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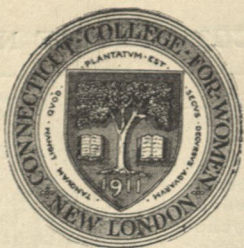
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Service League in Colonial Atmosphere

Anna Hempstead Branch Gives Tea

On Thursday afternoon, October twenty-seventh, Miss Anna Hempstead Branch entertained the Service League girls at tea in her charming old home off Hempstead Place.

As the guests came down the winding lane to the ivy-covered house, Mary Slayter, vice president of Service League met them on the worn door step. She led them into one of the most delightful old rooms of all New England. There she presented the guests to Miss Branch, who, in turn, presented them to an earlier guest, Mrs. Richard Mansfield. The room, lighted only by the soft glow of candles and the ruddy glow of a crackling fire made a fascinating picture. Miss Branch presiding over the tea table before the fire, served tea in the most delicate of old china. With the girls gathered around her, some on the long, high-backed bench at the side of the fire-place, others on carved and hewn chairs and stools, Miss Branch told the traditions that she has inherited with Hempstead House.

One of the few homes to survive the British invasion in Revolutionary War days, the Hempstead House has existed in all of its colonial simplicity and charm to the present day. Its mellowness has been protected from devastating modernness and it retains its colonial furnishings complete. The house was built in the very early pioneer days—New London was an early settlement, as we know—put together entirely by wooden pegs. There is a fireplace in every room and brass candle-holders on every wall. The wooden chairs are hewn from tree trunks and the sturdy low wooden tables show no signs of frailty yet. Pewter dishes rest on shelves above the fireplaces, and old English prints such as "The Tree of Life" and "The Tree of Death" are framed on the walls. Fantastic shadows of high-backed chairs are cast on the low ceilings. All of this, the girls learned, is associated with tales of General Washington, Benedict Arnold and later, with slave smuggling, for it was in this very house that the run-away slaves from the South received papers giving them the coveted freedom.

With the girls sitting there before the fire in the richly fragrant atmosphere of memories and past association, Miss Branch talked of her social service work. She spoke to the girls chiefly of her interest in Christadora Settlement House in New York City, showing them by her experiences what they might expect to come against in their settlement work. At present the Connecticut College Service League girls, as we know, are doing enthusiastic and splendid work in Charter House, the New London settlement headquarters. Thus, every bit that the girls could glean from Miss Branch's experiences must be of service to them in their present endeavors.

Selden Memorial Lecture to Be Given November 11th

President of Rutgers University to Be Speaker

President John Martin Thomas of Rutgers University is to be the speaker this year at the Joseph Henry Selden Memorial Lecture, Friday evening, November eleventh, at eight o'clock. This is the third year that there has been a memorial lecture for Reverend Joseph Selden, the father of Professor Henry Bill Selden. President Thomas has chosen as his subject, "Distinctive Characteristics of American Christianity," a subject which promises to be very interesting for everyone. Before he was elected President of Rutgers in 1925, President Thomas was Chairman of the Vermont State Board of Education from 1910 to 1914, President of Middlebury College, 1908-1921, and President of Pennsylvania State College, 1921-1925. He has also served as a pastor at various times, for he was ordained into the Presbyterian Ministry in 1893. President Thomas is the author of "The Christian Faith and the Old Testament, and he, together with A. H. Espenshade, compiled the book "Bible Readings For Schools and Colleges."

MISS HOLTON GIVES NEW IDEA OF MISSIONS

Representative of American Board of Foreign Missions Visits Connecticut

Those students who met Miss Priscilla Holton at tea in Knowlton House on October 27th gained a new idea of missions and missionaries. Miss Holton, who is a Mount Holyoke graduate and a representative of the American Board of Foreign Missions, is visiting the women's colleges in an endeavor to interest girls in missionary work. She came to Connecticut after having been at Smith, Mount Holyoke and Brown University.

