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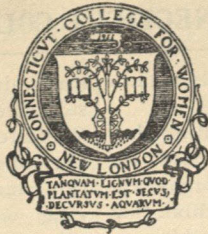
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NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT, MARCH 2, 1917.

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Coming Events

March 2nd.
Regular meeting of the Sophomore Class in Room 206 N. L., at 5 o'clock.

March 2nd.
Regular meeting of the Freshman Class in Room 113 N. L., at 5 o'clock.

March 4th.
The Rev. W. S. Swisher will speak at Vespers at 4.45 in Thames Hall.

March 5th.
Regular Glee Club meeting Room 113 N. L., at 5 o'clock.

March 6th.
Regular monthly meeting of the A. A. at 4 o'clock, Room 206 N. L.

March 6th.
French Club meeting in the Students' Rest Room at 5 o'clock.

March 6th.
Regular meeting of the Mandolin Club at 5 o'clock, Room 4 Blackstone.

March 6th.
Frank Speaight will give a Dramatic Dickens' Recital on "Pickwick" in Thames Hall at 8 p. m. Tickets for College students 25 cents each, and for all others 50 cents each.

March 7th.
Glee Club at 5 o'clock, Room 113, N. L.

March 9th.
Regular meeting of the Dramatic Club at 4 o'clock, Room 206 N. L.

Convocation Reports.

February 13th.
The Rev. J. Beveridge Lee of the Second Congregational Church, addressed the College at Convocation on "The Novels of H. G. Wells". Mr. Lee is a sincere admirer of Wells and a critical student of his works. His remarks were in deep appreciation of the author's writings. Mr. Lee says that although Mr. Wells has shown a vivid imagination and good discernment, his genius lies in the fact that he has a real grip on the situation. His novels are psychological; "they deal with causes not effects; motives, not motions; the interior, not the exterior".

Mr. Lee's comments on Mr. Wells' recent novel, "Mr. Britling Sees It Thru", were received with great interest for the book has been in rapid circulation among the students here for some time. Mr. Lee considers it Wells' greatest novel and "the greatest work bearing the blood of the war". It is a cross section of life, a book of no definite plot but with a tremendous purpose.

Mr. Wells is not a painter but a cartoonist, a man who sees clearly the bold outline; and he is preeminently a psychologist.

February 20th.
At Convocation, Miss Ernst introduced Mrs. Perkins of Norwich who is an active member of the American Red Cross Association. Mrs. Perkins delivered a very interesting address on the work of the association. Coming as it did not only at this time of the European War but at a time when the possibility of war in this country is so great, we appreciated the enlightenment which the lecture provided. Mrs. Perkins introduced her subject by a short summary of the life of America's first leader in the great movement, Clara Barton, who died a few miles north of Norwich, at the age of ninety-one. She was called the "Angel of the Battlefield", and certain-

(Concluded in 4th column)

The Relief Fund.

Saturday evening, February 17th, Miss Mary Chipman gave a dance in Mr. Isaac C. Bishop's studio for the benefit of the French Relief Fund. During the first part of the evening special dances were given by Miss Mary Chipman and Miss Marion Wells, Miss Lucile Kehr and Miss Marion Williams. Interspersed among these were two-minute vaudeville performances acted by Miss Charlotte Keefe and Miss Alice Coleman, a Dutch boy and girl, Miss Evelyn McGinley, a Red Cross Nurse, and Miss Cora Neilan, a French Doll, Miss Ruth Morriss, an Irish maid, and Miss Mildred Keefe, an Italian flower girl.

Music for dancing was furnished by a Victrola kindly loaned by D. S. Marsh. A. T. Miner's gift of fruit was also appreciated.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was raised for the Relief Fund.

