Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 12th.
The regular meeting of the Dramatic Club will be held in Room 206, N. L., at 4 o'clock. Members are requested to bring copies of "You Never Can Tell."

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The A. A. has planned a roller skating party to be held in Rudd's Hall at 7:30. Announcement will be made concerning the time at which students will leave the College.

Monday, Jan. 15th.
Regular meeting of the Glee Club at 5 o'clock in Room 113, Blackstone.

Tuesday, Jan. 16th.
Regular meeting of the Mandolin Club at 5 o'clock in Room 4, Blackstone.

Wednesday, Jan. 17th.
Mr. Frederick Weld will give a recital at 8:15 in Thames Hall. The program is an excellent one and it is anticipated that a large audience will be present.

Friday, Jan. 19th.
Regular meeting of the German Club in Room 113, N. L., at 4 o'clock.

Are You Interested?
The Literary and Debating Society announce that there is a possibility of a formal debate on the question of Equal Suffrage. Any one interested in this topic and also in the club may subscribe:

Chairman, Margery Rowe, Alison Hastings.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at five o'clock.

Convocation Reports.

December 12th.
Dr. Edward Chapman of New London spoke at convocation on "Six Plain Men." He told of the lives of six men who though in the more humble walks of life were still well worthy of study. He took for subjects of these character studies two sea captains, a light-house keeper, a country merchant, a country minister and a farmer. His talk, with its descriptions pathetic and humorous, was much enjoyed by the members of the college present.

December 19th.
At Convocation, Dec. 19th, Miss Sylvester addressed the students of the college on the subject of "Social Legislation." Miss Sylvester is the Field representative of the American Association for Labor Legislation at the present time and was instrumental in getting the Federal Workman's Compensation Bill through Congress. There is an increasing field in this department of social welfare work for college women. The modern method of social workers is to prevent evil conditions instead of "patching up" the existing ones. The Association for Labor is now advocating the Social Insurance method as a strong prevention of poverty and is establishing local associations to carry on the work.

We all felt sure that Miss Sylvester's charming personality must go a long way toward assuring her success in her chosen field.

January 6th.
The speaker at Convocation, Jan. 6th, was Mr. Alvin W. Cooper, a resident of New London and organist of St. James Church. Mr. Cooper lived in South Africa for six years and during that time gained a thorough knowledge of that country. His lecture was in the nature of a travel talk accompanied by excellent stereoscopic views.

The audience was carried on an imaginary journey from England to Table Mountain, and was then taken through a series of slides of the city of Cape Town.

The French Relief Fund.

You have all heard those words "French Relief Fund" until they have probably become as familiar as the old slogan "Uneeda Biscuit," but for that all we don't want them to become commonplace. This is the first time that Connecticut College has been asked to raise any large sum of money; so we certainly do not want to fail in the attempt. All of the large colleges such as Vassar, Smith and Bryn Mawr are contributing twelve hundred dollars apiece, which will support two beds in the French hospital. We have offered to support only one, and we want to make our attempt a successful one.

President Sykes has generously started the fund with a contribution of one hundred dollars. The New Milford, and Stamford Clubs worked during the vacation, and beside their combined efforts some of our progressive members demanded money of their neighbors and relatives. The penny tax imposed on noisy tables in the dining room and on vivacious young ladies who have not kept the quiet hour rules is slowly swelling our fund, which at present amounts to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Now we can raise the rest of the money if only we have your cooperation. The committee is working on plans which will take the combined efforts of everyone to carry out. We want your help!

Aside from the combined work which will have to be done we want to ask for individual assistance. Many of us cannot afford to contribute money, but all of us have at least a little time. We would like a list of volunteers who will give the money earned by one hour or more of service in the dining room, the telephone office, or any of the other places where money can be earned.

The only way we can succeed in raising our six hundred dollars is by the help of all, and we must succeed; so let us all be willing to do what we are asked. We are doing a big thing so let us try to do it in a big way.

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Concerning Clubs.

There are a great many clubs here—almost too many for such a small institution—and therefore it seems wise that we girls should select the clubs which appeal to us the most, devote ourselves to them, and not try to divide the limited amount of time which we have among a large number of clubs. Then, having selected our clubs, girls, do let us attend the meetings. It is impossible to run a successful organization without a large number of interested workers. If we are interested enough to become members in the first place, surely we can keep up sufficient interest to try to do a part to make each meeting successful.