At the tea on Thursday, Miss Holton spoke informally about mission work in China. She spoke from experience, as she has been in China for the past two years, teaching English and Algebra in a girls' boarding school. Mission work, she said, contrary to what so many believe, does not consist entirely of teaching religion, and of leading the native people in what they do. Those connected with missions in China are doctors, nurses, teachers and Social Service workers. Miss Holton was especially anxious to find four girls who would be interested in Domestic Science work for the Mission Board.

She did not urge everyone to enlist as missionaries. According to her, girls should not go to the mission field directly from college. They need a few years of working experience before they undertake work in China. No one should become a missionary who contemplates with horror teaching in a country school, one of the best preparations for any career. Nor should anyone take up mission work for the adventurous side of it.

But aside from her warnings, Miss Holton painted the picture of missionary life so attractively that she in-

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Harry Allen Overstreet To Address Convocation

Lecture To Be of Psychological Nature

On Tuesday, November 8, at convocation, Professor Harry Allen Overstreet will speak on "Being Psychologically in Line With Our Age". Mr. Overstreet received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California in 1899 and his degree as a Bachelor of Science from Oxford University in 1901. He was instructor, assistant professor and associate professor of philosophy in the University of California from 1901 to 1911. Since January 1, 1911, he has been professor of philosophy and head of the department in the College of the City of New York. While in college Mr. Overstreet was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Delta Pi fraternities. He is the author of the book "Influencing Human Behavior" and of a number of monographs and technical papers. Since 1924 he has been lecturer at the New School for Social Research.

Professor Overstreet's book "Influencing Human Behavior", contains chapters which are the substance of a course of lectures which he gave at the New School for Social Research in New York City. This course was unusual in a number of respects. It was requested by the students—both men and women—and given under the auspices of their Cooperative Association. The request was worded in a rather significant manner. It came as a petition "for a course indicating how human behavior can actually be changed in the light of the new knowledge gained through psychology." This book is very fascinating and is widely used throughout the country. There is no doubt that Mr. Overstreet, with his varied and interest background, should have something very worth while.

NEW FIELD SECRETARY TO COOPERATE WITH PRESS BOARD

One of the needs of a young college like Connecticut is widespread publicity of the right sort. Newspaper publicity is an important factor in making known the name of the college. To obtain this publicity is a task which has hitherto been almost entirely in the hands of Press Board, and, so far as such an organization can do so, Press Board has performed its duties efficiently and well. But the scope of an all-student organization is necessarily limited. Contacts with the newspapers of the central and western parts of the country are hard to obtain; the publication of pictures is not easily secured; the covering of the largest events, such as commencement, is very difficult. To overcome these limitations is to be one of the chief duties of Mrs. Nancy Schroommaker, recently appointed field secretary of the college.

Mrs. Schroommaker is in contact with many of the largest newspapers in the country. She hopes especially to be able to send Connecticut College News to papers in Chicago and big cities farther west. A bureau in Hartford, of which she is the head,

President and Mrs. Marshall Give Hallowe'en Party

Witches and Ghosts Help Create Atmosphere

When we saw "Fannie Burney" sitting before an old-fashioned table sewing a sampler by candle-light, and dressed in the costume of by-gone days, we could hardly realize that she was really Gertrude Reaske, and really playing in "The Silver Lining," by Constance D'Arcy Mackay, for the Hallowe'en party Elizabeth Gallup as Richard Burney, a cold-hearted uncle, and Deborah Lippincott as Sephas, the old servant, made surprisingly realistic eighteenth century men. There are no doubts but what the Hallowe'en party began very well with this one-act play. It continued its interesting entertainment with several novelty dances. The first one, "The Cat and the Witch," done by Wilhelmina Fountain and Edith Cloyes had a very "Hallowe'en" flavor as did "The Ghost Dance" with Josephine Lincoln and Harriet Hickock. Jane Williams then gave a very attractive solo dance and Eleanor Wood and Dorothy Bayley finished the program with "The Salem Witch", an interpretive dance which was prettily done. The entertainment was obviously much liked, for the Seniors' cries of "More!" were most frequent.

