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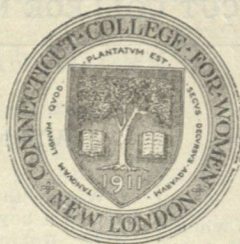
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Current Events

"Revolutionless" Russia

Bankers' Attitude Toward Tariff

Hard times in Europe are due to tariff walls that block the flow of trade in every direction, says a manifesto signed by the big bankers of fifteen nations. The way to get prosperity is to level these tariffs to the ground. America is not mentioned in the document, which has startled the business world, but it seems to be strongly suspected that when Europe's tariff walls are down, the guns will be turned on the barriers that guard our markets from European competition. Coming just before election, it puts the tariff issue into the campaign. The President has pledged anew his allegiance to the protective principle, and political correspondence tells us that a new political lineup over the tariff is now rising.

Russia to Abandon Revolution

Joseph Stalin, to whom Trotzky, by his public acknowledgment of error and defeat, surrenders complete control of Soviet Russia, says that Russia has had enough of "that idiotic slogan, 'The World Revolution.'" The Communist party's future policy will be a rehabilitation of industry by devoting the largest portion of the state's earnings to that purpose, a stricter economy in all activities, a securing of credits and loans abroad, if possible, and the living on peaceful terms with the rest of the world.

American Legion Convention

The American Legion held its annual convention in Philadelphia recently. A message from President Coolidge was read; Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, welcomed the Legionnaires; Vice-President Dawes informed them that the generation which fought the "World War seems as a mass, to be living needlessly, almost recklessly, and with little thought of the future;" General Pershing also appeared. Paris was chosen for next autumn's convention.

Cotton Deluge

Damage to the buying power of the South will be the result of our record-breaking cotton crop unless some way is found to lift the market price above the cost of production. Mr. Wannamaker, President of the American Cotton Association, says that not only the economic life of the South, but that of the entire nation will pay a fearful penalty, because the balance of trade against the United States will be heavy unless these conditions, due to the debacle in the price of cotton, are speedily relieved. The damage done already is fearful, as Great Britain and other foreign nations are buying our cotton below the cost of production, for use in future years as a market depressor.

HOMES WANTED

Will all those who know of kind-hearted, kitten-loving individuals in New London or near-by towns please notify the Cat-Placing Bureau of the News, Box 137.

Mary Jerman '27 Wins Bates Tennis Cup

On Tuesday, November 2nd, the Bates tennis finals were held. The participants were "Mary" Jerman and Eleanor Pendleton. In spite of a heavy shower in the morning the courts were sufficiently dry to play on by late afternoon. The match was a fast one and some brilliant tennis was played. Mary Jerman won both sets and the final score was 6-1, 6-3.

The two players were fairly evenly matched although Jerman was perhaps a little bit faster. The form of both was excellent, Jerman's speedy returns being especially effective. Spectators found it to be an exciting and interesting match. The cup, for this match, was given by Dr. Bates of New London.

SCHOOL SUPERVISOR SPEAKS TO EDUCATION CLASS

On Tuesday evening, November 2nd, Mr. Leister, Supervisor of Schools of Waterford and member of the State Board of Education, spoke to the Education Class upon various problems connected with the teaching profession.

With the aid of charts he explained the application of Intelligence tests to the grouping of children, showing the relation of mental age with chronological age, and the consequent increase in efficiency in placing individuals in their proper grades. Also with the illustration of charts he presented interesting facts in regard to the agreement and disagreement of teachers' markings.

He praised highly the Dalton Plan and the work of Helen Parkhurst in her experimentations in Individual Supervision.

He described what the supervisor expects of his teachers. He himself is in the position of a teacher of teachers, and to effect this end he holds a two-hour conference a month with each one. He expects of his teachers a philosophy of teaching. They must realize their object as, not the teaching of their subject, but the teaching of this subject to the children. The teacher moreover must not consider her responsibilities simply in terms of her own subject. The purpose of education is to make good citizens of the rising generation, and this duty devolves upon the individual teacher, and she must realize it.

