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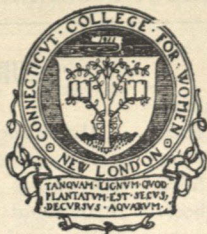
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"WOMEN AND WAR WORK"

Our interest was keenly aroused a few weeks ago by Miss Fraser's lecture on woman's part in the war. A continuation of her lecture, a more detailed account of her experiences and knowledge of what is going on all over the world, is to be found in her book, the book of which we've heard so much, and which we are all going to read, if we have not done so already.

The book is marked by the same easy style which attracted us to her, full of her personality as well as of intensely interesting facts. Through it the English girl becomes a vivid example of what women can do, of what we can do. The same problems confront us today that confronted England, and we shall answer them as England has, with the further advantage of her example. Girls and women from our country have already stood beside English women—have died with them in the nursing service, as our men have in the ranks.

Miss Fraser deals with the problem from every point of view, the economic and the moral, the health and the spiritual. She faces the issues squarely, and has an answer ready for every difficulty—and that answer is Women. A few years ago men laughed at that reply—today they take off their hats to the women of their country—to the land army, to the army auxiliary corps, to the munition workers, the policemen, to the maid who is doing war service and her mistress who works at her side; to the uneducated woman who strives to take the place of those she has given to actual service at the front, and to the society girl who scrubs the Hospital steps.

The actual service of the women, aside from being invaluable now, will prove equally so in the days of reconstruction. England was brought face to face with a great crisis, but in her answer she found her soul. Every one is doing her part and in work is finding the answer to all her problems. All have learned the soldiers' cry—"cheero!" and all "carry on" with all the strength and fervor of their souls. We shall not do less, especially with their example before us. Miss Fraser's record is for American women primarily, written in the hope that it might be of "some small service." That the service will be great is unquestionable. We can

A LITERARY PILGRIMAGE.

Even the joys of an Easter vacation were unable to blot out the memory of William Lyon Phelps' charming talk to us on March 16th, on "A Literary Pilgrimage in England". In one hour we were transported from Robert Herrick's home in Devonshire, to the tiny church of Lorna Doone's tragic wedding scene—thence to Land's End, the subject of many poems. We were made acquainted with Tintern Abbey, the place where Tennyson wrote his "Tears, Idle Tears" and a place equally renowned through Wordsworth's poetry. We could almost see Dove Cottage, with its little garden path worn bare by the feet of the poet as he composed his immortal verses—and the very field which inspired the famous "Daffodils".

The "Pilgrimage" included a trip to Scotland, to the desolate home of the Carlyles—the lonely, yet sacred birthplace of "Sartor Resartus". Ireland, too, has a new association: it was here that the speaker procured a lump of butter two hundred years old!

As for living English authors—Professor Phelps' charming personal touches concerning them, though unwritten in ink, will remain indelibly impressed upon our hearts.

Nor were the English "literary" birds forgotten. The speaker's amusing, almost futile search for the persistently evasive nightingale; the description of the call of the cuckoo; the account of skylark and blackbird have made those birds familiar to us in a delightfully unique manner.

In fact, since hearing Professor Phelps we are tempted to sing with the poet, "O to be in England, now that April's there".

1919 BUYS \$500. BOND.

The Third Liberty Loan Campaign is on! Are we in it? Well I guess! The class of 1919 is! Its members have bought a \$500. Bond with the money obtained for the Doctor Sykes Memorial prize. Thus, in fulfilling their patriotic duty, they have not forgotten their duty to uphold the name of one whose memory they will always cherish.

little afford to be ignorant of the contents of this book, and knowing them our American ardor will unquestionably respond as the world expects.

THE FINAL STRUGGLES.

