A Recent Biography is Called to Our Attention.


Washington can claim at least part ownership in Louis Adolphe Coerne, one of the most promising of modern composers, who visited his sister, Mrs. Ella Coerne, in Bloomfield, recently. The Coernes come from a musical family. His great-great-great-grandfather, Louis Coerne, did not seem to want his son Louis to become a professional musician. Louis had early youth lessons in violin and his sister Ella attended many wonderful concerts in Baden-Baden, when the violin so intrigued the interest of the little boy that his father had a special violin made for him in Dresden. Then the family spent some time in Stuttgart, where Louis took a liberal musical education.

In America he attended the Boston Latin school and, following graduation, went through Harvard, where he later received his Ph. D. degree.

He studied harmony and composition under John Knowles Paine, one of the earliest of well-known American composers, and he studied the violin under Klein in Berlin. In 1890 he went to Munich, where he studied organ and conducting. He quickly absorbed the music of Brahms and the late Haydn in Munich, and the conductor, who definitely decided to give up the violin for the clarinet, was a composer, conductor and organist.

In 1895 he returned to Boston and was engaged to teach at the later held many important positions, among those of music director of Trinity Church and several clubs and other musical organizations of Chicago, Ohio, in charge of music department Harvard summer school, professor of music Smith College, research work at Harvard and New York, composing and publishing in Germany, Denmark and other European countries, music director at Troy, N. Y., school of music head in University of Wisconsin, organist in New London, Conn., and professor of music of Connecticut College, editor of school and college music department of the Oliver H. Ditson publishing firm.

As a composer Mr. Coerne is perhaps best known, for during his brief life he wrote more than 300 music compositions. His symphonic poem, "Havannah," is generally popular. Mrs. Barker, his sister, says that he himself considered "There Was a Pianist" as one of his finest compositions.

In American opera, "A Woman of Marblehead," was eagerly awaited by music critics of the country, but he did not live to present it. The Coernes include works for the voice and for instrumental affinity such as whether a word may be corrected. On the best magazines the so commonly overlooked, is very important. Through accurate proof reading the result for which every student earnestly striving for is the proper kind of shoes on such trips.

Dr. Gordon speaks at VesperS.

Large Attendance to Hear Boston Preacher.

On Sunday, May 13, Dr. John Gordon, pastor of the Old North Church, Boston, spoke at VesperS. Dr. Gordon spoke on Excellence, taking as his text, "To the minister, in whom is all my light." "Excellence," he said, "an unfortunately large word applied to those who are interested in improving neither their own nor external conditions. Then there are those who are interested in improving and improving and improving. The hope of all that is best lies in those who earnestly desire that both their own character and the external conditions which surround them shall match the highest possible standard of excellence.

If everyone were earnestly striving for excellence a great change would be wrought in our social conditions. The masters, those for whom others labor, sometimes feel like saying, "Dr. Gordon, but it is to get knowledge, and all else should be subservient." The standard of excellence gives a desire for knowledge which should be pursued with all the energy of patriotism. A just and intelligent mind is the best defense we have against those who should aim.

"Religion, is the perfecting grace of life, and excellence in religion is enthusiastic, intelligent, just—the most vital and necessary thing in all of life."

DATE OF SCENARIO CONTEST EXTENDED.

The closing date of the Loomans Scenario Contest has been extended to June 29th. One thousand dollars will be awarded to the student submitting the best scenario, presented in short story form, from which a motion picture can be produced. One thousand dollars will also be paid to the college or university at which the winner is a student. In the event that there are stories other than the prize winning story which the company can use, they will be purchased for not less than five hundred dollars for each sixty pages.

Sixteen points have been set by the scenario judges. A few of these limitary hints for the guidance of those who enter. They are given here in the form of a question:

1. Have you a theme or thesis?
2. Has your story as nearly a universal as possible?
3. Are the premises on which the story is founded logical?
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FREE SPEECH.

(The Editors of the Yea do not hold the responsibility in this column.)