Articles Found on Campus

A complete list of articles found on the College Campus is as follows:

- Moritz: College Mathematics Note Book.
- Roessler: Spanish Reader.
- Kluge and Lutz: English Etymology.
- Hill's: English-Spanish Dictionary.
- English note book.
- Biology note book.
- Spanish text book.
- Economics note book.
- Stenography note book.
- Music note book.
- Physical training note book.
- Philology note book.
- Ingersol watch and fob.
- Pocket book—containing small sum of money.
- Waterman fountain pen.
- 1 pearl pin.
- 1 pair gold pins.
- 1 watch pin.

Will the owners of the above articles kindly come and claim their property at once—Room 110, N. L.

—R. D. S.

Debating Club

At the next regular meeting of the Literary and Debating Club, March 8th, the first of a series of three informal debates will be given. The subjects to be debated are as follows:

I. Resolved: Women should have equal access to all occupations open to men.

Affirmative:

Miss Upton
Miss Hastings

Negative:

Miss Hall
Miss Wolcott

II. Resolved: Women should receive equal wages with men in the same positions.

Affirmative:

Miss Hulbert
Miss Hatch

Negative:

Miss Rowe
Miss Barber

III. Resolved: Women should receive remuneration for their peculiar work of motherhood.

Affirmative:

Miss Gammons
Miss Lennon

Negative:

Miss Oudin
Miss Regan

Convocation Reports

(Concluded from 2nd column)

ly lived up to her title. It is interesting to note that as a compliment to Switzerland, where the first great International Convention was held, the Swiss flag, colors reversed, was adopted as the symbol of the organization. Mrs. Perkins said that there was a great demand for active workers and that the most important part was the base hospital work at the front. The feeling for French Relief is very strong in America, and Mrs. Perkins extended an invitation to the girls to help by working at the Norwich headquarters.

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Editorial

There is a story of an old Scotchman who, while walking along with two friends, noticed that his pipe had gone out. He turned to one friend and asked him if he had a match. After a laborious search through many a pocket the friend replied that he had not. He then asked his other companion, who also carefully searched for a match concealed somewhere on his person, but was finally obliged to say that he had none. "Ah well," said the Scotchman calmly enough, "I suppose then I'll have to use one of my own."

Now I have asked several people to send their opinions about forming a Y. W. C. A., or some religious or philanthropic organization here, to the paper, but no one has seemed so inclined. I have, therefore come to the same decision as our friend the Scotchman and find that I will have to give some opinions of my own.

Now, I myself, am opposed to founding a branch of the National Y. W. C. A. here for the reason that its membership is restricted to those having a certain religious belief. In a college as small as ours, or in any college for that matter, I believe every student should be eligible to the religious or philanthropic organization which the college supports. I feel that such an organization should stand for principles broad enough for anyone to endorse.

Now a Y. W. C. A., non-affiliated, as I understand it, may be as broad an organization as its members may wish to make it, and that, it seems to me, is the kind of organization we want at Connecticut College.

There have been offered as objections to the forming of any such association here, the fact that we are already over-organized; also the argument that any

organization of the sort would tend to the formation of cliques.

As for the first objection, I think that it is a true statement of conditions, for we are certainly very fully organized. But as an argument, I do not think that it has any particular weight in this case. We would all admit, I am sure, that we expect to carry on some kind of religious or philanthropic work as a college. We are doing it at present. Would it increase the burdens of the students to organize our efforts? Would it not rather make the matter simpler? It is not as though we were suggesting some new activities to be carried on; it is merely a plan to make our present work more efficient and to make us feel that part of our activities has a special place in our organization, set apart for it.

As for the second objection that it would tend to promote the formation of cliques, I think that might be true of a National branch of the Y. W. C. A., but it seems to me that a non-affiliated Y. W. C. A., would have exactly the opposite effect. That kind of organization would tend to bring us together in the interests of a common cause, and for this reason, particularly, I favor the organization here of a non-affiliated Y. W. C. A.

Let us give some serious thought to this matter, and at our next Student Government meeting, be prepared to come to some decision as to what our line of action shall be.

Exchange Notes

Wellesley College Weekly.—Wellesley is still discussing ways and means of raising money for the sufferers in Europe. This has a familiar ring in these days of penny fines and tea dances for the French Relief Fund.

