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Dr. Ussher Lectures on Personal Experiences in the Armenian Massacres

Dr. Clarence G. Ussher, who has for eighteen years been connected with medical missionary work in Van, Turkey, addressed the college last Tuesday at the Convocation period. He gave an impressive lecture on some of his own experiences with the Turkish people and their government. For many years his hospital was the only English one in the Empire, and he, the only doctor among several hundred people. During the time he has been in Turkey he has witnessed six massacres and in each instance, wounded victims have been cared for at the mission station.

In the course of his talk he dwelt particularly upon the cruelties practiced by the Turks on the Armenian people during the present war. The aim of the Turkish people was entirely to exterminate the Armenian race and they did their utmost to carry out such a program. As the mission station was under government protection, hundreds of persecuted Armenians fled to it for refuge. They occupied the city of Van and for twenty-eight days held the Turkish army at bay. The hospital and station were on neutral territory and no shot was fired from its walls, but the whole place was under terrific fire during the siege. In spite of the danger, Dr. Ussher and his assistants worked incessantly, caring for the wounded of both sides. When the Turks fled, the Armenians plundered and burned the enemies' quarters. Two days later, the Russian army came and, at present, the city of Van is under Russian control.

Dr. Ussher gave a shockingly clear picture of the sufferings of the persecuted people. He, himself, was a victim of typhus, spread among the Armenians by Turkish refugees and narrowly escaped death. He is now in America to procure an Armenian relief fund.

Dr. Ussher's address was without doubt one of the finest and most interesting given at the weekly convocations.

Shakespearian Tercentenary to be Celebrated at Connecticut College During the Week of May 3rd

Connecticut College plans to celebrate the tercentenary of Shakespeare with a two-day celebration which will include lectures and addresses by various members of the faculty, the production of "As You Like It" by the students, an Elizabethan dinner at Thames Hall, and a possible Elizabethan pageant on campus. According to the arrangement of the college calendar it seems advisable that the Shakespearian celebration should be held on the original date, which, according to the old calendar, will be May third.

Commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning members of the faculty will give illustrated lectures and addresses dealing with the recorded words of Shakespeare, critical opinions of Shakespeare, scenes of his life in Stratford and London. The story of Shakespeare as an actor, the Elizabethan theatre and stage, and the preservation of Shakespeare's works through early printed editions. The library of the college will have on exhibition fac-similes of early editions and other significant Shakespearian collections.

The Necessary Cooperation of Students in the Shakespearian Celebration

The celebration of the Shakespearian tercentennial will be the first manifestation of the ability and proficiency of the student body of Connecticut College. When we stop to consider that this class will thus establish the standard for the like celebrations of future classes, we realize that it is up to the student body to support and cooperate with the faculty and general committee in making this particular event a success.

Cooperation means aiding the committee in every possible way, by helping prepare costumes, scenery and other requisites for the play; by making suggestions for themes, minor plays and other incidentals; in fact, by willingly doing the things which seem unimportant, but which in reality play a great role in making the affair a success.

If each student will assume a certain responsibility, although it may seem slight and unimportant, the celebration will be a fine example and standard for future classes in their celebrations of similar events.

CHARLOTTE A. KEEFE

In the evening, "As You Like It" will be given at Thames Hall by the students. Try-outs are being held this week and it is expected that within a few days the cast will be entirely chosen. In accordance with the request of President Sykes, the students have taken charge of the production although faculty assistance has not been denied and is already proving a most helpful factor. Winona Young, President of the Student Council, has appointed the following committee which has power to appoint all sub-committees to carry out the work of staging the play: Marion Williams, chairman, Helen Townsend, Marendra Prentiss, Helen Gough, Evelyn McGinley, Irma Hutzler, Rosa Wilcox, Amelia Tuttle and Madeline Rowe.

On the following evening an Elizabethan dinner, with Elizabethan costumes and music, at Thames hall, will be participated in by the faculty and students. After dinner it is expected that there will be a program of Elizabethan songs, with folk and court dances.

The Connecticut College Student Government Association

During the course of the special meeting of the Association on February 24th, the following business was transacted: The permanent staff of the "Connecticut College News" was elected; the President appointed Miss Emetta Weed to act as hymnal monitor at chapel; the President appointed the following Executive committee of nine to take charge of the Shakespearian celebration:

- Miss Marian Williams, Chairman
- Miss Irma Hutzler
- Miss Rosa Wilcox
- Miss Helen Gough
- Miss Marendra Prentiss
- Miss Virginia Rose
- Miss Amelia Tuttle
- Miss Helen Townsend
- Miss Madeline Rowe

The Student Council has been holding frequent meetings, as pressing questions have arisen. The constitution is very nearly completed and is shortly to be presented to the Faculty.