Unfortunately, there were probably no Homeric bards nor modern short story writers at the final Junior-Sophomore Basket Ball contest on March 18; they would have gloried in the bountiful literary suggestions the games presented. A Homer could not have resisted a tempting simile of the basking frog catching flies, had he witnessed Wholey's miraculous skill at snapping up the ball in mid-air. And wouldn't Ralph Henry Barbour have revelled in the tense, last minutes of the first team contest when the Sophomores had already an appalling score to the Juniors' zero—and then Hastings scored those mysterious six baskets in almost the same number of minutes? To be sure, she didn't win the game for the Juniors, but saved them from an ignominious defeat of 24-0, by making it 24-12. And anyway, the Juniors surpassed in the second team game by a score 13-10. There were some very good plays by all teams: if the class teams have these players or their equals next year, we can be sure of some exciting games.

THE BELGIAN FUND.

During the Easter recess \$341.83 were raised by groups in several towns for the Belgian Girls' Fund.

Middletown	Thé Dansant	\$ 93.83
Hartford	Silver Tea	73.50
Stamford	Movies	62.00
New Haven	Soirée	55.00
New Britain	Soirée	28.00
Saybrook	Cake Sale	15.00
Brooklyn	Bridge Party	14.50

	\$341.83
Previously acknowledged	371.00
Total	\$712.83

1920 GIVES DANCE.

On Friday evening, April 19th at 8.00 o'clock, the class of 1920 will hold a formal dance in the gymnasium for the benefit of its Frederick Henry Sykes' Prize. Danz Orchestra of New Haven will furnish the music. Subscription \$1.50.

C. C. RE-TREATED.

Neither the pelting blows of a March rain nor the fierce onslaughts of a C. C. wind dismayed a large audience from attending the Seydel-Bauer concert on March 14th. The concert was unique in three respects: we were favored with a second concert by Miss Irma Seydel, who so delighted us last year; we had the opportunity of hearing the never-tiring skill of one of our musicians—Professor Bauer; and (last but not least) we were privileged to hear compositions by our own composer—Dr. Coerne.

Besides his lovely Swedish Sonata, Miss Seydel also played as an encore, Dr. Coerne's delightful composition—"A Message", which is dedicated to her. The other numbers of the program were equally well rendered, especially the Mozart Sonata, with the trilling on the violin, and the runs in unison with the piano; and the Davenport-Engberg "Butterfly"—with its sweet, high tones, the playing almost wholly in harmonics. Professor Bauer likewise displayed his usual remarkable technique—particularly in the Mendelssohn Sherzo and Liszt's Venice and Naples. The Brahms waltz 15 was a delightful and fitting encore to such a program.

PROGRAM

Sonata No. 7, in F major.....Mozart
Allegro
Andante
Rondo (Allegretto grazioso)

MISS SEYDEL AND MR. BAUER

First Movement from B minor
Concerto.....Saint-Saëns

MISS SEYDEL

Nocturne in C minor.....Chopin
Sherzo in E minor.....Mendelssohn
Venice and Naples.....Liszt

MR. BAUER

Swedish Sonata.....Coerne
Allegro pathétique
Minuetto
Rondo

MISS SEYDEL AND MR. BAUER

Scotch Pastorale.....Saenger
Sei mir gegrüsst.....Schubert-Seydel
The Butterfly.....Davenport-Engberg

MISS SEYDEL

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WHEN PETTICOATS VOTE.

"And it shall come to pass, that in the first days of the fourth term there shall be many assemblies, and the students shall choose, those who shall lead them in the following year,"—thus saith the book of laws called "C."

Our fourth term has come—and on Friday elections begin—Student Government president followed by the other major officers. Who is ready to vote? True, some have been discussing possible candidates—but it is the privilege and duty of EVERY student to vote—carefully and conscientiously.

It were well if every one immediately consulted her "C"—especially election rules and the point system. Remember that the Student Council and the Executive Committee are probably our most important bodies—and vote accordingly. Consider, when electing class president, that she is to be a Counsellor as well as class leader—and vote accordingly. Think of the Executive Committee Chairman as one of the Nine, and the committee member as a part of that body which has to uphold the dignity of decorum of our college—and vote accordingly. Think over the several Senior offices, discuss the executive ability of your various possible candidates—compare the ability of the best candidates for the several offices—and then vote according to your best judgment. If Jennie Jones is a good leader and organizer, would she be a better Service League president, or could someone else hold that office, and leave her for Student Government?

