The Belgian Relief Fund

Between the months of March and June last year we raised $1,700 to send to Belgium. The money has been distributed in Brussels and in Charleroi to the needy Belgian girls we decided to help.

During the summer several letters came to us from Europe telling how our Relief work in the occupied territory was progressing. Formal receipts signed by Mr. De Voschel, director of the schools of Brussels, were received at the college. This explains that the different shipments of money through the Commission for Relief in Belgium reached their destination.

A few days ago a Swiss gentleman forwarded to Miss Ernst the following letter written from Brussels September 2nd. (The letter, addressed from Belgium to a person in Switzerland, and subject to German censorship, is careful not to mention Consecution College, an American institution.)

"Dear Madam—

"The work to which you are so generously devoting yourself is making good progress.

"In conformance with your first instructions it has been decided that half the money should remain in Brussels where Mmes. de Besee and Provost are actively engaged. As their work causes them a serious loss of time and some expense, we thought that it would be satisfactory to you if each of them was granted a small compensation not exceeding 50 francs ($15) a month. The work in Brussels is most interesting. Many of your former pupils are in a precarious situation, and your unexpected help has been welcomed with touching expressions of gratitude and affection for you.

"As for the work in Charleroi, we ask your permission to depart somewhat from the suggested program. The part of our population which is suffering the most is not exactly the working class, but rather the lower middle class. Among the women and girls are many seamstresses, teachers, clerks, etc., who are in great need of help. There exists among this group a frightful condition of poverty, and it is a great pleasure to be able to relieve it to some degree. You may assure those who joined with you in making this contribution that they have helped to provide comforts to many homes where deprivation was always present. Often sickness, especially tuberculosis, has caused great suffering.

"An exact account of the fund is being compiled."

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The Farmerette Dinner

We have heard a great deal about farmerettes and their many adventures, but we really never knew just what a farmerette dinner was until Thursday night. Then the farmerettes of the two units got together and decided to show us as nearly as they could, a farmerette dinner.

Attired in white middy blouses and skirts, they marched into the dining-hall to the jingle of an old cow-bell. They scorned the white covered tables and chose plain boards and benches as more nearly befitting their station in life. They found their places adorned with corn shocks and these must have given rise to some inspiration, for soon we began to hear songs of cornfields and corn-stalks and corn-row.

Thus in song they told us all about their lives as farmers. We heard about the seeds that would spring up over night, and about the dirt that never would come off. Miss Blue told us about the "Moo-Cow," and Mary Hester showed us how she entertained Bridgehampton.

As a typical farmerette dinner, the affair was an exceptional success, and we all agree that the farmerettes themselves were surely a merry group.

THE AA'S OF CLUBS

GAME SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON.

October 26—Section games in Freshman hockey and Sophomore soccer.

November 2—Junior vs. Sophomore.

November 9—Freshman vs. Sophomore hockey. Junior vs. Sophomore soccer.

November 16—Championship game between winners of previous lucky matches.

November 23—Championship game between junior of first class soccer game and Sophomore.

The date of the Faculty-Senior soccer game will be announced later.

CAPTAINS FOR FALL SPORTS.

Senior.

Soccer—Rowe.

Hockey—Ansley.

Junior.

Soccer—Allen.

Hockey—McGowan.
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THE COLLEGE BOATHOUSE

One after another the Loyalty boats, Dr. Sykes’ last gift to Connecticut College, have disappeared. Even though Loyalty ’21 should be recovered, the college has no security against its being straightway taken again. The boats were too heavy to drag into the boathouse after every rowing class. They were therefore left on the lach at the mercy of the weather and the tides. Loyalty ’19, after two years of this enforced exposure, leaked so badly that with a cargo of only four the water poured through the seams making the boat unsailable in the midst of swells.

Rowing has always been a popular sport at Connecticut College. Recently it became impossible, for no rowing class, however enthusiastic, enjoys soaking its feet for the whole of a rowing period in icy water. And now rowing has become impossible. This is a pity, for a few colleges share our privilege of a river on campus. Yet they make the most of their little ponds, while we let the Thames ripple on without us.