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Lecture-Recital at Next Convocation

The speaker at Convocation, Tuesday, November ninth, will be Miss Margaret Deneke, Choirmaster of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, England. She is giving lectures in this country on behalf of her college, at Bryn Mawr, Goucher, Radcliffe, Mt. Holyoke and Connecticut. Miss Deneke's subject will be "Dance Forms," with selections taken from Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Mozart, and others, illustrated on the piano. Miss Deneke studied under a daughter of the late Robert Schuman, and is a very talented pianist.

HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATED AT PRESIDENT'S PARTY

The Hallowe'en party of last Saturday night ran true to form and proved to be the proverbial "gala affair." There was plenty of pep and fun that made the lack of hilarious masquerading seem barely noticeable.

In place of the one-act play that it had been the custom to give at former Hallowe'en parties, the Dramatic Club gave a varied program. Phyllis Barchard and Katherine Bartlett, the first to divert attention, danced the minuet, then followed a quick change from the light fantastic to the clog with Katherine Whitely as interpreter. Margaret Elliot, representing New London's finest theatre, the Capitol, gave several whistling selections accompanied by Ann Heilpern. The last act was a chorus of country lads and lassies. The principals were Dorothy Bayley and Margaret Bell. The country pairs of the chorus were Muriel Whitehead, Nancy Royce, Elizabeth Fowler, Rhoda Booth, Helen Boyd, Alice Safford, Mary White, Catharine Renny, Virginia Hankins, and Hilda Piser.

Following the entertainment there was dancing to the music of a New London orchestra. During the evening refreshments consisting of cider, apples, and doughnuts were served. In the absence of President Marshall, whose party it was, Dr. and Mrs. Kip and Dr. and Mrs. Erb acted as hosts and hostesses.

VASSAR AND SMITH MAKE INNOVATIONS

Vassar and Smith have established new institutes this summer which will particularly interest women, Vassar's Euthetics, and Smith's Coordination of Women's Interests. "The Institute is seeking ways to help the college graduate to keep active and functioning the powers and skill she has attained. This can be done by finding ways to simplify or organize the household, especially such as give the homemaker good big pieces of time, uninterrupted to free her from recurring small worries; and secondly, by finding ways to modify the present rather rigid occupations or professions so as to increase the 'free lance' opportunities," explains the Smith Alumnae Quarterly.

At Vassar a chair of Child Study has been endowed for five years by the

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The Holiday Came

Library Closed

At last the longed-for day had come—one long promised holiday! At the usual quiet hours of morning there was great stir and preparation for the day's plans. At nine o'clock groups of girls loaded with cameras and sweaters congregated at New London Hall where a bus waited to carry them to Lantern Hill. When they arrived most of them immediately set out to climb Lantern Hill from which a bird's-eye view of all the fall colors in Connecticut were seen. While all this had been going on Dr. Gallup, with the assistance of other willing hands, had been preparing the feast. There was the appetizing order of coffee boiling and bacon and meat balls browning and crisping over a crackling wood fire. Spread out on the rocks were rolls, pickles, cup cakes, and shiny red apples.

But Lantern Hill was not the only place visited by any means. Had you been riding along in your comfortable limousine on the roads to Norwich Thursday morning you would have seen groups of four or five college girls hiking along with a smile and a song to beguile the weary miles. Or, should you by chance have been motoring along the shore line there again would be parties on their way to Ocean Beach, the haven of hamburger sandwiches and hot canines!

Another group of girls hiked to the favorite place of all the college at one time or another—"The Hut." This group not to be outdone by their sister hikers tried their luck at cooking spaghetti and beans over the snapping hard wood of the open fire-place. The rocky ledge in Boiles wood had its group of hikers also.

Some of the off campus houses cooked their lunch in the woods beyond Nameaug house.

It was with great regret that at night one and all turned their steps back, though some could hardly hobble back on account of blisters and tired feet. But it had been a glorious, never-to-be-forgotten day. Many in the routine and busy life of the college had failed to note that the most gloriously colored and believed by many, the most beautiful season of all the year, was at its height. The beauty and wonder of it was appreciated and realized far more than if the day had been spent in going to and from classes.

