we wished most to win, everything has not been
unsuccessful. Through the efforts of Manager
Johnson and the alumni, a training table has
been instituted, which is a beginning and a
foundation for a better one next year and every
year. Its worth is surely seen in the increased
weight and better condition, shown by men who
have played last season and this. The alumni
have been drawn more closely to the college than
ever, a thing which has begun to show results
already. The football squad has been the largest
which Maine has ever had and the students have
stood behind the team through thick and thin.
A new and efficient system of coaching has been
introduced, which, if followed next year, should
be in every way better and more successful.

Nothing was ever accomplished in an instant.
Colby has been working for years to win the
championship, but she finally did it. Bowdoin,
previous to her late victories over us lost just
as many, but during that time, she was building up
her team to defeat Maine, and she has certainly
done it. It is discouraging to be beaten, but the
way to win is to work, and if we do, we cannot
help but be victorious.

THE University has been fortunate during
the past season in having George Schild-
miller as coach of the football team. The season
was not successful, but he demonstrated his
ability and worth in producing as good a team as
he did. The final result was as deep a disappoint-
ment to him as it was to any Maine man.

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men, many of whom knew little or nothing about
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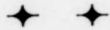
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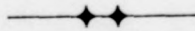
the styles of play of the other state teams, while the other three coaches were not. Many of the men have not been able to report for practice until late every afternoon and some could not get out at all certain days. There have been many such difficulties to contend with.

On the field, Schildmiller has proved himself to be a hard, earnest worker, a man of keen judgment in selecting players and analysing plays, one who was strict and impartial, who expected immediate obedience to his commands, who saw everything that was going on or that was not going on, and who knew football in all its forms. He was respected and admired by the players and the students for his ability as a coach and for his actions as a man. He has gained a strong and enviable position in the minds of the undergraduates, and they hope to see him in the same capacity next fall.



MAINE needs more songs and more singing. Prof. Thompson has offered to help in the compilation of a book, which will contain Maine songs, but the initiative must be taken by Maine men. THE CAMPUS this week contains an article upon this subject and every man, alumnus or undergraduate, should read it thoughtfully. It is a big undertaking but if Maine men will consider it earnestly, it can be done.

The fellows should try, whether they think they have the ability or not. Prof. Thompson has expressed a willingness to assist anyone in writing a song, so now it is up to the men themselves. It is a chance to do something for the University by supplying a much needed want.



A MAINE SONG BOOK.

Prof. Garret W. Thompson, who has jumped into great popularity with the students by his manifestations of interest in their activities and

who has already made a strong beginning in advancing the musical side of student life, makes the following appeal to the students:

The University ought to have its own book of songs. They ought to be written by students and alumni, and I hereby urge all students to cooperate with me in a plan which will bring about this end. Will you not write verses which reflect the various phases of college life and set them to melodies which have an abiding value rather than to popular songs? The latter are too ephemeral to be available for our purpose. The various classes will then learn the songs which their members have composed, and we shall have a mass meeting later at which these songs shall be sung before a board of capable and impartial judges. Those thus selected shall constitute the material for the song book, which will be compiled, printed and sold to the students at the lowest possible price.

The success of this enterprise depends entirely on the interest which it will enlist in the hearts of the student body. It ought to be a privilege to serve our Alma Mater and every effort put forth by any student will find a most sympathetic welcome. Personally, I shall be only too happy to assist you in selecting melodies, proper sentiments, etc., and I hereby place myself at your disposal.

The alumni are also most cordially invited to contribute material for the book; in fact, its strongest recommendation ought to be that the contents represent the work of many classes.

Will you not, then, write these songs between now and January first? Soon after the resumption of work in that month we shall hold the proposed meeting at which the selections are to be made, and will push the work of publication with all possible haste. With the advent of spring there must be an awakening of song; in the outdoor hours of twilight we must gather often and informally at different places on the campus and render our Alma Mater that vocal homage which comes only from the heart, the echoes of which linger in the memory long after we have gone out into the world.

Let us, then, be alive to the importance of this matter. I shall rely on Maine spirit to aid me in

carrying the project thro and I can guarantee you in the end a satisfaction which will amply repay you for whatever effort you may bestow upon the compilation of the song book.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th, it was decided to award medals to the first three men who finished in the marathon run of Oct. 31, Houghton, '12, Harmon, '13, and Hicks, '10. Last year, sweaters were awarded but it was thought that this year something should be given the winners that they could keep as a trophy. There was some discussion over whether the medals should be silver, bronze and gun-metal for first, second and third places, respectively, or whether first and second places should be silver and the third bronze. Finally this matter was laid on the table till the next meeting.

