The Big Drive—$5,000

Five thousand dollars, five hundred thousand pennies! To be saved in sixty days by two hundred and sixty girls. That is the tremendous drive before Connecticut College has given us the opportunity to be the first institution of America to contribute to the $1,000,000 Student Friendship Fund, of which New England is to raise $200,000.

A year ago, some of the leading educators of America promoted the idea of student help to the men across the seas. At that time, four million men were prisoners in the hands of foes in the warring countries. These men, many of them university men, were idle in hand and mind. They were underfed, were ill-clothed, were going mad. A fund of two hundred thousand dollars was raised by the students of America to serve their brothers in camp through human, Christian agencies. These agencies brought about the following results:

1. Supplemented inadequate salaries.
2. Furnished books and current literature.
3. Supplied music and musical instruments.
4. Delivered packages regularly.
5. Brought about direct communication between the men and their friends.
7. Established the beginnings of two hundred Universities between the British Isles and Siberia. Professors carried on courses, in curricula that would put to shame the curriculum of more than one of our Universities; men obtained their degrees.

All this and more was accomplished through student gifts of money. All this work over seas was sought and welcomed most heartily by all countries. It was the unified and generous cooperation of all sects.

"I was sick and in prison and ye visited me;"

"I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat;"

"I was thirsty, and ye gave me to drink!"

The work to-day, a year later, is to be

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Editorial

With the advent of the Fall athletic contests, and the announcement of Dramatic Club try-outs, comes a painful reminder that “points” are not a generous gift which the Student Council bestows upon the honored few, but rather a burden which causes the victims of popularity a bitter pang in such times as these.

We are too uncouious of our point system, and seem to be losing sight of the motives which first brought it into being.

It is designed to protect the individual who does not know where to draw the line of division between academic and student activities. In other words it is the still, small voice which strengthens the wavering will, and helps the overloaded student to say “No” where opportunity keeps on opening doors to team membership and play-try-outs, beyond the hundred point limit.

Protection by the point system is two-fold, for by concentrating the ambition of the student worker on a few well chosen tasks, the work will necessarily be of a better type whether it be in the realm of athletics, club activities or otherwise.

But perhaps the most useful accomplishment of the point system, is the inevitable discovery of latent ability which its practice brings about. We all know that no one is indispensable, and yet we fall into the careless, thoughtless habit of looking always to a few to do every task which comes up. Perhaps your next neighbor is a much better presiding officer than you—with out doubt some of the staff would be a much more competent editor than I, but maybe the Fates haven’t given these neighbors a chance to show their power of personality. Just here, the point system guides the Fates and possibly is responsible for the saving of an enthusiastic but over-zealous student, or maybe the salvation of a retiring but talented student.

Before you try out for a team, or a reporter ship, count up your points. If you have more than a reasonable number, drop one or more offices; concentr ate the task of your choice, enter into its doing with cheerful whole heartedness, remembering that through the point system, you are legally able to protect yourself, and to give worth while service to your college activities, as well as sharing opportunity with your classmates.

The Editors of the News do not hold themselves responsible for views expressed in this column.

To the News:

Cooperation is the secret of success, as applied not to take the place of a square meal, no matter how great in quantity or how they are served, hash or other wise.

—C. Oudin ‘20

Three-Four Measure

Scene: Rest Room, New London Hall. Curtain rises on Dejected Common Sense sitting in the midst of a whirring waft of sweaters, knitting bags, fountain-pens, books and lunch papers.

Enter the South-wind through the windows by the Sacred Spot where once stood H. W. C.’s couch.

“What is the trouble with you, Company? You aren’t thinking about that rug that used to be here, still? "Oh no, Notus,” came a sigh at the end of a measure, like a cadence of things as they ought to be. “I’m trying to forget it. It’s only these weary students again! They won’t listen to me—they think my middle name is Moral (never heard the word before!)

There is no need to have your consciences pricked. Here, look out, don’t drop any more stitches in that scarf, you’ve blown the yarn across the floor already. You see, it’s only that they don’t know Cooperation. It’s the best fellow I’ve ever met—helped to put my name together, and he’s all ways working wonders.”

“You’ve got a bun place here, this year, old man.” Notus with difficulty balanced himself on the window-sill.

“Red Cross quarters next door, Student Government office, study room—. I admit I found the poor Chairman of the Committee on picking up quite des po ndent the other day. She can’t do things alone, you know, and the others forget they’ve got a share in giving as well as getting. They get the tables, chairs, the whole view, all for nothing. It’s up to you to drop them hints, brother, just a little picking up here and pulling straight, there—you know.”


I’m trying to help the Entertainment Chairman, into the bargain,” replied Common Sense, slowly. “There’s a sign being printed that all those who would like to help in giving noon entertain ment in Room 307 are to please apply to Clementine Jordan ’98. —she’s looking for some undiscovered Comic Poet, Impetator the Second. (Helen’s not here this year, you know) or Indian-Drama Master, but you have got to be in order here before they can really do any stunts. Say, hold on a minute, you’re changing the tempo.”