Marion Kofsky, Secretary

Mr. Croissant Argues the Case for Simplified Spelling

Dr. M. Dewitt C. Croissant, who addressed the students of this college on Thursday afternoon, has opened the eyes of many of us to the unsatisfactory character of English spelling. We have all protested more or less at the bewildering combinations of letters that form our English words. But our protests have been, for the most part, blind and futile because we did not understand just what was wrong and until recently, had no idea that the evil could be remedied.

There are, however, many people who have given much thought and study to this matter and have united their efforts by forming the Simplified Spelling Board. Mr. Croissant, A. B. and Ph. D., Princeton, General Secretary of this board, gave a most interesting lecture upon his side of the question.

The English alphabet provides a very fine foundation for phonetic spelling. In fact, old English is practically phonetic in character. But the contributions of the Normans and the Danes, the confusion caused by the printing press and its Dutch printers, and the changes deliberately wrought by etymologists in an ignorant attempt to make spelling logical, have made of English spelling "confusion worse confounded."

When it is realized that besides being a corruption of pure English and a violation of phonetic laws, this system means the waste of practically a year of the school work of every child, it becomes apparent that the question of spelling has serious aspects. The question does not concern us directly because the mischief has been done, and we know that etymologists derive great pleasure from a study of our words; but, when the average child has only six years of school training, it seems utterly wrong to make him spend one sixth of that time in the unnecessary effort of learning to spell.

Exchange

The editors plan to send copies of this issue to the various colleges: Vassar, Wellesley, Radcliffe, and others, asking for exchanges. In this column will appear interesting bits of news from other leading Women's Colleges, together with their criticism of our paper. We will most gratefully receive suggestions from anyone concerning the successful management of this column.

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Editorial

Radcliffe's first questionnaire to determine unofficially whether the college would benefit by a course in current events has proved not only that such a study would be not amiss at Radcliffe, but has brought to the attention of many colleges the unfamiliarity of the average student with every-day current events of importance.

At Radcliffe sixteen undergraduates, four from each class in college, all of whom were members of the Civics Club which conducted the experiment, received a paper with a score of questions pertaining to names and places made famous through the present war.

Secretary of State Lansing was unknown to two of the sixteen. Two others designated him as an American ambassador. The name of General Gallieni, French Minister of War, evoked absolutely no recognition. All but two of the writers called him an Italian. Aristide Briand was scarcely more familiar to the students, only two of them giving him his proper office. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hellweg was assigned to almost every conceivable post in the German service save his own. One girl believed he was a "resigned Dutch Cabinet Minister."

In answer to a question requiring the names of three German Generals, six papers named Von Hindenburg. Von Bulow and Von Mackensen were each known by one girl, while Von Kluck, the general who started the rush in Paris, was entirely forgotten. The knowledge of geography was equally at fault; as for instance, Gallipoli was placed in Greece or in Italy by the majority of writers.

This surprising ignorance does not characterize the Radcliffe girl alone. Unfortunately the girls of Connecticut College are strikingly out of touch with each day's important round events. Such a circumstance is out of harmony with our most cherished principles of progress and intellectual development and it is therefore our duty to rectify it as soon as possible. Numerous remedies suggest them-

selves. The result of the Radcliffe's questionnaire rather argues against the efficacy of a Civics Club as a news center. The question of opening a current events class, has, we believe, suggested itself to the faculty. However, such a class would at least, necessarily be confined to only a portion of the students. Two other plans seem more adaptable to present conditions. According to the first the residents of each dormitory would combine to subscribe for a certain number of New York papers which would be left in the reception rooms of each house and the local students would combine for the same purpose, subscribing for papers which would be on file in the local students' rest room. The other plan has been tried by several colleges and found to be a good one. Each day on a special news bulletin board, clippings of the most important news of the day, are posted so that "he who runs may read." If this method were adopted the Student Government Association could subscribe for the newspapers and appoint weekly committees to take charge of posting the news clippings.

Someone may have better suggestions to offer. If so, let us have them and let us have them right away. We may wake up some fine morning to find that the war ended several months ago and that the United States has been ceded to Germany!

Public Opinion

United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

A question that is causing much discussion among a group of girls in this college, known as the Local Students, is, why the resident girls consider them as not a part of the college body but rather as people that come and go but have no active interests in the college.

It seems almost too bad that this feeling of distinction has arisen, for probably the local students have an even more vital interest than the resident students. It is due to the fathers and mothers of New London that there is an institution today known as the Connecticut College for Women. The daughters of New London have watched that college grow from a mere thought to an actuality. It is because their fathers and mothers helped to establish this college that many of these girls are having a chance of realizing their ambition of having the benefit of a college education.