To Dear Editor: There are on our campus this fact which has escaped to a few keen minds has escaped the notice of the public at large—two in-struments of decided influence and prestige—the Yea and Quarterly. In their presence they are not able, their aims are along divergent lines. The former is journalistic, while the latter is distinctly literary. The latter, at the time of writing, is stable and has reached an age which is not bowered by thoughts of an uncertain future. The Quarterly is, on the other hand, still in its youth, healthy but not entirely firm. And yet, from the editors-in-chief of both of these worthy organs, the cry is ad infinitum "Material!". And the answer is, ad infinitum, a sluggish flow of manuscripts from those who would write because they are born with pencils in their hands and ideas in their heads.

Now why? Why is the condition of affairs? Were these organs created because it was right and proper according to college conventions, or were they created because material has ever existed with us and an effort has been made to give it the light of publication? We sincerely hope that the latter be the case. It is the one hope for the future of the Yea if this last is true, where is the material with which it should come? Again arises the eternal cry, "Not time enough!" But—there is time to see Emily Post in "Hollister's" and time to see the resuscitated "Minute Man". Too much time for try-outs for baseball, too much time for trying out for individual and team sports, too much time for writing essays, term papers, and stories on their time. And yet our pencils are still, and our typewriters, of course, occasional only.

For the rest of this year and all of next let us try doubly hard to support the Yea and the Quarterly—support them as answers to the demands of an ever-growing college. 25.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HOPES OF CONNECTICUT COLLEGE.

PRIZE ESSAY IN ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN.

In the fall of 1913, the city of New London materially demonstrated its willingness to support the education of women in Connecticut by successfully raising the $100,000 needed in the first several days of the whirlwind drive, which brought the establishment of Connecticut College for Women. In this fund and those others made available from various sources, Connecticut College had its genesis, and for the past eight years has been able to accomplish its purpose—a complete and thorough cultural course for the higher education of women. But the continuous expansion of the college since its beginning, it has outgrown its means of support, and in order to carry on the work so splendidly begun, the administration has found it necessary to enlarge its foundown, and which will insure its endurance and promulgate its growth so that Connecticut may take its place in the national movement for the education of women. Two million dollars is the goal as the "Ten-Ten Plan". The General Education Board of New York City has agreed to complete the first half million if the college is able to raise by January, 1925.

In organizing a campaign for the purpose of completing the $100,000 already secured, which students, faculty and alumni must be responsible, a Ten-Ten Ten-Ten plan, the present effort launched on March 29, to continue until June 15, Commencement Day.

Consider this plan which has been accepted as the main issue of the movement, each of the 100,000 students, alumni, and friends should be seeking to make the world forward collect $10 from each of ten persons, thus raising $100,000 which with the $20,000 already secured would hand the college would reach the student for final decision

The college has organized a committee of members of the Board of Trustees for the campaign, and the committee is more than five members of the individual communities. The public of Connecticut is the main source from which the $80,000 must come, for this is a movement made by and for all the students from any other district. Of the 410 students now enrolled, ap

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CONDITIONS IN NEW-FRIZLAND INTERESTINGLY, PORTRAYED.

All those who heard Dr. Grenfell say his addresses a few weeks ago, were struck with the sound ideas of the kind and extent of the work being done in Labrador and Newfoundland. I have spent two summers at Poverty Cove on the west coast of Newfoundland, doing educational work.

I shall never forget the feeling of utter loneliness and desolation that I felt when the good ship “Home” dropped me and my trunks, in a pouring rain, upon the rocky shore in the midst of grunting, silent, bored men, and dirty, skinning dogs. I was the first of the crowd to leave the boat, and I felt very far away when she left the wharf with all the others on board her.

