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RELAY TEAM DEFEATS VERMONT

Fine Work by Maine Quartett at Annual B. A. A. Meet Saturday

Keeping up the good work began several years ago, Maine won over Vermont in the annual relay race in Mechanics Hall, Boston, last Satur-



S. WAITE, '11.

day evening, thereby adding another to the unbroken string of victories. Maine's team this year was rather a new one, only one man, Deering, '12, being left from former relay teams. Every man, however, ran like a veteran, and showed the



H. W. INGHAM, '11.

results of good training and coaching. While the whole time in the race, was 1:18 4-5, a few seconds slower than last year, the team as a whole would have done better except for a fall by Deering, caused by the fouling of Vermont's man.

Deering led off for Maine and gained a lead of a yard until just at the finish he tripped because of interference by Gutterson of Vermont, and failed to touch Waite, the next man. Because of fouling, however, the touch was declared made by the referee. Maine lost five yards in the excitement, which Waite held good, however, holding his own with Vermont's second man. Schrumpf closed up the five yard lead that was handed to him and opened up about a 15 yard gap which he passed to Walker Maine's last man, who though not at all hard pushed, opened up the gap and finished the race with a gain of about 30 yards in 3 minutes, 18 4-5 seconds. The following men were present at the meet: Director Wingard, Coach Smith, Mgr. McDonald, Deering, '12, Waite, '11, Schrumpf, '12, Walker, '11, Ingham, '11, who was substitute relay man.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION SPEAKERS

Five to be Chosen in Preliminary Contest

The names of the students to compete for the Junior Exhibition prize at the time of Junior Week were announced yesterday. They are as follows: Helen W. Averill of Milltown; C. B. Cleaves of Portland; C. S. Cleaves of Bar Harbor; Celia M. Coffin of Bangor; P. Garland of Oldtown; Lilian C. Jones of Bangor; Warren McDonald of Portland; L. S. Russell of Orono; Helen C. Worster of Charleston; Carrie L. Woodman of Claremont, N. H.

In order to avoid the tediousness of a program of ten orations, the five best speakers in this group will be chosen by a preliminary contest, in which the contestants will deliver the same orations which they will have prepared for the final prize-speaking in June.

ASSEMBLY

Committee Rapidly Making Arrangements

The Assembly, to be held Friday, February the seventeenth, is intended to be purely a University affair. The matrons of the various fraternities and of the Mount Vernon House will preside as patronesses. Pullen's orchestra will

furnish music for a fine program of twenty-four dances.

It is earnestly desired by the committee in charge that all students intending to buy tickets will do so as early as possible, in order to avoid the necessity of advertising outside of the University.

BASEBALL NEXT

Pitchers Began Work Yesterday—Squad Out Soon

Along with the longer days and the spring weather comes the call for baseball. The practice will begin this year earlier than usual, and the battery candidates started work yesterday. The remainder of the squad will begin work in about two weeks. The practice will be under the direct supervision of Director Wingard,



R. SMITH, '11, Captain Baseball.

who will have no assistant coach. He will be ably assisted, however, by Russell Smith, '11, of Auburn, who is the captain of the team. Manager Woodberry will probably have the schedule ready for publication within a short time.

The cage which has always been so dusty that it was actually dangerous to the health of the men exercising there, has been subjected to extensive repairs. Over the original surface of dry, fine sand there has been laid a thick layer of ashes, which has been rolled down to a hard, smooth floor. This does away with any dangers from dust during the two months and a half of indoor work, as well as making it unnecessary to dampen the cage daily by sprinkling it.

Among the men who look good for battery positions are Russell Smith, '11, of Auburn, who is captain of the nine and who has been the mainstay behind the bat for three years and Abbott the freshman from Portland, who made an

enviable record in school baseball and with the semi-professional clubs around Portland. Libby, also of Portland, has returned to the University this spring. The nine will suffer its greatest loss right in the box, which McHale occupied in every game last spring. In Libby, however, Maine will have at least one good pitcher, who will improve as warm weather comes on. Among the other men who look as if they might have something good to offer in the pitching line are Shepherd, the big fellow who played fullback on the football team last fall, Richardson and Jones, two sophomores who filled the box for their class nine last fall, and Stobie and Daniels, two freshmen, who pitched in the class games.

