Canteen Work Made Real at Convocation

"We climb our mountains after we have made our ascent."

These were the words in which Miss Winifred Hulbert opened her account of her experiences as a canteen worker in France. Not until she returned to this country did she fully appreciate her life and work in France.

It was about a year ago that Miss Hulbert began her work in a canteen in the southeastern part of France. Here she served chocolate and cakes and hot drinks to hundreds of men returning from the battlefields. These men represented a crosscut of American manhood. Every type was represented. There was "Steve," a typical American boy from Massachusetts, who was homesick for his New England home. There was the good-natured Irishman and the Italian poet and musician. All were American citizens, fighting for America.

The canteen was established in barracks with a mud floor. There were long rows of tables on each side with a canteen counter and a kitchen at one end. The food was cooked on a field range, a square stove set up on bricks. In the evenings the men gathered at the long tables or around the piano and sang old home songs.

At Christmas time the men brought large trees into the canteen and gave a Christmas party to two hundred fatherless, French children. This love and kindness for children was one of the traits in our boys which created great surprise and respect among the French.

On Good Friday Miss Hulbert was sent to another camp in the south of France where soldiers gathered on their seven days' leave. Later she returned to the army zone where the Y. M. C. A., the R. of C. and the Salvation Army worked shoulder to shoulder in furnishing the men with every kind of amusement possible.

On November 1, Miss Hulbert returned to Paris. There she established a canteen in the week that followed. Here she worked diligently for four months and then returned home. She changed her work to a canteen for American manhood and women returning from the battle fields.

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Some Activities of the Service League

The Service League has entered upon its work for the year with a vigor and enthusiasm which promise good results. The broad scope which is emphasized for the purposes of the organization has permitted the advancement of the ideals of the Service League.

A group of girls interested in the arts was established in the Men's College, as the Y. W. C. A. host house on Tuesday evening. An attractive program of college songs and skits was given by the students, and heartily applauded by the guests at the house. The sketch, "The Three Trees," sang, mandolin and ukelele selections by Alice Horrax and Ruth Wilson, and songs with ukelele accompaniment by Roberta Newton, were introductory to the community singing in which the men in uniform and the college girls joined.

An impromptu orchestra of army and navy talent led the singing with old and new harmony songs. Several of the girls played pianos and choicesters with the men while the others were playing and singing around the piano.

At the first meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Friendship Club, a little dinner party was given. The table was decorated with softly shaded candles. After dinner the club adjourned to the parlor for a business meeting. At the end of the meeting an entertainment was given by the college girls.

The Keebub Club has begun its work with all indications of success. Judging from the two meetings held this year one might safely say that it is possessed of healthy lungs and appetites. The program usually starts with games—games not exactly Olympic in their artistic effect. Pavlowa would hardly grow ecstatic over the spectacle of twenty-five girls whose object in life is to jump over a heavy bag tied to a rope and swing to describe a violent circle around the gym floor, but that is only Pavlowa's hard luck.

The program also includes entertainment by our local talent and the inevitable "eats." Again the aesthetic effects may be desired. Marshmallow dust on blue serge does detract from one's dignity. But the girls are very happy, and consume a reasonable amount of toasted marshmallow.

The club is thinking of devoting one evening a month to the discussion of current topics, to counterbalance such purely frivolous evenings.

There is no doubt but that the

Christmas Vesper Service; Choir Gowned

Caps and gowns were worn by the choir for the first time on Sunday, December 8. The gowns gave an air of dignity to the girls, and the blue caps lightened the dark background. A black robed choir adds a definite devotional note to the chapel service.

President Marshall's message was appropriate to the Advent season. He spoke particularly of the beauty of motherhood and of the idealism exhibited by all the giving of the freewill offering in Jesus Christ. In closing he reminded us that every life has its message and should "follow the gleam."