For the first two weeks the people looked to me as a strange animal; they had never had a teacher from “The States” before. School was from one to three. It was very seldom that on my return to school, I did not have a long line of men with cats, hogs, etc., entwining my sashes, oantments and blankets. One of the children had twenty-two. ten hoops on his body at one time, but they were medical and not needed, there were always letters to be written, displays settled, or advice of some sort wanted. The school I went to was without uniform. I was one of the boys I took to “Work.” The people work in crews, one consisting of one from each family, depending on the number of men in a family. Each crew has its own nets and boats in common. The women as work as the men, clean, wash and dry the fish. One woman or girl in a family stays in the house for one week at a time to do the cooking, and then one has to take her turn in the work, although the work in the stages is much harder. When the catch is large, every one is pressed into service, and many mornings last summer only the children under seven years could attend school. For almost two weeks the fish ran very thick and the men went out to the nets at four in the morning, worked on till four, and then went out again at six and worked till twelve. The working season is very short, but very concentrated while it lasts. During the dry season they are easier. One evening we had picturesque old squaws dancing in some one’s kitchen, or interpreting the ballads of old England or the Coast.

The people are like children in many ways, due to their ignorance. They are very often enthralled to “Nicodemus” or to “what we do in the States.” They respond quickly to suggestions, and are pathetically grateful for whatever anyone does for them. The hope of their future lies with their children; the older generation are too “set in their ways” to make any radical changes in their lives, but they co-operate wonderfully with our attempts to improve the lives of their children.

(Mary P. Wheeler) "23.

SPANISH CLUB.
The last meeting of the Spanish Club was held May 3rd in New London Hall. The first business before the meeting was done was to decide how to spend the surplus money in the treasury. It was unanimously voted to spend the surplus Spanish books for the library. The president then told the Club that it was thinking about officers for next year, and it was voted to have Mr. Pino and the present councilmen drop a not to the nominating committee. Mr. Pino then spoke of the essays on Cervantes which competed for the medal given by the Instituto de Las Españas. All the essays were excellent, but Marion Hanford, 1924, handed in the winning one. The president, Mildred Beelley, presented Miss Hanford with the medal and she then read her interesting essay. After this side of scenes in and near Madrid were shown, and the meeting was adjourned.

ALUMNAE.
Browning in Bollwerk.
(With Huisman and Proper Apologies.)
O, to be in Bollwerk,
Now that May is there,
And whoever walks in Bollwerk sees, some morning, unaware,
That a gold-green mist near the deep ravine
Hangs over the birch and the ever-green,
While the witherashed warbles on bending beech
In Bollwerk—now!
And after Maytime, when June follows,
And lingering spring her loved haunts hallowed,
Hark, the bubbling stream through mossy chink
Mocks the full ripple of the holibolik!
And buoyant girlhood, pausing 'neath the spell,
Pays its own silence her tribute of farewell.

MISS HOLMES BURNED IN LABORATORY ACCIDENT.

Miss Holmes, head of the Chemistry Department, has made a remarkable recovery from the accident which occurred last week. Some concentrated nitric acid which she was preparing to examine overturned. Most of it fell on her hands, though she suffered far less than is usual from a nitric acid burn. The burns on one hand only are visible.

MISS HIRTH SPEAKS TO SENIORS.
Miss Emma Hirth of the Bureau of Vocational Information spoke to the Union Bank on Wednesday, May 18th. Her topic was “Opportunities for Women.” The Bureau of pharmacy is a growing one for women, she said, and in offering unusual opportunities to girls who have majored in Chemistry. In connection with such work the Liggett Company is offering a course at Columbia in Pharmacy and Business Management. Actuarial work is good for those who have had mathematical training, but further study in this field is necessary in order to qualify for the highest positions in this field.

A Ph. D. is often a requirement for a good position in the psychological field. They are, however, positions open in connection with mental testing in both public and institutional clinics. These positions generally demand some previous experience, but the course offered here in Intelligence Testing is a sufficient pre-requisite for such positions.

Those intending to go into social work were advised to go to a graduate school of Social Work before taking a position.

Teaching offers some of the best opportunities for women, and Miss Hirth strongly advised going into it. She spoke of the indispensability of a college education to a great extent upon employment agencies. She said, however, that the positions most frequently filled were through college employment bureaus which are frequently desirable.