Numerals were awarded to the following members of the Freshman baseball team: Young, Carey, Wescott, Bird, Johnson, Swasey, Richards, McCarthy and Hamlin.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

At a meeting of the Dramatic Club on November 9, a committee consisting of Prof. W. P. Daggett, Ernest Lamb, '10, M. E. Fassett, '10, F. W. Pettey, '10, and S. M. Jones, '11, was chosen to recommend the play to be presented during Junior Week. The committee has several plays under consideration and it is hoped that a decision may be reached before Thanksgiving, so that rehearsals can be started immediately after the recess.

The club will feel severely this year the loss of W. H. Gilbert, '09, whose work in "Much Ado about Nothing," and "When We Were Twenty-One," will be long remembered by all who saw it. Interest is very strong, however, and with the usual earnest work of the members, the next play will undoubtedly be up to the high standard set in the past.

MANDOLIN CLUB

The first rehearsal of the Mandolin Club was held last Tuesday under the direction of its leader, R. W. Davis, '11. Eighteen men were present which was encouraging as it was the first meeting of the club. Mr. Davis desires more candidates, however, especially from the Freshman class.

The club will accompany the other musical clubs on all their trips this winter and the successful candidates will have as a reward for their work many very pleasant tours, as well as supporting a college activity and making a wider acquaintance.

Regular rehearsals will begin this week in the Chapel and all men who can play a mandolin or guitar are requested to watch for a notice.

PROF. SPRAGUE'S LECTURE

Prof. Sprague gave the third of his series of lectures last Wednesday afternoon, his subject being "Celibacy and Race-Suicide." He presented some very interesting statistics and discussed some of the causes of the decline in the birth rate in the United States.

An abstract of his talk follows:

"Race suicide is the unwillingness or inability of a race to reproduce its numbers sufficiently to provide a normal increase in the population. This may proceed from voluntary restriction of offspring for the sake of following other ideals and goals, and it may come from physical weakness caused by excessive and sudden civilization.

"Celibacy is one of the manifestations of race suicide and usually constitutes a prominent feature of it. It does not exist among animals and practically not among savages. Among the latter the celibate is often tabooed.

It is exceedingly rare among the Chinese and Japanese, these people marrying young and rarely ever thinking of 'single blessedness' as a possibility.

"With many of the Asiatic people marriage is a religious necessity and obligation. The family line must be kept intact and sons must be

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"Celibacy is not noticeable outside of western civilization; in Europe it reaches a great importance and is now attracting much attention. Belgium and France lead all the European countries, and their lack of natural increase of population shows the result.

There are many causes which influence the birth rate and celibacy; these are economic, social and spiritual. Some of the prominent causes were given as follows:

1. Too rapid civilization of the people, causing long preparation for marriage and consequently late marriages and few children.

2. The struggle for a standard. Race suicide seems to be most prominent among the middle class people living in towns. The rich do not fear the burden of children and the poor do not plan enough to practice restraint but the intelligent, ambitious, struggling middlers who are striving for a higher status often find children a handicap and refuse to have large families. Our grandfathers in the country reared large families, but their sons in the cities are working for a new status and strictly limit the family, and sometimes remain celibate.

3. Ordinarily in the cities a wife is regarded as an economic burden, a luxury which is most desirable, but often unattainable along with other goals. In a more primitive state such as in Russia the wife is an economic partner and enters the field with her husband on the day after the wedding, rather adding to his ability than detracting from it.

4. Marriage is unnecessary in the city in order to secure the comforts of a home. The bachelors' quarters and flats provide all the material surroundings of the home where he can entertain friends with ease.

5. The high and complicated development of individuals, mentally and spiritually makes it difficult for people to mate agreeably. Tastes and feelings are more delicate and the requirements for a partner more exacting. We have thousands of bachelors and spinsters with us who would be the best of mates and parents but who have never mated because of the complica-

ted intellectual, moral and esthetic natures of modern, civilized people. Some choose a celibate life voluntarily because of excessive individuality, and some are waiting for affinities which are to be recognized by a certain feeling known as "love". This is most desirable but sometimes an unstable foundation for ones racial interests.

6. The economic independence of women in this age is a powerful factor in producing celibates.

Female bread winners increased 1890-1900, as follows in different occupations:

Total increase, 3,712,144 to 5,007,069 or 34 per cent.

