Shall the College Girl Take Up Nursing?

War calls to everyone, and especially, perhaps, to the college girl. She does not Romance about it very much. She does not visualize herself raising the stricken wounded from the battlefield. This is a practical age. The girl hardly hopes to be sent to France. She simply wants to serve, and nursing seems to be the only way. When she goes to college she tries more than ever to be unselfish and helpful. That she must be of some use in the world comes over the girl in a flash.

To most people nursing is a disagreeable, hard, strength-consuming profession at best. The training is a constant drain on strength, nerve, and intellect. Although people glory in its merciful, kindly aspect, there is also a relentless side. People say, "You will soon get hardened to it." This hardening brings about the "professional" manner—the cool, steady, distant attitude. The best nurse in time of emergency is the most mechanical. Can the emotionally inspired college girl hold herself on this plane of professionalism? Can she view the patient not as a pathetic, hurt life, but as a broken piece of machinery sent to the repair shop? Can she rise above the dirty and the disgusting through a steadfast belief in her ideals? Or will she, overcome by the revolting sights, give up nursing and present herself to the world as a coward? In other words, should the average college girl, not temperamentally fitted to be a nurse, and buoyed up largely by unselfish zeal, undertake hospital training?

If her strength of character is great enough, if her altruism is thorough enough, if her desire for service is powerful enough,—yes! The hospital will not admit her unless her physical endurance is good, but she alone can guarantee her mental endurance. If she is determined to conquer her own weakness through an all-consuming desire to serve as a nurse, let her undertake the task fearlessly, for the need is great.

Ann E. Hastings '22.

SPIRIT OF '22

The freshman class has already manifested an interest in athletics. Helen Coops and Wrey Warner have been chosen to lead the blue and white sections respectively.

SUNDAY SERVICE

The weather again frustrated an attempt to hold Vesper service in Blobwood, when it threatened all last Sunday, to break out into a heavy storm. This time, however, an informal service, held in Thames Hall, was arranged to take its place.

Immediately after supper the chairs and tables were pushed back and everyone gathered around the open fire. Mr. Kellogg took charge of the first part of the service and spoke for a few moments on religion viewed from the academic standpoint. After the singing of "The Flag That Makes Us One," the service was placed in the hands of the girls, who chose the hymns and old songs which have been a part of our "sings" in other years.

An Old Opportunity In a New Light

This is a question which we all have asked ourselves, time and time again. And it is a question that the majority of us feel we can never sufficiently answer.

To be sure, there are the obvious things that everyone can do and not everyone does: knit, make surgical dressings, save sugar, buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps. "But," you say, "these things are so commonplace and small." Of course, in a sense, they are small. Although one might venture the platitudinous remark that, after all, it is the small things that count.

But there is another thing that we can do. We have heard not a few times that we belong to an "enlightened community." We have had the experience of being placed upon a rather embarrassingly elevated pinnacle, simply because we were college girls. Whether deservedly or not is another question. The fact remains.

And it is a fact which embraces both a great privilege and a great responsibility: a privilege in that one is given the opportunity of helping to mould that subtle but potential force, public opinion; a responsibility in that so much depends on how we use that opportunity.

"Fallow" you say, "What possible difference can it make what I say?"

We will be surprised to note with what respect and interest our opinions are received. For we represent college thought and atmosphere.

Obviously, then, the thing to do is to get the right opinion. And the next thing to do is to have the courage of our convictions—to express ourselves whenever we have an opportunity. So much depends in these days of stress upon the attitude of the country at large. This has been particularly demonstrated in the last few momentous days. If we can feel that we have helped to propagate and preserve an atmosphere of courage and cheerfulness, of indomitable belief in the ultimate victory of right, of strong and earnest opposition to any peace that does not mean universal peace—surely it is no small thing.

A. Gardner '20.

Freshman, living in Blackstone: "I like the dormitory all right, but it's simply over-run with seniors."
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SPECIAL FEATURE

HALL CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
HAVE A SERVICE FLAG?

Have you ever noticed the Service Flags in the business section of the city? Have you ever noticed the Service Flags in the churches? Have you ever wondered why Connecticut College has no service flag?

It is not because we have no representatives in the service of the United States. Lieutenant Frank Morris is training at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia. Lieutenant Charles J. Ward has been wounded in overseas service, and is now connected with liaison work in Paris. Dr. Manwaring is a commissioned lieutenant of the Marine Corps. Mr. Weld serves in the capacity of Director of Music in all the Navy training camps. Miss Woodhill is sailing for France very soon as a canton nurse. Miss Reicholdt has been accepted as a reconstruction aide, and either has already sailed or is sailing in the near future. Olive Stark '21, has joined the yeomanettes. Perhaps you know of others.

It is not because we will not have more members in the service. Miss Slowey has passed her examination as reconstruction aide. Lilian Shaid '19, Esther Pedrick '21, and Ann Hastings '22, are preparing for the three years' hospital training course in nursing. Have you ever realized that all the men of the Faculty, with three or four exceptions, are registered under the new Selective Draft?

Shall Connecticut College delay honoring its representatives any longer? Surely, it cannot have been called to our attention before.

