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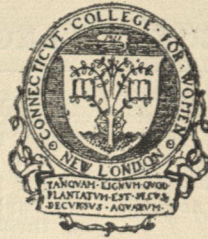
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Prof. Dondo Lectures at Weekly Convocation on "Legends of Brittany"

The charm and thrall of folk-lore among people of Brittany was described with a reality and acute understanding not soon to be forgotten by the students of Connecticut College, who heard Prof. M. M. Dondo, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages, talk informally on Legends of Brittany at weekly convocation yesterday morning. Mr. Dondo described the wild, rocky shore of the coast and the sombre moor of the inland districts which have not been without their effect on the character of the native people. Mr. Dondo, who is himself a native of that picturesque and oddly haunting land, is imbued with the romantic spirit of his people—a people for whom, he said, there is scarcely a borderland between the natural and the supernatural—to whom death is ever present, and whom the dead never leave but continue to visit. Among primitive people, Mr. Dondo said, fear of death is fundamental, and for the people of Brittany, whose homes line the rocky shore where the storm-waves pound and the sea stretches away like a great front yard, death is concrete rather than abstract, and because of its continual presence has woven its way into every great legend of the land. Mr. Dondo retold a few of the best-known legends, even relating his own personal experience of an encounter with that fabled beast half-wolf, half-man, the werwolf.

He told about Brittany's worship of the saints, which has found expression in the countless shrines which line the roads and sanctify each spring, and described the pilgrimages to the shrines and the anniversary of each patron saint. In closing, Mr. Dondo asked that the people of Brittany should not be regarded as superstitious, saying that their beliefs were more than mere superstitions, and pleading for a better understanding, although acknowledging at the same time that such sympathy could be granted only by one who had been by birth and association imbued with the racial traditions of the people.

Tin Cup Awarded Victorious White Squad at Mock Athletic Meet

The Athletic Association held its first social gathering at Thames Hall Friday evening, when about thirty members participated in a mock Athletic Meet. For the eight events, the contestants were divided into two teams, Black and White, the championship of the meet being won by the latter squad to which was presented a handsome tin cup.

Although the schedule had a significantly professional appearance including a 50-yard dash, shot put, high jump, quarter mile run, broad jump, three-legged race, obstacle race, charlot race and boat race, when the contestants lined up for each event it soon became evident that there was to be some surprise feature in each. The shot in the shot put was a small balloon, which proved as easy to throw as a 1,000 pound weight; the high jump had to be effected on one foot, while the contestant held the other ankle; the broad jump necessitated holding both ankles; the long distance run had to be run down one length of the hall and back the other, circling each of the eight posts, and the obstacle race consisted of threading a fine needle with heavy thread at one end of the hall, running to a corner, sewing on a button, so that it would stay until the end of the race, turning a somersault and drinking a glass of water. The race was run in relays and was won by the Whites. The boat race was called, "on account of stormy weather." The meet was arranged by Madeline Rowe, chairman of the special committee, with the assistance of Miss Hazel Woodhull, instructor in Physical Training, who acted as referee and called off the events. At the close of the meet, refreshments were served and prizes, paste-board medals of small value but inestimable glory were awarded to the winners of the events.

Cast of Characters Chosen for "As You Like It" Performance

The cast for "As You Like It" which is to be presented at the Shakespeare Tercentennial Celebration on May third, has been selected as follows:

Duke Frederick	Helen Townsend
Duke Senior	Louise Ansley
Orlando	Lillian Shadd
Oliver	Justine Brockett
Jacques	Margary Rowe
Adam	Frances Otter
Touchstone	Mildred Provost
William	Dorothy Upton
Corin	Mildred White
Silvius	Amelia Tuttle
Amiens	Beatrice Ashe
Rosalind	Ruth Morris
Celia	Ethel Isbell
Audrey	Mary Strange
Phoebe	Esther Batchelder

The general committee in charge of the play is engaged in choosing the various sub-committees, announcement of which will be made within a short time.

