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COLLEGE OPENS

College opened officially Wednesday, September 24, with chapel exercises, the event being marked for the Seniors by their maiden appearance in caps and gowns. A goodly crowd, both of students and visitors, was gathered in the gymnasium to hear the opening address of President Marshall. Many words of wisdom he spoke to the congregation on the necessity of applying one's self diligently to studies and making the best of all opportunities. Industry, the spirit of understanding, and constructive devotion and a sort of refined selfishness he considered essential to life in a college community.

As Vesper services which were held Sunday, the Seniors initiated the custom of wearing caps and gowns. Special significance was added by the presence of several alumnae, who headed the procession. President Marshall spoke about the importance of beginning the year aright—and of beginning all things rightly.

The chapel and Vesper services are a vital part of the college life and it is to be hoped that their present substantial support will continue.

COMPETITION FOR NEWS REPORTERS

"Intelligent interest" and "loyalty" are words you use lightly and often; did you ever stop to think of their true significance? Do you realize that no undertaking here at college, can be made a success unless you give it your full support? The aim of the "News" this year is to present our non-academic activities in such a way that our interest and loyalty will be unquestioned and involuntary. But, in order to execute its purpose, the "News" must have the support of the Freshmen. Therefore a Freshman competition is to be held the date of which will be posted on the bulletin board of New London Hall. Sign up early, Freshmen, let us make the "News" a "rip-roaring" success this year. If the work of the College paper is to be successful we must have your help. Remember, "intelligent interest" and "loyalty" are our watchword. Be first on the list and make 1923 famous!

FRESHMAN RECEPTION

Nineteen twenty-three met the college at large for the first time Tuesday, September twenty-third, at the Service League informal reception in the gymnasium. Every Junior escort marshalled in and introduced Freshmen at a general "get-together" meeting, until order was called for the speeches of the dignitaries.

Miss Leah Nora Pick, toaststress of the evening, expressed the very cordial welcome of the Service League, while Dean Nye spoke of the spirit of the college, of the opportunities and ideals of the life at "C. C." Miss Marena Prentiss, '19, on behalf of the Alumnae Association, read a letter from Winona Young, president of the association, and added her own words of greeting to the Freshmen. All the clubs were represented by their respective presidents, who completed the formal welcome.

The Freshmen very graciously helped to start a new custom by lining up and slowly but enthusiastically reading their ten commandments. They were applauded warmly by all the upperclassmen, and sung to by the Juniors. A half hour of dancing concluded a happy evening and the first party of the year.

SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE CONN. SOCIETY

For most people the uses that can be made of knowledge are of more importance than simply the knowledge itself, a fact of human nature not unintelligible, or, for the most part, deplorable. So it is to the practical application of psychology, to that which can be done through a knowledge of the facts, and principles we study in psychology, that we would turn when we would see the more immediate value of this science.

Of the many fields where psychology is now used, none is closer to us of Connecticut College than the field of Social Service. It may be well, therefore, to use this brief word on psychology to say something concerning the Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene, than which no state organization is doing a more necessary public service. It is well to know of the existence of such a society so that if need be we may avail ourselves of the aid and advice it offers.

The Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene was formally founded on May 6, 1908, thanks largely, if not entirely, to the work of Mr. Clifford W. Beers, whom we may know as the author of "A Mind That Found Itself." Mr. Beers was himself a victim of a serious mental disturbance, due mainly to that most active and insidious corrosion of sound mental condition—worry. Upon his recovery, he set to work with all the zeal of a "militant reformer" to help

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"NEWS NIGHT"

Wednesday night we were all thoroughly aware that this year is to be an exceptionally successful one for the Connecticut College News. The entire News staff, each member dressed in a costume appropriate to her position on the staff, marched into the dining hall singing "newsy" songs to the accompaniment of Coop's drum.

Within a few minutes after their entrance subscriptions were piled up so fast that one might have thought that there was in progress a sale of special-rate tickets for David Warfield's performance of "The Auctioneer." Under the magic spell of Fanchon's voice, table vied with table in signing up for our college paper, which is, as a former member of the staff has said, our "chief organ of self-expression."

And we must all remember that it is up to us, not only to TAKE, but to MAKE the "News" for by our paper we are known.

