THE CHARM OF MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Exceedingly interesting talk by Mrs. Harriet Chalmer Adams.

Descended from ancestors who went to California during the gold rush, and married to an explorer, Mrs. Harriet C. Adams, a magnificent, beautiful, and well-informed woman, comes quite naturally by her adventurous spirit. Because of her comparative nearness to Mexico and because of the stories she had heard of the country, she had a great desire to visit it and to go to South America after her greater audience felt that they, too, would like to explore these lands so colorfully did she convey the fascinating atmosphere of the continent south of this one.

The talk was received very favorably, with exquisite colorings. Through these pictures she showed the beauty of the scenery and the architecture, both modern and ancient. One cathedral, in particular, she considers equal to any she has seen in her wide travels both in Europe and the New World.

In pictures of the jungle, she illustrated the crude methods used in tapping the rubber tree and smoking the rubber over open fires. The natives are, she said, most conservative and determined against any changes which might seem to indicate a betterment of the government or the country. She explained how very useful the llamas and the camels are in their long journeys. She gave the people a characteristic of a model gentleman of Frankfort, who has been proving that English cupidity can be limited in that class.

This wonderful opportunity is made possible by the generous efforts of the board of the society, so that the ten Juniors from the ten colleges are guests of the C. C. O. R. during their stay. During the four weeks which are crammed full of delightful and invaluable experiences, the girls are given a glimpse into every possible field of social work, not only by belonging to head offices of social organizations but by frequent trips under the guidance of Miss Towseley, to private and city institutions. Last year the employees worked on the housing of the needy, and this year it is limited to that class.

What do you read?

In the recent questionnaires filled out by the Juniors, Miss Towseley's audience should under no consideration be limited to that class.

Here is a chance to get information as to the different fields of work open and to get it first hand. She is a person of charming personality. In discussing the characteristics of a modern social worker, the group listed some ten or more which included keenness of mind and good observing powers—good judgment, sympathy and a sense of humor. The Juniors believe that Miss Towseley possessed them all. The Juniors, it is that she should convey her love to the hearts of everyone of the ten.

C. C. O. C. GOES SLIGHT-RIDING.

The C. C. O. C. once more showed their appreciation of their social work for people who during the college year writes or composes a play, musical comedy, masque, or pantomime, or pageant, which, in the judgment of a committee of three, the President is the best composition of the year.
If it is impossible for us to say anything worth while, the very least we can do is to pay attention and look intelligent and wide-awake. This is not warm weather, so let us keep our cool, eating ice cream or doing something else.

HONOR SYSTEM DISCUSSED AT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING.

On February 14 a special Student Government meeting was held in the Gymnasium at seven o'clock. Several important questions were much discussed Saturday evening, and Baxter requested that there should be less discussion during the Monday meeting. She reminded the students that they must wear hats on the trolley-car.

Wednesday, February 15, was designated Connecticut College Winter Day. Everyone was urged to go to the Gymnasium sometime during the day to consider carefully the models on display. Miss Reppry spoke on the 10 o'clock rule. It is to be remembered that every student, except the Seniors, must be in her dormitory at that hour. She urged that the girls support vesper rather than Sunday afternoon pictures.

As the way of gentle reminders: there is no credit system at the book store. No one is supposed to do book-store shopping without special permission.

If you shall be knitting during Convocation.

The purpose of the student body was called to the fundamental rules of the Student Government Association regarding the matter of reporting oneself and others. During the open forum there were a few discussions expressed on the subject. At the close of the meeting Miss Hill, Senior Class President, reminded the juniors and underclassmen of the Senior Privileges. Seniors, and Seniors only, may wear their gowns while they please.

Never understand a underclassman pleasantly a senior in entering a situation. If he has anything to do, the Forum is the place he is to do it. We do not know exactly what is the matter with the Honor System, or why some girls refuse to stand by it, something can be done to remedy the situation.