When it comes to infielders the team will be minus three of the men who made up such a strong infield last year. Scales, shortstop, Goodrich, second base, graduated, and Johnston, who put up a snappy game at third, is not in the University this year. Third will probably be covered by Cobb, '12, who was not in college last year but who played a splendid game the year before. From his previous record everyone will expect him to take ample care of the third sack. The other two infield positions left vacant will be open, and from all indications there will be a lot of material in sight, especially, in the freshman class, which showed up some good infielders last fall. McKeen, '12, and Bird, '13, will also be promising candidates for either of these positions. At first base the nine will have Bearce, '11, who held down the position in admirable style last spring.

The only one of last year's regular outfielders who is not in the University is Pond, the star left-fielder, who would be ineligible on account of his professional playing with Brockton of the New England league last summer, and who has already gone West for the spring training of the Sacramento club in the Pacific Coast league. Phillips, '11, N. Scales, '11, and McCarthy, '12, will be on deck, and this strong trio will be supplemented by Fulton, '13, who was not here last year, but who played center field two years ago. With the large number of other candidates who are sure to report for outfield positions, there promises to be a good stock of material.

Because of too much society and too little scholarship, the fraternities at Vanderbilt are placed under faculty supervision.

The University of Pennsylvania's Musical Clubs number over one hundred voices. They propose to make a tour of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Coach Smith

Below is a portrait of Coach Smith, who has been in charge of the track team from the start of the season. He is a winning type, and writes as follows:

The track season is any ordinary one. The reason for this is that the State Meet is a competitor. It may not be something to write about, but on the other hand, it is something to write about. It is better than it does hurt. It does hurt.

Maine has had accidents, and they are Walker, a few interested in them. They think they are bright. The bright ones are fraternities and encourage them to take the worst of the sympathetic worry and then all the moment.

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THE TRACK SITUATION

Coach Smith's Views on Maine's Chances in the State Meet

Below is printed an article written by Coach Smith expressing his views on the prospects of the track season this spring. It is "straight from the shoulder" and thoroughly characteristic of the man who will do his best to turn out a winning track team for Maine this year. He writes as follows:

The track situation at Maine is a simple one. Almost any ordinary school boy could size it up in a few minutes. The reason for this simplicity is that Maine, as far as the State Meet is concerned, as it looks today, is a dead competitor. I realize that this is a bold statement and may not be digested easily by those who prefer to hear something nice and rosy about their athletics. On the other hand it is much safer and more profitable for us to size the situation up along sane lines than to prophesy something that originates in our imaginations. Therefore it is better to have a correct understanding, even though it does hurt, than to go on believing something day in and day out that is entirely false.

Maine has just about five athletes today who, barring accidents, can be figured on to win points in the State Meet, and they are not all sure of scholarship eligibility. They are Walker, Rogers, Houghton, Strout, and Worden. Not a few interested people will ask about some athlete whom they think capable, but in reality know nothing about. The bright fire-places in our numerous and comfortable fraternity houses are the birth places of many cheerful and encouraging prophecies and ideas, and were we to take the well meant predictions that issue forth from sympathetic minds we would have very little cause to worry and all would be clean sailing—until May 20 and then all that we hoped for would be revealed to us in a moment. And that moment would be disappointing.

I realize that the athletes at Maine are of the home made brand, generally speaking. They are handicapped by not having prep school coaching. Surely this same condition exists among the other three colleges as well as here. Such being the case, it is my firm opinion that Bates, Colby, Bowdoin and Maine must all make their athletes and that college which excels in this process is the one that will WIN THE STATE MEET THIS YEAR. In other words there is no question in my mind that the State Meet will be won by the college which develops the greatest number of point winners between now and May 20th. I have no doubt that Bates, Colby, and Bowdoin are already figuring out the dope, stretching one here and another there—doing anything with the dope sheet just so they can win the meet—on paper. They are figuring last year's point winners not only to repeat their work, but to do a little better and bring in a few more points. This is wasting time in the wrong direction.

I am satisfied to let some one else figure the points we ought to get if the college for which I am working will give me what I consider even better than last year's point winners—material to work with—material to build up our weak places and enable us to beat all our competitors in turning out second string men for the State Meet, for needless to say it is the second and third string men who win State Meets and will eventually, in another year or two, become stars. It is you freshmen and you new men that will decide the State Meet and the reason that I say that the situation is very poor is because the number of candidates for track, up to date, is away below my expectations and the desired amount.

Another reason is the utter lack of attention that is given to field events—the high jump, shot, hammer, discus, and the pole vault. These events have merely a handful of followers where there should be at least ten men trying for each one.

It is disappointing, because of the lack of interest and enthusiasm in track athletics in general—the unwillingness on the part of the big fellows to come out and do something in the weights—the foolishness of others displayed in the fact that some of our men who are recognized as good track men are going out for some other sport for which they are not so well fitted, and last but not least because the general impression that last year's point winners and other so called world-beaters will decide the State Meet, whereas it will be decided by what is now classified as green material.