Next year is our first year with a REAL Senior class. A weighty matter is laid in our hands. Many will be watching our college even more closely; for it will then be full-fledged, except for alumnae. It is in our power to establish a reputation for C. C., with its real Seniors—one which will more or less become the prestige of other class-

es—and it depends largely upon the Senior officers to establish it.

We have come to college for nothing more important than to become good citizens. Our mothers have fought for our political equality. Some of us have already reaped the fruits of their labors: most of us still await them. But one and all, we should be ready to use them when they come. Let us summon all our powers of discussion, discretion and judgment, in the coming elections, and give the world a sample of what we shall do in our State, when petticoats vote.

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU.

March 29, 1918.

*From Committee on Public Information,
 Division on Woman's War Work,
 Immediate Release.*

"Community Centers and Democracy" is the title of the new National Service course at Columbia University, New York City, as announced by the faculty. This course will be open to both men and women. It is the first one to be given in response to the campaign for the school as community center which is being carried on by the Council of National Defense and the Bureau of Education. The University is giving these courses to train the student to be of aid in assisting the official machinery of the Council of National Defense to reach into the smallest communities to mobilize and make available the efforts of the people for the prosecution of the war.

The course will begin on Wednesday, April 3rd, and will last until May 4th. Commissioner Claxton of Education, will be one of the speakers.

April 1, 1918.

*From Committee on Public Information,
 Division on Woman's War Work,
 Immediate Release.*

There is need for about one hundred women bacteriologists to take the place of men in the cantonment laboratories, the Surgeon General's Office of the United States Army announces. The service of the men is demanded for the hospital units which are going abroad and their places at the home cantonments are to be filled by women. Applications are arriving from all the camps, some asking for as many as nine women.

A good practical knowledge of clinical pathology and diagnostic bacteriology is required for the work. The present salary is \$720. with maintenance and \$1200. without, with transportation furnished by the government. Applications may be made to Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.

CURRENT EVENTS.

"Ignorance is bliss" sometimes, but not in connection with the history making events that are happening daily throughout the world. And yet it is surprising how many of us are meandering along, seemingly unaware of the history we ourselves are helping to make!

The Service League, recognizing the fact that little time is afforded for the careful perusal of newspapers and magazines, amid the rush of college activities has organized a get-together hour for discussion of current events, under the direction of a member of the faculty.

Do you realize your opportunity, girls of C. C.? Other colleges are making this a required course knowing its importance, but to you is given the freedom of choice. Does this enter into patriotism?

—E. WEED '19

CONVOCATION.

To the Editor:

It seems as though the attendance at Convocation periods ought to represent the entire student body. We must not minimize the fundamental importance of these weekly meetings. They are not intended for amusement but for the very purpose for which we all should be attending college.

Isolated on this hill with little time for newspaper or magazine reading we are only too apt to think slightly of the world's activities outside of our own narrow college community. The program committee of the Service League has made every effort to arrange for a great variety of speakers who are in a position to give us an insight into some phases of current activities.

The common cry seems to be that nearly all the speakers thus far have dwelt on the war. This is easily to be explained when one realizes that there is hardly a field of interest and importance which does not in some way touch upon the unusual conditions brought about by this war. This war is an actual catastrophe and we are constantly being brought to face the fact more and more. It involves us all—one cannot get away from it, but some of us fear to hurt ourselves by thinking seriously of not altogether pleasant things or those that lack the flavor of sensation.

From the variety of verdicts passed upon speakers the committee has been made to realize that you cannot please everyone all the time. But surely there is not a girl here who could not get some valuable information from every speaker we have had thus far, even though the topic being discussed may not have been of interest to her, if she were earnestly willing to lend herself for the time. There is even the danger of becoming interested in a field of thought unknown to you heretofore.