DR. CHAPMAN INTERPRETS ALL SAINT'S DAY

On Sunday, October 31st, Dr. Edward Chapman addressed the college at Vespers. The service was in keeping with All Saint's Day, and in his brief talk Dr. Chapman pictured to his audience many of the outstanding figures in the calendar of saints. He brought into his talk the idea that religion is not only an individual thing, but that it is corporate, too. He left his audience with the thought that they were related to this vast army of saints. He asked his audience to think of themselves as facing the same adventures and the same kinds of lives that the saints faced. The college was glad of the opportunity to hear once again this forceful, sincere teacher and preacher.

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ARE WE SUPERFICIAL?

The student body has been accused of being superficial. It is a grave charge, if a true one. This decision was reached by the discussion group which met last Sunday night to consider the question, "What is wrong with Connecticut College?"

The students who attended the meeting claimed that this superficiality showed itself in several ways. It seems the fad to be flighty and collegiate. Girls who read serious books for pleasure are scorned, girls who do not join the group going to the movies are considered queer, or grinds. The campus lacks serious discussions, —not open meeting,—but wee-hour bedroom discussions on religion and philosophy. The table conversation is a low type, also—nothing but gossip and giggles. The group claims that many girls on campus have nothing but this shallow nature. Others, in conformity with public opinion, have buried their real selves so deep that they are lost even to themselves.

Has this accusation a reply? Yes. First, students may be gay on campus, raucous between classes, but are they always that way? Serious discussions are not published abroad the next day, but there is not a "superficial" girl in this college who does not stay up late over a hot argument of college, national or religious importance.

Then, students are not all of such a studious make-up that they can spend hours on lessons, outside reading papers and read serious books afterwards, for pleasure. Upper classmen, whose work contains more research, and especially those upper classmen who hold important college offices must indulge in meaningless pastimes to balance their work. Just as it is unfair to consider the studious, serious girl,—a grind,—so is it unfair to term a girl of the opposite temperament, superficial. As for dinner-table conversation, the philosopher Kant said that serious topics should never be broached at meals.

A CAMPUS POLLYANNA

At 6.15 in the morning
It is pleasant
To hear little Winnie Winthrop
Making joyful sounds
On her happy way
To hockey practice.

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FREE SPEECH

FREE SPEECH exists only when the student body expresses its opinion.

WHAT IS KOINÉ?

Way back in the days when the present Freshman class were about to enter the portals of their several high schools, two C. C. Freshmen, deep in conversation, were walking towards New London Hall. One of them said, "What's this Koiné that everybody's talking about?"

"Don't know," said the other Freshman. Just then they came to a poster on which was the legend, "Order your Koiné to-day!"

"There," said the first, "that's what I meant."

Oh, Koiné (she pronounced it Quinine), it's some kind of medicine, I believe. You can probably get it at the Infirmary. Haven't you heard that song they sing up here, "You'll Get Your Quinine?"

"Oh, yes," said her companion, vaguely—and they didn't wake up until Koiné actually came out!

Well, what is Koiné? It was a year book. This year, it will be more than that. It will combine the acme of artistic perfection, with the literary quintessence of truth, wisdom, and wit. Between its quite innocent looking covers will lurk —surprises!— not trivial surprises like a blank page scattered here and there, but phenomenal surprises of interest to everybody (including the Freshmen).

Who is perpetrating this astounding Koiné? Scan the Board, and then—sign the subscription blank.

PERSIAN WOMAN PLANS TO MODERNIZE NATION

Mme. Zorah Hedairy, Minister of Public Works of Persia, and the first woman to hold such a post, has established headquarters in the Persian Building at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, in Philadelphia, in preparation for a campaign to enlist the aid of American women in modernizing her country.

She is a member of the Persian Commission to the Exposition, and is one of the few women of her nation who have removed the yashmak, or Moslem veil. It is Mme. Hedairy's plan to interest Americans, chiefly women, in the affairs of Persia and help create a market for articles manufactured by the Persian women. She plans an educational program for the women of her country, because only by education can a woman obtain her liberty and gain permission to remove the veil, which has been a badge of virtual servitude for generations.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

The following tennis matches will be played today, November 6, after the hockey game.

Senior-Junior singles and doubles.
Sophomore-Freshman singles and doubles.