But all the members present at the meeting were not grumblers. Some girls looked halfway, or perhaps dazed, at least utterly disinterested. What can be accomplished if members refuse to display an interest, either for or against? It is a disgrace and a shame to have them refuse to show some action of mind when it comes to so vital a question as the Honor System?

A lack of interest in those questions ...

C. C. O. C. JOYS SNOW SPORTS.

No classes, snow on the ground and perfect weather. What could have been more propitious for a C. C. O. C. hike than Monday afternoon — Lincoln’s birthday? With ski, snowshoes and sleds, the hikers set out for the amphitheatre and amid wild, exultant cries spent the afternoon in sliding or falling down the slopes. As the snow darker and colder somberly refused to refuse to talk when such a question is being discussed, the President of Student Government to give no response when she requests our opinions concerning the matter. We issued from her stand before a crowd of girls who looked bored, or disinterested, or plainly cross and bored.

FREE SPEECH.

(The News does not hold itself responsible for opinions expressed in this column.)

Dear Editor—At the Student Government open forum, the other evening, certain principles on which the honor system is based were discussed. If you see a student breaking the rules, tell her to report herself? If you do this, there is not a “battle—take” rule. If you go later to a member of Council how are you to know whether she has reported herself? For example, if she is dishonest enough to cheat in examinations, why should she not be dishonest enough to say that she had reported herself when she had not? If a student breaks a rule, is she likely to report herself without being told to do so?

These were the main points under discussion, but it appeared that members had opinions to express and the few remarks made were interpolated with long silences. Some thought that this showed a lack of interest on the part of the student body. To me it seemed quite different. Practically everyone has a definite idea about these questions. It is really a question of whether one will or will not support the honor system. Enough believes in it, one believes in reporting oneself and other does not. If we had taken in favor of or against the honor system, I think we should have thought of them. The silence was due to a lack of opinion on the part of the studen body. To me it seemed as if everyone was discussing the question, but there is a lack of interest in things of that nature. I am sure many feel as I do about it. If a student does not believe in Student Government, she thinks that asking some one else to report herself is squandering a long way to go before she is aware of the matter in a different light. No amount of argument will remove this doubt. She will tell her the mistakes in her courses, the result. There are a great many students who do believe in Student Government do not need to listen to any arguments in its favor. I believe it is because most of us thought that nothing could be accomplished by arguing this question at the open forum that most of us were silent. Argument with one acquaintance is more likely to accomplish definite results.

MIRTH AND MARSHMALLOWS AT BRANFORD HOUSE-PARTY.

Branford girls certainly had a jolly time at their first house-party on the night of Wednesday, February 15th. A C. C. O. C. party was presented with an appropriate “clam” giff and merriment was added when certain unexpected guests arrived to explain the joke. After everyone had been duly laughed at, hot chocolate and crackers were served, and later the entire group descended to the living-room. There they found a room fire, and while Dean Nye read charmingly humorous essays from Esquimalt and I, the girls sat around the fire and ate toasted marshmallows. Everyone told Jean Mundie, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, that it was an awful night party.

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING.

The regular Student Class Meeting was held on Monday, February 4th, at five o’clock. Grace Fisher was elected to Class Prophet. A committee will be held for the Class Poem which will be judged by a committee consisting of Dean Nye, Dr. Wells, M. A. Taylor, and Constance Hill.

SIMILARITIES.

M. I’ve been looking through the News for hours and hours and don’t even know what to say. That’s the way I feel about the thing you’re writing.

For hours and it is not warm yet.

COMEDY COMMITTEES AND CHORUSES ANNOUNCED.

The committees who are to undertake the responsibility of putting through this greatest of all annual events are:

Executive Manager—Agnes Leahy.

Director—M. A. Taylor.

Chairman—Virginia Eggelson.

Scenery—Edith Kirkland.

Costume—Emory Slaymaker.

Dance—Katherine Slater.

Orchestra Leader—Marjorie Wells.

Pianist—Ann Blade.