Perhaps if the girls realized the difficulty the program committee has had this year in securing good speakers every week, they would avail themselves more of the opportunity of hearing them. The correspondence and expense involved is not slight for remember that a large share of the Service League budget is being used for this purpose. Some of us object that the students are being forced to stand the expense of speakers this year. True enough the condition is unfortunate but we must make the best of it just as we are doing with many another situation.

There is no reasonable excuse to offer for not attending Convocation just as regularly as classes, for the period is scheduled and each can plan her work accordingly.

Don't be a slacker and let us see whether C. C. cannot be from now on until the end of the year, one hundred per cent. perfect in attendance at Convocation.

—Leah Nora Pick.

To the Editor:

A Presidents' Club? Then that good suggestion made last year hasn't been entirely forgotten, after all! As an officer of one of the College associations, may I most heartily second your welcome editorial in a recent issue of the NEWS?

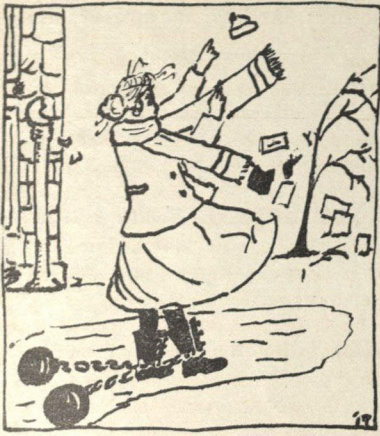
Personally, I strongly feel the need of cooperation among the many organizations which have so quickly sprung up here. Such a Presidents' Club would not only tend to knit together our wide spread interests, as individuals, but would be of invaluable assistance to the leaders of clubs.

There has been much difficulty in arranging club meetings, satisfactorily—as well as the various entertainments. Girls who are interested in two organizations, for example, whose meetings are scheduled for the same hour, are forced to give up one or the other. Perhaps a Presidents' Club could regulate the matter by changing the hours. An organization has very "stupid" meetings, another is always well-attended. A Presidents' Club should offer valuable suggestions for stimulating club interest. The questions of fines, absences, taxes, refreshments—admission to department entertainments—such are the questions that confront every club separately, and waste the time and patience of members and officers. Why couldn't the matters be discussed by the officers, first, until some decision is reached, and the results suggested to the various clubs for approval?

If the matter is up for vote—here is one "aye". What is the pleasure of the rest?

—'19.

LEST WE SOAR TO WORLDS
UNKNOWN



A NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT TO
OUR ENVIRONMENT.

OUR CAMPUS.

Visitors to the College comment, almost without exception, on our wonderful view,—and on the force of the wind. The former is our glory, the latter is not, to be sure, our shame, but is at least a constant cause of discomfort and distress. It is doubtful whether any point in the state could have been selected as a site for the College more exposed to the inclemency of the weather than our hill top. From October to April the air rises from the surface of the relatively warm waters of the ocean to the south and east with the result that the partial vacuum thus created is filled again by the air rushing in from the north and west.

"I do not understand how one can conceive here of such a thing as a quiet day" remarked a gentleman who recently came to the College to deliver an address at convocation. To resist the force of steady and violent winds requires something more than weight and muscle. It makes a heavy demand upon one's nervous force. Low temperature and high winds have, to be sure, a tonic effect, but let us remember that they add nothing to our strength,—they merely call into play such reserve energy as is already there. Also one takes a tonic with a teaspoon, not with a ladle. What is the solution? This. Swing the main axis of the college grounds, the campus proper, through an arc of ninety degrees so that it will run east and west instead of north and south, with the upper end as at present, and with the lower end at the river. To realize just what this change means take your stand in imagination, or better still in reality, on the roadway between the flag pole and the hockey field and look to the north. According to present plans (see architect's sketch in the "Brown Book") the buildings are to be arranged in a double row along a central court or avenue at the southern end of which you are now standing, with the city reservoir a little to the south of the center. Turn now to the east and picture to yourself the same

plan carried out with the central axis running from the top of the hill to the water front.