M. R. V. '20

IMPROVEMENTS AT "C. C."

Yes, Connecticut College has opened her doors for the fifth academic year. Besides a sincere greeting to the newcomers, she has extended a most cordial welcome to the old students and has "shown to them the place they once beheld to prove she has progressed." The first thing which has been forcibly brought to the minds of old students is the fact that the college has undergone a few changes in the form of campus improvements—a demonstration of "C. C.'s" spirit of consideration.

Another important attraction is a cloak room at the rear entrance to Thames Hall. Those who used to dive through piles of coats "three deep" now enjoy the luxury of individual hooks. Moreover, a happy thought on some one's part has resulted in the installation of two iron fences—one at the concrete steps which lead to the car station and the other at the rear of Thames Hall. The former will insure stable equilibrium in icy weather, while the latter will remind the well-intentioned "Winthropites" that the concrete water-drain at the rear of Thames Hall is no longer a thoroughfare.

But perhaps the largest and most noteworthy improvement lies in the development of "Branford House"—the dormitory now in erection—from a cornerstone to almost three stories of construction. As we watch for the completion of the new "dorm" we anticipate the joys of having our "Freshies" abiding on campus instead of in town and in off-campus houses.

Indeed, we cannot help but glory in the fact that as we grow we also develop along progressive lines and do not merely mark time.

E. C. '20

OVER THE TOP FOR THE SERVICE LEAGUE

Five hundred dollars was the goal of the Service League in its campaign for funds and membership—to raise that amount between Monday morning and Thursday evening at nine o'clock. Scarcely had chapel been concluded on Monday when the insistent clanging of a bell drew everyone's attention outside. A tall Freshman, appropriately placarded with the signs "Follow Me" and "Join Me," led the overgrowing crowd to where Miss Marion Kofsky stood upon a soap box just like the traditional stump speaker. She explained the aim of the Service League, its importance, and the necessity of its living on and continuing its good work. Furthermore, she made us see that in order to go on as before, funds would be needed, and that right badly. And when she asked us what our answer would be to the question—"It Pays to Serve—What Will You Serve?"—a rousing cheer showed the attitude of the student body. The campaign was on! A lucky committee was soon busy soliciting, and lunch time and dinner found more able speakers persuading us that our money was to assist in a most worthy cause, while placards all about brought home the need of the league. And so it went, everyone helping, every girl giving her utmost until Wednesday morning the president of the League was able to announce that the goal had been reached and passed—we had gone over the top by more than one hundred dollars.

THE SERVICE LEAGUE

The Service League is now serving the College, the community and the nation. During its forty-eight hour campaign, it raised \$675.00.

Dorothy Hover '20 is in charge of all service on campaigns and the following committee chairmen are under her direction:

Student Employment Committee: If you want a source of added income talk to Ethel Mason, '20.

Book Exchange Committee: If you have any old books or want to buy second-hand ones see Esther Pihl, '20.

Art Committee: All the attractive posters telling you about the Service League are the work of Clarissa Ragsdale and her committee.

Publicity and Bulletin Board: The Doherty Sisters will keep the campus and the world posted on what is doing at C. C.

News Committee: Barbara Ashenden will keep C. C. posted on what's doing in other colleges.

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Adjusting One's Self.

It is just two weeks ago today that College opened. The days have been busy ones for us as we have greeted old friends and rushed to classes; just as we have done on one, two and even three other occasions before. For we are each of us one year ahead of where we were last year; that is one year according to the calendar, but probably more than one year ahead in our experiences and on our life paths. Each year brings with it problems which have to be faced and by now we should all of us have some idea of how to face them.

But there are some that do not know exactly the problems they are going to meet, much less how to face them. The step from preparatory school to college is a long one; and though your one foot may reach across, your other foot may still be on the other side. There are the new friendships which you will form, friendships which can mean a great deal in your life, and there are the new courses which you will take which will bring you into contact with good books, great minds, and big thoughts. In after days when you think back on your four years, you will think of just those things: the friends you made here and the knowledge you gained. Now you have them before you. You can look ahead and plan to have them make an indelible mark of lasting worth on your life. Then too, you must have some aims, ambitions and ideals which you will want to see realized. If you crowd in a great many petty things you will be crowding out the worth-while things which would help bring you nearer your goal. If you waste your energy in all directions you won't have any in reserve to use in the right direction.