The squads are:

Senior—Moore, Owens, Pithouse, Redman, Surpless, Wall and Cronbach.
Junior—Dimmock, Foote, Pendleton, Peterson, Towson, Whittemore.

Sophomore—Bartlett, Houston, Kennedy, Perry, Reed, Stone.

Freshmen—Bahney, Burroughs, Carhart, E. Clarke, Harrison, Jocelyn, Murnane.

THE BOOK SHELF

WINNIE-THE-POOH

"Winnie-the-Pooh. 'But I thought he was a boy!' 'So did I,' said Christopher Robin. 'Then you can't call him Winnie?' 'I don't . . . He's Winnie-the-pooh. Don't you know what 'ther' means?' 'Ah yes, now I do,' I said quickly; 'and I hope you do too, because it is all the explanation you are going to get.'"

—From Chapter I.

A. A. Milne has written a book even more enchanting and more inimitable than "When We Were Very Young."

In delightful prose and verse you may follow the bizarre adventures of Christopher Robin, of Pooh Bear, of Eeyore the Donkey, of Rabbit, of little Piglet, of the Owl, of Kanga and Baby Roo even to the North Pole. And when you have turned the last page, you will wonder how so much imaginative charm can be crowded into one small book.

Winnie-the-Pooh had a never-satisfied appetite. On this occasion Pooh went down the rabbit hole where he ate so much that in trying to get out he stuck fast. As a tear rolled down his eye he said, "Would you read a Sustaining Book such as would comfort a Wedged Bear in Great Tightness?" So Christopher Robin read that sort of book.

E. H. Shepard has drawn the illustrations which are more humorous and more original than ever.

JOHN ERSKINE, AUTHOR

John Erskine, author of a last year's best seller, "Private Life of Helen of Troy," has written another book which promises equal success. It is "Galahad—Enough of his Life to explain his reputation." This book, also, is based on a legend. It is interesting for college students to learn something of the author of such promising work.

John Erskine's is a life of unusual achievement. At twenty-four he had won his A. B. and Ph. D. degrees, later to be invested with the degrees of Doctor of Laws and Doctor of Literature. At twenty-four he accepted his first post as Instructor of English at Amherst, and was soon promoted to Assistant Professor. From Amherst he was called to Columbia, where in 1916, he was promoted to a full professorship in English, the post which he now holds.

His work during the war will be long and gratefully remembered. In 1918 he was installed as Chairman of the Army Educational Commission of the A. E. F., and became, a year later, the Educational Director of the A. E. F., at the University of Beaune. For his service, while there, he was made an Honorary Citizen of the City of Beaune. In the same year he was marked for further honors, receiving the American Distinguished Service Medal, the degree of LL. D. from Norwich University, and being created a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.

In 1922, Dr. Erskine was elected president of the Poetry Society of America, and from 1920 to 1923, was president of the Authors' Club. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, a member of the Executive Committee of the American Council of Learned Societies (its secretary from 1921 to 1924), a member of the Modern Language Association of America, the Silvermine Guild of Artists and a trustee of the Protestant Episcopal schools of New York.

Books written by Dr. Erskine before "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," include: "Collected Poems," "The Kinds of Poetry," "The Moral Obligation to be Intelligent," "The Literary Discipline," "Sonata and Other Poems," all of which are now published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company.

THE CABALA

By Thornton Niven Wilder

A bit of the medieval intertwined with the life of modern Rome—such is the atmosphere of *The Cabala* by Thornton Niven Wilder. But a word first about the author: After graduating from Yale in 1920, Mr. Wilder spent the next two years at the American Academy at Rome. This book grew out of his experiences of these two years.

A group of people losing sleep over a host of notions that the rest of the world outgrew several centuries ago—fierce intellectual snobs, each one with some prodigious gift, and together so far above the next social stratum below them that they were lonely, this was the Cabala. It was rumored that the group was constantly plotting to overturn things, that they sometimes intrigued bills through the senate, secured some appointment in the church, or drove some poor lady out of Rome. But such rumors were greatly exaggerated, for the group confined itself mainly to its own little affairs, its vain hopes and medieval dreams.