In trade and transportation, 122 per cent.; saleswomen, 156 per cent.; packers and shippers, 203 per cent.; bookkeepers, 167 per cent.; personal and professional service, 38 per cent.

All these show the growing economic independence of woman.

7. Immigration is driving the natives from the lower levels of industry and compelling them to take up life works requiring more preparation and more struggle for status.

LOCALS

Dr. Fellows attended the inauguration of President Shanklin of Wesleyan University, last Friday.

Professor Campbell addressed the Agricultural Club last Thursday evening on various phases of agriculture in Maine.

At a meeting of the Thornton Club Thursday, Dimon Merrill, '10, was elected president; R. S. Hopkinson, '12, vice-president; Warren W. Harmon, '10, secretary, and treasurer. These officers constitute the executive committee. Plans for a smoker were discussed but nothing definite was decided upon.

M. E. Fassett, '10, O. A. Wakefield, '11, F. W. Pettey, '10, Wentworth Peckham, '11, and M. F. McCarthy, '11, were in the cast of the play "Charley's Aunt," given in Orono town hall on Thursday evening of last week. The play was produced under the direction of Mrs. R. K. Jones, and will be presented in several other towns.

President Fellows addressed the meeting of the State Pomological Association at Norway, last Wednesday evening.

The soloist at chapel on Wednesday morning was Mrs. H. H. Wells of Oldtown, who sang Van der Water's "Cast Me Not Away."

The Y. W. C. A. will hold a special sale of banners and pennants just before the Christmas recess. Advance or special orders will be received at any time by Miss Mildred Prentiss.

The regular meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences was held on Monday, Nov. 8th. A paper was read by Dean Hart on The Cultural Opportunities Offered by the Department of Mathematics. Reports were read from the Literati, Arts Club, Monday lectures and Chapel talks as these are under this college. Pres. Fellows spoke on matters relating to the work of the college.

Dean Hart gave a brief talk Friday morning at chapel on Simon Newcomb and American Astronomers. He spoke of the astronomical instruments used in several of the largest observatories in the United States and of a number of Americans celebrated in this branch of science and then discussed in more detail the life and work of Simon Newcomb, who made an illustrious record in modern science and became famous in other fields as well.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17.

- 10.00 A. M. Special music at chapel.—Miss Hanson, Bangor.
- 4.30 P. M. Board Meeting, Alumni Hall.
- 4.30 P. M. Fourth Lecture by Prof. Sprague at the Library. Subject, The Status of Women in Ancient and Modern Times.
- 6.45 P. M. College sing, Chapel, under direction of Prof. Thompson.
- 7.00 P. M. Y. M. C. A. Meeting, Library.
- 7.30 P. M. Agriculture Club meeting.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18.

- 4.30 P. M. Band Meeting, Alumni Hall.
- 7.30 P. M. Debating Club, Library.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19.

- 1.00 P. M. Press Club, Coburn Hall.
- 10.00 P. M. Regular Friday morning talk.

SATURDAY, NOV. 20.

- 2.30 P. M. Football between Sophomores and Freshmen.

ALUMNI NOTES

'08.

Earl N. Vickery has accepted a position with a large electrical concern in Boston.

'03.

Leroy B. Crabtree of Hancock was the guest of J. H. Winchester and wife of Oldtown, last Sunday night, going to Corinna from Pittsfield and Newport in his Overland touring car. Mr. Crabtree was a graduate from the Maine Central Institute in the class of 1900 and from the University of Maine in 1903.

'96.

Paul D. Sargent, state commissioner of highways, returned Saturday morning from Columbus, Ohio, where he had been in attendance at the American Road Makers' Convention, which was held in that city, Oct. 26-29. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sargent.

'08.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jamieson, 38 Division Street, Bangor, announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence, to Claude Boyle, Milwaukee, Wis., the wedding to take place some time in January. Mr. Boyle is a graduate of the University of Maine, class 1908. The young people have many friends in this vicinity, who will congratulate them on the announcement.

'99.

Marshall B. Downing has been promoted by the New York Telephone Co., to the position of district superintendent of the systems of several of the up state cities, among which are Albany, Troy and Saratoga. Mr. Downing has been employed by the company for several years as manager of some of the exchanges in New York City, and the promotion is a merited one.

Carlisle has discontinued baseball for the coming year because so many players have left college.

Yale played its first intercollegiate game of football, Nov. 16, 1872; Harvard's first game was played May 7, 1874.

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