The boats are gone, at any rate, and the most beautiful rowing weather is yet to come. Where shall we find boats to take their places? Mr. Sykes had the Loyalty boats specially built for our use. Still there are boats along the shore which we might be able to rent, even though they are conventional flat-bottomed fishing dories. And someone has suggested that Connecticut College should ask Yale for the loan of one or two of the shells that are stored in the Yale Crew quarters a little way up the river.

But who would lend us a boat when there is every prospect of its being stolen?

The boathouse is an old shed, roughly patched and boarded up. There are six windows, and two doors boarded over. There is a door fastened with a padlock, which has often been shot off, and hinges that have often been pried off. There is a roof that was formerly waterproofed with tar paper which is rapidly detaching itself and floating away into space. A slight shower drenches the floor with puddles.

Inside are three canoes, at the present time. Canoes are not replaceable, since the canoe factories are manufacturing aeroplane parts for the government. To-day there are three canoes in the boathouse. To-morrow there may be none. No one can trace them for the boathouse is entirely trolleyed.

Is there no practical method of protecting the boathouse? The suggestion has been made that a special guard be engaged to look after it. But there would be intervals between his rounds. Until the end of the season the canoes must stay where they are if they are to be of any practical use to the owners. What is to become of them? Are they to go the way of Loyalty ’19 and Loyalty ’20? And is rowing to be one of the few subjects excluded from the curriculum?

L’ENVOI

BY ALISON HASTINGS

The thousand things I could not say before I crossed the sea,
Dear love, the words I could not speak,
And all you are to me;
The thousand dreams I could not dream before I crossed the sea,
Is life in gold and old dreams,
Are life to me, dear love, since death
Became a dream, in France.
The thousand things I can not write,
The things that I would do,
Shall all be yours, dear love, when God shall send me home, to you.

Without the knowledge of the Editor-in-Chief, who was too modest to want her poem to appear in the News, the Associate Editors have taken it upon themselves to follow the example of “Poet Lore” and “The Literary Digest” in publishing Miss Hastings poem “L’Envoi.” We also take this opportunity to extend to her the heartfelt congratulations of the News Staff.

OPEN LETTERS

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the views expressed in this column.

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

To the Editor:
Considerable discussion has been taking place on the campus as regards the advisability and practicality of forming a press club at the college. With the appointment of a committee to formulate plans for the formation of a journalistic club the project has received a decided impetus with consequent expressions of interest from faculty and students.

A press club at Connecticut should be very successful. The material experience necessary to address a properly organized club could offer students interested in journalism the most interesting as well as the most practical opportunity offered to the students by organizations now existing in the college.

There are many students who by personality or innate ability are wonderfully fitted for the profession of journalism. Some of these students are beginning to realize the innumerable opportunities of the cosmopolitan field and a half conscious desire to avail themselves of its privileges; others are experiencing a vital need for expression of which they have not been conscious. Journalism is the means to watch youth can turn and receive in overflowing measure the rewards it holds forth to its chosen people. It fills the needs of youth as no other profession, it offers the means of active, throbbing, real living; the contact with men and women whom youth will always revere; and the experiences which lead to intelligent, kindly conceptions and sympathetic appreciation of life and the things of life.

The journalistic organization at the college should offer membership to students who are interested in press work and the membership should offer inherent advantages. Among the suggested advantages are the following:

1. Weekly meetings: discussions of current events, correspondence, reading of words and phrases, of news and its gathering, interviews, social notes, rewrites, feature stories and correspondence stories.

2. News Bureau: A news bureau, consisting of a chairman and two members, which after editing submitted stories would designate papers to which the articles could be submitted for publication at usual press rates. Each member should be required to submit at least two stories a month for publication and to report the result to the news bureau.

3. An Associated Press connection: To be arranged by the News Bureau.

4. Speakers: The Service League of the college should be asked to consider inviting Mr. Talcott Williams of the Columbia School of Journalism and one of the foremost journalists of the nation to address the college body on the subject of the opportunities for college women in the journalistic field.