The college has recently been saddened by the loss of Mrs. Pauline A. Durant, widow of Henry Fowle Durant, founder of Wellesley College, who died on February 12th. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Durant herself aimed together, quietly supplying various needs of the growing college and giving generously whenever occasion arose.

Smith College News.—President Burton has accepted the presidency of the University of Minnesota, much to the keen regret of every student in Smith. Smith has recently had a treat similar to one in store for us, namely, an interesting program prepared for "Lovers of Dickens."

The Tripod has the following article, entitled "Now there Trinity."

"Our sister students at Connecticut College for Women have the task of organizing the undergraduate life of the young College, and to all appearances seem to be doing it successfully. They have paid Trinity the sincere compliment of adopting the song given below, modelled closely after two old Trinity

songs, in which they have shown considerable more originality than the Wellesley students did in their "Neath the Oaks." It is interesting to note in this connection that the words of the song were arranged to the tune of "Neath the Elms" by Miss Loretta Princely Higgins '20, sister of Raymond Higgins '17."

Below is given "There's a College on the Hill by the Sea."

Radcliffe News.—Radcliffe College is having a "Student Government Suggestion Day," an idea for us to think about.

Further food for thought is to be found in the latest Radcliffe editorial. The editor remarks about the apathy of college students in general and the little significance outside happenings seem to have for by far the biggest part of the student body. Must we too plead guilty to the charge that even the possibility of war itself leaves us unmoved—that nothing has any meaning for us?

Vassar Miscellany News.—Vassar, having sent representatives to the Mt. Ivy Settlement Camp for the first time last summer, is hoping to be represented this coming summer not only by "chaperones," but by a camp of her own.

Faculty Notes

Rev. Edward S. Worcester addressed vespers Sunday, February 18th, on "Imitating the Inimitable".

Dr. Nye addressed the College Club of New Britain, on the evening of February 19th.

In the fifth of a series of debates and discussions, held by the Department of Political Science and Sociology of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences Dr. Sykes spoke in the affirmative of the proposition, "Resolved: That Curricula of Women's Colleges Are Based Too Closely on Classical Tradition". Professor Earl Barnes of Philadelphia spoke in the affirmative with Dr. Sykes, while two others, one of whom was President Mary E. Woolley of Mt. Holyoke College, spoke in the negative.

On February 24th, Dr. Sykes addressed the Teachers' College Alumni in New York.

The "News" Will Be Represented

There will be a convention at Vassar on March 10th for the formation of an association of newspapers and magazines of Eastern girls' colleges. The object of this association will be to discuss the problems of the college daily, semi-weekly, weekly, and bi-weekly periodical. There is already an association of

monthly magazines. The "Connecticut College News" has been asked to send delegates and the staff has voted to send the Editor-in-Chief and Miss Iveagh Sterry, an associate editor.

The Busy Sign

There seems to be a general doubt as to what the busy sign really means. "Please do not disturb" or "Busy" does not mean a general invitation for friends to make a social call; it does not mean that groups of girls should gather outside the thus-placarded room to serenade the occupant; it does not mean that one is expected to hurl rubbers or other such paraphernalia over the transom, roaring loudly meanwhile; it does not mean that one should paste the aforesaid placard with ludicrous signs to the great amusement of all passers-by; but it does mean that the afflicted person has retired to her room to be alone and to study in quiet.

—H. M. H. '20

Art for Art's Sake

(Inspired by W. Morris' "Two Red Roses across the Moon")

We sat in our English class one day,
 We sat an hour with nothing to say;
 Exposed ourselves to the light of day—
 Ammonia, bananas and new-mown hay!

We went to Plant and danced some jigs,
 Stamped and pulled one another's wigs;
 The bell rang and we ran away
 Ammonia, bananas and new-mown hay!

We went to dine o'er the muddy path,
 The chef with the dish-water gave us a bath,
 Strange that it made us wrathfully say,
 "Ammonia, bananas, and new-mown hay!"