Those of us who attended the last Student Government meeting heard what was said in regard to leaving meetings early. Let us try to remember that—try to realize that the hour allotted to many of the clubs is all too short a time for what we would like to accomplish in one meeting, and try therefore to give at least that hour. We have organized these clubs and now we want to make them wide-awake and effective organizations. But this rests with us, not with the officers; for it is impossible for them to accomplish anything without the interest and active work of all the members of the club.

Let us try to enter whole-heartedly into the club we choose and do our very best to make that club one of the most active and successful organizations here.

The “News” received the Christmas number of the “Kodak” from Milwaukee Downer College. It is far different from the usual College sheet. The “Kodak” is in magazine form, and one-third or more of its space is devoted to short stories. We wonder what was the process used to get these contributions, when it takes several weeks to extract enough stories for our annual contest here.

The Night Before Christmas Recess

The night before Christmas recess the resident students and faculty met in the local students’ rest room for an informal Christmas party. The surprise of the evening was a real Christmas tree in the center of the room and strings with electric bulbs and candy canes. The evening was spent in singing all the old familiar Christmas carols and eating nuts and raisins provided in generous abundance.
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Mountain at the foot of which lies Cape Town, where the history of South Africa begins. The principal streets and buildings of Cape Town were shown on the screen. Then we journeyed northward through Cape Colony until we reached Kimberley, the town of diamonds. It proved a disappointing little mining town but the views of the mines made up for the drab looking village of huts. The next journey took us to the heart of the sheep country, King William's Town, and pictured its charming old market square with the quaint curfew tower; then across the Orange River into Orange River Colony. Fine views of many other interesting places were shown, beautiful scenery and historic battle grounds, but we regret that limited time prevented Mr. Cooper from giving his complete lecture. Some time in February he expects to give his lecture on South Africa in New London and students of Connecticut College will have the privilege of attending.

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Resolutions.

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For the New Year has begun;  
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So we smile and say we will, and we mean to keep them till  
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But as we go on our way and take up our work or play,  
Resolutions take their flight.

Yet we watch them sail away, with our hearts still light and gay,  
As they've been in days of yore.  
For we like it better so, thus to gladly let them go.  
And next year we'll make some more.

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L'âme du Violon.

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absoft the finest technique Germany has to offer. But, Gudrea said,'write this on your heart—never once forget that the soul of your violin, the French call it 'L'âme du Violon,' is the only thing that reaches the hearts of people. You may become master of double-stops and arpeggios; you may draw a perfect bow; but if you once lose that Soul, your Soul, the Soul of the world, your playing will be like wind that blows on the plains and is gone. Play with the ring of the joys of the world, and play with an understanding of its sad, throbbing depths—but that only comes by experience”—the old man's voice died away and the violins on the walls strangely echoed it.

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Sydney closed the book and looked across at her aunt, writing at her desk.

"That makes a very quaint story, Aunt Nan. You wrote that on the steamer coming home from Italy, didn't you? The story sounds too much like a fairy tale to be half-way true. But what did become of Gudrea?"

Nan Baird walked over to the mantel and took down a photograph.

"This is he, Sydney, the first Violinist of the Gotofie String Quartet. You heard him Friday night at Symphony Hall. Old Pedro is dead now, but his words are still written on his grand-son's heart, and Gudrea has found 'L'âme du Violon.' "

—Kathryn Hubert, '20.

Thames Tide-Rips.

Happy New Year?

Yes, very, with mid-years as a send-off!

There is skating now, but really we have had some pretty good old skates around all the year!

This ought to be a very prosperous new year. Several have returned with check suits!

There was an eclipse of the moon Sunday night. We hope you all enjoyed your trip, traveling between the sun and moon!

Talking of eclipse, there was a golden ring around the moon last night—meaning a wedding—too bad the earth separated them so soon!

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Students Entertained.

On the evening of December 15th, the last Saturday before vacation, the resident girls were entertained in Thames Hall by Dr. Sykes, and the Dramatic and Mandolin Clubs. The Dramatic Club gave a one-act play of Kipling's, "Poor Dear Mamma," which was enthusiastically received. The Mandolin Club gave two selections and Dr. Sykes read in his most delightfuf style, Dickens' "Christmas Carol." At the close two Christmas hymns were sung and Dr. Sykes presented a barrel of delicious red apples, with a "Merry Christmas" to all.

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