DO YOUR BIT

Snapshots, cartoons, and drawings! Try any or all of these and send the results to the Editors of the Senior Class Book. Did you get a clear picture of a game or a good likeness of some member of the faculty? Either one would be very acceptable for the book. Cartoons of well-known events or scenes, original ideas for headings, are also particularly needed by the Editors. The more suggestions handed in, the more there are to select from, the better the book which will be evolved by the graduating class. Give the first class the benefit of your time, talent, and originality! No one will want to miss the opportunity offered in the contest for the title. To give the title to the first class book,—a title that will live as long as the college, is indeed a honor. Every graduating class will, as the years go by, fill the book with their pictures, their anecdotes and their history, but on the cover and on every leaf will be printed the same name—your name if you choose to make it so. Think!

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Mr. Frederick W. Edgerton of the New London Public Library has kindly consented to give the class in library science a course of six lessons in practical reference work. Mr. Edgerton's course is remarkably systematic and business-like and we are very fortunate in having him.

Service League has a most successful and interesting year before it. It is living up to its name by giving service through giving pleasure.

Peace Conference and the League of Nations

Helen Fraser has again come to the campus and left behind her the inspiration of her idealism and vivid personality. In the afternoon of Tuesday, December 3, she brought to life for us the leading man of England, Lord George. Through her sympathetic interpretation we felt her determination about the peace league, her kindness, and realized that England as well as America sends a man whose loyalty to his ideals is unwavering and who, like an Englishman, is sure to be worthy of the price they paid. We want quite clear thinking on the subject of justice to Germany," she said.

"We must beware of two types, the vindictive person, and the sentimentalist. We can't talk about our friends, the enemy, in this war. Their crimes at sea have put them out of court. The real facts of the atrocities committed in this war are so terrible that they have never been written. But we must do no injustice territorially to Germany. If German-Austria wants to join with Germany we have no right to prevent it. But Alsace-Lorraine and Schleswig-Holstein have I think a just claim to independence.

The problem of settling Europe was next spoken of by Miss Fraser, including the question of putting Turkey out of Europe, the question of the near East and that of the German colonies.

Lastly, Miss Fraser discussed the problems of the League of Nations. "If founded only on the desire to maintain peace," she said, "such a league might be a very terrible thing. Pacifism is the assertion that we won't fight for the creed we hold. The league can only be of use if its object is to establish justice."

Why did these men die? and Are we to be worthy of the price they paid? were two questions put by the speaker.

"Our men fought and died for the most wonderful dream the world has ever known—the dream that was born in a herdsman's stable."

Miss Fraser concluded, "This is the world's opportunity to remake the
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THE PROMISE OF THE NEW YEAR

Influenza has a second time invaded the campus. Like a horde of attack- ing Huns it swept down again on a college without an infirmary. The casualty list was larger than before, but all the patients are well on the way to recovery. It takes more than that to defeat a Connecticut College girl. Just as the inhabitants of the French provinces are not afraid of the onslay of the Germans, so the students of the college fled before the germs. Christmas vacation began a week sooner and lasted three days longer. It is an ill germ that brings nobody good.

But this rapid and unforeseen retreat necessitated plans, academic and otherwise. Like President Marshall, the News had hoped to wish you a very Merry Christmas. Although it is hard to say that this war on a basis of great ideals that have been put forth by our president. It is the thing which we believe is going to put an end to such titanic struggles as we have just passed through, stop forever this tremendous bloodshed between nations. This we hope to see and the president's foremost aim is the peace plans.

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of them turned to her now, even though she was one of the "snips," as the littlest girls from Cummins House, were called by the older ones.

"Well, what are you watching us so close for?" said Katy, tall, rough, goof-natured.

Annie's brown, pinched little face lighted up, and she drew close to the group responding to the friendly tone of the rough question.

"Do you always have 'em? Christmas trees, and a present each!"

"Sure, and candy an' a orange, with singing in the evening, and no work to do all day!"

Annie screwed up her nose in exactity. "I should think it'd be grand!"