We dined on ham and eggs and soap,
 And sago pudding and other dope.
 Hungry and sad we sulked away—
 Ammonia, bananas and new-mown hay!

The night came on serene and deep,
 We felt the need of a little sleep;
 But even in sleep those words we'd say,
 "Ammonia, bananas and new-mown hay!"

Far in the night, feeling terribly sick,
 We yelled from our beds, "Get the Doctor, quick!"
 And she thought 'twas delirium made us say:
 "Ammonia, bananas, and new-mown hay!"

But what it is you'll never guess;
 We're inspired by Morris, we must confess,
 Till there's nothing left for us to say
 But—
 "Ammonia, bananas and new-mown hay!"

—Ache Tee '19
Em Ess '19

Joke Column

A young lady at college, named Hank,
Is uncommonly fond of a prank.
So whenever the fun
Is nicely begun,
We have no one but Hanky to thank.

Soph.—“It’s strange how often people
confuse the terms ‘infer’ and ‘imply’.”
Fresh.—“Is it correct to say ‘The lady
in furs is very beautiful?’”

RIDDLE

Question: Why is Constance Oudin
like the horns in “Two Red Roses
Across the Moon?”
Answer—Because she “blew up in
the hall at noon” the other day.

REPORT FROM HYGIENE CLASS.

“Mastication is a disease of the mas-
toid portion of the ear.”

**CONCERNING THE HIGH COST OF
LIVING.**

Mr. Crandall—“Miss M. can you tell
us something about the Corn Laws?”
Miss M.—“The price of grain was
very high and the bread rose.”

A Funny Dream

Last night I had a funny dream,
As funny as could be.
Columbus swam the dark blue sea,
Young George climbed up the cherry
tree,
Miss Pickford’s hair from curls was
free,
The College gave a purple tea,
Thames Hall was closed till nearly
three,
And Wilson sent a note to me.
Now wasn’t that a funny dream,
As funny as could be?

—A. Hastings '19

Blackstone Entertains

The girls of Blackstone House enter-
tained all other resident girls in the
Rest Room of New London Hall, Satur-
day evening, February 17th. The en-
tertainment was in the form of “Living
Advertisements”, “Pictures”, and
“Proverbs”. The parts were taken

very cleverly and the costumes deserve
special commendation. The pictures
“Innocence”, “The Gleaners”, and
“The Three Fates”, were particularly
charming and “The Campbell Kid”
aroused much enthusiasm, but all were
so excellent that it seems unjust to draw
distinctions. The remainder of the
evening was spent in dancing, and re-
freshments were served. Plant and
Winthrop Houses congratulate Black-
stone on the great success of the enter-
tainment.

The Outing Club’s Valentine Trip

Saturday, February 17th, was an ideal
day for an Outing Club trip and nearly
twenty of us went to Gales Ferry ready
for a Time! We had it, too. But it can
best be told by the following ditty
which the crowd composed, each one a
line, while perched on stone-walls or
fiddling in the orchestra (?) or blowing
the fire or running the trestles! We
visited both the Harvard and Yale
Quarters and “hurrahed” one and
“tabooed” the other, also vice versa.
The majority walked home along the
River side, six miles, taking the ferry
from Groton across the River. Every-
body got a lot of ozone into their lungs
anyway and well—here goes!

“We had a merry picnic with hot-dogs,
nice wee pups,
And drank a pile of coffee from our old
tin cups.
Of mustard et cetera a plenty we had
And of cookies etc. which really
weren’t bad,
And when we were through with this
conglomeration,
With a skeleton red we had a flirtation.
On cymbals and violins we had some
music,
And left with a hope that we wouldn’t
be too sick!
The scenery was great, all up and
down,
The balmy air with our shouts did
resound.
Poor Emma did shrink at the sight of a
trestle,
And Madeline and Helen—oh my! did
they nestle?
But when it’s all said, we had a fine
time,
And we hope you won’t limp imitating
our rhyme!”

