The Belgian Relief Fund

Between the months of March and June last year we raised $1,750 to send to Belgium. The money has been distributed in Brussels and in Charleroi to the needy Belgian girls we decided to help.

During the summer several letters came to us from Europe telling how our Relief work in the occupied territory was progressing. Formal receipts signed by Mr. De Voghel, director of the schools of Brussels, were received at the college. This explains that the different shipments of money through the Commission for Relief in Belgium reached their destination.

A few days ago a Swiss gentleman forwarded to Miss Ernst the following letter written from Brussels September 2nd. (The letter, addressed from Belgium to a person in Switzerland, and subject to German censorship, is careful not to mention Converse College, an American institution.)

"Dear Madam—

"The work to which you are so generously devoting yourself is making good progress.

"In conformance with your first instructions it has been decided that half the money should remain in Brussels where Mademoiselles Deloose and Provost are actively engaged. As their work causes them a serious loss of time and some expense, we thought that it would be satisfactory to you if each of them was granted a small compensation, not exceeding 10 francs ($1.00) a month. The work in Brussels is most interesting. Many of your former pupils are in a precarious situation, and your unexpected help has been welcomed with touching expressions of gratitude and affection for you.

"As for the work in Charleroi, we ask your permission to depart somewhat from the suggested program. The part of our population which is suffering most is not exactly the working class, but rather the lower middle class. Among the women and girls are many seamstresses, teachers, clerks, etc., who are in great need of help. There exists among this group a frightful condition of poverty, and it is a great pleasure to be able to relieve it to some degree. You may assure those who joined with you in making this contribution that they have helped to provide comforts in many homes where deprivation was always present. Often sickness, especially tuberculosis, has caused great suffering.

"An exact account of the fund is being kept."

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The Farmerette Dinner

We have heard a great deal about farmerettes and their many adventures, but we really never knew just what a farmerette dinner was until Thursday night. Then the farmerettes of the two units got together and decided to show us as nearly as they could, a farmerette dinner.

Attired in white middy blouses and skirts, they marched into the dining-hall to the jingle of an old cow-bell. They scorned the white covered tables and chose plain boards and benches as more nearly befitting their station in life. They found their places adorning corn shocks and corn-stalks and corn-rows.

Thus in song they told us all about their lives as farmers. They heard about the weeds that would spring up over night, and about the dirt that never would come off. Miss Blue told us about the "Moo Cow," and Mary Hester showed us how she entertained Bridgehampton.

As a typical farmerette dinner, the affair was an exceptional success, and we all agree that the farmerettes themselves were surely a merry group.

THE AA'S OF CLUBS

GAME SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON.

October 26—Section games in Freshman hockey and Sophomore soccer.

November 2—Junior vs. Senior soccer.

November 9—Freshman vs. Sophomore hockey. Junior vs. Senior hockey.

November 16—Championship game between winners of previous lucky matches.

November 23—Championship game between winner of first class soccer game and Sophomore.

The date of the Faculty-Senior soccer game will be announced later.

CAPTAINS FOR FALL SPORTS.

Senior.

Soccer—Rowe.

Hockey—Ansley.

Junior.

Soccer—Allen.

Hockey—McCowan.

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One after another the Loyalty Boats, Dr. Sykes' last gift to Connecticut College, have disappeared. Even though Loyalty '19 should be recovered, the college has no security against its being straightway taken again. The boats were too heavy to drag into the boathouse after every rowing class. They were then left on the lake at the mercy of the weather and the tramps. Loyalty '19, after two years of this enforced exposure, leaked so badly that with a cargo of only four the water poured through the seams making the boat unserviceable in the midst of swells.

Rowing has always been a popular sport at Connecticut College. Recently it became impracticable, for no rowing class, however enthusiastic, enjoys soaking its feet for the whole of a rowing period in icy water. And now rowing has become impossible. This is a pity, for few colleges share our privilege of a river on campus. Yet they make the most of their little ponds, while we let the Thames ripple on without us.

The boats are gone, at any rate, and the most beautiful rowing weather is yet to come. Where shall we find boats to take their places? Mr. Sykes had the Loyalty boats specially built for our use. Still there are boats along the shore which we might be able to rent, even though they are conventional flat-bottomed fishing dories.

And someone has suggested that Connecticut College should ask Yale for the loan of one or two of the shells that are stored in the Yale Crew quarters a little way up the river.

But who would lend us a boat when there is every prospect of its being stolen?

The boathouse is an old shed, roughly patched and boarded up. There are over six windows missing and boarded over. There is a door fastened with a padlock, which has often been shot off, and hinges that have often been pried off. There is a roof that was formerly waterproofed with tar paper which is rapidly detaching itself and floating away into space. A slight shower drenches the floor with puddles.

Inside are three canoes, at the present time. Canoes are not replaceable, since the canoe factories are manufacturing aeroplane parts for the government. To-day there are three canoes in the boathouse. To-morrow there may be none. No one can trace them, for the boathouse is entirely isolated.

Is there no practical method of protecting the boathouse? The suggestion has been made that a special guard be engaged to look after it. But there would be intervals between his rounds. Until the end of the season the canoes must stay where they are if they are to be of any practical use to the owners. What is to become of them? Are they to go the way of Loyalty '19 and Loyalty 20? And is rowing to be one of the few subjects excluded from the curriculum?