Weigh everything as it comes to see that it is heavy enough to be really worthwhile and that it balances. Make every decision your own, based upon your individual plan for the future.

If you decide to go ahead and do a thing, do it well. On the other hand if a certain mode of action does not seem to fit in with your ideals, be firm in your refusal.

The cultivation of a sense of relative values will help you much in your selections. It is just as easy, if not easier, to progress, as it is to stand still and at some future day to feel that you did not obtain all you could have out of your college years simply because you failed to look ahead and adjust yourself.

To all who are starting out this year, both new friends and old of the faculty, and the students, The News extends a hearty welcome.

Silver Bay.

Silver Bay! Who that has ever been there will forget or will ever cease to think of the days spent there as among the brightest, happiest and fullest of days in all college life? Rain, cold, crowded dining-room and late meals all have no effect on the spirit of Silver Bay, for it is truly the spirit of giving and giving more and all the while smiling and receiving.

Eight hundred girls from colleges all over the east gathered together to talk and to listen and form a group to be reckoned with. First there is work; classes dealing with world problems and possible solutions led by women and men who have lived close to the pulse of the universe in the past few years and who know of what they speak. Then came the meetings of students only, where campus problems were discussed; editors of papers, presidents of clubs and chairmen of committees compared notes and worked out solutions to puzzling questions and each carried away new ideas to be incorporated into their work for the next year. After the ever welcome rest hour, afternoons were filled with tennis, swimming in the lake that never loses its charm, walks, boat trips and perhaps most interesting of all, conferences with the leaders who are always at one's command.

The evening lectures given by such people as Miss Mary Wooley, Rev. Robert Hume, Rev. Raymond Calkins and Dr. Harry E. Fosdick were always a source of inspiration and provided topics for controversy and conversation for many days.

Silver Bay inculcates in everyone the spirit of doing her best, being her best and giving her best. It is a privilege to the individual to be sent to the conference; it is a privilege for the college to be allowed to send a large delegation. Many colleges that regularly send fifty or sixty girls are begging to be allowed to send more. So far we have not been limited. Next year let's send so many girls that they will have to limit us; and those of us who are not sent let's go on our own hook. It is worth it, girls, you'll never regret it and it's a wonderful opportunity. Come on and be a Silver Bay!

Community Singing at "C. C."

The intention is to make community singing a new and living addition to Connecticut College. Irrespective of musical talent, all girls are urged to come out every week to the gymnasium and there join in singing college and class songs. We are hoping to have Mr. Weld lead us two evenings a month. The "sings" will last from a quarter to seven to half past seven, and if you never sang before, we guarantee that you will be surprised at your ability. There will be lots of noise and singing, so keep an eye open for further announcements as to the time of these meetings.

Recreation at Silver Bay.

When Nature fashioned Silver Bay, she seems to have had a vision of that great assemblage of the world's young womanhood which in the coming years would gather there to unite in worship, and study, and comradeship. Far from all noise and bustle in a quiet nook on the shores of beautiful Lake George, she selected a spot and because of the sky and waters she called it "Silver Bay." She placed hills and mountains round about it whose towering summits bore an invitation and a challenge for exploration.

To climb these mountains, following half-hidden trails was one of the favorite pastimes at Silver Bay. Early in the morning, while it was still dark, groups of girls stole out into the dew and fresh morning air to find their way up the rugged side of Sunrise Mt. Stumbling over the brambles, slipping and clutching branches for support, they hurried, fearful lest they be a moment too late for the glorious coming of the morning sun. At last they reached the top and breathlessly they watched the first bright beams streak the grey and then the great gold ball burst forth in fiery splendor, scattering the grey and the mist, bathing the mountains in fiery splendor. In all the promise of this beauty what plans were laid! What visions dreamed! What vows pledged! For these girls life could never again be the same. It must always be rosy-hued and full of hope.

Following this morning climb came the swim in the cold, invigorating waters of the lake. The icy depths set the swimmer's nerves a-tingle and filled her with a zeal to begin at once on the new plans so lately formed on the mountain top.

