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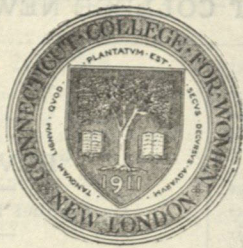
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Current Events

At Home and Abroad

Supreme Court Decisions

Those students who study American History and have just reviewed the Supreme Court decisions handed down by the Court under Judge Marshall, might be interested to learn that several new decisions have been made during this last week. In a case arising from a dispute as to proper boundary lines between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin, the court drew a new boundary line between the two states, running from Lake Superior to Green Bay. This is only a slight variation, however, and does not change the ownership of any important cities; it does, however, settle the ownership of numerous islands in Green Bay. Technically speaking, neither side won the case.

Wilson Essay

Elihu Root, the chairman of the Woodrow Wilson foundation, before Christmas, accepted a check for \$25,000, and a bronze medal, "in recognition of his services to humanity." Mr. Root then turned the check over to the foundation for an endowment fund. Inspired by Wilson Day, an anonymous donor has announced through the Woodrow Wilson foundation, that it will award two prizes of \$25,000 each to the man and woman, between ages of 20 and 35 years, who submit the two best articles on "What Woodrow Wilson Means To Me." The manuscripts must not contain more than twenty-five hundred words, and must be completed before October 1, 1927.

Foreign Affairs

China—The united diplomatic front so long presented by the powers toward China was seriously weakened last week by the release of a British note, calling upon other powers to grant concessions to the Chinese, and in turn, clearing up the causes for warfare and civil revolt found in Hankow. The Americans in Hankow have been forced to leave for Shanghai, and both British and United States forces and naval supplies are waiting there for action.

Mexico—President Coolidge has been greatly criticized for his foreign policies with Mexico, and it remains to be seen whether the Calles government will dare to seize the oil lands held by Americans, in defiance of the protests of Secretary Kellogg.

Japan—Meanwhile, all Japan mourns her emperor, whose funeral, held late in February, will cost one million dollars, according to the funeral budget bill passed this week. With the death of His Majesty Yoshihito Tenno, there began a series of usual sacrifices of loyal subjects in limitless suicides and untimely deaths. There is being constructed an elaborate funeral cart, a two-wheeled hearse, which will emit traditional "mourning squeaks," a mechanism at the hubs capable of emitting loud groans! The hearse itself is made of unvarnished cypress, oak and teakwood, 12 feet high and 23 feet long, polished to glassy smoothness.

Wheaton President To Be Speaker At Vespers

President J. Edgar Parks of Wheaton College will be the speaker at Vespers, January 16th.

Rev. J. Edgar Parks was recently elected President of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. He had been for several years previous to that pastor of the Second Congregational Church in West Newton, Mass. He was born in Belfast, Ireland and had a British University training. He was a student at the New College, Edinburgh, Scotland; also in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Belfast, and in the Royal University in Dublin. He studied a year at Princeton Theological Seminary and was granted the degree of D.D. by Tufts College in 1923.

He is an author of considerable merit, and a contributor to magazines.

He is a very delightful speaker of rare humor and much feeling; particularly happy and inspiring with young people.

GIRLS MEET SECRETARY OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Miss Margaret Crutchfield, graduate of Vassar, a secretary of the student volunteer movement, was at college during the past two days interviewing all girls interested in the student volunteer movement. The volunteer movement exists for the purpose of furthering one aspect of the life of the church, its work is in those parts of the world where there is no heritage of Christian life or thought or where there are few Christians in the community. Since 1895 colleges have been sending some of their best men and women as student volunteers. Those who become student volunteers are subsequently accepted and appointed as missionaries. They go out under the regular missionary organizations of their churches. The movement exists primarily as a missionary educational and recruiting agency, serving all evangelical churches irrespective of denomination or creed.

Miss Crutchfield explained the aim of the movement as follows:—

"The aim of the movement is to realize a world Christianity, a Christ-like world. The Christians in America are either helping or hindering the world to become Christ-like. The aim is to have all the students carry out the ideas of Jesus, in living first, then in teaching. Jesus preached what he practised. This is what we should do."

Miss Crutchfield was entertained by Alice Cook, '27, while she was on campus.

FACULTY ATTEND CONFERENCES

Many of the college faculty attended conferences during the Christmas vacation.

