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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS

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## *Dr. Nye Delivers Address On Greek Legends in the Light of Modern Archaeological Discoveries*

Dr. Irene Nye, assistant professor of Greek and Latin gave a lecture of interest to all students, even those who had but a cursory knowledge of classic times, when she addressed the college on the subject of Greek Legends in the Light of Modern Archaeological Discoveries, at weekly convocation Tuesday morning. Dr. Nye discussed the doubts which assailed the wise men of later times regarding the truth of the Homeric tales and the actual existence of Agamemnon. In fact, she said, scepticism marked a man as learned. Only the ignorant believed. In the light of modern research and discovery the poetic world of Homer has been revealed as not entirely conceived in the mind of the poet, but founded on an actual basis of fact, and the wise men have been confounded by the discovery of not one Troy but of seven.

Dr. Nye showed an excellently selected group of lantern slides devoted principally to excavations at Messene. Forty yards from the famous Lyon gate, five rock-hewn gravestones were found 25 feet below the surface, and beneath them were found the remains of at least 19 bodies with a horde of treasure of gold and silver of all sorts and rare porcelain and pottery which in money value represented \$20,000. Its greatest value was, however, in its testimony of ancient times. Pictures were shown of the ground plans of the Labyrinth, one remarkable detail of which was the sewerage system, which favorably compares with modern systems, and of the Royal Villa which investigations seems to indicate as the winter palace. Dr. Nye's final advice regarding the acceptance or refusal of belief in legendary history was, not "Be slow to believe," but "Be slow to dis-believe."

### **Arthur Hartman Recital**

On Thursday, March 30, at 8 p. m. in Thames hall, a violin recital will be given by Arthur Hartman. A limited number of tickets are offered to the public on subscription. The price of admission is fifty cents and reserved seats, one dollar. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Sutton.

## *Miss Haywood, Executive Secretary of International Institute, Spain, tells about Education in Spain*

On March 3, Miss Mabel E. Haywood, the executive secretary of the International Institute of Spain, gave a very fine address to the students of this college. She spoke on the history, the work, and the needs of this Institute and her talk was illustrated with stereopticon views of the school and scenes connected with it. The International Institute is the first and only non-sectarian school in Spain incorporated and maintained for the sole purpose of the education of women. From the smallest beginning, it has grown in equipment and influence until the Spaniards, themselves recognize it as a great power for the intellectual advancement of Spain.

Miss Haywood gave a vivid description of the life of the average Spanish girl, comparing her colorless existence with the life of a member of this college. The Institute had its beginning in a small class formed by Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick. In a short time the class had become a school and the work done by the pupils was so good that in 1890 Mrs. Gulick availed herself of the existing but unused privilege of Spanish women, and presented her scholars for examination in the government institute at San Sebastian. The fourteen girls passed, two receiving highest honors, and the following year thirty-three out of forty-one came up to this high standard.

To accomplish the aim of the school a corporation was organized in 1892 which was chartered by the State of Massachusetts. This corporation has purchased land in Madrid and has adequate buildings. In 1903 an auxiliary was formed which aimed to systemize and extend interest in the Institution on the part of America's college women. The league has received such generous sums that it maintains a faculty including graduates of all the leading women's colleges of America. The Institute now gives the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and also, courses in art, music, domestic science, and kindergarden training.

Miss Haywood's excellent address aroused much interest and enthusiasm and at its close, Dr. Sykes expressed the hope that at some future time Connecticut College might give its support to this American college in Spain.

## *Library Work as a Vocation Discussed by George B. Utley, Secretary of the Library Association*

George B. Utley of Chicago, secretary of the American Library Association, addressed the students, Tuesday morning on the subject of the choice of library work as a vocation. Mr. Utley recounted details of his personal experiences in selecting library work as a vocation and later entered the wider field, describing the tremendous force which public libraries in the United States have become within comparatively few years. Public library equipment in the United States is now valued at about \$200,000,000, but the service of library workers has never been estimated. The work is growing and changing continually and within the last twenty years has undergone a complete revolution, Mr. Utley said, so that librarians find difficulty in keeping up with even the essential new phases.