In the afternoon when studies were over, came the period for play. Often there were tennis matches between opposing colleges. Here was an opportunity to employ those fine qualities of sportsmanship which are wont to blend together work and play.

At the close of this day, begun so gloriously and filled to its utmost with study and pleasure, there came to each girl a feeling of the greater comradeship. As the last rays of the setting sun drew the golden sparkles up from the lake and over the hills in a glistening chain a spirit of joy and peace and happiness filled the heart of every student at Silver Bay.
E. T. '21.

"Service."

You can't escape the Service League—not even in an issue of the News. It is our aim to make the spirit of service ever present and to have it a more vital part of our campus life, for knowledge is of no value without this spirit.

If the Service League is to exist, it must grow and live up to its purpose in a bigger way, making a real purpose more effective. Remember that the association is for the girls and not vice versa.

The Service League will always be voluntary. It rests entirely on a lively public sentiment and tries to awaken a conscience which gives birth to real democracy—both on and off the campus—a feeling of individual responsibility for the whole.

The splendid results of our recent membership and budget campaign show that you have caught the spirit. Now let's keep it throughout and be on our way for the most successful year the Service League has ever had.

Leah Nora Pick.

Have You Ever Been Discussing?

Have you been discussing the League of Nations here on campus and suddenly decided that you really know very little about it? Or have you wondered what the Plum plan of the railroad is? Have you any good ideas as to the reason for the various strikes in the country? Good! You are the very person for the History Club. We all of us want to get together in a most informal way and have some intelligent, heated discussions of the live topics of the day. We want to hear both sides of the question, fairly and squarely presented and then form true knowledge, by making a decision which we can back up in the face of all arguments. Never must we break down with the statement, "I don't know why I oppose this or that—but I know I do."

If you can talk well and have decided ideas, come out and give us your ideas. You who don't know how, come and learn. For you are not truly educated these days unless you can talk intelligently on what is happening. One evening a month seems all too little to spend this way. If you ever have been or are now connected with college history, you are welcome. So come and make the History Club a really vital organization in the life of "C. C."

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other people to keep out of the trouble that had threatened his sanity and life. In his own words in "A Mind That Found Itself," which was published in March, 1908, it was recommended that a permanent agency for education and betterment in the hitherto neglected field of nervous and mental disorders should be brought into existence in the form of a National Committee, and that this agency should undertake a work akin to that which had already been undertaken so successfully with regard to tuberculosis. However, as Mr. Beers goes on to say, the Connecticut Society was founded prior to any actual National organization, in order to try out the plan first on a smaller scale. It was a success. The National Committee is now existent, and functioning vigorously, various state societies being allied with but not subordinated to the wider organization.

The chief objects of the Connecticut Society are "(a) to work for the protection of the mental health of the public; (b) to help raise the standards of care for those threatened with nervous or mental disorder, or actually ill; (c) to become a permanent agency for education and betterment in this hitherto neglected field." These objects are being accomplished today by means of the two factors—social service and education—the former fundamentally reducible to the latter. For it requires only a little thought to see that genuine social service is but an organized way of showing people the way out of unsanitary living conditions, unhealthful physical and mental habits and attitudes, etc. There are, of course, and will be people who must be materially helped at once, who must be "legislated into cleanliness," into better living conditions generally, even if possible, into honesty, before education, that is, a knowledge of the laws and conditions of physical and mental health, can begin to take effect, and the individual begin

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to help and train himself. But in the long run—in other words for permanent and increasing progress, education remains for human beings fundamentally sound in mind, the best, indeed, the only remedy. Dr. Paton, of Princeton University, called attention in the "New York Times" for Sunday, September 28, to the need at the present time, when so many people of so many lands have not yet recovered normal, pre-war equilibrium, for public education as to the nature of human personality, of human predispositions, of tendencies in human nature to obsessions to prejudices, to worries, to the many little kinks that the system of man may develop to man's physical and mental trouble, providing no organic disease or mental deficiency complicates matters, is that it responds readily to "open-air" treatment—"open air" meaning the resolute facing and frank examining of one's own weaknesses, morbid fears, and doubts. Since many people cannot or will not subject themselves to such a mental housecleaning, education or aid or both must be given. To do this for the people of Connecticut is the aim of the Mental Hygiene Society of our state.