Advantages: First and foremost protection from the wind. Most of the buildings will lie below the crest of the ridge and thus escape the force of the gales from the north and west. A wind blowing thirty-five or forty miles an hour is often scarcely noticed on the plateau between Mohegan Avenue and the river. Careful observations with an anemometer would be of great interest and value.

Secondly the view. All of the buildings will command a view of the water,—and it is the water that lends charm to the scene. On the other hand nearly half of the buildings arranged according to the present plan would be cut off entirely from this outlook.

Thirdly, it is always preferable to build against the side of a hill rather than on the very summit. Landscape architects are agreed that it is next to impossible to produce a pleasing effect with buildings projected against the sky, with nothing behind them to soften the outlines. The view would also be more diversified. Some of the buildings would enjoy a nearer, others a more distant view of the water, while those at the top of the hill would command a view in all directions. Finally the buildings would be more accessible from the car line, a point not to be minimized when the ground is covered with ice and snow and a gale blowing from the northwest. The decision rests, of course, with the trustees of the college, but they would be interested without doubt to hear the opinion of those who have spent one or more winters on the hill top and whose comfort and health is vitally concerned. Persons contemplating the purchase of a country estate are often urged, and wisely, to spend a year on the place before committing themselves to the investment. How much more important to make use of similar experience in the location of buildings which are to be occupied for years to come by an ever increasing body of students and faculty! Fortunately it is not yet too late to make the change, if it should seem desirable. The buildings already erected will lend themselves to the one plan as well as to the other. Will not the NEWS endeavor to secure an expression of opinion on this question by the college community as a whole? Another year and it will doubtless be too late.

—H. Z. KIP.

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**** When I arrived in England and afterwards in France, I was quite sick. However it was quite interesting in England; the hospital was one in which there were nothing but wounded Englishmen and I got right in the middle of one branch of the British Army. They were even going to issue me one of the horrible looking blue uniforms with a bright red tie which are worn by the convalescent men.

**** We are now in a small French farming village of the most primitive kind. The town-crier beats his drum and shouts the news to the populace, two fountains comprise the water supply, and the washing is done in the open at the three public wash houses where any day the women can be seen pounding the clothes with flat wooden paddles.

Three of us are in a small room and live in comparative comfort. This letter is being written on a soap box by the light of a candle while at the same time I am eating Page and Shaw's in surroundings that at home would indicate poverty of an intense kind.

The scenery is often wonderful, probably the more so as we are up before the dawn. Just the other morning I saw a picture of unusual interest to me. I was rushing to breakfast through the morning mist, when suddenly there appeared a French machine gun battery on their way to the trenches. It was very similar to one of Coles Phillips illustrations only their faces were clear cut as their equipment and the horizon blue of their uniforms blended with the mist.

We continue with our training; no flags, no bands—just business. We work hard but are accomplishing much for our branch of the service (machine gun) is as new as aviation.

You may wonder what we do to amuse ourselves—mainly we sleep ****

our lives compare favorably with those of the Vestal Virgins of old.

Home is our chief subject and we often sing "It's home boys, home; it's home we want to be."

N. B. The Editors will be glad to receive for publication interesting "bits" from letters from France.

MY HOSIERY.

The hours I spent on thee, dear sock,

Are as a string of purls to me,

I count them o'er by the weary clock,

My hosiery, my hosiery.

First two I knit, then two I purl,

And round the leg I slowly reel;

Now joyful paeans to the Heavens I

hurl,

I've turned the heel.

Oh, knotted ends that scratch and burn,

Oh, stitch that dropped, uneven row—

I kiss each blight and strive at last to

learn

To reach the toe, sweetheart, to reach

the toe.

—Exchange.

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