Work on Comedy seems to have begun in earnest for the names of those selected for the chorus have been posted. As usual, the titles of the various choruses are delightfully suggestive of the pleasures awaiting future audiences.


Dragon Chorus—Yanderberg, Ayers, Kwing, Harrison, Dandle, J. Mundie.


Future Chorus—Hyman, Poole, Hubbell, McCall, Baydale, A. Ferguson.

Peacock Chorus—Huningsway Leader, Packard, Kelly, B. Dodd, W. Walton.

"Ting a Ling Girls" Chorus—Henderson, A. Watson, B. Harrison, T. Tillman.


"Piggy Marry Me" Chorus—Alderwe, O. Bragdon, B. McDermott.

Lamp Light Chorus—E. Lowenthal, Bone, Isaac, Randol, K. R. Stiles.

King of Men Chorus—M. Johnson, Dreftgenler, K. Wilcox, H. Warner, M. McCrory, M. Vaughn.

Follies Chorus—Albrece, Kendall, Hulen, A. Armstrong, Apted, Martin, Wirtall.

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EXCHANGES.
Mt. Holyoke—At a mass meeting of the student body of Holyoke, it was voted to organize a forum, whereby the girls would have a chance to discuss questions of world importance. The immediate plan for bringing this about was to hold a debate between the college and an expert from the field of education. The debate was to be held on the campus of Holyoke on the afternoon of April 17th.

Radcliffe—A skating carnival, held on January 17th, brought in over five thousand dollars for the College Endowment Fund. The carnival, held in conjunction with the annual fancy skating exhibitions, featured a variety of colorful costumes, and raised over fifty dollars for the fund.

CURRENT EVENTS.
The rise of the Farmers' Bloc in Connecticut is significant. It is made up of a group of Republican and Democratic Congressmen and Senators from the west and the south, who have banded together in order to secure enactment of legislation favoring the farmer. Congressman Kenyon and Cooper are its leaders. The appointment of Senator Kenyon as a Federal Judge by President Harding has created a wide gap in the bloc. His successor as leader of the Senatorial minority group has not as yet been elected.

There is much discussion and wrangling for political reasons over passage of the House Bill. The Republican majority in each House is on record in favor of a bonus bill, and President Harding, it is stated, will favor a bonus, provided only that the bill be a provision for raising the necessary funds. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in a letter to Chairman Fordey of the House Ways and Means Committee, pointed out the falsity of the bill. Within the next sixteen months $5,000,000,000 of government obligations fall due. With these enormous operations on hand "it would be dangerous in the extreme to attempt to finance the expenditures involved without the bonus through new borrowing." Taxation is the only other means to secure the requisite money. And it is restriction of taxes that the taxpayer wants. It is intended to give the soldiers a choice of five methods of payment. He may receive a cash payment of one dollar a day, to a maximum of $100, without overseas service; $1.25 a day, to a maximum of $325, with overseas service. The other options are: (1) insurance payment twenty years to an amount 40 per cent. greater than his cash bonus; (2) vocational training at the expense of the Government; (3) farm or home aid, by which the men would receive 40 per cent. more than the cash bonus to be applied on the purchase of a farm or home; and (3) special preference for the ex-service in taking up public lands and on all Government reclamation projects.

L. M. '22

At a meeting of the students of Connecticut College, held in New London, Connecticut, January 25, 1922, the following resolutions were voted:

1. Resolved, That the Washington Conference for the Limitation of Armaments has abundantly justified its existence by its achievements; and that among the finest of these achievements, largely promoted by the representatives of the United States, are the creation of a new atmosphere of international confidence and co-operation and the very considerable increase of intelligent, popular interest in the settlement of international difficulties.

2. Resolved, That the best interests of the United States and the world require that the United States Senate ratify the decisions of the Conference regarding the reduction of navies, the regulation of the submarine, the elimination of poison gas, and the mutual agreements of the four powers in respect and safeguarding their possessions in the Pacific.