Specifically, the Society (1) publishes and distributes pamphlets dealing with the causes of nervous and mental troubles and some of the possible ones; (2) maintains offices in the larger cities as in New Haven, where anyone may seek advice or aid from physicians and others; (3) co-operates with state and city health boards, institutions, societies, etc.; (4) co-operates under the direction

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of the physicians with hospitals. An example of the work done is given in Publication 10 of the Society, "Personal Service for the Mentally Afflicted":

Carrie N. Very, attractive young girl, age 10, depressed, overworked, suicidal, haunted by evil thoughts. This case was referred about a year ago, and by frequent talks, by arrangement of work, recreations, and companionship, she has become cheerful, healthy and apparently normal. The family are delighted with the change.

College communities get few serious cases of nervous and mental ills; but they do occasionally occur and (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

Alumnae Notes.

"Where, oh where, are the singing Seniors?
Lost, now, in the wide, wide world."

Not so bad as that, you say. No it isn't. In fact so far the alumnae haven't felt separated at all. For a group of us are working in insurance companies in Hartford. Winona and Dorothy Peck are in the Phoenix, where Miff and the littler and littlest Batchelders and Betty Eddy were this summer. Ruth Avery and Margaret Maher are in the actuarial department of the Connecticut General. And Alison Hastings is the sole and only alumna in the Travelers Liability History File, seventh floor. (You see, she has written that address so frequently in the course of business events, that it has become a part of her mental content, so to speak.) But Ruth Bacon is working on the seventeenth floor, so she isn't quite alone. Madeline Dray has been employed by the Children's Aid during the summer and has been offered a very promising position with the Children's Aid of Philadelphia for the winter.

Now that is the Hartford colony proper. But during the summer we have been honored by distinguished visitors. Ruth Trail spent a few days with us before she left with Billy Williams for the Home Economics department of Kansas State College. Dorothy Trenhelm went with them as far as Chicago. Esther Batch deprived herself of the charms of the laboratory in the Naugatuck foundry where she has been to make a flying week end visit to the capitol city. Julie Hatch, you know, is one of the probation officers for the Middletown Industrial School for Girls. Perhaps Hartford girls do not go astray as often as the girls of other towns in Connecticut—we wish they did—for Julie doesn't come into Hartford nearly as often as we wish she might. Florence Lennon has appeared once in a great while. She is going to be a real genuine high brow, and take a Ph. D. at Cornell. And last Saturday Evelyn Bitgood arrived. She

hasn't made any definite plans yet, but Dorcas is dietician in a Massachusetts Y. W. C. A. (Apologies, but we did not hear which one.) Grace Cocking has not quite settled her future as yet, but she is considering taking lessons in music and living in Hartford. So you see, we have quite an alumnae center.

And we have reunions almost every Saturday at the Palace Theatre ("refined vaudeville for ladies and gentlemen. Bring your families.") Shades of the Lyceum! Mary Robinson, representing the Newington Home for Incurable Children, and Ann Vargas, representing Glastonbury High School, join us when so inclined. Norma Regan, formerly of dear C. C., is also among those present.

Of course you have heard all about Tommy Morriss' wedding, and about Chippy's. Perhaps you know more about them than we since they are still to be counted residents of New London.

Next week we shall endeavor to produce a chronicle of events in Stamford or some other large city where there are two or more alumnae. There is so much to tell about them all, that we hardly know where to stop. Next week, also, we will try to investigate some rumors that have been going around in our midst about engagements and other interesting events.

The Service League

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Lost and Found Committee:

Eleanor Haasis will take what you have found or return what you have lost. "No questions will be asked."

Commuters Committee:

If you are living off campus and want to stay on campus for a night now and then, Esther Taber will see that you are made perfectly comfortable.

Silver Bay Club:

Evalene Taylor will head our representatives to the Silver Bay Conference this year.

Maids' Committee:

Anna Buller will see that the maids and janitors of the college share in some of our activities.

Junk Committee:

Marion Lyon and her colleagues will gather together all old books, magazines, clothes and furniture and sell them for the league. Don't throw away anything—not even a napkin ring.