Kitty laughed harshly, "Grand ain't just what I'd call it. It's—she frowned in her efforts to express herself—"quiser, it ain't all it sounds, because—well, it just ain't!"

"How could it be? We're here," said Roxy, bitterly.

And then they went on talking about things Annie couldn't really understand, there were so many things she couldn't—and she was just wondering why she couldn't. It was queer that there were so many things she couldn't—and she was just wondering. She had a doll, and she didn't want it. "I never used it," she thought. "I never used it."

And then they went on talking about Christmas again. She thought about those who had known it. Had it been a day when her father had stayed home from work and had slept, snoring flushed and heavy, far into the morning, so that they all sat around very quietly in the rocking room, while their mother had cooked the meal, more slowly than usual, as she tried so hard to do it quietly, and to keep the newest baby, who was the sweetest of all, from disturbing the sleeper. They had all eaten quickly and run out for they knew their father would get very ugly when he finished his meal. Then if they had a nickel they would go to a crowded movie, indeed they generally managed to go to a movie anyway. By the time the line of Cumnings house children had marched into their row at Annie had decided that beside all that, Christmas trees, and oranges and presents would without any doubt be grand. For what else made Christmas anyway?

The sewing room of Cumnings was littered and boisterous, quite different from its usual spotless and orderly aspect. A large, green tree, very gay with uneven paper chains and strings of popcorn and cranberries, stood in the middle of the room. Beside it the mantel, anxious and frowning, tried to decide a near battle over a "bit" orange and a whole one without being too Christ on Christmas Day. In one corner, Sophie, the littlest of all, glitted and sticky from the many curly pieces of candy she had collected by swapping oranges, popcorn, and indeed anything or everything she could discover, with the other children, lay sleeping with two last damp pieces clutched tight in her skinny little fists. Annie stood looking at it all, with her new doll held awkwardly in her hand. Perhaps it was the increasingly bitter wrangle over the orange, or only the general hubbub of the thrity loud voices—for some reason Annie crept out of the room and hid herself, all curried up in an inconspicuous corner of the coat closet. And then she began to think about Christmas again, and she suddenly remembered how when they had stolen in from the latest movie, and crept quietly into bed, their mother got up, shambled over to where they slept, and slipped a few raisins, and a brown cake into their hands, whispering in her clumsy mixture of Polish and English that they were like what they had in the old country on Christmas Day.

And then Annie discovered what it was that made Christmas. And because she had known only one love in her life, Annie buried her face in her thin, little arms and cried for her mother.

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NAVAL OFFICERS' IDEALS FOR AMERICAN GIRLS

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   a. Broadminded.
   b. Intelligent Conversationalist.
3. A Chum.
   a. Sympathy in Man's Profession.
   b. A Sense of Humor.
   c. Athletically Inclined.
   d. Even Tempered.
   e. Constructively Critical.
4. A Real Home Lover.
   a. Domestic Ability.
5. Social Ability.
   a. Good Hostess.
   c. Neatness of Dress.
   d. Promptness.

The above list typifies the ideas of some hundred Naval Officers who have been recruited from all parts of the United States and who formally were engaged in the various major professions. It is understood that these specifications practically represent an ideal. They in no way attempt to go into character detail however, as it was felt that the finer points of characteristics could well be left to the individual. A perfect score is not essential and many times not wholly desirable, as much might be lost in striving for the ideal. They might be well considered as a measure. A girl that is a Real American Girl will probably be a Real American Woman and the chances are that she will measure pretty close to the ideal. Certainly she need have no fear of her score if it is—all well if IT IS.

PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

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It was the American who grasped the hand of the soldier. Especially were they grateful to the American soldiers, for although the French and the British and others had been in the War much longer, it was the Americans who came to the aid just at the hour when Paris seemed to lose. In closing Miss Hulbert warned us not to forget the war, when our men have laid aside the khaki. We must remember that each man individually has much lack of training. "It is not what a man does, but what he would do that exalts him."

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