3. Resolved, That the representatives of the United States in the Conference should use every proper means to secure an equitable settlement of the Shantung question and a full examination and discussion by the Conference of the treaties or other agreements under which special privileges in China are now held by foreign powers, including Japan and Great Britain.

4. Resolved, That the active participation of the United States in the proposed international conference at Genoa is in our interest and necessary contribution toward modifying the repressible French military policy, stabilizing economic conditions throughout the world, and restoring prosperity to the United States.
A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD SUBJECT.
Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?
Or a key for a lock of his hair?
Or can his eyes be an academy?
Because there are pupils there?
In the crown of his head what gems are found?
Who travels the bridge of his nose?
Does the calf of his leg become hungry at times?
And devour the corn on his toe?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?
Where's the shade from the palm of his hand?
How does he sharpen his shoulder blades?
I'm hanged if I understand.
-American Legion Weekly.

C. C. O. C. GOES SLEIGH-RIDING.
Greeting card page I, column 7, and jokers along the way. One of the big features of the ride was the return when the girls found delightful refreshments awaiting them at Thames Hall.

"Nurse, did you fill all the germ in the baby's milk?"
"Yes, ma'am. I run it through the meat chopper twice."
-Life.

An anthropologist has stated that there is a race of savages in Africa whose skins are blue. He'd better tell that to the submariners.
-Life.

Mlle. Ernst Publishes New Book.
Greeting card page I, column 1, an English truth, just as there is today a Sally Barry Cert. Copies of "Millionaires' Crèpuscularia," may be purchased from the College Book Store. The author's share of the proceeds from each copy here goes to swell the Connecticut College Endowment Fund.

The student homeward plods his weary way
And molls the night in such and history,
In Hygiene—Some one dies every three minutes,
Paint Voice—Is it a cat?

GOSSIP.
Gossip and the world gossip with you, remain silent and you remain alone. So we might change a quotation familiar to us all and the new version would apply to our college life quite as well as did the old "Leugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone." Our little college world has no place for those who lament—and that is all well and good. We want cheerful, courageous souls to carry on a fine work. But apparently we have a place for gossips—and that is not good. Why?

First, gossiping takes up altogether too much time which might be spent in a far more beneficial way. We complain that we never have time to do all our studying. Yet we can always spare a few moments to tell the story of "Snow's wild adventure." Reading—oh, we never have a chance to glance at a newspaper, much less to finish a book. Why? Perhaps the half-hour spent in whispering about Gladys's love-affair was stolen from the newspaper or the neglected book.

In the second place, gossip is harmful and also unfair to those persons who provide the topic of conversation. Very often they are scattered broadcast, tales which have only one grain of truth in them, and that grain sadly distorted. Yet the false reports—merely funny though they may be—are impudently believed by the majority of individuals whose ears they reach. And the story atakes—it is almost impossible to shake off, even though it be disproved a dozen times. Moreover, besides being harmful, gossip is unfair. In little groups, we pass the choice bit from one to another. The girl under discussion is about to have no opportunity to defend herself, is condemned unheard. Just so, the practice continues.

The third reason consists in the harm to the gossip herself. It is not only wasting her time, but she is also degrading her mind. We cannot devote our time to picking out the flaws in another person's character or actions without warping our intellects. If we continue long enough our eyes become so accustomed to the sight of mud that they can recognize nothing else.

We have come to college in order to catch glimpses of the stars, scientifically, wholly. Why, then, should we voluntarily set about frustrating our own efforts?

WHAT DO YOU READ?
Greeting card page I, column 3.
What do you read?
Third, and fourth places. Among the other departments mentioned are Art, Drama, Exterior Decoration, List of Facts, Problems of Sociology, Economics, and Athletics.
St. Here are the preferred headlines that arouse curiosity than those which merely indicate the subject of the article. Most of the girls read the headlines: only three or four do not.
7. Local news have first interest: general, second; foreign, third; and editorials, fourth.

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