A program committee of the press club should secure representatives from New York, Boston, Hartford, New London and other papers to speak to the club on matters pertinent to the work of the organization.

5. Positions: Students desiring vacation positions on newspapers should be given the opportunity to obtain such positions through the efforts of the news bureau committee.

The INFIRMIARY PROBLEM.

To the Editor:

Connecticut College is a young and promising institution and her needs are many. As one thinks of her needs, such things as a chapel, a library, dormitories, an infirmary, and smaller items too numerous to mention come to mind. The question still remains—but what does Connecticut College need most?

Connecticut College is in greatest need of an infirmary. This year our college has four classes enrolled with a total of about three hundred and twenty-five students, and there is no infirmary in which these students may be cared for in time of illness. We are living in a very healthy climate and try to keep well, but it would be exceedingly unusual if the above mentioned number of students should go through a college year without any illness.

The present epidemic of Spanish influenza brings sharply to our minds the need for an infirmary. In the case of a quickly-spreading disease like the Spanish influenza, what is to be done when about ten cases are reported, and several new cases are being announced each day by the college physician?

The following incidents illustrate what was done in a similar situation.

The greater number of the cases were in the three main dormitories. The doctor and the nurse were constantly kept on the move attending to the patients wandering about, trying to remain alone in their own rooms at the mercy of the doctor and the nurse until the latter could find time to treat them.

At last the call came for some one to take in hand the problem of feeding the invalids. This task was a tedious one for the dietitian, who had to go to the college kitchen to fill a basket with the necessities for doing her work, then go from one dormitory to another, each time repeating a proceeding that each of the cases had to do only once had the invalids been all together.

The difficulty of the task was finally realized and an attempt was made to better conditions. In order to better these conditions girls were asked to go to much inconvenience by moving from their rooms on the third floor of one dormitory and to live temporarily in the college gymnastium.

The patients were then moved to these new rooms. This was a great help to all concerned, but even this left ample cause for complaint.

An infirmary with about twenty
rooms, a large sun-parlor, and accommodations for the doctor and the nurse would do away with such conditions as we are now experiencing.

EVELYN BROOKE '19.

WHERE, O WHERE?

To the Editor:

Two years ago two classes, assembled at noon chapel in New London Hall, received with undisguised delight the news of a gift from their college president, Dr. Sykes. Connecticut College was to own two boats, suitable for long-and-for races on the Yale-Harvard course, as well as for rowing classes at college. But dearer far than the joys on the water, which the gifts represented, was the meaning of the boats. "Loyalty '17" and "Loyalty '18" were tributes to the loyalty of the two classes to their first college president, at a time of great trouble.

Soon an edifice was reared on the river-shore, one which, we were told, was the "Temporary" boat house. Picnics, up the river, down the river, across the river, the day and nightly rows kept the two Loyalty boats in constant use, when they were not in the hands of the Physical Education Department. For the classes had offered the use of the boats to that department.

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The AAA'S OF CLUBS

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Sophomore.

Soccer—L. Batchelder (Blue section).

Walt (White section).

Soccer—W. Batchelder (White section).

Hockey—Williams.

Froshmen.

Hockey—Burris (Blue section).

Bellows (White section).

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THE MESSAGE

Heartsease you gave me when you left me—
A single vivid flower of golden hue—
Between the covers of a book I
Preserved it.
Its twin I kissed, beloved, and gave to you.
Two golden flowers of memory and of comfort—
Heartsease for our lonely days apart—
Days when my lonely heart's sole consolation
Was the golden dream of your return, sweetheart.
And then one day across the hungry ocean—
A letter travelled—worn, and soiled, and old—
And from it slipped a solitary penam
Of red-dened gold.
Heartsease—all that I have of you—
A torn little flower of blood-red hue.


PUPPY SAVES WINTHROP

The ingenuity and skill of a member of the Junior class saved Wintthrop House from untold disaster a few nights ago. While studying in her room at a late hour, the student was suddenly startled by the sound of voices outside. On investigation she discovered three men hovering about the house, under her window. Dismayed and helpless, she suddenly recollected the "dog" continued to bark until she

THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

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ing kept, and will be sent to you when the opportune moment arrives.