News from Other Colleges

Vassar—A vocational conference has been held beginning Tuesday, March 7th, and lasting until Sunday, March 12th. During the conference, different speakers made addresses on the respective vocations, such as Teaching, Library Work, Agricultural Work, and Journalism.

Wellesley—The students and alumnae of Wellesley have pledged \$500 toward the Vassar Endowment Fund in recognition of Vassar's generosity in its contributions to the former's Fire Fund two years ago.

The Triangular Debate was held March 18th between the three colleges Vassar, Wellesley and Holyoke. Holyoke won two of the debates and Vassar one of them. The subject was "The Government Ownership of Railroads."

Lafayette—A strenuous campaign is being waged for the purpose of raising a million dollar endowment fund.

Dartmouth—Military training has been proposed for Dartmouth, but the feeling is strong against it. However, a voluntary training course has been introduced.

Naval Preparedness Adequate to Protect United is Advocated by Lieut. Merrill

On Thursday, March 16, Lieutenant Merrill, commanding officer of U. S. S. Tonopah spoke to the students on the question of preparedness.

The lecture was under the auspices of the Woman's Navy League. Miss Mary Galt took the chair and in opening, said that it was the duty of the women of this country to arouse themselves and use their influence in preparing this nation for war. The Woman's Navy League hopes, by organized effort, to accomplish this end.

Mr. Merrill began his remarks by calling attention to the fact that in the wars of the past our navy—or that of someone else—has been the deciding factor; that in the Revolution, the French navy undoubtedly saved the day; in the War of 1812 and in the Civil War our navy figured strongly; and that the fleet was our main defence in the Spanish-American War.

From these lessons of the past, Mr. Merrill believes we should take warning and, by preparing the navy, prepare our country to withstand the shocks of war, for it is the navy which must first meet both the army and navy of an invading force. If our navy is unprepared and the enemy can gain a foothold around our most important manufacturing centers, it will take an army many times the size of ours to dislodge them. If, however, our navy be made so strong that even to consider it would frighten a hostile force, we might feel ourselves safe from attack. In regard to militarism which many fear will be produced by preparedness, he declared that a navy, though the most important factor in defensive warfare, can do little in aggressive war without a strong army.

To show that our navy at present is not effective, Mr. Merrill cited the sham battles held last May and November as tryouts for the fleet. In these maneuvers, not once did our navy sight the enemy. Nor was it the fault of the officers of our navy; it was because, although we were equipped with excellent men-of-war, we lacked a sufficient number of scout ships to find work for the dreadnoughts to do. This is the effect of the present administration of our Navy Department, said Lieutenant Merrill.

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Editorial

Although the Connecticut College News has determined that it shall be a strictly distinctive paper, representative of a strictly distinctive college, the staff finds that in at least one respect we share the common handicap of most college publications—a dearth that dearth is not a general one but of contributions. Happily, however, has been confined to only certain departments. Many contributions are the "As You'd Like It" column have been received, through the kindness of the English department. We trust that every student to whose attention has come an unsatisfactory and rectifiable condition in college affairs, will always feel it her privilege as well as her duty to "write to 'The News' about it." But in addition, we want contributions for all other departments—short stories, accounts of humorous or unusual episodes in college life, short poems, in fact, almost anything of interest that occurs to you, for if you are interested, it is probable that other students will also be interested. Remember that the staff are human and that although we sometimes pretend to ourselves that we are prodigies, it is often difficult to convince the "public" that we are if it is continually forced to read what we have written.

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As You'd Like It

In Our Library.

At present, the conditions in our library are not ideal, and the co-operation of all the girls is necessary to improve this situation. We all know that the main purpose of the library is to furnish us a place for quiet, and undisturbed study. But do we all try to make our library such a place? Sometimes it seems that some of us are entirely ignorant of the object of the library. We enter and begin at once to exchange greetings and to engage in friendly conversation, much to the discomfort of our neighbors, who are trying to get a certain amount of work done in a

limited time. We do not, to be sure, realize the disturbance we are causing, but when the situation is reversed, and we are the earnest students whose thoughts are being interrupted, our point of view immediately changes.

