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 upon some of his 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 hundreds of 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 the cruelties of some of 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 English faculty and other individuals. As "You Like It" by the students, an Elizabethan dinner at Shakespear 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 dates, which, according to the old calendar, is May 16th and 21st.

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 tercentenary 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 has thus established the standard for the like celebration in accordance with the old calendar, the student body to support and cooperate with the faculty and general committee in making this particular event a success.

Cooperation means allying the committee in every possible way, by helping prepare costumes, scenery and other requisites for the play; by making suggestions for themes, minor properties, costumes and other incidental things; 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.

Mr. Croissant Argues the Case for Simplified Spelling

Dr. M. Dewitt C. Croissant, who addressed the students of this college on Thursday of last week and who spoke of the necessity of spelling, has made a separate report of his visit and that 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 this 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 English spelling "confusing 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 practice by 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 etymology give 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: Van, Wellesley, Smith, and others, asking for exchanges. In this column will appear interesting bits of news from other leading Women’s Colleges, together with their criticisms of our paper. We will most gratefully receive suggestions from anyone concerning the successful management of this column.

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

In the evening, "As You Like It" will be given at Shakespear 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 providing 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, Marenas Prentis, Helen Gough, Evelyn Melin ley, Irma Hutzel, Rosa Wilcox, Amelia Tutles and Madeline Rowe.

On the following evening an Elizabethan dinner, with Elizabethan costumes and music, at Shakespear 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 Emmet Wade to act as hynmal mentor at chapel; the President appointed the following Executive committees of nine to take charge of the Shakespearean celebration:

Miss Marian Williams, Chairman
Miss Irma Hutzel
Miss Rosa Wilcox
Miss Helen Gough
Miss Marenas Prentis
Miss Virginia Rose
Miss Amelia Tutles
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.

Marios Koefsky, Secretary
The result of the Radcliffe's questionnaire rather argues against the desirability 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 "the 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! But from the beginning they insisted in his exercise and failed in walking. The use of the dietetic kitchen would be desirable. It is due to the father! The local students 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 United States has been ceded to Germany! But from the beginning they insisted in his exercise and failed in walking. The use of the dietetic kitchen would be desirable. It is due to the father!

PRISCILLA FORD

A Plea For More Dignified and Less Conspicuous Conduct of Students

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, 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 exaggeration, but every now and then an active little of that control of which we all aspire to be past masters in our latter and more sober lives, and for the sake of our College, maintain the dignity on street cars which we are accustomed to maintain in public places? The sangfroid and hall-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!"

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".
M. Dondo —"Die Wacht am Rhein."
Dr. Barn —"The Wearing o' the Green."
Miss Sullivan —"Where? Oh, Where, Has my Little Dog Gone?"
Evelyn — "Three Blind Mice.

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 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 "shushed!"

Note: Proctor is advised not to reveal identity!

Christopher Styron, balancing on the edge of the bathtub, is daily warned by his nurse of the consequences; persists in his exercise and falls in with all his clothes on. To the "Hai! Hai!" of his brother, in the bath, and the "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!!
Lucy Marsh: (indignantly) No! We are accustomed to maintain in public Connecticut College!

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Faculty News
The members of the Entre Neus Club of Groton met at the college on February 24. They were received by a committee of the faculty who took them through the buildings. Tea was served at Thanes 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 264 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 musical at her home, assisted by Miss Helen Thompson, 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 conversation 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. Dendo, and Miss Josephine D. Botten.

The First Case in Hygiene
Dr. Rondinella: (taking the roll)

What is your name?
Evelyn: Bigood.
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.

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'll catch them and go denning.

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 Dar-danelles?"
Prize Scholar: "That a strait beats three kings, Dad says."

—Life.

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