The desired spirit and enthusiasm will no doubt come out next spring, too late to be of any value. When the spring is here and everything is cheerful and lovely, we all gather together in our little massmeeting and cheer the team, for its captain, and every Tom, Dick, and Harry—anything just so we can cheer. It is like the awaking of the bear after his long winter sleep; he feels refreshed and wants to put on his war paint for the sake of roaming, nothing else. It is a cinch to be enthusiastic, full of life, energy and determination, when the band plays and the sun shines for everything looks pleasant and happy then, but it takes a man to fight an uphill fight, to work in the dark as he would in the light, to do things when the tide is against him as he would if it were in his favor. If we can borrow some of next spring's enthusiasm and energy, and use it now, day in and day out, we will be a credit to ourselves and the University and have a better show for the track meet this year as well as years to come.

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The establishing of a post-office on Princeton's campus is being strongly agitated.

Bowdoin has a Fencing Club of about 30 members and the sport is constantly increasing in popularity. Plans are being made for the team to take a Massachusetts trip, where they hope to meet Harvard, Amherst and Springfield Training School.

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EDITORIAL.

After much wrangling between the fraternity
chapters on the Campus and the town of Orono on
account of the town's attempts to
Taxation of assess the houses for taxes, a bill
Fraternities has been introduced in the Legisla-
ture to provide for the paying of
the taxes on the fraternities by the State. It
also provides that the State shall pay to the town
the amount of the taxes already collected, in order
that they may be refunded to the chapters.

In view of the decision rendered by the Supreme
Court in the test-case of the State vs. the Sigma
Alpha Epsilon Chapter House Association, and
of the unlikelihood of the fraternities being able
to sustain their cases in further suits, the passage
of this bill in the Legislature is the only sure way
of relieving the chapters from an unjust burden.
Were the associations which own the chapter

houses paying dividends or organized for that
purpose, they should rightfully come under the
ordinary taxation laws. Since they only exist,
however, for the purpose of making permanent
holding companies for the houses, as the best
means of accomplishing their building and
maintenance, neither they nor the active chapters,
through the rental imposed upon them, should be
subject to taxation.

Yet, if under the present laws the chapter
house associations can be compelled to pay the
tax, it will eventually fall upon the men in the
active chapters through an increase in the rental
on the houses. This condition opens up the
question whether the tax should fall upon those
men who enjoy the comforts of fraternity houses,
or upon the State, which has been relieved from
the necessity of providing large dormitory
accommodations by the construction of enough
houses to care for over 275 of the students.
Through the University the State owes something
to the fraternities, because in response to the
encouragement of the Board of Trustees they
have built a number of houses and have made it
possible for the institution to increase her en-
rollment more rapidly perhaps than she could
otherwise have done. Furthermore, by paying
the town of Orono for the taxes imposed upon the
chapter houses, the State will be contributing
to make the University still more than she is
now an institution to which the people can send
their sons at a comparatively low expense. And
is this not the aim of State universities throughout
the Country?

The visit to the University last week of Mr.
H. N. Savage of the United States Reclamation
Service had a significance which
Mr. Savage's should not be overlooked by Maine
Visit men and of which they should be
proud. Mr. Savage, who is the
chief of the northern division of the Service, now
has a dozen or fifteen Maine graduates under him.
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The words of commendation which he had for these Maine men are not an exception to the reports which come from all over the Country of the ability of Maine engineers. While these men, who are scattered in large numbers in every State in the Union, are not engaged in professions which will bring them rapidly and conspicuously into the public eye, each one of them is doing his share to make the reputation of the Engineering Departments of the University stand on an equal plane with those of any other institution.

The CAMPUS wishes to thank through its editorial columns Mr. Thomas F. Taylor, '04, who while teaching in the Viktoria-Gymnasium at Potsdam in Germany last year, wrote an interesting and rather exhaustive description of the secondary schools and their methods in that country. The article has been printed in installments in the last three numbers of the CAMPUS. The writing of such an article was accomplished at a considerable sacrifice of time and effort on the part of Mr. Taylor.

The students and Faculty of the University will have the opportunity tomorrow evening of hearing Prof. Daggett's reading of Euripides's *Electra*, which was postponed from last week. All who heard his reading last year of "Old Heidelberg" will recall his strong interpretation of that play. There is every reason to believe that Prof. Daggett will give quite as skillful a reading of this play of a different type and of a different age.