If then, we are mindful of our neighbors and try earnestly to maintain a quiet in the library, much valuable time will be saved and it will be more pleasant for all of us. If, however, we occasionally forget, and are reminded by a member of the Library Committee, we should not be offended, and think she bears a special grudge against us. She is only doing her duty to the whole class. If each one does her part, we shall soon have an ideal reading room.

FLORENCE LENNON.

Spirit and Initiative are Conspicuously Lacking at the Meetings of College Organizations

Let us speak up at a meeting if we have a good objection to a motion under discussion. The objection may be of value. Let us not sit still and let something pass over our heads just to get the meeting over with, and then when we get outside begin to object for all we're worth.

For instance, when a constitution is being read, do we sit there at the meeting and pay no attention to it and when a vote is taken to accept it or not to accept it, do we absently and mechanically open our mouths a little to say "aye" or perhaps "no"? In that case, when the time comes for us to comply with some phase of the regulations, we do not know what we are supposed to do. If we don't know when the dues for an organization of which we are members are due, or what is expected of us if they are overdue, let us find out and it will be a great help to us, besides being a great help to the officers of the organization. The Constitution, you know, is our Constitution. We accepted it.

Interest in our organizations and meetings is what we want and need, even though we have started this year with a too generous supply of them.

S. COIT.

C. C.'s Flag

Shall we ever forget the opening day of Connecticut College, and the impressive picture it has left on our minds? With what feature of the celebration were we most impressed? The raising of our flag! Remember the circle of Faculty, the dignity of their black gowns splendid with the symbols of the various colleges, the girls clad in simple white, with no symbol of their new college but with the symbol of our nation! Remember them as they were starting out upon the battle of life, upon the struggle of uplifting mankind, singing the "Star Spangled Banner," while C. C.'s flag was unfurling itself for the first time upon this hilltop!

But where is our flag today? Who has seen it since, except upon rare occasions when "something important was going on"? Is there not "something important going on" every day at Connecticut College? Moreover, C. C.'s flag came from the hands of the Daughters of Veterans to the hands of the Daughters of Connecticut College to instill in them loyalty and reverence. In these stirring times of war, why should not this beautiful symbol crown this hill-

top just as in former days it has crowned other famous hilltops?

How inspiring it would be to see our flag raised from sunrise to sunset waving its colors over us throughout the day! In the future, will it not be thrilling to return to our dear Alma Mater to join the underclassmen in circling about our flag and singing again beneath its folds the "Star Spangled Banner?"

Let us hope, then, that C. C.'s flag may "wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" every day of the life of C. C.!

MARION KOFSKY.

Gymnasium Fund

Dear M. T. K.: I wish to take this opportunity to tell you how interested I am in the gymnasium fund started by Catherine Cerrett's letter, which was published in the last issue of the College News. Who realizes more than the Connecticut College girls, the need for a gymnasium? Now that our opportunity has come, it is time that we should show Catherine Cerrett that she has not given her precious savings in vain. Many of us have overlooked the need of helping and feel satisfied if we read the letter. The fact that we have received this letter should help to make the fund grow.

No one will deny that hard work is implied when we ask for your support and cooperation, for very little can be accomplished without hard work. This ought not to be regarded as a task so large that obstacles cannot be removed. Other colleges, especially Wellesley, have shown their ability for such a task and have worked with great zest. The Wellesley girls did everything to earn money, even to polishing the shoes of their classmates. If Wellesley girls could do this, Connecticut College girls can do it also. Let us show our college spirit not only by helping ourselves, but by urging our friends and relatives to help.

HELEN GOUGH.

The C. C. Gym Fund.

