Dr. Leo Rich Lewis To Be Convocation Speaker.

The speaker at the last convocation of the term, April 24, will be Dr. Leo Rich Lewis. His activities in the field of music are many and varied. He is the composer of several cantata-type services. As a tenor of music at Tufts College, a member of the Author's League of America, Editor of the New England School Library of Song, and the inventor of a card system of thematic cataloging which is applicable to all music.

The lecture will be illustrated by piano selections from "The Music of Our Fathers."

Professor Davis Lectures on Russia.

At Convocation of April 16th, Professor Jerome Davis of Dartmouth College, a lecturer and a native of Connecticut, spoke on "International Revolution and After." Professor Davis is well fitted to discuss the demands of Russia's problems since he has spent much time in Russia as a member of the American Mission there.

The speaker first reminded the audience of the smallness of today's world, which makes every nation's problems of vital interest to all. He declared the importance of Americans in regard to Russia's situation. In the execution of international revolution, Professor Davis stated that the practice of three Christian principles—truth, sympathetic understanding, and the "even so" teaching of Christ—were the most prominent.

In comprehending Russia's situation, he said, "the barriers to truth have been compartmental thinking, the bias of our set . . . second, propaganda, and failure to look below the surface." For a sympathetic understanding, one must know conditions of Russian life under the last Czar's reign. Ninety-three per cent. of the people were peasants: the other seven per cent. ruled. Professor Davis reached for the latest science of the twenty-ninth per cent.

Professor Davis described the Soviet government which followed the overthrow of the Czar as one which was heartily believed. The Soviets could not arrest the thought of the people, for peace, bread, and art. Then the Bolshevik, a minority party, took the governmental reins and attempted to satisfy the people's cries. A topsey-turvy government resulted: there is no day-to-day experimenting with theories and changing policies as there was in the Czar's reign. The Bolshevik is the product of non-political Russia. His mind is warped by oppression. In his experimenting he has discovered that, in the end, the latter we may recognize.

The American would take the attitude of sympathetic understanding, not toward the Russian in Russia alone, but toward every person with whom he comes in contact, a spirit necessary to world democracy, would result.

Professor Myers Adresses Convocation.

Present American Problems Discussed.

William Starr Myers, Professor of Law, Princeton University, lectured April 17th at Convocation, on "American Democracy and the Domestic Situation."

He said that the 67th Congress, which had just adjourned, met under extremely unfavorable conditions because there was an overwhelming majority of one party—the Republicans. For this reason there was no opposition, and as a result there is not so much improvement. This has been called "Porkinsonism in the green," and in fact the bills it passed and those it failed to pass almost balance each other. There was also a noticeable lack of clear cut issues, and of adequate legislation.

The two greatest dangers in America to-day are the attacks on the educational system, and the attacks on the railroads. As a matter of fact both are important, but as well as possible in all respects. The railroads under private ownership are far better than they were three years ago under government ownership. The people who are trying to force them back to the latter system should look some of the difficulties in foreign countries coming from government ownership.

A very important issue is the question of an International Judicial Court, which Harding has put up to the Senate. It has been a strong Republican doctrine, starting with President Roosevelt, in 1913, that there is making a wise move in this aspect, and the anti-Wilson people will not be convinced. Robert Cecil has recently made a famous speech on the ideal aspect of this work. Robert Cecil has recently made a famous speech on the ideal aspect of this work. He has been a statesman and Senator Pepper of the practical type, and Harding also wisely supports the League of Nations. The protection of the people we will doubtless vote for it. Lord Amherst's speech, John stalked off the difficulties of foreign relations, and what is known in professional life, it passed some bills, it passed other bills. The candidates for the President of this year were: one, with the highest scores, the first prize going to Mr. Coolidge. Those over whom Bridge does not yet have the highest financial returns.

Seniors Entertain Sophomores.

The Senior Class entertained their sisters, the Sophomores, with a Bridge Tea at the Mohican, on Saturday, April 23rd. The large lounge of the college was divided into four squares, and where there was no room for a person, a friend of Mr. Coolidge's, who has recently received a Ph.D. from Brown with a thesis in the field of Religion, "Evangelism of the Holy Jesus," has been engaged by President

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The number of fires which have occurred in schools recently is alarmingly large. We are certain that no one can foresee such a disaster, and there are numerous reasons why we should consider ourselves borrowing trouble if we take more than reasonable precautions. Fire drills this year have been notably irregular and unnecessarily unsafe. It is natural for us to be lackadaisical about something which has not happened to us from sleep on the one night on which we have succeeded in getting to bed early—naturally, but unnecessarily. We are taking great risks when we treat a matter lightly which could cause much injury and even life.