In this issue of the CAMPUS there is a forceful article on the track situation at present by, Coach Smith. The CAMPUS is not going to offer any support to this proposition, for the very good reason that it does not seem to need any. It would, however, call the attention of every Maine man to what Coach Smith thinks of the Spring outlook, and urge him to read it word for word.

Only one Assembly this year, you know! Let's make that one successful.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

Something New This Year for the Football Men

What proved to be a most enjoyable and profitable meeting took place on the evening of Feb. 4th, in Bangor, in the form of a banquet given to the football men by the University Athletic Association. The meeting was held at the Colonial Apartments and an excellent menu was served to which every one did justice. All Alumni were the guests of the evening and it was very gratifying to the management to see a large number there.

Under the able direction of Director Wingard as toastmaster the following were listened to: Pres. Aley, Mr. R. K. Jones, Judge W. B. Pierce, '90, H. B. Buck, '93, Prof. Thompson, E. P. Murray, '93, and the following members of the team, Waite, Buck, Bearce, Strout, Smith, King, and Derby. Good cheer ran riot and amid the speeches, cheers, songs and smoke, enthusiasm was started for next year's campaign on the football gridiron.

FORESTRY CLUB MEETING

Report of the Dominion Convention Read by Prof. Briscoe

The Forestry Club, on Wednesday evening, listened to a report by Prof. Briscoe of his recent trip to the Dominion Forestry Convention at Quebec. The Convention was attended by representatives of all the Canadian provinces and universities and of the United States Forestry Department. The University of Maine was the only forestry school in this country which was represented. Prof. Briscoe gave a very interesting review of the business of the Convention and of the papers read at the various meetings.

AGRICULTURAL CLUB

Address by Prof. Russell

Prof. Russell addressed the Agricultural Club at its meeting, Wednesday evening, on "The Relation of Bacteria to Soil Fertility." He traced the development of the science of bacteriology, with emphasis on the fact that our present knowledge is really very slight. He then spoke of the bacteria which aid in fixing the nitrogen of the air, pointing out their great value and greater possibilities.

BASKETBALL

Seniors and Juniors Win Their Games Friday Night

The first two games of the second half of the interclass basketball series were played last Friday night, the Seniors winning from the Sophomores by the score of 41-13, and the Juniors from the Freshman by 28-16. In the Senior-Sophomore game, the Sophomores outplayed the Seniors in the first period but the Seniors came back strong as usual and by hard playing and good shooting won the game. The Juniors and Freshmen were more evenly matched but the former showed a slight advantage in team work and shooting. Both games were lively all through and interesting to watch and for the most part, clean basketball was played.

Both the Sophomore and Freshman teams showed great improvement over former games and this should make the remaining games much more exciting. From the outcome of these games, it looks as if the Seniors would win the championship, although the Juniors still have a fighting chance.

The Summary:

SENIORS	SOPHOMORES
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Hammond, c, 5	c, Knight, 1 (3)
D. Merrill, rb, 2	lf, Haines, 1
Hosmer, 1, Murphy, lb	rf, Tabor, Wescott 2
Referee, Poole, '12, Time, 20-min halves.	

JUNIORS	FRESHMEN
Smiley, rf, 1	lb, Haskell, Hill
Carlton, lf, (8)	rb, Crocker
Parker, c, 3	c, Stevens 1
Benjamin, rb, 3	lf, Abbott, 5 (2)
Cleaves, 2 lb	rf, Cobb, 1
Thompson, 1 lb	
Referee, Cummings, '11. Time 20-min. halves.	

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FRESHMAN DEBATING TRIALS

W. D. Towner, P. W. Monahan and H. R. Clark, with W. E. Kimball as Alternate, to Debate Against Sophomores

In the trials held recently for the freshman class team to compete with the sophomores in the annual debate on March fourteenth the following were chosen: Wayland D. Towner of Somerville, Mass.; Paul W. Monahan of Biddeford; Hermon R. Clark of Townsend, Mass.; and alternate, William E. Kimball of South Paris. The question which will be debated upon is: Resolved, That the United States should show no discrimination between the immigrants from China and those from other countries. The freshmen are to uphold the negative and are being ably coached by Instructor V. Alvin Ketcham of the English Department.

Preparation has already commenced and both teams are working hard to win before the Literati, on the evening of March fourteenth.

The Freshman Debating Club recently challenged the Bowdoin Freshmen to a joint debate but satisfactory arrangements could not be made as the Bowdoin Freshmen have not as yet organized any debating club.