The letter from Catherine Cerrett published in our last issue immediately brought forth C. C. spirit and incidentally C. C. dimes. Let every C. C. girl not only give a dime, but let her tell about the fund to her friends at home; get the people in town talking about it, get the people at home talking about it. "Boom" the C. C. Gym. Fund!

The Student Council has appointed the following committee to take charge of this fund. All contributions should be turned in to the members of this committee: Ruth Trail, chairman; Marena Prentiss, Madeline Rowe.

Contributions to date:
Trustees \$400.00
Miss Mary Corning 50.00
Students 8.35
Total \$458.35

Student Government Association

At the Student Government Association meeting held March 16, three members-at-large of the Executive Committee were elected. They are Helen Gough, Mary Robinson and Juline Warner. The Student Council has appointed Ruth Trail as fire chief of the college; and a Library Committee consisting of Florence Lennon, Chairman; Elizabeth Hannon, Amy Kugler, Cassie Bailey, Kathleen Young, Pauline Christie, and Marion Wells.

Punctuality at Vespers

Much unnecessary disturbance and confusion has arisen from the tardiness of the students at the Sunday Vesper Service. This inconsiderate behavior, while doubtless thoughtless on the part of the offenders, is most annoying, and shows a lack of courtesy to the visiting speaker. This should be frowned upon by all. Punctuality is one of the great lessons of life. Where is there a better place to practice it than here at college? If it is possible for some to be there on time, why is it not possible for all? Surely there is no excuse for those living in the dormitories, so let them set a good example. Perhaps a hint will be all that is needed. At least we can attempt to prove this. Therefore, let our motto be, "On Time, All of the Time," and let us put this into immediate practice at vespers, so that the service may be a pleasure to us all, and a credit to the college.

DOROTHY UPTON.

A Blackstone Fire.

'Twas the hour of quiet
That all through the hall,
Not a person was singing
Or playing foot-ball.

When out on the stillness,
There clanged from the "dorm"
The sound of the fire-bell,
Rung by old "Norm."

"Come Frankie-out Winnie
"The atmosphere thickens
"For goodness' sake, Helen
"You're slow as Charles Dickens."

Then down the long halls
In orderly rows,
While Mad and brave Mary
They run out the hose.

And then to the tumult,
To add needed spice,
The big oaken door
Sticks fast like a vice.

Then burlings and gurgles
And shouting for Thomas;
"Oh, open the door
"Ere the fire can harm us."

And just as despair
Settles down on the bunch
The door without warning
Swings out with a crunch.

Then everyone falls
On someone else' back
With poor, patient Tom
Beneath the whole pack.

"Our brave fire captain
Produces her scroll,
Old Norma comes forward
And calls out the roll.

But no smoke or fire
Encounters the sight,
"What, no fire at all.
"You poor girls, Good Night."

M. S. and M. P.

Faculty News

President Sykes gave a lecture on Shakespeare before the Chamber of Commerce in Norwich last Monday evening.

Rev. Charles R. McNally of the First Baptist Church of New London has made the college a gift of twenty-seven volumes of Greek and Latin masterpieces. In the collection are included the works of Caesar, Cicero, Virgil, Horace, Ovid and others, a classical dictionary and a classical atlas.

"The Nervous System" was the subject of the lecture delivered by Dr. Rondinella at the Young Women's Christian Association, meeting on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. William Bauer gave an organ recital at Norwich last Sunday.

Professor Osburn was one of the speakers at the banquet of the New London Fish and Game Society on Wednesday evening.

The Diary of Our Own Mrs. Samuel Pepys.

March 24—Rose early, it being a fine day. The great abundance of snow begins to vanish and mud to take its place. Ah, me, what will walking conditions come to when the ground doth thaw? But having withstood them so far, I suppose I shall be able to continue to do so. To bed early, for when the end of a week doth come, I am so tired I know not what to do, save to go to bed.

