

**ROBERT EDWARD LEE STRIDER II**, President of Colby College, another outlander from west of the Hudson. His studies at Harvard marked the beginning of a distinguished New England career. After the interruption of service in the United States Navy, his doctoral study led on to teaching at Harvard, Radcliffe, and Connecticut College for Women, from which he was called to neighboring Colby as Professor of English and Dean of the College. His highly successful relationships with both students and faculty so shone that the wise Colby Trustees elected him in 1960 to succeed the revered and able Seelye Bixler, which he has done with distinction. Vigorous proponent of the classical tradition and advocate of sound learning, he has at the same time been an energetic innovator, bringing new ideas and fresh excitements to all he surveys. Combining fine scholarship with high administrative ability, he appropriately understands and consistently promotes the scholarly ideal. His interests have taken him far beyond the campus as an active Episcopal layman, as a member of the Maine Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, as a member of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Education, as President of the New England Colleges Fund, as President of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and as a vocal participant in musical events of Maine. We are honored that he now becomes an honorary alumnus of this college.

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