Dr. Cary, Dr. Kip, Dr. Wells, and Dr. Jensen attended the meetings of the Modern Language Association of America, at Harvard university, December 29, 30, 31. They attended the separate meetings of their various departments where the new discoveries

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English Singers Present Unusual Concert

Those who braved the blizzard and snow drifts to attend the concert at Bulkeley Auditorium last Tuesday evening, enjoyed a most unusual and excellent program. The English Singers of London are a group composed of Flora Mann, Nellie Carson, Lillian Berger, Cuthbert Kelly, Norman Stone, and Norman Notley. Until October 29, 1925, they were wholly unknown in this country. On that date Mrs. F. S. Coolidge presented them at her chamber music festival given in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C. A few days later on November 7th, the English Singers appeared at the Town Hall, New York City. The next day their fame was nation-wide, the New York critics agreeing that nothing even remotely approaching their art, had ever been heard in this country before. Their almost overnight popularity is readily shown by the fact that they are engaged for seventy concerts this season.

This, then, is the history of that most interesting organization which New London enjoyed last Tuesday night. The program was almost entirely composed of sixteenth century music consisting of Motets, Madrigals, Ballets, Canzonets, and Polksongs. In addition to the English songs, there were three Italian street cries. There were also two duets and a trio. Despite the fact that this Elizabethan music is not well-known, it proved to be popular. There was not a dull moment during the program.

The singing was extremely beautiful, far different from the ordinary. The chords were as of a rolling organ. In this age, when it seems that every possible harmony ever invented has been incorporated into modern music, together with unheard of rhythms, it was a pleasant surprise to hear this English music with a harmony all its own and an intricate, beautiful rhythm. The charming personalities of the singers formed a delightful background for the concert.

The numbers selected were not without bits of humor. They were for the most part, songs that the old English families, including the servants, used to sing in the evening for amusement. The folksongs, such as "The Dark-eyed Sailor" and the "Wassail Song" were very amusing. The duets and particularly the trio, were popular numbers. The trio was entitled "The Three Fairies," and was sung with considerable expression by the three men. Some of the more beautiful, serious numbers were Ave Verum, a slow, soft melody; On the Plains; The Silver Swan; and O, Softly Singing Lute.

CHIEF JUSTICE RESIGNS

In the resignation of Frances Williams, '27, as chief justice of honor court, the Student Government association loses one of its best officers. Without any previous experience as an officer in the Student Government, she filled her office ably and efficiently. She brought the necessary qualities of

Peabody Director Speaks

Dinosaur Galumph In Connecticut Valley.

On Tuesday, January 11th, at convocation, Dr. Richard Swan Lull gave an illustrated lecture on *Prehistoric Connecticut*. In an extremely interesting manner, he outlined briefly the changes in the physical aspects of the Connecticut Valley up to to-day. He showed how, at first, it was just a basin, then gradually it was filled in by material from the uplands. Then came the glacial period and, when the ice had receded, it left the valley as we know it to-day.

In the Connecticut Valley there lies a wealth of evidence of prehistoric life. A great deal of this has been found near Middletown and Meriden, and near the stone quarry in Portland. The material consists of some fossils and a great many blocks which contain foot prints. Scientists believe the valley to have been subjected to long periods of dry weather followed by torrents of rain. When the land was damp and soft, the animals left their foot prints in the mud as they went to the river to drink. When the sun came out the mud was hardened by action of lava deposits in the earth, together with the heat of the sun. Gradually sand sifted in and filled the foot prints. Now when these are found they can be divided into two parts, the imprint of the animal's foot and the mould which filled it in.

Dr. Lull said that, until just a very short time ago, people believed these marks to have been made by very large birds; but now they are casting this theory aside for they have found no evidence of birds at all and they have found the bones of huge animals. From these bones and foot prints, scientists have managed to get some idea of what the great dinosaurs and mastodons looked like. Scientists can make from the foot prints and marks of the trail some very interesting stories as to the probable course of the animal which made the tracks.

Most of the evidence found; points to vertebrate life but there have been traces of invertebrate found. In regard to man, Dr. Lull said no investigation has been made in the Connecticut Valley, but he has no reason to think that man did not inhabit the valley 40,000 years ago. He showed pictures of the cave-man of Europe to give some idea of the type of prehistoric man who might have lived here.

The lecture was made doubly fascinating by the fact that the drama of which Dr. Lull spoke was enacted but a short distance from here. The pictures made it seem very real and not at all as though these creatures had lived here thousands and thousands of years ago.

poise and tact to an office,—perhaps the most difficult on campus. The student body is genuinely sorry that, because of ill health, she has been forced to resign.

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YOUTH AND THE CHURCH

Much has been, and is being said, concerning the defection of youth toward the Church. Much consternation reigns in consequence among certain groups of the older generation, and with justification. The Church certainly does not hold any vital place in the lives of a great many of the young people of to-day, but the reason that this should be so is not that which many of youth's critics give.