Sunshine Committee:

Esther Allen will bring a little ray of sunshine into the infirmary and will carry it down town into some of the homes there.

When ever you want to serve or to be served come to the Service League office in the basement of the "gym."

Marion Kofsky,
Social Service Secretary.

Watch the next issue of the News for service off campus.

Engagement of Former Editor Announced.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Alison Hastings, '19 to Mr. Longshaw K. Perritt, will be of interest to her many friends at Connecticut College.

One of the most prominent members of the first class to receive degrees at the new college, Miss Hastings showed an active interest in the pioneer organizations of the student body. She was an enthusiastic member of both the Glee Club and mandolin club, and also demonstrated marked skill in the College athletics.

Miss Hastings is best known for her literary work, and especially as former editor of the Connecticut College News. She served on the staff during her entire course and is justly recognized as the most able editor the publication has ever had. Her literary accomplishments attracted more than local interest in college circles, and found recognition in leading literary magazines.

Mr. Perritt was a student at Cornell University until he entered the field service work of the American Ambulance Corps in March 1917. He was one of the twenty-two American Red Cross men to be awarded the Italian War Cross of merit for work during severe fighting on the Piave. He now holds an excellent position in the publicity department of the Travelers Insurance Company.

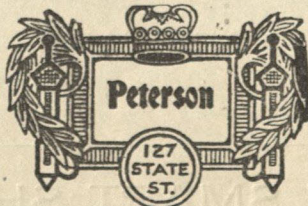
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Mrs. Noel spent the last few weeks of the vacation in Washington, D. C. visiting relatives and incidentally attending the sessions of Congress at which the League of Nations and the Versailles Treaty were being discussed. Speeches by Senators Lodge, Republican Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. Hitchcock, ranking Democratic Senator, and other leading Senators were heard from the Senate floor.

This was at the time when Congressman Swope from Kentucky took his seat. Mr. Swope, the boy Congressman, has come into national prominence because of the peculiar manner of his election this summer. Coming from one of the strongest Democratic Districts, a Republican Congressman, it is claimed that his election by the opposition party indicates dissatisfaction in a Democratic stronghold with the administration and the League of Nations. Independent papers explain his election as a psychological result of men in the service together, Mr. Swope having won a captaincy in the 88th Division of Camp Lodge, Iowa.

It is said that he rode into Congress on the shoulders of men who have carried packs and sea bags, by the promise to each "forty acres and a mule." His young wife is a Kentuckian and was a special major student of Mrs. Noel at Kentucky College for Women.

It is expected that they will be guests at Connecticut College during the year.

Miss McKee took a course in anatomy this summer at the University of Pittsburgh.

Miss Southworth attended the summer session at Columbia University for six weeks.

Miss Haven spent her summer at Columbia University, engaged in courses in secretarial work.

Miss Snevely took a course at New York University this summer.

In Defense of Those "On the List!"

On the List—Aren't you sorry you can't play croquet?

Slighted One—Sorry! I should say not! Give me soccer, hockey,—something strenuous. Why, croquet is for only the—

O. T. L.—That's just it. Croquet is for only those of robust build with a true knowledge of angler and—

S. O.—But the game is so dead and lifeless.

O. T. L.—Nonsense! Don't you call walking around a 60 by 30 ft. plot, carrying a wooden mallet, "peppy" exercise? You know I hated to take things easy and this game is so popular!

S. O. (with a sneer)—Did you say popular?

O. T. L.—Yes, popular. It is the most popular game for both boys and girls. If you don't believe this, see Miss Alcott's "Little Women," chapter 12. It is so easily established—every country home has a grass plot, you know.

S. O.—Yet soccer is more—

O. T. L.—Well, if croquet doesn't appeal to you, just come out to the clock golf field—our champions will make the time fly.

S. O.—No! You are too much of a fan for my arguments.

Social Service and The Conn. Society

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It is well for us to know of such a society as our state possesses. Further, social workers will find the society a great aid in many ways, and it is primarily for them that this is intended. A pamphlet tells me that Social Service inquiries should go to the Field Secretary, 39 Church Street, New Haven, Conn. Further information, which I shall be glad to give if I can, may also be had at the foregoing address. The annual dues, it may be added, which help greatly to pay expenses, are but two dollars a year.

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