Now that the work is started, and well started, it must, of course, be continued. The Belgian girls to whom we have promised our help expect us to continue our help now. They need it still more this year than last. Did the Commission for Relief in Belgium tell us in its official statement a few days ago that "the health of a large proportion of the population is undermined by hunger" and that "their powers of resistance are reduced to the lowest ebb?"

For four months, ever since last June, we have not sent anything to Belgium. The only check forwarded by us during the summer to the Commission was one for $20.00 contributed by the Meriden College Club. Something must be done immediately. Money must be raised and sent to the Belgian girls who are counting on us. We intend to give a dance for the benefit of the Belgian girls as soon as the quarantine is raised. That will give us over a hundred dollars for the fund. But in the meantime? Must we offer the indulgence of a dance or some other kind of entertainment? Could we not simply pledge ourselves to raise $500 right now? That is only $1.00 apiece. Is this too much? We know that there will be drives for the Red Cross and for many other war organizations, but does it not occur to us, in our own college? Can we compare our "sacrifices" with the real sacrifices of thousands of others? Shall we raise the $500 for the Belgian girls as we have promised to help? The writer of this article is willing to open the list with $10.00.

Slowly and steadily Belgium is being reconquered. City after city is being abandoned by the enemy and occupied by the Allies. Soon King Albert and the Belgian army will re-enter Brussels. Then we shall be able to communicate directly with the girls we are interested in. We shall know them through their letters. Do you see that we cannot cut the thread that binds us to them? Do you see that now more than ever we must make them feel that when we promised to help them we meant it?

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Up until Friday, October 11th, the Liberty Loan total of Hunter College was $275,000.

At the Silver Day conference, this year, 86 delegates represented 42 different colleges.

At Hunter College and at Vassar, bureaus of occupations have been established through which a large number of camps, charitable organizations, and draft boards have secured help.

Wellesley's Debating Club proposes a new plan this year. A series of meetings are to be held which are to offer training in conducting public meetings and in public speaking. Members of the faculty are to give assistance to the students in acquiring this knowledge. Vassar is working out a similar plan this year.

It is interesting to note that Yassar is contemplating enforced conscription to war work. We wonder if her plan will be more effective than ours of voluntary enlistment.

Barnard has a quota of forty women overseas in various branches of war work. Evidently it is Barnard's opinion that summer is not the only time to do farming. She has organized a Women's Land League, which is actively engaged in harvesting.

Rutgers has been fully established as an army camp, with its members enrolled in the S. A. T. C. It is rather interesting to observe how highly the Rutgers' viewpoint is colored by this fact.

In the Rutgers' "Targum," we see that we have at last a younger sister, the New Jersey State College for Women. It opens this year with an enrollment of forty-nine.

BLACK NOTES AND WHITE

A certain very attractive cut appeared anonymously in the first issue. Its title might have been "Concerning Kodaks." It was very much admired. Perhaps that accounts for the rushing business in films that Connecticut College carried on at Childsey's Saturday afternoon.

A bit of contemporary drama: The Doll's House falls in ruins about our ears while we vainly watch the macaroons and the champagne.

Fire drills are the thing these days. We evacuated New London Hall in two minutes. The Huns are evacuating northern France faster than that, but then they are under fire.

Ann Arkin's name was omitted from the list of the News staff. That was merely camouflage. Ann is very much one of the staff, and one of our foremost authoresses.

No anonymous contributions will be printed in the future. We prefer to be able to refer to building geniuses by name.

$1,172.85 was taken in by the treasurer of the Student Government Association on pay day. This method of setting aside one day annually for the payment of club dues, class dues, service league pledges, etc., has proved very successful. Payments are more prompt and less confusing than results by the method previously employed.

The College Club of Norwich has awarded its annual scholarship to Miss Esther Allen '21. Miss Allen, who was also part winner of last year's scholarship, is to be heartily congratulated. The eager interest she shows in her work, and her high academic standing, unquestionably prove Miss Allen worthy of the honor.

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