After the program was finished we had an opportunity to appreciate the decorations—grinning pumpkins and all those things which attend Hallowe'en. We also found very good cider and doughnuts and apples. A few girls had come in colorful costumes which were attractive to see in the crowd during the dancing which ended a very pleasing Hallowe'en party.

will send accounts of the most interesting events at college to those papers. To cover all the largest events (at college), Mrs. Schroommaker will send professional reporters. This will appreciably lighten the duties of the members of Press Board, and in the case of Commencement especially, will make more adequate reporting possible. Heretofore, Commencement, the greatest event of the college year, had been very poorly reported, because most of the members of the Board had left college.

In sending news to the eastern newspapers, which are, for the most part, adequately supplied by Press Board, the new publicity bureau in no way seeks to supplant or compete with the work of the student reporters.

Mrs. Schroommaker hopes to obtain as speakers for Press Board meetings this year, several men prominent in the profession of journalism.

NEW LONDON CHAPTER OF COLLEGE ALUMNAE GIVE BRIDGE

Saturday afternoon, October 29th, Knowlton salon was the scene of a benefit bridge given by the New London chapter of the college alumnae.

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MORE POWER TO THE MANY

The Freshmen are holding their class elections now which brings before us once more the problem of who shall hold offices, and how many shall they hold. The tendency here has been to decide at the outset what girls are best suited to hold the major offices, and then to give them office after office until they either develop their abilities and profit by the sense of responsibility, or laden too heavily, fail to keep up their academic standing. In the former case, the office-holders are the gainers since their weight of responsibility usually works toward character development, but what of the others, many of whom are well worthy to hold office, but who are more given the opportunity? The tendency has been to give office to those who have already shown themselves to be capable, and to overlook those who with abilities equal to the office-holders have had no chance to demonstrate their abilities. The Freshmen have ahead of them the opportunity to do better than some of the other classes have done. Let's hope they will have the wisdom to work together, sharing responsibility rather than shifting it to the shoulders of the few—less responsibility for the few—more power to the many.

WHILE OTHER COLLEGES—

Tests Devised to Weed Out Unfit Teachers

Fitness of people for the responsibility of teaching is to be tested as far as possible by a system of psychological tests devised by Dr. Frederick A. Moss, professor of psychology. The plan is being tried among the teachers of Montgomery County, and consists of a series of thirty questions designed to reveal the teacher's attitude toward various problems which confront instructors. Skill in teaching of course, demands not only knowledge of the subject taught, but patience, sympathetic personality, and keen judgment of typical situations which arise among children. A great many persons never would make competent teachers, regardless of educational qualifications.

—Hood College, Maryland.

Beauty Urged As College Study

Bennington, Vt.—According to Miss Amy Kelly of Bryn Mawr, such varied problems as the accessibility of beauty, enterprises for married women, and the attainment of personal delight in leisure hours should be studied in a new woman's college. Miss Kelly was engaged by the Bennington College Corporation to make a survey on curriculum for a proposed women's college at Old Bennington. In the report Miss Kelly breaks sharply away from tradition and proposes radical departures both as to course and organization. She thinks that the commoner social problems persistently confronting women should be definitely provided for, such problems as the choice of vocations and suitable enterprises for women. The college should make it easy to develop some avocational interest to give personal delight to leisure hours, she says. Miss Kelly's plan is to organize the college into six schools, specializing, respectively, in physical sciences, biological sciences, social and political institutions, languages, fine arts, and philosophy. An orientation course to familiarize the student with the "geography" of human thought would take the place of the traditional required subjects in each school. Group conferences would replace lecture courses and sustained individual work would be substituted for compulsory attendance, with general examinations for the process of adding courses for the degree, to complete the whole, a course of general reading would be required. Miss Kelly believes that such a plan would graduate students much more completely equipped than the ordinary college graduate, and it would materially shorten the time to prepare for the profession, requiring especially elaborate scientific or historic backgrounds. "The whole experience," she said, "should enable a student at least to know, as Henry Adams puts it, how 'to box the compass of thought.'"