Mr. Utley briefly described the different branches of library work such as that of the reference librarian, who must have some particular aptitude for searching out material on given subjects; and that of the municipal or legislative librarian, who obtains information for law-makers, municipal, state and federal. The work of the circulation department is more, he said, than simply charging books and passing them over the desk, but carries the responsibility of influencing the minds of the readers and diverting them into channels of helpful reading. He pointed out the fact that the work of the librarian has completely changed from that of the librarian fifty year ago when the widow of some worthy citizen was tendered the librarianship and passed away the remaining years of her life at the library, occasionally interrupting her knitting to check up a book for some chance visitor.

Today, librarians are called upon for all sorts of diversified knowledge, and furthermore, Mr. Utley said, it is the true work of the librarian to find the desired information, no matter upon what subject it may be.

The library of today is a social center and its workers must be social workers. The love of books is not the only requirement for efficiency but must be exceeded by the love of fellow men. The librarian, Mr. Utley said.

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## *Rev. W. M. Zumbro, Principal of American College at Madura, India, Lectures on Indian Art*

Rev. W. M. Zumbro, principal of the American college at Madura, India, gave a comprehensive lecture on the early art of India, before students faculty and guests from town, at New London hall March 10. Mr. Zumbro discussed with easy familiarity and conversant understanding the aims and ideals of the two great so-called schools of Indian art, and from a rich collection of lantern slides illustrated the work of the two schools as found in Buddhist, Mohammedan, and Hindu temples and ruins.

At the close of the lecture, at the request of President Sykes, Dr. Zumbro spoke briefly about the American college at Madura, showing views of the buildings. In his descriptive talk he made a special appeal to those students who are studying to become teachers, by his references to the fruitful opportunities for such work at Madura.

### **Musicals**

A short musicale followed dinner on Saturday evening, March 10 in Thames Hall. The program was:

- I Little Grey Home in the West  
.....D. Erden Willmot  
Miss Jessie Wells
- II Mighty Lik'a Rose  
..... Frank Stanton  
Miss Jessie Welles
- III Gypsy Camp  
..... Gypsy Character Dance  
Miss Hazel Woodhull
- IV Waltze Brilliant  
.....Aesthetic Dance  
Miss Hazel Woodhull

Miss Wells sang charmingly and addressing her last number to Master Christopher Sykes "carried" him as well as the audience with her. Miss Woodhull's expressive dancing called forth great applause and cheers "We Want More!" until she was finally prevailed upon to repeat her first number.

These weekly musicals are proving more and more entertaining. May we always have them!

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## Editorial

A few weeks ago we were hopefully and conscientiously advocating the adoption of student government and its sobering, strengthening, and healthy effect upon the entire student body. Today we have a practical chance to demonstrate whether or not those advocated effects were actually to be accomplished or merely hollow, platform planks.

Daily assembly and convocation are college meetings at which the attendance of the entire college, faculty and students, is expected. The fact that some of us do not desire to have assembly or convocation does not excuse us from attendance. In civic life as in collegiate life, the individual or group may strenuously oppose the passage of some measure which seems to the individual or group, undesirable, but when the measure becomes a law, it must be obeyed by its opponents as well as by its advocates. Citizenship entails duties as well as privileges and privileges are denied those who fail to execute their duties and who aspire to be laws onto themselves.

It may be said that the Student Government Association did not establish the hour and other details for convocation and assembly. True—but neither did the Student Government Association arrange the curriculum for classes or the hours for meals and both play a rather important part in each college day.

When important and immediate decisions must be made, they invariably desolve upon the president. Mr. Wilson has borne the burden of decision throughout the international crises of the last perilous months. College presidents must needs be in a like position. However, there is no danger of the United States becoming an unlimited monarchy, and neither is there danger of Connecticut College becoming a similar institution. As we have cited in a previous issue, the faculty has shown a gratifying readiness to listen to our pleas and to have confidence in our suggestions. The fact that we obey a law does not mean that we are perfectly satisfied with it and will take no step to voice opposition. We have always the right of appeal. But until that appeal is made, heard, and granted,

it is our duty to observe, our instructors, and our college, to conform with existing rules.

Thus the fact remains that assembly and convocation are college institutions which we, by nature of the fact that we are members of the college, are bound in moral obligation to support. They are OUR exercises. If you disbelieve,—Whose are they? And they can never be regarded as such from a distant, stubborn viewpoint. Let us all work together to prove that Connecticut College in spite of its youth has already learned the lesson of manhood—self control.