As for the members of the Cabala, a more varied and eccentric group could scarce be found. First of all, there was the restless American, Miss Grier, the leader of the international set. Partly because of a lifetime of sleepless nights due to ill health, and partly because of a fear of ghosts, Miss Grier could not sleep until the coming of dawn. Hence her guests were always urged to stay until the early hours, and after their departure, she was entertained by her own troupe of musicians. There were also the mad Princess Alix d'Espoli; Madame Bernstein of the German banking company; Cardinal Vaini, who had performed wonders in China, only to lose his faith upon his return to Rome; Mademoiselle Astrée-Luce, who still believed in the divine right of kings and in the return of her ancestors, the Bourbons, to the throne; and the Duchess d'Aquilanera, whose many titles had long since ceased to mean anything. There was also Marcantonio, the adventurous, yet cynical son of the duchess, who, although not a member of the Cabala, was of considerable interest to them.

The book is really composed of character sketches of these eccentric individuals, with little incidents illustrating how their lives were woven together in the Cabala. There is a slightly satirical, almost tragic tone, coupled, in places, with a dry humor. On the whole, *The Cabala* is both different and interesting.

HARVARD CHAIR OF POETRY HELD BY GILBERT MURRAY

Another distinguished scholar is taking a chair at Harvard. From the "New York Times" is quoted:

"In the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Professor Gilbert Murray of Oxford University, England, comes to give a special series of lectures during the coming winter, and to work with students through individual conferences. Doctor Murray is the first holder of the Charles Eliot Norton chair of poetry at Harvard, which was established last year by the late C. C. Stellman, '98, of New York.

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And Still More

Helen Crofoot '22, sister of Mary and Margaret Crofoot '28 and '27, is taking a course in Library Science at Columbia University.

Mildred Rogoff's sister, Anna '24, is to be married on Thanksgiving day to Dr. Alexander Cohen, New Britain, a graduate of Fordham.

Helen Ferguson '25, is teaching physiology and gymnasium at New Haven High School. Her sister Ruth is a Freshman.

Mary Wilcox's sister Katherine '23, is now Mrs. V. C. McCollom, of Paterson, New Jersey. She has a ten-month-old son, Samuel Putnam.

Elizabeth Phillips has a very interesting position in Washington, D. C., doing fashion drawings for the "Palais Royal" department store. She is the assistant artist. Her sister, Juliet, is a Freshman this year.

Aura Kepler '24, sister of Edith Kepler '30, is attending the Yale School of Nursing.

That the teaching profession is proving to be a popular one is shown by the number of C. C. graduates who have chosen it for a career.

Class of '25

Janet Aldrich is head of the English department of Brunswick High School, Brunswick, Maine.

Charlotte Beckwith is supervisor of music in the schools at Stafford Springs, Connecticut.

Orpha Brown (Mrs. A. A. Mitchell) teaches Spanish in the Suffield School, Connecticut.

Isabel Bullis is supervisor of music in the public schools at South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Ellen McGrath is instructor in History and English at the Windsor Locks

VASSAR AND SMITH MAKE INNOVATIONS

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annual gift of \$6,000.00. Vassar is also establishing a new campus periodical which is neither faculty nor student, but a cross between the two. Its name will be the "Vassar Journal of Undergraduate Studies," to be edited by the faculty and to appear at regular intervals. The Vassar Quarterly for June says, "This was established for various reasons, some felt that occasionally a paper produced by a student in connection with an advanced course or with our recently established system of adventurous individual reading, under a degree of faculty supervision, was distinctly worth preservation; others thought such a degree of scholarly achievement might well have place in the modern college."—Hood "Blue and Gray."

High School, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Edna Haas teaches Psychology at Columbia University.

Eleanor Kelly is teaching Mathematics at the Norwich Free Academy.

Catherine Meinecke does substitute teaching in Mt. Vernon, New York.

Margaret Meredith teaches secretarial subjects in the Dwight School, Englewood, New Jersey.

Dora Milenky teaches French and Latin at Lambertville, New Jersey.

Jane Nevers teaches Mathematics at Hamilton High School, Long Island.

Gertrude Noyes teaches English at the University of Illinois.