Worthless Opinions?

By a remarkable chain of events, college students have been stirred to register their opinions on many extra curricular affairs this year. There was, for instance the religious poll which revealed a majority of undergraduates as believers in God. Later, college students in a few institutions deplored the sending of troops to Nicaragua and China. Others favored giving Sacco and Vanzetti another chance. And finally we have the overwhelming vote for arbitration rather than intimidation in Mexico. While many people are undecided as to the proper significance of this student opinion, all Right Thinkers agree that the religious poll demonstrated how unassailably intelligent college students are and the Sacco-Vanzetti petitions prove that they are susceptible

PET PEEVES

"Let Them Take Note"

Ah me, woe is me! The other eve I returned to my dark domicile and what a sight there reached my eye. 'Twas one of those things that delighteth most the heart of student. When at last my lamp flashed on I saw to my amazement and acute pleasure my buzzer was down. . . This in itself sounds but a meager matter, but oh, consider the immensity of possibility that lay beyond that buzz.

Quickly from my room I ran, I fear me with unseemly haste, to learn what joy or sorrow had befallen in my scanty absence. To that room where that most estimable instrument the telephone resides, dashed I, my heart near leaping from my gullet. I read with alacrity the messages there in the book ensconced in hope that to me had come a call. Alas! My rapid perusal, repeated by one yet more delayed and specific, found naught for me there inscribed.

My hopes thus dashed, I left the booth with hanging head and no little sadness. Still a thought lingered in my mind. Suppose that my message had been a telegram or a special. The idea was not ungrateful to me. To the bulletin board I hied me, but there was naught but sign-out slips and chaperone list No lurid yellow envelope was there for me; no stamp of that favored hue of blue. Completely crushed of spirit, I lifted my voice loud to the heavens and to my fellow-students. "Does anyone know who called me?" No answer. Some passed me by with sympathetic nod and friendly grasp of hand. Small aid was this to me, who had a buzzer down. In weary dismay I climbed up to my room to see if there I had perchance overlooked a note, but none was there. My desk lay bare as elms in winter.

No friend, no foe came to me that eve to tell me tidings of that buzz. I thought me if my family were well. Perhaps a friend had called to ask me to the jousts of football; it might have been . . . but no, I learned naught that night.

All night I tossed upon a wretched pillow. At dawn the bell pulled me from my restless sleep, I jumped up, shaken with the thought that mayhap my buzzer . . . but it was not to be. I met at last a girl perambulating down the hall. She said to me, "Oh, I forget, someone called you, I can't remember who, but he had a marvelous voice." I answered naught. I knew who had been calling but not the purport of his speech. I could but wait with patience. Ah woe is mine, to have but one sweet message chronicled in that little book below. Ah, when that telephone rings, let them make notation, prithee, let them take note!

QUEST

Down through the ages, in the blood of man, there has always run an ardor for the quest. By nature a curious and restless animal, he must be forever in search of something and the more elusive that object, the greater his zeal. Take old Diogenes and his honest man, take Lancelot and his Holy Grail, take Ponce de Leon and his Fountain of Youth. All possessed, like Kipling's elephant, an insatiable curiosity and followed the gleam to the bitter end.

And so, following in the mighty footsteps of my ancestors,—I confess to a size eight—and driven on by that monster, Zoology, I started out in

to being swept off their feet by dangerous radicals and have no opinions worth taking seriously. — Ernest Pontifex.

THE BOOK SHELF

COPPER SUN

By Countee Cullen

"Copper Sun" is a charming collection of lyric poems and sonnets by Countee Cullen, one of the younger group of modern poets. Although a Negro, and but twenty-four years old, he is steadily becoming better known for his delightful works many of which have been awarded prizes. His first book "Color" attracted wide attention and favorable criticism, and "Copper Sun" bids fair to be even more successful. Vividly written, with a current of pleasing humor mingled with his negro simplicity, and yet not lacking modern intellect and sophistication, it is on the whole a most unusual book.