In numbers the local students are far greater than the resident students. It is in their power to carry votes so that in matters concerning the whole student body they may have entire control. But from the beginning they shared up. In the election of class officers, two girls were chosen from the resident girls, on account of a sug-

gestion to that effect. The local girls have voted for resident girls as officers of college organizations, because they realized the capabilities of those girls and because they wished to promote the spirit of unity.

The class of 1919, the first class to graduate from Connecticut College, has it in its power to set the ideals and standards for all time, as long as Connecticut College shall live. Let us hope that a spirit of unity in all ways may prevail between the girls who live in their homes and those who live in the dormitories.

A STUDENT.

To the Editor of the Connecticut College News

The use of the dietetic kitchen during the noon hour by the town girls who bring their lunches would be appreciated. Although many of the girls would not take advantage of this privilege a few would welcome it gladly. Many of the girls bring hot soups and drinks in thermos bottles but sometimes they would find it easier to keep the needed materials in their lockers and then use a stove and other necessary utensils in the kitchen. Oftentimes at lunch we need a glass or dish and free access to the kitchen would be desirable.

But if we obtain permission we should have to meet the danger of losing things or the failure to take proper care of them. One or two girls might be held responsible for the order kept in the kitchen. These committees could be frequently chosen with short terms of service so that it would not be a burden.

PRISCILLA FORD

A Plea For More Dignified and Less Conspicuous Conduct of Students On Street Cars

Since College opened non-resident students especially, have been using the street cars to college daily. That fact, I think, must have become evident to all other individuals who chance to ride on the cars during College hours. Attention has been called not alone by the presence of numbers of girls on the cars, but, unfortunately, too often, by the shrill and rather boisterous manner in which students call out to one another from separated parts of the cars, or while sitting next to each other, carry on a noisy conversation for the edification of fellow passengers who perhaps would rather enjoy their papers or an undisturbed opportunity for thought.

We are all young and therefore naturally inclined toward occasional frothy exuberance, but can we not exercise a little of that control of which we all aspire to be past masters in our later and more sober lives, and for the sake of our College, maintain the dignity on trolley cars which we are accustomed to maintain in public

places? The sangfroid and hail-fellow-well-met spirit when we non-residents, especially seem to have cultivated as quite a la mode in street car etiquette, cannot but make a lasting and detrimental impression upon the minds of every person who hears and must thereby be disgusted with what he or she will thereafter remember as a typical "Connecticut College Girl."

As You'd Like It.

You would like your college paper to be the best. Make it so! Drop a statement of your likes and dislikes, your comments, complaints and criticisms into the "As You'd Like It" box in room 110. Make your paper "As You'd Like It."

As We'd Like It.

We would like everybody to subscribe to our paper. Do so! Subscribe and "pay up" in room 110. Make our paper "As We'd Like It."

Favorite Songs.

Miss Thompson—"Polly Put the Kettle On." (*Dietetics Teacher*)

M. Dondo—"Die Wacht am Rhein." *French*

Dr. Barr—"The Wearing o' the Green." (*Whose clothes are always green*)

Miss Sutton—"Where! Oh Where, Has my Little Dog Gone?" (*Who has a pet dog, Jinks*)

Elegy—"Three Blind Mice." (*Her lives at Thomas Hall, & stays in Mrs. Cullum's the time*)

The great cat Dr. Barr calls them.

Blackstone was much alarmed Thursday night. At precisely nine thirty, ominous noises were heard issuing from the second floor. Fire! The fire captains rushed to their posts. Every girl turned out her lights, put on a coat, and grabbed a wet towel. A volunteer was sent to investigate but in the meantime the Blackstoners were marching out in orderly array. But why repeat the tragic ending! You have probably heard how the hissing sounds as of water thrown upon a flame were only an earnest proctors frantic "shshes!"

Note: Proctor is advised not to reveal identity!

Christopher Sykes, balancing on the edge of the bathtub, is duly warned by his nurse of the consequences; persists in his exercise and falls in with all his clothes on. To the "Ha! Ha!" of his brother, in the bath, and the "I told you so" of his nurse, he replies with all the dignity the circumstances allow: "I don't care. That's nothing. I was just playing submarine."

At the Mohican

German waiter: Wasser! (*Vassar*)
Lucy Marsh: (indignantly). No! Connecticut College!

Faculty News

The members of the Entre Nous Club of Groton met at the college on February 26. They were received by a committee of the faculty who took them through the buildings. Tea was served at Thames Hall.