Adele Roos is teaching in the grammar school at Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

Grace Ward is director of Physical Education at the Ossining School for Girls, New York.

Dorothy Wigmore is teaching Latin and French in the Litchfield High School.

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 Sunday, November 7—Dr. Gallup at Vespers.
 Tuesday, November 9—Margaret Denebe at Convocation.
 Thursday, November 11—Junior-Senior Hockey Game.
 Saturday, November 13—Junior-Freshman and Senior-Sophomore Hockey Game.

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"IS THE MAIL ALL OUT?"

"Is the mail all out?" Figuratively speaking those "Behind the scenes" in the post office answer that question ten thousand times during the hour from eight to nine in the morning, six days in the week. Or, more infrequently, "Can I mail a laundry case?" And when the answer comes back "Not until the mail is all out" a sigh is usually heard and very often mutterings that suggest a little grumbling.

For the benefit and enlightenment of all students then, is this article written. The post office has three principles which every individual on the force tries to live up to—Promptness, Politeness, and Patience. The last two are very strongly taxed when one is doing one's best to get all the mail out and in the right boxes by 8.50 and is continually having to answer the question "Is the mail all out?" It isn't that we mind answering any questions—it's simply that every time we have to answer a question, the mail is just a little bit longer in being distributed.

Our purpose is to serve the students to the best of our ability and it is in order that people may have their mail as promptly as possible that we cannot mail packages until after the mail is all out.

And then, one more thing—no doubt some people have thought that when the post office door is shut rather violently, it is being slammed in their faces. Far from it—the door is a very, very peculiar door. It simply refuses to shut unless it is slammed and slammed hard. So don't be insulted if the door seems to be shut in your face.

With these facts in mind, in order that there might be no more misunderstandings on the part of students as regards post office hours, rules, etc., please observe the following:

1. The post office is open to sell stamps, envelopes, etc., and to take packages until the mail comes in (usually about 8.15). If the window is shut, you know the mail has come and is being distributed.

2. When the mail is all out, the window will be opened and will remain open until 8.50.

3. The packages never go out until two in the afternoon so the best time to bring your packages is between one and two p. m.

4. The post office closes in the afternoon as soon as the mail has been distributed (usually about 2.45).

5. We do register letters, make out money orders, and insure parcels.

6. In order to help meet expenses, we make a five-cent service charge on all large packages. It is a very small fee and saves you a trip down town

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARIES FOR TWO UNIVERSITIES

Both the University of Oregon and Johns Hopkins University celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries during the same week in October. Notables high in the academic world figured on both of these occasions which were hopefully proclaimed beginnings of "new eras."

Twenty-five college presidents, from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific and from British Columbia to Southern California, attended or sent their proxies. They came from far away universities and colleges to witness the presidential inauguration of Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, erstwhile professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin.

That this university will forge ahead through educational reform under new leadership is the fond hope of at least one group of undergraduates. Last spring the Daily Emerald sponsored a student inquiry into the state of intellectual life on the campus. Many proposals were made, among which were the installation of a freshman college, honors courses and secure tenure for professors.

Levy-Bruhl

From the Sorbonne, the oldest existing school of research in the world, came Professor Levy-Bruhl to speak at the fiftieth anniversary of Johns Hopkins, the first American university to make research its preeminent aim. Professor Levy-Bruhl spoke on the importance of research that is uninterested in immediate problems. "All our engineering," he said, "all the huge mass of our multifarious industries has its root in the disinterested and purely theoretical research of a few men of science in a petty corner of the west, some twenty-four centuries ago. History warns us," he said, "against the temptation and damages of rating the rank and value of the various kinds of research according to their immediate and apparent usefulness."

Johns Hopkins is on the threshold of a drastic reorganization, called the New Plan. This plan calls for elimination of the A. B. degree and of the first two years of undergraduate work. Students will take their elementary work elsewhere and commence at Johns Hopkins during their junior year. Specialized research will be begun at that time.

with an unwieldy package to say nothing of saving carfare.

If there are any questions still unanswered in regard to post office we hope you will come and ask us, or if you have any complaints or suggestions, that you will see the post-mistress about it. Thanks! L. M.

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