Some of his poems such as "Uncle Jim," show us the old negro's bitter philosophy of life, youth, and "white folks." The Litany of the Dark People, a prayer for guidance and protection expresses the negro's sincere religion, while the "Threnody for a Brown Girl" is a pitiful lament for the starving hearts of his people. His lyrics for "The Deep in Love" are lovely, his nature pictures are exquisite, while even his humorous poems have underlying thoughts which attract the reader who desires something more than the ordinary flow of pretty words. Such a poem is "More Than a Fool's Song," ending,

"The world's a curious riddle thrown Water-wise from heaven's cup;
The souls we think are hurtling down Perhaps are climbing up."

One of his loveliest perhaps is "The Touch."

"I am no longer lame since spring
Stooped to me where I lay,
And charmed with flute and silver lute

My laggard limbs to play.
Her voice is sweet as long-stored wine;

I leap like hounded fawn;
I rise and follow over hill and hollow
To the flesh of the crimson dawn."

The success of his poems lies in the words Cullen himself writes: "Most things I write, I do for the sheer love of the music in them. Somehow or other, however, I find my poetry of itself treating of the Negro, of his joys and his sorrows—mostly of the latter, and of the heights and depths of emotion which I feel as a Negro."

quest of a bug. Even as the kings of old. I too, was armored. In my hand I bore a glass—although to the uninitiated it might present an appearance strikingly similar to a mayonnaise jar, to me it assumed the dignity of a prison wherein soon; if luck was with me, I was to place my unfortunate victim. Over my broad and husky shoulder, I slung a butterfly net—a savage weapon, indeed capable of catching in its treacherous meshes any unwary bug. Thus armed, I set forth into the "winding trails of our beloved Bolleswood."

The object of my quest was, as I have said before, a bug—not any bug, but as the decree read a Rhomaleum—a Phylum Arthropoda. In more common terms, that most elusive of all insects, the grasshopper. Brave and unafraid, I sought him in his lair. In vain I beat the grass about but he did not dare to show his cowardly head. At last I saw him, sitting insolently on a rock. Little reck'd he of the fate about to befall him. Warily I crept up to him—panting breathlessly—down came my savage weapon, the butterfly net—and Mr.

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Juniors—B. Bent, M. Bond, J. Boomer, Clark, M. Ewing, W. Fountain, A. Green, Kendrick, W. Link, H. Reynolds, C. Riley, A. Scafford, M. Scattergood, M. Shaw, M. Slayter, E. Speirs, H. Stephenson.

Sophomores—E. Avery, R. Barry, H. Benson, G. Bland, E. Clauss, Edwards, D. Feltner, Ferguson, F. Gabriel, I. Gilbert, H. Goodale, C. Green, Halsey, E. Hartshorn, E. Johnson, M. Kidde, R. Langley, B. Nash, H. Oakley, G. Thomen, E. Tomlinson, E. Webster.

Freshmen—Allen, C. Bradley, Brewer, Brooks, Bunce, Ruth Curtis, Deweese, Dibble, Disbro, Dunlap, Ebsen, Jean Foster, Ganoe, Geier, Gould, Hendrickson, Hopkins, A. Hunt, Lincoln, MacFarren, Manning, Marvin, Metzger, Jane Moore, Norton, Elizabeth Reilly, Rose, Scatterthwaite, G. Shidle, Gertrude Smith, Thorpe, Walton, Jane Williams.

Training for the hockey squads goes into effect immediately. The rules are:

1. Keep Health Chart. Only two cuts are allowed during the entire season.
2. Forty-five minutes of hockey tactics a week.
3. Running twice around the quadrangle, one full time at once, except on regular class day.