Negotiations are now being made with the Colby Freshmen and it is possible that a debate may be arranged with them.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS

Visit to Campus of Boys in Bangor Last of Month

During the convention of the Y. M. C. A. boys in Bangor the last of this month, the University will be their host for half a day. On Saturday, Feb. 25, the 500 boys who will be gathered for the meetings, will visit the Campus in relays of 250 each. Their entertainment while here will be in charge of a committee of the Christian Association, assisted by other students.

They will first hold an informal meeting in the Chapel, after which they will be divided into groups and led by guides through all the University buildings and about the Campus. Never before has such a large number of school-boys been on the Campus in a body, and this will be an excellent opportunity for present Maine men to interest future Maine men in the University.

The Brown University grandstands are inspected by the city authorities before each game.

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CIVIL SOCIETY

Mr. H. N. Savage Gives an Interesting Talk on the Work of Reclamation Service

Mr. H. N. Savage, Division Engineer of the United States Reclamation Service, gave a talk before the Civil Engineering Society, Wednesday evening, on the reclamation work in the north-west. With the aid of lantern slides, showing views of the work and maps of the country, he gave a clear and interesting account of the projects now under way. Some of these works are of large proportions and of great difficulty. In the construction of one dam, for instance, it was found economical to erect a complete plant to manufacture the necessary cement on the site of the work, and this plan was adopted.

Mr. Savage spoke very highly of the work of the University of Maine men in his division. Among these are R. M. Conner, '03, C. L. Bailey, A. J. Hayes, C. J. Moody and R. M. Snell, '05, all of whom are in responsible executive positions and doing work of the very highest grade.

THE MAINE MASQUE

Dress Rehearsal to be Held at Insane Hospital Feb. 27th.

The members of the Masque are planning a dress rehearsal of "Twelfth Night" to be held at the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital in Bangor on Monday, February 27. On Feb. 19, the Club will probably go to the photographers in Bangor and sit for the picture which will be published in the *Prism*. Plans are now being made for a trip during the Easter recess which will include towns in Aroostook county.

DR. HODGES IN CHAPEL

Dean of Harvard Divinity School Spoke Friday

Dean Hodges of the Harvard Divinity School, who was in Bangor last week as one of the speakers at the Convocation Week Exercises, gave a talk at chapel last Friday morning on the Heroism of Every-Day Life. Dean Hodges said that it wasn't the great works of heroism that were the hard ones but the every-day accomplishments that were really tests of great strength of character. So also many deeds are daring at time of excitement and stress, that are looked upon and applauded as great works of heroism,

but they are done oftentimes by people who are bouyed up by the excitement. Then, too, applause plays quite a large part in this and leads men to do acts that would not be thought of otherwise. All in all it is the man that meets the ordinary problems of life with courage and strength and success that is the real hero.

LECTURE BY PROF. BRISCOE

Entertains Forestry Club with Discussion of Trip to Quebec

Prof. Briscoe entertained a large gathering of the Forestry Club last Wednesday evening with an interesting talk on the convention in Quebec recently of the Dominion Foresters. He was the only representative of the State of Maine there, as Commissioner Ring was unable to attend, and he delivered a paper on Forest Methods in Maine.

He discussed the general character and purposes of the convention, which, attended as it was by 300 men, was the largest meeting of its sort ever held in Canada. He also halted his line of talk occasionally to tell some interesting incident of his trip.

FACULTY NOTES.

Because of the vacancy caused by the absence of Prof. Huddilston, who is on a trip through the Orient, Prof. Edmonson of the University of Nebraska, 1892, has been secured to fill the position of Greek Professor. Prof. Edmonson received the degree of M. A. from Harvard in 1899 and the degree of Ph. D. from the same institution in 1901. He also is a graduate student of Cornell and was instructor there from 1902-1907. At present Prof. Edmonson is living at the home of Prof. Huddilston.

Prof. Sprague lectured in Portland last Friday afternoon before the Woman's Literary Union, in the High Street Congregational Church. His subject was "The Crown Mind and the Age of the Crowd."

Yale has given her Divinity School students an opportunity to prove their oratorical powers. She offers a prize to anyone of them who wins a position on one of the debating teams which oppose Harvard and Princeton.

This year, at the University of Wisconsin, each upperclassman was given the names of two Freshmen to call upon. This was done to broaden the social life of the students.

GERMAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Upon the teachers entering a class room all the pupils rise and stand at their seats until told to be seated. If any excuses are to be made or questions to be put, those who wish to speak remain standing until they are allowed to do so. The seating in the room is according to rank and the self reliance placed upon the class is evident. Especially is this true in the case of the primus. He is the best scholar in the class and acts as an intermediary between members of the class and the class and instructor. He is supposed to be informed of all matters pertaining to the work, know where the assignments are, and give all necessary information at any time. He is supposed to have enough influence with his fellows to set an example which they will follow. He is censured for class misconduct and if that does not suffice he is degraded and another made primus in his place.