We, and Thompson, because of their construction, are notably inflammable and fire drills there, as in all dormitories, should be executed in the minimum of confusion. We should be perfectly sure that students are not made from all rooms in the case of fire. From the third floor of North Cottage this week is extremely difficult, since the exit would have to be made from a small room not be raised all the way, and by means of a rope.

In New London Hall a fire drill is often a welcome diversion, and apparently is generally regarded as such for no one tries to hurry or to avoid confusion. We may follow the crowd, talking with our neighbors. A Freshman recently said that she had never been in a fire drill, but that if she were, she would experience nothing to do but follow the crowd since the placards meant nothing to her. We certainly do not regard exulting and exit and conduct.

The most important matter which thus far has not been included with seriousness this year has been the actual fire drill. This is essentially important.

Frederick Suhr
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Elections.

Among the criticisms made against dormitories are the accusations that the best men are given offices, the people vote blindly and unintelligently, or do not bother to vote at all. In our small democracy are we guilty of these charges? Surely certain girls have earned our faith in them by conscientious performance of duties put upon them and are worthy of the responsibilities of high office. But do we always consider the demands which each office makes upon a candidate and the capability which a girl has to meet those demands when we vote, or are we inclined to let one person engineer her intimate friend into office by the simple expedient of repeating that "__"? We certainly do not think that their open letters are rejected, because their open letters are rejected.

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Miss Cather chooses a young American born and brought up in a small town in the district in the west, and makes a study of his life. His father is successful in accumulating land and talk with his neighbors, and his mother is of the gentle type who accepts life's gentle but effective, generous, altruistic, quiet, and dignified.

In the library.

Ideas—Beauty—Dreams for Sale—So runs the title of a recent pamphlet that came to the library yesterday, advertising books.

These "Ideas—Beauty—Dreams for Sale" are actually free to us in Connecticut College.

In this way the expense of sincere mental effort is required.

Some dreams have come true, for we have entered in nearly full enjoyment of our Library Home, provided so generously to Connecticut College by Mr. and Mrs. George S. Palmer.

A few things remain to be accomplished in a physical way, such as adding clocks, pencil sharpeners, bulletin boards, etc.

A study of the technique of using it to the utmost advantage needs a group of attentive from us all.

We should consciously think when we put our feet on the first step outside of that we are entering our library.

Voices should be lowered, our movement quiet and dignified as befits a place of learning.

Talking should entirely cease after passing the second door. The same silence must be maintained on the floor. We should borrow ourselves to earnest effort to get from this books the ideas, beauty or dreams that are there for the asking.

Some books among the many from which we gather, are, Romain Rolland's "Pièce de Résistance," and the lovely sty. translated from the French.

Some are "Tales of Lonely Truth," relates his personal experience in the desert and the mountains of Great Southwest.

After reading, the reader will want to pack your grip and go.

Some like the ocean, Arthur Machin's "Ocean Echoes" gives delightful pictures. Three lovely little volumes, these of the poems of Emily Dickinson are here.

Duncan Phyfe an early American cabinet worker, worked out his ideas of beauty in wood. He has left a largeP of furniture of the Early Federal Period in the United States. Some of these were exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art last winter. Charles Over Cornelius, assistant of the department of decorative arts of the museum, has written a most informing book on the subject. It is well illustrated, and makes good reading.

REV. MR. BUTLER AT VESPERS.

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In closing Dr. Butler explained that the book's author is a"prig" or "a fool" who makes good reading.

Tell all his paradoxes and quoted that of a nut which is not a fruit. Throughout his speech he compared the good garden of the farmer who knows the human soul, and knows that it has all the elements of truth in it.

In closing Dr. Butler explained that Christianity is not a struggle as many suppose but should come with supreme ease. We must learn the lesson of the seed and expose ourselves to Christianity and the Christian spirit.

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I have come back from vacation
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Oh, yes, I love my college.
But I love my home.
I felt four days ago—as if I'd never been to college.
But now, I think perhaps—
I never left it.

I needed for the mail this morning.
I hated to think that I
Was ever away.
I knew that I was home.
I shouldn't be.
And that I shouldn't need the mail.
"He's" home, you see.

To-night at dinner we ate
Roast beef, and I was glad
That it was rare.
But then I thought, 'That
I'll study. That's
To stay awhile. I guess
And that I shouldn't need the mail.
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