March 25—Compelled to rise early to go to town to attend basketball class. The game pleaseth me, albiet I am far from an expert in it, but it doth tire me to have to go into town for it and then such a brief period. Blessed be the day when C. C. has its own gymnasium. Each time I do attend the sports class, I admire more and more the loyalty of Catherine Cerrett and do vow to put my utmost efforts into her worthy cause. Did attend the Athletic Meet in Thames Hall in the evening. Methought 'twas to be a real athletic meet but instead its aim was to provoke mirth, and well it did. Up late, what with resetting Thames Hall and the like.

Athletic Association Point System.

1. Points—Major Sports.
 - (a) One point shall be given to the person making a second team.
 - (b) Two points shall be given to the person making a championship second team.
 - (c) Three points shall be given to the person making a first team.
 - (d) Four points shall be given to the person making a championship first team.
 - (e) Five extra points shall be given to the person making a championship first team.
 - (f) Six extra points shall be given to the person making a championship class team.
- II. Track.
 - (a) One point shall be given to the person who is qualified.
 - (b) Two points shall be given to the person making third place.
 - (c) Three points shall be given to the person making second place.
 - (d) Four points shall be given to the person making first place.

III. Tennis.

- (a) One point shall be given to any person eligible for the sets preceeding semi-finals.
 - (b) Two points shall be given to any person eligible for the semi-finals.
 - (c) Three points shall be given to the runner-up.
 - (d) Four points shall be given to any person winning the championship of the tournament.
- Section II. Qualifications necessary for eligibility to teams.

1. Squads and tennis teams. The number of players on a team shall be determined by the Sport Committee.

II. If a girl makes a squad and plays in at least two-thirds of a series of championship games she shall be awarded points specified above in section 1.

III. If a girl makes a squad but does not play in at least two-thirds of a series of championship games she shall be awarded two and one-half points for the first team and one-half for the second team.

Section III. Points, Minor Sports.

- (a) One point shall be given to the person making a competing team.
- (b) Two points shall be given to the person making a winning team.

Section IV. Honors.

- (1) Twenty points in one year—a leather banner with a distinguishing symbol of the Association.
- (2) Fifteen points in one year—a felt pennant with a distinguishing symbol of the Association.
- (3) Ten points in one year—letter C. C.
- (4) Eight points in one year—numerals.
- (5) Eighteen points in two years—letters C. C.
- (6) Twenty-five points in three years—letters C. C.
- (7) Thirty-three points in four years—letters C. C.
- (8) Numerals may be retained throughout each year when a person has played on two first teams or has won seven points annually.
- (9) Persons making a championship team are awarded ribbons.
- (10) The class which has attained the greatest number of points for one year is awarded a cup.

(11) The person who has achieved the greatest number of points in four years is awarded a gold medal.

(12) The section winning the greatest number of points shall be given a banquet by the defeated section at the end of the year.

Jokes

Discovered by Rena Broderick: The only tree on Campus. (Note: the hat tree is the one in question.)

Rose Quinn: Don't whistle on the trolley car.

Rykman Sykes: Is that according to Washington's rules of etiquette?

Chubby: Oh, yes.
Rykman (after thinking a minute) It couldn't be! They didn't have trolley cars in Washington's time!

Do You Know What You Play?

Plant, Plant across the way,
Plays the piano the livelong day.
And the tune it plays from two, to two,
Is known as, "Good-bye Boys, I'm Through."
With apologies to F. P. A.

Madeline Dray (translating Spanish) And if they have nobody to eat they wait until they arrive at their destination.

Mr. Dondo: Miss Dray, you are mistaken. There are no canniba's in Spain.

Naval Preparedness

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At present Congress appropriates the money and decides how the money shall be spent. Congress should decide how much money the country should spend but members of the navy department, who have studied conditions, should be allowed to spend that money as they see fit.

After the lecture Miss Galt read the pledge of the Woman's Navy League. Copies were then passed around that those who wished might sign.

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