L'ENVOI

BY ALISON HASTINGS '19

The thousand things I could not say
Before I crossed the sea,
Dear love, the words I could not speak,
And all you are to me;

The thousand dreams I could not dream
Before I crossed the sea,
Life for gold and old days,
Are life to me, dear love, since death
Became a dream, in France.

The thousand things I can not write,
The things that I would do,
Shall all be yours, dear love, when God shall send me home to you.

The without the knowledge of the Editor-in-Chief, who was too modest to want her poem to appear in the News, the Associate Editors have taken it from her, and the Editor-in-Chief, who was too modest to want her poem to appear in the News, has also taken it upon themselves to follow the example of "Poet Lore" and "The Literary Digest" in publishing Miss Hastings poem "L'Envoi." We also take this opportunity to extend to her the heartfelt congratulations of the News Staff.

OPEN LETTERS

[The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the views expressed in this column.]

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

To the Editor:

Considerable discussion has been taking place on the campus as regards the advisability and practicality of forming a press club at the college. With the appointment of a committee to formulate plans for the formation of a journalistic club the project has received a decided impetus with consequent discussions from faculty and students.

A press club at Connecticut should be very successful. The material exposition to address. A properly organized club could offer students interested in journalism the most interesting as well as the most practical opportunity offered to the student by extracurricular activities now existing in the college.

There are many students who by personality or innate ability are specifically fitted for the profession of journalism. Some of these students are beginning to realize the immeasurable opportunities of the cosmopolitan field and a half century hence to avail themselves of its privileges; others are experiencing a vital need for expression of which they have not means. Journalism is the mecca to which youth can turn and receive in ever-flowing measure the rewards it holds forth to its chosen people. It fills the needs of youth as no other profession, it offers the means of active, thrifty, real living; the contact with men and women whom youth will always revere; and the experiences which lead to intelligent, kindly, conscientious, sympathetic appreciation of life and the things of life.

The journalistic organization at the college should offer membership to students who are interested in press work and the membership should be open to all. Among the advantages of a journalistic club the project has received a decided impetus with consequent discussions from faculty and students.

1. Weekly gatherings: discussion of facts, figures, and data of the recent epidemic of Spanish influenza, what is to be done when about ten cases are reported, and several new cases are being announced each day by the police physician.

The following incidents illustrate what was done in a similar situation. The greater number of the cases were in the three main dormitories. The doctor and the nurse were constantly kept on the move attending to the patients who lived in the main alone in their own rooms at the mercy of the doctor and the nurse until the latter could find time to treat them.

At last the call came for some one to take in hand the problem of feeding the invalids. This task was a tedious one for the dietician, who had to go to the college kitchen to fill a basket with the necessities for doing her work, then go from one dormitory to another, each time repeating a procession that she had to do only once when the invalids had been all together.

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The difficulties of the task were then removed and the invalids were placed in a much more suitable place.

The project has been an outstanding success, and the club has been formed.
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EVELYN BROWN '19.

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To the Editor:

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Up until Friday, October 11th, the Liberty Loan total of Hunter College was $275,600. 

At the Silver Day conference, this year, 50 delegates represented 42 different colleges.

At Hunter College and at Vassar, bureaus of occupations have been established through which a large number of camps, charitable organizations, and draft boards have secured help.

Wellesley’s Debating Club proposes a new plan this year. A series of meetings are to be held which are to offer training in conducting public meetings and in public speaking. Members of the faculty are to give assistance to the students in acquiring this knowledge. Vassar is working out a similar plan this year.

It is interesting to note that Vassar is contemplating enforced conscription to war work. We wonder if her plan will be more effective than ours of voluntary enlistment.

Barnard has a quota of forty women overseas in various branches of war work. Evidently it is Barnard’s opinion that summer is not the only time to do farming. She has organized a Woman’s Field Training Corps, which is engaged in harvesting.

Rutgers has been fully established as an army camp, with its members enrolled in the S.C.A.T. It is rather interesting to observe how highly the Rutgers’ viewpoint is colored by this fact.

In the Rutgers’ “Telegram” we see that we have at last a younger sister, the New Jersey State College for Women. It opens this year with an enrollment of forty-nine.

BLACK NOTES AND WHITE

A certain very attractive cut appeared anonymously in the first issue. Its title might have been “Concerning Kodaks.” It was very much admired. Perhaps that accounts for the rushing business in films that Connecticut College carried on at Childsey’s Saturday afternoon.

A bit of contemporary drama: The Doll’s House falls in ruins about our ears while we vainly watch the macaroons and the champagne.

Fire drills are the thing these days. We evacuated New London Hall in two minutes. The Huns are evading northern France faster than that, but then they are under fire.

Ann Arkin’s name was omitted from the list of the News staff. That was merely camouflage. Ann is very much one of the staff, and one of our foremost authoresses.

No anonymous contributions will be printed in the future. We prefer to be able to refer to budding geniuses by name.

$1,173.55 was taken in by the treasurer of the Student Government Association on pay day. This method of setting aside one day annually for the payment of club dues, class dues, service league pledges, etc., has proved very successful. Payments are more prompt and less confusion results than by the method previously employed.

The College Club of Norwich has awarded its annual scholarship to Miss Esther Allen ’21. Miss Allen, who was also part winner of last year’s scholarship, is to be heartily congratulated. The eager interest she shows in her work, and her high academic standing, unquestionably prove Miss Allen worthy of the honor.

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