Youth is suffering from no lack of religious interest; rather its interests are too deep and sincere to let it find satisfaction in the institution of the Church, at least as this institution now appears to its eyes. It may be that its vision is distorted by a lack of perspective and understanding, but what it thinks it sees, is a social structure which has become so interested in the applications and the administration of various principles that it has entirely lost sight, or if not entirely to a very dangerous degree, of religion itself.

In religion, youth is seeking, not an organization for the administration of charity, not a center for social life, and still more emphatically, not a training school in business organization and parliamentary practice, but this is what it often finds in the offering of the Church, and often finds even this offering of a poorer quality than in other institutions it has come into contact with.

Religion has been said to be the highest value in human life, and youth has looked to it for the satisfaction of its highest longings and desires, for some answer to its loftiest wonderings. It has asked the Church to point it toward these goals and the Church has turned its finger to the valleys and the shadows, not the mountain tops. This does not mean that youth is out of sympathy with service, but it believes that to bring sunlight to these valleys, one must look up to see from whence the sunlight comes.

The progress of science depends upon the growth of its theory, which naturally in time gives rise to practical applications for man's comfort and convenience. These latter seldom precede, and then only by accident, man's disinterested knowledge of the world of nature.

If the Church would bend its ener-

FREE SPEECH

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

Dear Editor:—Perhaps it is because we are still so very new that we cannot see the justice of a certain procedure in regard to Physical Education cuts.

The Freshman course is avowedly difficult and to most of us warnings did come singly. Doesn't it seem a bit unfair that a girl is put on Probation—literally because she was physically unable to take gym and, consequently, was penalized by cuts and had one warning too many? She is temporarily forbidden by one authority to take any kind of physical exercise, and for not participating in this same exercise she is given a warning because she hasn't attended class? To us these alternatives seem rather unjust. Will someone kindly explain?

'30.

Dear Editor: In any group of Freshmen at this time, you hear one common topic of conversation. "Are you going to tea-dance?" "Whom are you asking?" Since this is our first opportunity to entertain anyone at college, it is only natural that we should think about it with much excitement and make great plans for that weekend. However, in these plans, we encounter one difficulty. Freshman privileges at Connecticut are rather few. We do not wish to complain for many of us feel that it is only right to restrict first year students more than the rest of the college. Yet many of us would like to have one exception to this rule made and one privilege granted to us at this time. This would be to have Sophomore privileges the night of the tea-dance. We have now been here about four months and during this time have become very familiar with the regulations of Student Government of C. C. Moreover, we believe that we can be trusted to conduct ourselves according to the standards which have been set by Connecticut College students. In view of this, we think it unnecessary to be forced to drag an unwilling upperclassman downtown to dinner with us. The upperclassmen are darling about chaperoning us, but on that particular evening, they will no doubt have their own plans and it will be embarrassing both to them and to us to break in on these plans. Therefore, in order not to complicate matters, it would seem that the proper thing to do would be to grant us Sophomore privileges February twelfth.

—One of Many Freshmen.

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Is when I'm feeling glad.
They clump and clip and clack along
"She's gay," they click, "Egad!"

D. D.

gies toward seeking out the theory of life, not resting content in the crystallized forms of tradition and of dogma, but striving to find a unity and meaning in the bewildering wonder of ever unfolding truth, then youth would find it indeed to be vital. And surely, if the theory be well, or even but a little better learned, the practical aspect of life would automatically follow it upward toward a higher good.

THE BOOK SHELF

"REVELRY"

By Samuel Hopkins Adams

"Revelry," by Samuel Hopkins Adams, is a first rate novel. It tells a graphic and moving story, and it sweeps you along in the flood tide of its emotion. In the character of Willis Markham, it leaves behind it a character portrayal not easily forgotten. Besides the book's other virtues, it stands out distinctively among our modern novels as being one that makes you feel. In common with its contemporaries, it makes you think, but it digs down deeper than the ordinary run of satiric novels, and calls forth your sympathy, and understanding.

I have begun this review with so definitely commendatory an appreciation of the book's actual merits, because there are those who will be so blinded by the propagandist aspect of the book that they will overlook the fact that this is an excellent novel even when its striking subject matter is not taken into consideration. Willis Markham, the leading character of "Revelry," is the president of the United States. The subordinate characters are his personal friends and advisors who are having a glorious time squeezing the government to the elastic limit of its endurance for graft—secure in the knowledge that "Old Bill" will stick by his friends, serenely unconscious of the magnitude of their corruption. Not until one of their number had to be sacrificed to satisfy the reformers did the fireworks start. "The patsy" did not go to the slaughter willingly, and left behind him enough powder to blow everyone, including "Old Bill," into the center of an involved scandal. Then only was the lovable, gullible Markham made to realize the perfidy of the men he had trusted to the limit.