TENNIS SQUADS CHOSEN

Seniors—M. Irvine, E. Mann, M. Peterson, Esther Taylor, C. Whittemore.

Juniors—R. Ackerman, P. Heintz, B. Houston, P. Rothwell, C. Terry.

Sophomores—B. Bahney, J. Burroughs, M. Price, M. Stevens, Wiley.

Freshmen—H. Bahney, H. Hickok, H. McGuire, V. Mead, C. Rice, A. Roberts.

GERMAN CLUB TO PRESENT "DIE FERNE PRINCESSEN"

The German Club which presents a German play on alternate years, has this year chosen for presentation on December second, Hermann Sudermann's "Die Ferne Princessen" (The Far-away Princess). This play is one of a group of dramas bound together under the name of "Rosen." It is



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Dr. Kip has skillfully added a colorful musical scene which well precede the play proper. Miss Virginia Eggleston of New London, a graduate of Professor Baker's School of Dramatics, Yale University, will coach the play.

The cast is as follows:

Die Princessen Von Geldern
Gertrude Salzer '28
Baronin Von Brook..Mary Clauss '30
Frau Lindermann

Dorothy Pasnik '28
Rosa.....Mildred Meyer '30
Carl.....Jennie Copeland '29
Paul.....Edna Whitehead '30
Arthur.....Genevieve Benezet '31
Lotte.....Winifred Beach '30
Rita.....Gretchen Yoerg '31
Erna.....Dorothy Rose '31
Frau Von Halldorf

Catherine Stelle '31
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Middy.....Gertrude Reaske '29
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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5th—Junior-Freshmen and Senior-Sophomore Hockey Games. Tennis Finals.

Sunday, November 6th—President Marshall at Vespers.

Tuesday, November 8th—Convocation.

Thursday, November 10th—Spanish Club Meeting in Branford Living Room.

Friday, November 11th—Joseph Henry Selden Memorial Lecture.

Saturday, November 12th—Service League Dance. Junior-Sophomore and Freshmen-Senior Hockey Games.

GARDE THEATRE

Sunday, November 6
Marguerite De La Mott in BROADWAY MADNESS
"OH WHAT A NIGHT"

November 7, 8, 9
Reginald Denny in "OUT ALL NIGHT"

November 10, 11, 12
Carmel Myers in "THE GIRL FROM RIO"
Collegians No. 4: "THE FIGHTING IRISH"

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This particular chapter is an especially active one and is constantly working for the good of the college.

The bridge was very well attended, there being somewhere in the proximity of twenty-five tables. Prizes were given the high scorer of each table. Refreshments were served at the end of the afternoon. The amount of the receipts is not known but an estimate makes the returns as high enough to have made the benefit worth while.

It was noticed that the college did not support the bridge to any extent and this is to be regretted since our debt to this association and all C. C. alumnae associations is very great.

MISS HOLTON GIVES NEW IDEA
OF MISSIONS

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spired many students. All those who met and heard her could not have helped being impressed by what she told of the practical, worth-while side of missionary work. On Friday she interviewed in Plant living room those students who were really deeply interested in work in China and who wished to learn more details about it.

QUEST

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Grasshopper sat blinking at me fully three feet away.

Again like my forefathers, undaunted, I used strategy. Pretending that I didn't want the darned old thing anyway, with a scornful shrug of my shoulder, I struck off to the left—stopped and came quietly upon him. Again—down went my net and again, he rested calmly in the grass fully five feet away. Thus I toiled and toiled, damaging at once, both my shins and my temper, and still that elusive orthoptera remained at a respectful distance.

At last, he sought the sun upon a stone, with a skill, born of bitter experience I surrounded him, attacked him and conquered him! Scarred from the battle, but with the event of victory on my brow, I bore him, imprisoned in my jar to the "lab", where I might work my will upon the dastardly creature. Thus I, too, joined the ranks of my ancestors and with them will I declare indeed that "the quest's the thing!"

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