The News is lending its contribution box in the gym for the subscriptions you will be wanting to give. There are so many of us that contributions will be limited to twenty-five cents. Could you find a better use for that nickel or dime than that of dedicating it to the Seven Original Stars in the Connecticut College Service Flag?

PUBLICITY AND MORE OF IT.

May Buckley '19, has been elected Associate Art and Publicity Editor of the News.

OLD CLOTHES!

Some time ago the Service League made an appeal for old clothes to be sent to the Commission on Belgian Relief. Strangely enough we have received none as yet. We are sure there must be a few on your wardrobes and in your store basements. Have you ever realized that you might possess something which would come in handy in sending these things to war wounded? Have you ever noticed the Service Flags in the churches? Have you ever seen others.

THE PATH

My feet have loved the stony path that climbs up to your door. My fingers loved the friendly weeds That brushed them as I passed. I loved the tangled, clinging vines, Those subtle, almost imperceptible footstep backs. And lazy violet shadows splashed Across the golden grass.

But now your door is closed to me—
My feet may know no more
The joy of climbing toilsome ways
To find you waiting there.

Now your soul is strange to me—
Par and cold as a star.
And silence mocks my longing cry
With poignant emptiness.

WITH THE OCEAN BETWEEN US

As you probably know, we were in on this last American drive about a week ago, and came out with whole skins and a much more optimistic view of the war situation at present, and the possibilities of the future than we have had herebefore. We have seen beautiful German prisoners and the great major- ity of them are a mighty dejected and poor looking lot, I can assure you. Some are old men of fifty-five or sixty years of age, with little wizened-up skin, and a much more optimistic view of the possibilities of the future than we have had herebefore. We have seen beautiful German prisoners and the great major- ity of them are a mighty dejected and poor looking lot, I can assure you. Some are old men of fifty-five or sixty years of age, with little wizened-up skin, and a much more optimistic view of the possibilities of the future than we have had herebefore. We have seen beautiful German prisoners and the great major- ity of them are a mighty dejected and poor looking lot, I can assure you. Some are old men of fifty-five or sixty years of age, with little wizened-up skin, and a much more optimistic view of the possibilities of the future than we have had herebefore. We have seen beautiful German prisoners and the great major- ity of them are a mighty dejected and poor looking lot, I can assure you. Some are old men of fifty-five or sixty years of age, with little wizened-up skin, and a much more optimistic view of the possibilities of the future than we have had herebefore. We have seen beautiful German prisoners and the great major- ity of them are a mighty dejected and poor looking lot, I can assure you. Some are old men of fifty-five or sixty years of age, with little wizened-up skin, and a much more optimistic view of the possibilities of the future than we have had herebefore. We have seen beautiful German prisoners and the great major-
ened her very heartstrings. Half unconsciously she went to the edge of the porch where the Service Flag hung new and bright in the sunshine.

"Two soldiers," she repeated, "in my sons I have fulfilled the inheritance of my ancestors."

The spring wind blew the flag against the white pillar, and in the faded blue eyes of the sorrow-conquered woman, shone for a moment a light of victory and exultation, a flame of the unconquered pride of a Daughter of the Revolution.

J. H. '19.

**TEXTS FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY**

A great demand on the part of our soldiers and sailors in camp, field and overseas has developed for books of serious study, not merely in military technique and in every branch of applied science, but in pure science—mathematics, chemistry, physics, astronomy, and in history, particularly the history of the United States, of England, France, and Italy. In every one of these subjects, thousands of our soldiers and sailors are requiring textbooks, and in all of them also sympathetic instruction is being given by the military authorities, the Y. M. C. A., and institutional agencies.

The American Library Association, which, by invitation of the War and Navy Departments, is helping to supply books for our men, has asked the aid of the Bureau of Education in obtaining these textbooks. The Association has not sufficient funds to permit it to purchase all of the books required, although it is supplying them to the limit of its ability.

There are, no doubt, in the possession of college authorities, members of the faculty, or of the student body numerous copies of textbooks which have been superseded in one way or another, but which would be of great service to the soldiers and sailors. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Education therefore asks that Connecticut College contribute such books. The books need to be fairly recent.

The American Library Association, together with the American Library and Women's National American Library Association, is helping to supply books for our men. Has any one of you any books which you may need for reference, but many of them you will never read again. You would sell them second hand if anyone would buy them. They aren't of any particular use to you. Do why not donate them to this very patriotic cause?

Bring your books to the News' office. Bring your old clothes to the Service League office. Or do both at once.

**FAIR EXCHANGE NO ROBBERY**

Wellesley has made herself popular with French children, through a gift of fifty dollars' worth of lollipops. The money was given by a member of the faculty.

The college is taking up the Discussion Groups through its Christian Association. The topics are very similar to those adopted by Connecticut College.

Vassar has organized a history club not unlike our own—called War Discussion. The purpose of the club is to include not only vital causes and the events of the war, but a discussion of the social and economic problems and their solution—preparation for conditions after the war.

The Vassar "Newspaper," contains a column—"The War in a Nutshell," which summarizes the most important events of the war, military and non-military. The "Newspaper" contains an interesting description of the "Pope was made for Thee, Oh Age," which was important for the overseas troops. The "Newspaper" contains an interesting description of the "Pope was made for Thee, Oh Age."
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