Miss Mary Davis, librarian, attended the annual meeting of the Connecticut State Library Association, held in Waterbury on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Miss Davis spoke on "Connecticut College and its Library." A promise for material for our library has been made by Hartford, Middletown and Branford. Mt. Holyoke college has made a gift of the volumes of the Journal of the American Chemical Society for the years from 1897 to 1907.

On Friday, March 3, Miss Mabel E. Haywood, executive secretary of the International Institute for Girls in Spain, will give an illustrated lecture on her work. The lecture will be held at four o'clock in room 206 of New London Hall.

Rev. W. W. Zumbre of the American College of Madeira, India, will lecture on Art in India on Friday, March 10, at four o'clock.

Mrs. Raymond C. Osburn gave a recital to pupils and friends last Friday evening at her studio in Norwich. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Osburn gave a musicale at her home, assisted by Rev. Walter S. Swisher, who played several solo numbers.

A committee consisting of Prof. Osburn, Dr. Nye and Miss Sutton is arranging the schedule of courses for next year. This schedule will be published in the next number of the college catalogue.

Dr. Osburn has just finished editing the March number of the Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, of which he is secretary.

The speaker scheduled for convocation on March 7th is Mr. George B. Utley, secretary of the American Library Association. He is to speak on Library work as a vocation.

Shakespeare Celebration

Faculty committees have been appointed as follows:

Lectures and addresses—Dr. Alice I. Perry Wood.

Student themes—Dr. Nann Clark Barr.

Library exhibit—Miss Mary H. Davis.

Music—Dr. Louis A. Coerne.

Pictures, costumes and decorations—Mrs. Francesca Bostwick and Mr. Henry B. Selden.

Pageant and dances—Miss Hazel Woodhull and Mr. Harold W. Crandall.

Elizabethan dinner—Miss Helen B. Thompson and Miss M. E. Dickenson.
The play—Mr. M. M. Dondo, and Miss Josephine D. Sutton.

The First Class in Hygiene

Dr. Rondinella: (taking the roll) What is your name?

Evelyn: Bitgood.

Dr. Rondinella: Next please.

Mavis: Good-enough!

Dr. Rondinella: (rapping on the desk). No disorder please.

Miss Thompson: (in the Dietetics class). Girls, this morning we will have dates with prunes!

Chubby: I'd rather have dates with peaches.

Doris Blaisedell & Miss Wood.

Tit for Tat.

If Doris was ablaze in the dell, Wood Juline Warner?

Mouse: (peeking from behind desk) Squeak, squeak—

Ethel Isbell: (impatiently) sh-sh-sh! Don't you know quiet hours aren't over yet?

The High Cost of Living

Mr. Crandall: (to prospective housekeeper)

How much do you charge per day?

—Housekeeper: Well sir, a dollar if I eats meself, and seventy five cents if you eats me. *(old joke?)*

At The Fort

Cheerful Cadet (who had just stepped on Miss Woodhull's feet for the fifth time) I hope you will forgive me, but I dance on my nerve, doncha-know!

Miss Woodhull (much taken back.) Oh! I thought you danced on your feet. *(I think this is made up)*

Not for the faculty!

We know you'd work. Expressman (bringing in a box of books). "We bring up the books, but we don't get no education."

A Fraternal Exchange.

R. S. (four years old)—If you don't take your castor oil, you'll die.

T. S. (three years old)—I don't care.

R. S.—You'll get put in a deep hole in the ground and they'll pile dirt all on top of you.

T. S.—I don't care.

R. S.—It'll be all dark, and the worms'll crawl all over you.

T. S.—I'll catch them and go fishing.

Unnecessary Preparation.

"Tommy," cautioned his mother, "be sure to come in at four this afternoon to get your bath before you go to the Jones's to supper."

"But, mother," protested the lad, "I don't need a bath for that. They said it was to be most informal."

—Harper's Magazine.

Class in Current Events.

Teacher: "What lessons do we learn from the attack on the Dardanelles?"

Prize Scholar: "That a strait beats three kings, Dad says."

—Life.

C. C. Student—"Seems to me Shakespeare uses awfully hackneyed phrases. Why, I've heard that 'to be or not to be' a lot of times."

The Alexander Farmhouse Burns to the Ground.

The Alexander farmhouse on campus, which was occupied by Mr. Harold W. Crandall, instructor in history, burned to the ground Friday evening. The fire was discovered by Mr. Crandall a few minutes before seven o'clock and in a little more than half an hour the house had burned to the ground. Three New London fire companies responded to the alarm but the distance of a hydrant from the burning house prevented the firemen from getting a stream of water to combat the flames and little more would be done than to remove furniture. Mr. Crandall's books and the entire contents of the first floor were removed but it was impossible to save anything from other parts of the house. The building was owned by the college and was covered by insurance.

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