## As You'd Like It

## UNITY.

In many if not all of the colleges of today there is one unified student body composed of all the students registered in the college. Why cannot this be the situation in Connecticut college? Why should this new college with all the opportunities of development, be an exception to the rule? Many may think that this new college should be "different." This of course is a very natural and laudable statement, but are there not other ways in which Connecticut college can be different? In my mind it is most unfortunate that a dividing line has been drawn between "local" and "resident" girls. In the beginning of the year this division was made very prominent and up to the present time there is still a feeling of distinction with many of the girls. This is not the right spirit.

In an election one hears from all sides, "She's a resident girl, so I must vote for her." Would this have happened if the girls had been from the beginning one body instead of two? I do not think it would. The longer the division lasts the longer the girls will be affected by place of residence rather than natural ability.

This student organization of ours aims to promote responsibility, respect, honor and loyalty to Connecticut College. Can this be done to the best advantage or to any advantage at all if the members are not of one purpose and working together?

These are the days which are to be our "golden hours" in later life and should we be forced to look back upon a class "divided against itself?"  
 Marendra E. Prentiss.

## Wanted: College Songs

Songs! We need them; serious songs and songs to provoke mirth and laughter. There is a wide field. I hope as a class we will wake up to our need and all contribute something.

I know we have college spirit, but it is time that some of us showed it by getting ready some good college songs. This year is pretty far gone, and we must have some good songs before next year's Freshmen come in. If not, they will get ahead of us, and that will never do. The class of 1919 must hand down a student college song that will last as long as the college stands.

I'm sure we have the talent here, so get busy girls, and do your best for the honor and glory of "Dear C. C.!"

Kathleen M. Young.

## To the Editor of the Connecticut College News:

I would advocate a change or partial change of the name "Connecticut College for Women."

"The Connecticut College for Women" is obviously a long, cumbersome name and to my mind not very artistic. The college has more than once been confused with the Connecticut Agricultural College, and also with the Connecticut Business College. It really is very embarrassing to have to explain that your college is the Connecticut College for Women a brand-new-institution and must by no means be confused with any other college.

The ending "for Women" is especially unnecessary. One does not speak of "Vassar College for Women" or "Wellesley College for Women". It is simply and convincingly Vassar College or Wellesley College. There seems to be very few, if any, people who are unaware that Vassar and Wellesley are women's colleges. Yet we must needs add a "for Women" on our college name. Of course I fully understand that this term serves to impress on people the fact that this is the first college for women in this state.

Nevertheless, I think that it would be understood as well as Vassar or Wellesley.

As for the "Connecticut" part, one can see how it would lead to the belief that this is a state and not a privately endowed institution. For instance, the University of Wisconsin, is a state institution; therefore the name. Since this is a privately endowed institution, why give it the state name? I will admit that it is doing the state the honor or vice-versa but it seems to me that a shorter name would be far more artistic and less confusing.

ESTHER WIMOVSKY

## Cunning Tower

(With Apologies to F. P. A.)

## C. C.'s Gymnasium Fund

Dear M. T. K.:

I live in New London and my mother says when I grow up I can go to Connecticut College. Every Saturday I see the college girls go by my house with "sneaks" over their arms and I think they look funny. The girl next door says they come down here to play basketball 'cause they haven't any gymnasium of their own, so I am sending you the ten cents my mother gave me for this week. I hope every other little girl and every big girl who has ten cents will send it to you, so that when I go to Connecticut College it can have its own gymnasium.

Yours Truly,  
Catherine Cerrett

## The Diary of Our Own Mrs. Samuel Pepps.

Tuesday, March 7. Day late. Heard one Mr. Utley on "Librarian ship as a Profession." An interesting and broad field methinks. An Athletic Association meeting at mid-day which did disturb my lunch. In my mind, there are far too many meetings nowadays. They bore me. Did attend early dancing class in the evening. It seems I grow the more and more awkward at each meeting of the class, but it pleases me much to gaze upon our instructor as she dances. Busy until late with studies then to bed.

Wednesday, March 8 Up betimes and off to classes. Met Mistress Sutton who tells me there is great ado as to characters for "As You Like It." Would I were talented that I might offer my services. The main topic of conversation now is Catherine Cerrett's Gymnasium Fund. The loyalty of the little miss is most appealing, and although I oft find myself hard pressed, what with dues to this and that association, yet indeed methinks I can spare ten cents too. A good dinner with Mistress Dickinson, which did consist of roast chicken, the useful vegetables, a comely salad, and banana ice which did please my palate. Expecting a night fire-drill, I did set out my overshoes and heavy coat and even deemed it necessary to sit up until quite late awaiting it, but evidently our captain did not feel it necessary to summon her sleepy companions out into the cold night and I did not much lament it.