The amount of work required of the pupils is considerable. This increases the more advanced the classes are. Since the session lasts from eight to twelve or two o'clock, with gymnastics and elective studies in the afternoon, and further that preparation must be made for the next day's lessons, it is evident that a pupil has not many hours that he may call his own. I think it is a safe statement to make that in the upper classes, the time which a pupil has outside of school work is not more than one hour on an average. And yet through this the grade of work in the school, is in my opinion very high. The consecutive periods of difficult work are recited with an accuracy that is really surprising.

The pupils of the Gymnasium are under its jurisdiction in a general way at all times. Any ungentlemanly conduct, within or without the school, is summarily dealt with and in case of expulsion a boy cannot enter any other institution. The school officials may and do forbid the publication of the name of a pupil in matters other than school affairs. While in the school they are supposed to belong to it and nothing else. During the session the pupils are under the supervision of a class officer called the ordinaries. He attends to all cases of deportment, absence, etc., and it is only as a last resort that a pupil appears before the director. Although some of the pupils are very young, a talk with the ordinarius is in nearly all cases sufficient. Corporal punishment though not theoretically, is practically prohibited.

The gymnastics which are required of all pupils, are as will be seen at once, very necessary; it is evident that with the amount of work required many pupils would take no exercise at all. The work consists of a systematic course in the school gymnasium and yard. In general the same apparatus is used, and the same exercises are given as we are accustomed to in our school and college gymnasium.

The school sports consist of football, baseball, discus throwing, krieg-spiel, running, swimming, skating, bicycling, rowing, and sailing. The last five seem to be rather private, but owing to the influence of the Gymnasium must be classed under the head of those belonging to the institution. The former of these, as also occasionally some of the latter, are in the hands of school clubs and are under the direction of one of the instructors. The membership is not large, and the games or meets are rather between members of the school than against other schools. Contests between different schools, do however, take place. On a whole it cannot be said that a great deal of interest is taken in athletics. This is true not only of the secondary schools but more so of the university.

On the other hand, things that interest a small number of our boys in comparison to the number athletics take hold of, arouse great enthusiasm in the German boy.

Among these are concerts or musicals. On the fourteenth of December last, I attended a musical given by the pupils. With the exception of a little assistance from the professors, the program was arranged and carried through wholly by the pupils, and the performance certainly justified the time spent on it and the enthusiasm aroused.

The musical was given in the assembly hall of the school and lasted for more than two hours; it is needless to say that all the seats were taken.

On another occasion last year, the little French play 'La Poudre aux Yeux,' was given by the members of the school. As we know the play is not what we would call hard, but still requires considerable skill and work, and the fact that it was given may serve to show to what extent the amateur production of the German Gymnasium boy extends.

At the end of their course pupils are given examinations to prove their fitness to enter a university. This may be written and oral. Those, however, who attain a certain mark in the written work are excused from the oral. The latter takes place in the presence of a member of the board of education, the director, and the instructors of the senior year. On the evening after the examination a supper is given by the class. A day or two later the members assemble in the school hall, where an address somewhat corresponding to our baccalaureate sermon is given by the director. Finally each member approaches the platform, shakes hands with the speaker, makes the familiar German bow, and leaves with a parting song by the rest of the pupils.

There are at the present time eight American exchange teachers in Prussia, and eight English exchange teachers. Of the Americans five are in the vicinity of Berlin. The first meeting was held on January 22 last and notes compared. They represent the following colleges: Yale, Brown, Chicago, Tufts and Maine. It was pleasing to learn that all had but words of the highest praise for their reception, work, and the opportunities afforded them in Germany. It was also gratifying to learn that so many of the members this year were stationed in or near the capitol whereas last year they were placed in smaller towns. The advantages of course are far greater in the city of Berlin than any other place in Prussia. This placing has been probably made as an inducement to the American teachers, in view of the fact that the statement has been made that they are preferred to others as being better instructors. This is undoubtedly due in a great measure, to the fact that the teachers sent from the United States have already taught, whereas those from the other countries need not necessarily have done so—at any rate those with whom I have spoken had not. I make mention of this statement of preference because it is not at all uncommon throughout Germany to see advertisements stating that, at such and such a school (private of course) English is taught and not dialects of the same. And from the further reading the inference is to be drawn that American English is not desirable. As a result of this people get wrong impressions, and as a fact I have been asked several times if the Americans could really understand the British. When I made the statement, as I have had occasion to several times that, in accordance with my own observations, the difference between the London English, the standard on the continent, and that of New England at least, was not greater than the Prussian German and the Hessian German, I was scarcely credited. However, the government and the professors understand the matter correctly and no annoyance is given the American teachers.