“Goody-bye” shouted the wind from around the corner.—“there’s a white sail on the river to make sport with— I’m off.”

“Well, he’s a sudden fellow,” sighed Common Sense. “But here comes someone now anyway and I must slip to my hiding-place. I wish people knew me better. Perhaps they will when they learn I am brother of Cooperation and Success. It’s true—” here Common Sense sighed again, “all too true, that I’m easy to find but rarely used.”

While you are subscribing to the friendship Fund, the Liberty Loan, the Hospital Fund, and other good causes at home and abroad don’t forget to subscribe to the “News”. It is the only publication, literary (or otherwise) the college is asked to support regularly, and the only organ for a frequent expression of public opinion. Don’t ask the business manager to take your fifty cents in quarterly payments, but if you neglected to hand in your subscription on Pay Day, give her a half dollar during “News Week”!

Write for the News! Make it your paper—an expression of your ideas. Tell us all what you think about attending dances three nights a week and “pursuing the academic” in gaps between lectures. We are interested in your ideas. The improvement of meals in Thames, or a head of the Student Federation, the whole student side of things which we feel sure you have heard of by now.

Exchange Notes

Hunting College: Students have a penny box to raise a War Fund. If each student puts from three to five pennies in the box each day, the total will be anywhere from $35.00 to $70.00.

Mount Holyoke: A debating conference was held here October 20th, six colleges being represented: Wellesley, Vassar, Smith, Radcliffe, Barnard and Mount Holyoke. Each college is to send two teams to compete, the respective in each case remaining at home. The length of the proposed league was recommended five years.

Radcliffe: A series of War Lectures by Professor Henderson are being held. A course in Civillian Relief, limited to twenty students, began October 2nd. The course is to consist of sixteen lectures and an examination will be held at the conclusion of the course.

Radcliffe is sacrificing all her academic activities in order to devote more time to war courses.

It is interesting to note that Pay Day at Radcliffe was Monday, November 5th.

Smith: The Smith College Relief Unit has been assigned to a district comprising thirty towns near Greenfield, a region which was completely devastated. The Unit is housed in three barracks. It is attempting to reorganize the community life of the people, mostly old women and children. Its work includes all kinds of help, both physical and spiritual and its life is the life of the people.

Vassar: The Self-government Board has invested in a Liberty Bond.

The Vassar Farm Unit gave a demonstration at the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition.

Vassar was represented among the colleges at the conference of the Eastern Section of the State of New York to discuss the respective shares of colleges in raising the student War Fund.

Wellesley: Ambulance No. 124 of Section 3 of the American Ambulance Field Service in France, carried the name of Wellesley over the mountain roads of Alsace and through the inferno of shell-fire around Verdun for thirty months (March 1915 to August 1917). Now a weather-tarnished metal plate bearing the words “Wellesley College” is all that remains of the ambulance.

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they have opportunities to meet their friends under proper and worthy conditions, as they do in the Hostesses' Houses which have been established outside the cantonments. It is essential that the horrible conditions existing with women and girls about the camps be remedied at once. This is to be accomplished by the Student Friendship Fund. Prisoners, restored intellectually, morally and physically, men brought up from subnormality, are being saved and will be released at the end of the war to carry on civilization.

In this huge constructive work, money is being transmuted into human service, with the proper coaching of Mrs. Wells. From the moment the curtains parted, revealing in the dim light the reclining figure of Hecuba, and the deep voice of the god Poseidon filled the hall, until the burning of Troy at the end, the tragic intensity of the play was sustained without a break.

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Faculty Notes

Dr. Esther Cary entertained the Faculty of Connecticut College at her home last Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Marn Clark Barr spent the weekend of the 26th with Dean Nye, and attended the production of "Trojan Women".

Mrs. Wells is entertaining the members of the cast of the "Trojan Women" at her home on Vauxhall Street, Saturday afternoon.

President Marshall has recently returned from Ayer, Massachusetts, where he visited Camp Devens, with special interest in the work which is being done by the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Nye has recently been elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Connecticut Division of the American Institute of Archaeology.

Dr. Mary E. Holmes and the class in Qualitative Analysis served tea from chemistry utensils Saturday afternoon, in honor of Miss Sadie Cot.

One of the "rips" brought the Bigger Family to C. C., but we were delayed in introducing them. The family consists of Grandma Bigger, Mother Bigger, Father Bigger, Sister Bigger, Brother Bigger and Baby Bigger.

The "Thames" has been having such a "ripping" good time lately, we haven't had any "tidings" from it.

You can imagine how un-big we felt when we apologized to Father Bigger for our delay, but he was so big he overlooked the matter. And we shall give the family a bigger write-up this issue.

Baby Bigger came all dressed up in his best clothes to President Marshall's reception. Now, who was the bigger? (Baby Bigger, because he was some bigger).

Brother Bigger met with an accident the other day. He was bitten by a dog. Now, who is the bigger? (Brother Bigger, because he is a bit bigger).

Another "rip" said it felt well acquainted with the Freshmen because they have been down to the shore trying to find the College rules in the sea. (C).

More Bigger stories in our next issue. (Advt.)

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