One might say of "Revelry" what "the patsy" said of the information he left behind him—"T. N. T. in good plain type." Here is a book portraying the president of the United States as a gullible Babbitt, and his associates as grafting parasites. There are those who identify Markham with Harding, Gandy and Turcock with Doherty and Fall. Whether such a parallel existed in Adams' mind or whether he was painting a sort of composite picture is not essential. How much is truth, how much fiction, is not important. The vital thing is that much of it is truth—truth which makes one pause.

"Revelry" is a startling exposé. If you read it, you will have torn away any remaining shreds of respect you had felt for your government. But you will have something to think about, and you will be reading an excellent novel.

CAUSES AND CHAMPIONS

M. A. DeWolfe Howe, experienced biographer, whose "Barrett Wendell and His Letters" won the Pulitzer Prize for the best biography of 1924, has blended history and biography in "Causes and Their Champions," in which eight causes are discussed, each in relation to the life and work of the man or woman most clearly identified with that movement.

"It is a glaring truism," says Mr. Howe, "that not a single 'cause' or 'reform' has reached the point of accomplishing anything without a sacrificial effort on the part of one man or woman . . . With the establishment of the American Red Cross the name of Clara Barton must always be linked. Clara Barton lived for more than ninety years, much beset with physical weakness, yet manifesting, before the age of

"CHERRY SQUARE"

Grace S. Richmond

Dr. Schuyler Chase, pastor of a rich New York parish, is forced to resign his position because of ill health and failing eyesight. For a man who dearly loved his work, for its dramatic qualities especially, it was hard to stand calmly by and let another man take his place. It was doubly hard, when at last, in his wife's home town, he learned what he might have done for his church. In his struggle to overcome his selfish desire to be a "dog in the manger," he is helped by his wife Sally, by their school-teacher maid, Joe Jenny, and by the village pastor, Gordon McKay. How Dr. Chase mastered his selfishness and how Gordon McKay clung sternly to his duty form interesting character studies. The love of Gordon McKay and Joe Jenny forms a secondary plot while that of Dr. Richard Fiske, for Mrs. Chase, forms still another story.

The story is well told and we become very angry with Dr. Chase when we realize how very little he returns his wife's love, or we greatly admire Gordon McKay when he gives up a rich city parish to do missionary work.

The style of the story resembles that of "Rufus" more than any other of Mrs. Richmond's books, but it has a style of its own.

M. W. '30.

C. C. ALUMNAE NEWS

A publication which is not as widely known as it might be here in our college circle, is the Connecticut College Alumnae News. A staff of five is responsible for its appearance four times a year. Pauline Warner, '26, is the editor-in-chief, with Blanche Finesilver, '22, as managing editor, and Juline Warner Comstock, '19; Kathryn Hulbert Hall, '20, and Ethel Kane, '23, as assistant editors. In this quarterly, all obtainable news is published about our alumnae. It is an excellent way of knowing what sort of work is being done by them. The alumnae themselves are the chief contributors as regards their occupations. Pictures of them and their children are printed. However, the magazine is not only about the alumnae, but for them. It is a means for their keeping in touch with what C. C. is doing. The new faculty members, the social calendar, innovations in the organization of Student Government, as well as chats with the Director of Admissions concerning the changing policy of the college, are only a few of the features which make the first issue this year interesting. A page for mothers proves to be an important addition, with lists of books pertaining to the mental and physical growth of the child. A report of the annual Alumnae association meeting, held last June, adds to the issue. Alumnae contributions are not limited to news, but may take the form of literature or personal experiences. Altogether the Alumnae News is an adequate publication for its purpose of keeping C. C. graduates in touch with their old friends and former surroundings.

fifty, such powers of physical endurance as the strongest man might envy. While she was still in her early forties, the Red Cross had its origin in Switzerland. During the Franco-Prussian War she took part in its operations at the battle front." There are also chapters on the Rockefellers, Frances E. Willard, Phillips Brooks, Samuel Gompers, Susan B. Anthony, Booker T. Washington and Woodrow Wilson.

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ALUMNAE NOTES

From the Alumnae News comes more news of what 1926 is doing.

Rosamond Beebe is teaching history and physical education at Wykham Rise school, in Washington, Conn.

Letitia Burt is technician in the N. J. State hospital, at Greystone Park, N. J.