Now, F. P. A., our last line is "As You Like It."

M. T. K.

## The Charge of the Night Brigade

(With Apologies to the Poet.)

Half-asleep, half-asleep  
 Half-asleep falling,  
 All in the Valley of Dreams,  
 Fifty-six; slumber  
 Out of the stillness rose,  
 Disturbing sweet repose—  
 Three bells! (Why? no one knows!)  
 Shattered their slumber.

Forward the Fire Brigade!  
 Was there a girl dismayed?  
 Even tho not one knew  
 Where she had left a shoe,  
 Not one blundered;  
 Theirs not to make reply,  
 Theirs not to reason why,  
 Theirs but to dress and fly—  
 Into the valley of snow,  
 Fifty-six; thundered

Hail to the right of them,  
 Hail to the left of them,  
 Snow storms in front of them,  
 Volleyed and thundered.  
 When can their glory fade?  
 O the quick time they made!  
 All college wondered.

Honor the charge they made!  
 Honor the Night Brigade,  
 Fifty-six; numbered.

I. H. S.

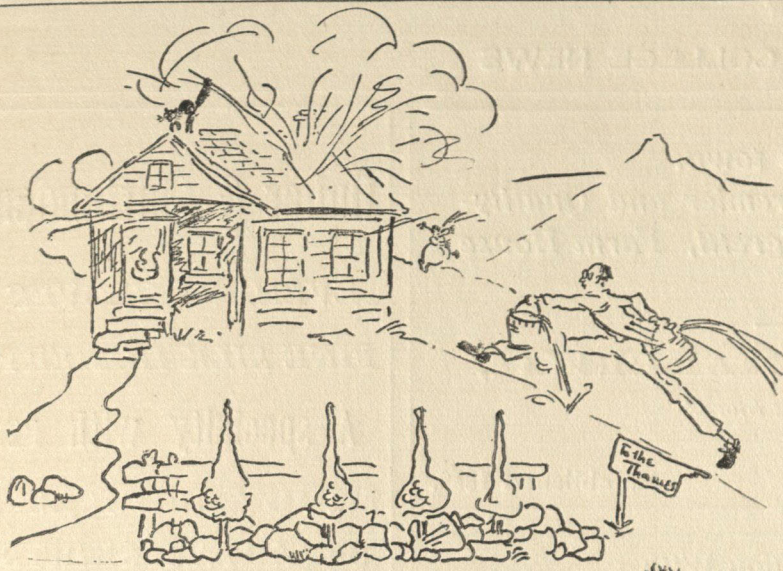
## News of Other Colleges.

VASSAR—The daisy-chain which for many years has been a prominent feature at commencement is to be abolished at least for this year. Instead of the twenty-four sophomores chosen to carry the chain, all the sophomores will have a part in the exercises of class day. This plan was proposed by the seniors in order to do away with the undemocratic spirit that many felt was fostered by the choosing of certain sophomores and the excluding of the rest.

COLUMBIA—A petition has been made for the abolishment of the proctor system at examinations and the granting of the hour system.

RADCLIFFE—It has been a rule that every student entering the college, unless over twenty-five years of age must take entrance examinations, but when once entered, she may take up whatever courses are of interest to her and need not matriculate for a degree.

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When is a House not a House? When it's a-blaze!

The above drawing is the work of a friend of Mr. Crandall's who, upon hearing of the burning of the Alexander house, sketched the cartoon and sent it to Mr. Crandall through whose courtesy it is reproduced.

**Faculty News**

Professor Dondo attended the meeting of the New England Modern Language Association, held in New Haven, Saturday, March 11. Professor Dondo delivered an address in French on "La Poesie Francaise Contemporaine."

Mr. Crandall left last Friday for a week's stay in the south. During his absence, his classes will be taken by Mrs. Dondo.

President Sykes will give a lecture on Charles Dickens, at All Souls' church on Friday evening, March 24. There will be no charge for admission, and everyone is invited.