The work being done by the various teachers, as was found by a comparison of our duties, is in general though not entirely according to the statements set down by the Carnegie Foundation. The bulk of the work consists of

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conversation with advanced classes. These classes are held in the afternoon, as a rule, and are composed of pupils numbering from five to ten. The work is optional, but when elected must be continued, unless for some good reason permission is granted to discontinue. Entrance to a class may in general only take place at the beginning of a semester. This gives the work a system and completeness which would be destroyed if the pupils were allowed to enter and drop out whenever they saw fit. The subjects of conversation of course vary widely. With the younger pupils they consist of talks about home life, short stories, travel, etc. With the more advanced classes, public events in the home and foreign periodicals, authors and literature are discussed. Not much preparation is required of the classes for such work. The idea is rather to give them an opportunity to hear the foreign languages spoken, the words of which they are in a measure familiar with.

Such is the work in general. Some of us, however, have been assigned to regular classes, in which the pupils have as yet not had much English, and with whom it is compulsory. In some cases even classes of beginners have been assigned. Of course German has to be used more or less altogether in such cases. This is to be sure somewhat taxing, but I think those of us who have had such work consider it one of the most helpful things in our entire experience here.

Since no mention of the latter work is made in the statement of the Carnegie Foundation (or at least no mention was made last year), it may be of interest, especially to those who want more definite information to quote from the statement of the Minister of Education of April 11, 1908. It reads as follows:

"It has been tried by several institutions with gratifying results to make the work of the exchange teachers serviceable, not only to the limited number who take part in the conversation (periods in the afternoon), but to the other pupils as well. Thus, for example, teachers have been requested to read from time to time in the regular classes, passages of prose, of poetry, and scenes from plays which had been previously translated by the pupils. When this was done regularly the results were evident. In other institutions teachers have been brought into the classes during a regular weekly period to carry on conversation with the pupils in the presence, and with the co-operation of the class instructor. This method will be of particular value if the assistant works through with the pupils, material which has been previously thoroughly prepared, in such a way that his work supplements that of the regular teacher. Especial emphasis is to be put upon this method of employing the foreign assistants. Unusually capable assistants, whose mastery of German was sufficient, and who showed themselves pedagogically competent, have been occasionally assigned by directors to regular classes. No objection is to be made to this arrangement provided it be done by the director or department teacher, and that the assistant thereby has not more than twelve periods of work per week, conversation included." Since this method has proved particularly valuable it will undoubtedly be continued.

I have done little more, in these pages than give a rough sketch, without literary adornment, of the environment in which the American teacher who comes to Prussia, finds himself. It is undoubtedly the case that many of the young teachers who come here, can find enough work in the schools at which they are placed to take up their time, especially if they are studying Germanics. On the other hand, the German universities are extremely cheap, and are perhaps the best in the world. The vacations throughout the year, permit one to take short trips into other parts of the country, or for that matter into other countries. Germany, lying as it does

in the centre of Europe, is hardly more than a days ride from the places which most of us care to visit. And again traveling in Europe is very reasonable. It should be mentioned perhaps that the compensation received, usually suffices for board and lodging only. The amount required outside of this, depends upon the individual taste, but it is certain that in comparison with America, the value received for the amount expended is very great.

Finally, I wish to say that the American, who comes as an exchange teacher to Germany, is sure of a cordial welcome and a pleasant sojourn. Everything is done to make his stay enjoyable and fruitful. All reasonable privileges are extended to him, often times even more than to the German teachers themselves of the same rank. More than that could certainly not be expected.

THOS. F. TAYLOR, '04,
Potsdam, March 8, 1910.

ANNUAL Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE

Held at Lewiston, Feb. 17, 18 and 19

The Third Annual Conference of the Student Christian Associations of Maine will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week with the Bates College Association at Lewiston. Not only will the four colleges and Bangor Theological Seminary be represented, but there will be delegations present from several of the preparatory schools as well.