Elsie Eckhardt teaches English in the West Hartford High school.

Louise Gunther is a librarian in the Omaha Public library.

Arlene Haskins teaches history, civics and economics in Newton High school, Newton, Conn.

Alice Hess teaches English, civics and biology in Roxbury High school, Roxbury, Conn.

Inez Hess is doing social case work in Bridgeport, Conn.

Elizabeth Lee teaches English and history in the High school, Lakeville, Conn.

Isabel Newton is doing laboratory work at Mt. Holyoke college.

Hazel Osborn is secretary to a technical advertiser in New York city.

A letter has been received from the newly-formed Chicago chapter of the C. C. Alumnae association.

"We are having four meetings a year, plus a Christmas meeting with Chicago undergraduates. Such a one took place on December 22nd, at a dinner party at the College club, and turned out quite successfully.

"We are planning a certain amount of social welfare work and Virginia Lutzenkirchen, '25, is chairman of that committee. We donated dolls and sent them to a settlement house in time for Christmas. We each plan to 'adopt' a child at the Crippled Children's home, to whom we will write often and whom we will see occasionally.

"We would like our new chapter to be a clearing house for anyone in Chicago wanting information about Connecticut college, for Connecticut college wanting a 'line-up' on Chicago prospects, and we want travelling members to feel at all times free to get in touch with us when they come to Chicago.

The officers of the chapter are as follows:

President, Leah Nora Pick, '20.
Vice-President, Mrs. John Potrat (Betty Rumney) '20.
Secretary, Olive Hulbert, '25.
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COLLEGE EDITORS TO MEET

Harvard, Princeton and Yale daily newspaper editors will meet at the Choate school, in Wallingford, soon, for the annual conference on problems of college publications. The Harvard-Princeton athletic situation will be taken up in an informal way. At this conference the cup which is awarded annually to the best preparatory school newspaper will be given to the Choate News. The meeting will be held at the Choate school at the invitation of Headmaster George C. St. John, because of the interest at the school in collegiate journalism.

FACULTY ATTEND CONFERENCES

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In the field of scholarship were discussed. An interesting joint meeting was held of the Modern Language association, the American Philological society, the American Institute of Archaeology, and the Linguistic Society of America. While the visitors were in Cambridge, Miss Longfellow opened her father's house for their inspection.

Dr. Gallup attended a conference in New York city.

Many of the science faculty, Dr. DeLerer, Dr. Fernald, Dr. McKee, and Dr. Daghljan, attended the conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held in Philadelphia. It lasted from Monday, Dec. 27, to Saturday, Jan. 1. This association has seventeen sections for various branches of science. Many papers were presented in each branch. There were, besides, several sessions of interest to all. One of the most interesting general sessions concerned the subject of Research in Colleges and Professional Schools. Another interesting lecture was presented by Dr. Michael Pupin on "Fifty Years' Progress in Electrical Communication."

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, January 16—Dr. J. Edgar Park at Vespers.

Tuesday, January 18—Tea for faculty and students, 4 o'clock. Student Government cabinet hostess.

Saturday, January 22—Miss Mary Boyle to lecture on Archaeology.

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PRIZE FOR NEW SETTING
FOR "AMERICA THE
BEAUTIFUL"

The Past Presidents assembly of the National Federation of Music clubs has announced a prize of \$500 for a 'truly adequate setting' of Katharine Lee Bate's "America the Beautiful," according to the Boston Transcript of November 27. The Transcript continues to say that, "Apart from Samuel A. Ward's setting for Materna written forty years ago, many attempts have been made to give "America the Beautiful" a proper musical setting, and while several of them have had a limited circulation, none has sung its way to universal favor or is believed to have the outstanding qualities that belong to a hymn for a great Nation to sing 'from sea to shining sea.' "

The following conditions of the contest are published in the Transcript:

1. The contest is open to every native-born American musician regardless of his residence.

2. The setting of "America, the Beautiful" is to be for mixed voices in hymn-form and in vocal range and character fitted for mass singing.

3. The judges are to be men of national reputation and will be instructed to award the prize of \$500 only to a truly noble setting of the text worthy of adoption as a hymn for the nation.

4. The contest closes on Tuesday, March 1, 1927.

5. Manuscripts are to be sent to the chairman of the contest, Mrs. William Arms Fisher, 367 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

6. All manuscripts must be in ink, carry a nom de plume and be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the full name and address of the composer with postage for its return.

7. Contestants are limited to a single unpublished setting, but at the request of Miss Bates, revisions by the composers of their published settings will be considered.

8. The prize setting is to be without any copyright restriction whatever and may be freely printed and freely performed.

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