The lecture at the Y. W. C. A. First Aid series on Wednesday evening was given by Dr. Rondinella, who spoke on the subject of Respiration and the Work of the Lungs.

Two recent compositions by Professor Coerne, "Brook and River," and "Ocean at Sunrise," have been accepted by the Schirmer company. The first, "Brook and River," is written upon two themes and has a charming minor cadence that lingers in the memory. The second, "Ocean at Sunrise," is written in a broader style and is more complex in form. This composition suggests the long, level lights of the rising sun and the beauty of a morning landscape.

**News From the Front**

- Monday: Eggs for breakfast.
- Tuesday: Mr. Crandall went shopping for collars.
- Wednesday: Rehearsal for "As You Like It."
- Thursday: Aesthetic Dancing—School for ambitious cows.
- Friday: Fish for a change.
- Saturday: Two strange men at dinner! Christopher Sykes likes to see Miss Woodhull dance.
- Sunday: No second orders of chicken.
- Grocery Boy: Is this here the Mexican Avenue Refractory?
- Lundy: (In front of the New London Hall) No suh, no suh! 'Less you mought be thinkin' of the prayin' and singin' they has but they calls that "Consternation."

**In Shakespeare Class**

- 1st Student: What was the best thing Shakespeare left?
- 2nd Student: The world.

**Editor of the Joke Department**

Dear Madam:  
We hear that you are an authority on Millinery. If it would not be asking too much of your valuable time I should like a little advice. I want to fix my old green hat over for spring, freshen it up a little, in fact. How shall I accomplish this?

Anxiously,  
Betty Hannon.

Really Betty, almost anything would be charming on that hat, but what about some rubber to make it Spring?

**The New Class Ring.**

Why not have an original ring?  
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**Library Work as a Vocation**  
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library as in it, in order that he may keep up social obligations and have time to mingle with other people and so enrich his own mind through contact.

Mr. Utley then told about the prominent part which women are playing in library work. In 1853, when the first convention of librarians was held, not one woman was present. Twenty three years later, at the next convention, twenty women were present. Today women form two-thirds of the library workers of the United States.

Frederick Edgerton, librarian of the New London Public Library, was present and made a few remarks concerning the willing co-operation which the library wishes to extend to the college.

You can't know everything, You can't know something about everything. You can't know everything about something. But you must know something about something.

**News of other Colleges.**  
(Continued from page 2.)

For the first time in over one thousand years the University of Cambridge, England, is on the verge of closing. The Medical School is the only department with enough students to run.

During the last year thirty five per cent of the students registered at the University of Illinois have earned a part or all of their expenses.

Harvard has just received a unique bequest from the late William S. Murphey, '35. A scholarship is to be awarded annually to the most deserving young man or woman by the name of Murphey.

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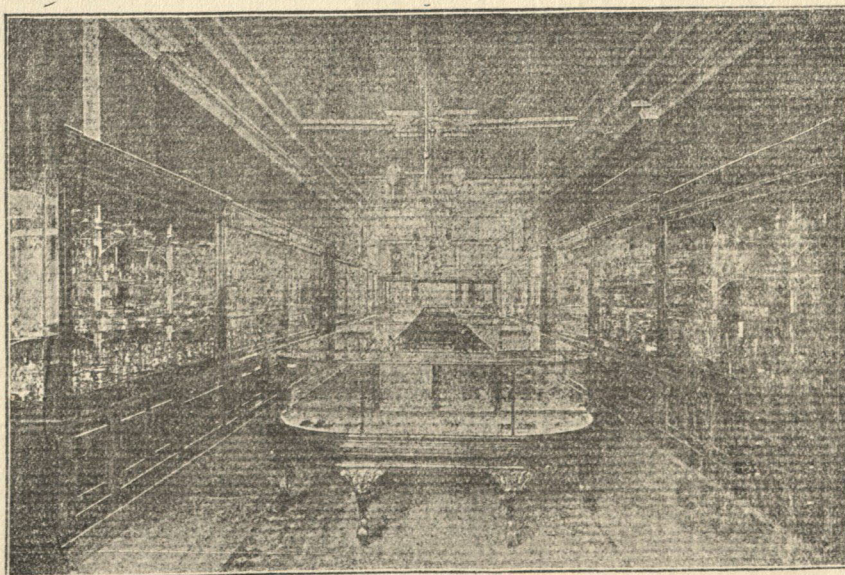
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