The list of speakers is one of the best ever prepared for a conference of this kind in Maine. It includes such names as that of Dr. Fitch of Andover Seminary, who has been so popular here at Maine as a Vesper speaker. Mr. J. W. Pontius, who has charge of all student work in the East will represent the International Committee, and Mr. Neil McMillan, Associate Bible Study Secretary, will have charge of that part of the Conference. Other speakers will be Mr. Lewis W. Dunn, Boys' and Students' Secretary for New Hampshire, Hon. Carl E. Milliken, State Senator from Aroostook, and last but by no means least, Presidents Aley of Maine, Hyde of Bowdoin, and Chase of Bates.

The Annual Y. M. C. A. State Convention will be held in Lewiston at the same time and the two Conferences will hold three joint sessions, one of which will be a banquet.

Maine will be represented by two or three members of the Faculty and it is hoped that there will be a large student delegation as well. The round trip fare will be one and one-third of the one way fare and the registration fee will be fifty cents. Anyone interested should see either H. H. Sweetser, who has charge of registering the Maine delegates, or H. R. Sargent, before Thursday night.

LOCALS

The Athletic Board held a meeting in the Library Feb. 3.

The Musical Clubs are to give a concert in Bangor on February 22, under the auspices of the Bangor Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Elmer L. True, '14, and H. H. Nash, '13, visited their homes in Camden for a few days following finals.

N. C. Cummings, '11, spent a few days of last week at Gorham.

Miss Mary Pendleton was a guest at the Phi Eta Kappa House last week.

Donald M. Towne, '14, passed a few days after finals at his home in Madison.

Norman R. French, '14, has been obliged to leave college on account of the sickness of his mother at Fort Fairfield.

C. E. Twitchell, '14, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis is reported as improving rapidly at his home in Patten.

R. A. Holmes, '11, returned to his home in Ellsworth after the finals for a few days' sojourn.

Russel A. Morgan of Malden, Massachusetts was visiting friends on the Campus last week.

S. H. Winchester, ex-'11, was a visitor at the Phi Eta Kappa House last week.

H. H. Towle, '14, and C. B. Cleaves, '12, recently spent a few days at their homes in Portland.

J. L. and O. C. Brown, '14, returned recently from Bar Harbor where they were visiting their parents.

G. T. Holbrook, ex-'12, visited on the Campus last Saturday. He is now employed in the B. & A. office at Presque Isle.

Phillip Garland, '12, returned to his home in Oldtown for a few days following finals.

I. M. Bradbury, '13, has returned from New York where he was visiting friends.

Benjamin Haskel, '12, spent a few days following finals at his home in Westbrook.

F. T. Norcross, '14, visited his home in Portland recently.

N. N. Scales, '11, C. S. Cleaves, '12, A. W. Abbott, '14, and T. W. Haskell, '14, were members of the Pine Tree A. A. basketball team which defeated the strong Portland A. C., and Fort Williams teams in Portland recently.

Guy Creese, '14, has left college to enter the Lowell Textile School.

Hugo Small, ex-'12, has been a recent visitor on the Campus.

E. R. Barton, '11, has been ill with the grip.

F. G. Mathews, '13, has left college to enter his father's business.

H. R. Sargent, '11, took the civil service examinations, February 8 and 9.

W. J. McCarthy, '13, spent a few days after finals at his home in Lewiston.

C. S. Phinney, '11, having completed his work, has left college but will return in June for his diploma.

T. C. Higgins, '13, J. L. Pray, '14, and L. A. Leach, '14, were at their homes in Bar Harbor a few days after finals.

J. E. Church, '13, and R. W. Peaslee, '14, spent a few days after finals at their homes in Gardiner.

E. J. Finnigan, '09, and L. R. Moore, ex-'12, have been recent visitors on the Campus.

A. A. St. Onge '14, spent last Sunday at his home in Dover.

The rank cards will be sent to the students in a few days.

J. A. Frohock, '14, has returned to college.

E. H. Maxcy, '11, spent the week end at his home in Gardiner.

Harold Wood, '11, is improving rapidly and will shortly leave the hospital.

M. L. Wilder, '14, returned to his home in Augusta after finals for a short visit.

Stewart F. Berry, ex-'10, has recently started on a year's business trip over the United States for the J. A. & W. Bird Company of Boston. Mr. Berry has been manager of the New England Travelling Sales Department of this large roofing concern.

EXCHANGES

Dartmouth has increased its enrollment from 1229 students in 1909 to 1258 at present.

The Glee Club of the University of Copenhagen will tour the United States next spring.

Delta Upsilon boasts more Rhodes scholars than any other fraternity, having nineteen in all.

More than \$166,000 were earned by the students of Columbia University during the last scholastic year.

An expedition will be sent to Hawaii by the University of Iowa for the purpose of collecting birds and animals for their exhibit.

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