Any member of the Athletic Associa-
tion who comes on three trips with the
Outing Club is thus made a member.
There are no dues and we want every-
one to join us and get in loads of good
times! Have you heard about our May-
pole dance that comes with Spring?

“Come and trip it as ye go,
On the light, fantastic toe.”

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—K. H.

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As he stepped on board the car,
He clasped a small precious bundle
To his heart.
Suspiciously he scanned
The face of every arrival.
Cold nervous shivers
Shot up and down his spine,
As his neighbor
Crowded closer to him.
Guardedly he slipped
The precious package
Into an inside pocket
And sighed with contentment,
As the car reached his street.
He was not a bank clerk
Entrusted with a large sum of money,
Nor was he a robber
Escaping with a fortune.
He was an ordinary
American citizen,
Taking a potato
Home to his family.

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Everything else is going up daily.
Why doesn't our college flag?
Is it the high cost of patriotism?

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High diddle, diddle,
The "Street" plays the fiddle,
And sugar's jumped over the moon.
Meat, vegetables, heat,
Which made life so sweet
Must be left for a life of—
Total abstinence.

* * * *

One even hears that they're making
the holes in doughnuts smaller.

* * * *

That reminds us. A New London
suffrage worker objects to having Wil-
liam Jennings Bryan, a one-time sec-
retary of state, called a square peg in a
round hole. She said that circumstan-
ces proved that he was the hole.

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At any rate he is pegging away.

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In the early days if one wanted to
economize, one became a vegetarian.
With the present price of coal, one
couldn't wrest a livelihood from fire-
eating.

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In accordance with the examples of
all "well-regulated" publications in
these perilous times, let us submit a
menu which can be served at an expen-
diture of not more than \$25.

One-half tablespoon of tomato soup
One-twelfth of a dozen eggs
One teaspoon of coffee
One-half dozen French peas
A pinch of salt
One-half 10-Karat carrot,

—I. H. S. '19

Mr. Bridges' Lecture

On Friday evening, February 16th,
Mr. Horace J. Bridges, author of "The
Religion of Experience", and "Our
Fellow Shakespeare", lectured in
Thames Hall on "The Poetry and Phil-
osophy of Sir Rabindranath Tagore".
The lecture was made possible by the
kindness of Mrs. Henry P. Barlow of
Chicago.

Tagore is the expression of the phil-
osophy of the East, mature in antiquity
with all its calm repose and assurance
and he aims to present the body of
thought in that philosophy for his
people. He is the meeting point be-
tween the West, with all its unrest, its
individualism and attitude of hostility,
and the East with its massive repose
and firmly embedded theory of ex-
tinction of self. The substance of
Tagore's teaching is that Good is
natural and the best man can become is
akin to the structural frame-work of
the universe itself.

Mr. Bridges is a lecturer of note and
a thorough student of philosophy and
literature. His logical analysis of the
philosophy of Tagore and his charming
presentation of his subject assured an
excellent address. Connecticut College
is greatly indebted to Mrs. Barlow for
her kindness.

The Awakening

Beneath my window
The snow slept deep like strange white
marble, only streaked
By living shadows of the wind-rocked
trees of black,
The snow slept deep—until with dawn
a whirling storm
Of raging wind tore down the skies and
hurled the snow
And shook a bitter, stinging sleet
against the naked trees.
So, roused and angered, in the first
wakening blasts,
The snow whirled Heaven-ward,
conscience-warmed, and sought the
blue.

Beneath my heart
My soul has slept as deep, ah! deeper
than the snow
And streaked by selfish whims of
fingered black, that moved
The shadows on my heart and rarely,
all too rarely
Set in tune the motives prompted by
true Love
And Pity, Kindness, Strength, and
Chivalry Supreme.
Slept—until with daw of flame the
cries of nations
Battle-writhing, pierced my heart and
found my Soul.
And even as the writhing snow flew
Heav'n-ward for calm,
My anguished Soul now reaches
dumbly out to find
The one Great Spirit's Peace Eternal.

—K. H. '20

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