

BOWDOIN'S GIANT FRESHMAN.

Edward Rawson Godfrey's Surprising Feats of Strength.

In the large freshman class that entered Bowdoin last fall was a young giant, Edward Rawson Godfrey of Bangor, whose phenomenal showing in the strength tests made considerable of a sensation. Not content with breaking all previous Bowdoin and Maine records in this line, young Godfrey this week took another physical examination under direction of Dr. Whittier, instructor of the Bowdoin gymnasium, and has added to his records of last fall to a degree that places him among the very strongest athletes of the world, amateur or professional. One reason for his second test was the appearance of a rival in Walter B. Clarke of Damariscotta Mills, also of the freshman class, who made a most remarkable showing in his physical test last fall. Clarke was Bowdoin's full back this fall and is a star all-round athlete. He even excelled Godfrey in certain lines, although falling short of his total. But in Godfrey's test this week he places his record far ahead of anything ever done in the Maine colleges, and close to the two or three who have made the world's records in the great universities.

In last term's test by the Sargent system he showed a total strength of 1,121.8 and a condition of 526.1. This week he placed his total at 1,302 and his condition at 707. The man who shows a total strength of 500 and a condition of 200 is considerably above the average. Young Godfrey always keeps himself in fine physical condition, but he has not trained especially for this test.

His great strength is inherited, and his brother, the late Henry P. Godfrey, Bowdoin, '91, held the Bowdoin and State records before him. Systematic training would no doubt make him a world beater, but he does not believe in abnormal development and Dr. Whittier would not encourage anything of this kind.

Mr. Godfrey, who was 18 years old two weeks ago, is 6 feet and 4 inches in height and is finely proportioned. His weight is 190. He fitted for college at the Bangor High School and is from one of the leading families of the Queen City. He took an active part in athletics there and was captain of the team winning the Maine interscholastic championship. He is interscholastic champion of Maine in the shot and hammer, having a record of 35 feet 7 inches in the former, and 101 feet in the latter, and in these sports he promises to be a strength for Bowdoin. He played guard on the Bangor foot ball team, but his parents are opposed to his playing while in college. Mr. Godfrey stands well in scholarship and is very popular with his classmates. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

The total strength of 1,302 exhibited in his test has been excelled but by two or three, and by them not many points. He talks modestly and quietly of his remarkable strength, yet says he is confident he can make a much better record later in his course after more regular work in the gymnasium. Some idea of the strength of his arms and chest may be obtained from the fact that he dipped 40 times on the parallel bars.—Lewiston Evening Journal.