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OTHER COLLEGES.

Barnard—The introduction of the "project method" of teaching is being seriously considered at Barnard, and a series of student-faculty meetings are being held for the purpose of discussing such a change. This method is based on the fact that learning is more thorough if the student is anxiously to learn. The desire of the student in such a case is regulated by making the student see the importance and reality of a problem, thereby giving a desire to solve the problem. The method used in the class-room is to divide the class into groups, each of which chooses a topic to work out.

The topic is discussed and studied before it is brought to class for further discussion. The professor, of course, may add points to the discussion and also endeavor to co-ordinate the various topics into a related whole.

Yale—Secretary Hutchins of the Yale Union is reporting as saying, "There is nothing so natural as not get as excited about politics and public affairs as Oxford; perhaps the Oxford-type Union will help." Consequently the Yale Union is to be reorganized; it will resemble a similar successful organization in England. It will be divided into two parallel sections, one of which is known as the Conservatives or Right Wing, and the other is the Radical, which frequent meetings will be held with the purpose of giving an open forum in which discussion of topics of general interest may be engaged in by the undergraduates.

ELECTION RESULTS.

Alice Barrett 1925, has been elected Editor-in-Chief of the Connecticut College Calendar. The following have been elected officers of the Student Government Association: Joyce Crawford '25, Treasurer, and Katherine Bailey '24, Secretary.

MEMORY OF DR. COERNE IS ERECTED.

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Various instruments, he used to write at the piano, scattered over his notes and surrounded by various instruments. When a passage was written for one particular instrument, he took up that instrument and tried out his composition in various ways until he was satisfied with it. As well as having the distinction of being the first to receive the degree of Ph.D. for his ability as master of music, Mr. Coerne was a Mason of high degree. His death was due to pneumonia. He died in the Brookline Hospital and was buried at Mount Auburn, Cambridge. He left two other sisters besides Mrs. Bartlett, who reside in Cambridge, Mrs. Louise Adolphe Coerne and their son, John Turton Coerne, live in Brookline.

Mr. Coerne was a well-known pianist of Buffalo before her marriage to the composer.

New York, Boston and Washington have all recently honored Mr. Coerne with a memorial window in a music shop, displaying some of his many compositions, and the St. Cecilia Club of New York city is going to sing a program of his songs in the near future.

EVENTS OF CURRENT INTEREST.

On the representation of Lucien Baines, the French Resident-General in Tunisia, the Academie des Beaux Arts in Paris has adopted a resolution requesting the French Government to "take the necessary protective measures so that the fine remains of the Arab and Roman civilization in Tunisia shall not fall further into ruin." The French Minister of Fine Arts has promised to take the necessary steps. In this roundabout way, M. Maint hopes to secure sufficient funds to proceed with the excavation of ancient Carthage, assuring protection not only for this site, but for other known sites of ancient civilization in Tunisia.

The excavations, however, which will begin on an elaborate scale as soon as M. Maint has funds available, and is joined by the French savants who have promised their cooperation, may not confirm the founding of the city by the Phoenician Dido and her entrance into Carthage as yet. They are expected, nevertheless, to reveal rich relics of the city destroyed by Publius Cornelius Scipio Africanus in B.C. 146 and of the Roman City of Junonia erected on its site by Gaius Sulla.

DATE OF SCENARIO CONTEST EXTENDED.

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Finally: Keep this list and check your story against each item. This is an unusual contest in which any one of us is privileged to participate, and it is hoped that many will enter.

NEW STAFF HAS BANQUET.

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divided between three locations, whether e comes before i or vice versa, and many other important details. Needles to say, our paper could be improved by such careful proof reading. After all the course was well received, an hour before its meeting furnished by various members of the staff. In the words of the late Miss Wright, "a good time was had by all." So much of a good time, in fact, that the Editorial Board almost forgot to put out the assignments for this week.

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