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At the Inter-collegiate Parley on college life and society held at Wesleyan University on December 5, 6 and 7, Connecticut was represented by Clemens Diemand and Ernest Speers, who were delegated to attend by the Student Senate. Representatives from colleges in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, as well as those from New England, were the guests of Wesleyan for the week end.

The purpose of the conference was to consider and discuss the adjustment of college men, as members of an old society, to the newer conditions that prevail today. A man is in college primarily to adjust himself to the universe. That is precisely what society at large is attempting, and the difficulties of society paralleled the adventure in college years.

The leaders and speakers were: Mr. Williamson, professor of economics at Wesleyan; Mr. Petty, a worker in the industrial life of New York City; Mr. Scattergood, a business man in Philadelphia, director of a number of successful corporations and a member of the committee of seventy cleaning up Philadelphia's politics; Stanley High, a Boston newspaper correspondent recently working on foreign affairs; Mr. Campbell of Yale University; and Mr. Wriston, professor of history at Wesleyan, and chief secretary of the round tables of Williamstown Institute of Politics.

The first meeting at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning was a Round Table conference on existing liberal tendencies with Stanley High leading. "Liberalism," said Mr. High, "is a conservative movement because it is achieved by evolution rather than by revolution." Liberal movements are in the ascendency in Europe. The United States, however, lags far behind in liberalism, when we should be leading, due to the power of the capitalist system in this country to check all liberal tendencies. LaFollette in the United States, and the regime of the Labor party in England, headed by Ramsay McDonald, were cited as examples of present day liberal movements. In discussing the problem of world peace, Mr. High said it was the problem of breaking down race barriers. The force today (Cont. on page 6 col. 3)

Walter J. Millard gave a timely and interesting talk on "American Civil Government" in College Assembly on Wednesday. As a member of the National Municipal League, Mr. Millard has gained a reputation and experience rendering him an authority upon the subject of municipal government in America. After citing some examples of the inefficient methods of city government, the speaker outlined the work of the National Municipal League, and explained its recent trend towards the "City Manager Plan."

Mr. Millard drew a parallel between the average municipal government and a three ring circus with fifteen clowns all performing at once. The circus patron and the city voter each gains but a hazy idea of what is going on, why it is happening, or what may follow. There are multitudes of officials whose duties and powers are all too indefinite. Consequently, there grows up an insidious practice of "passing the buck" from mayor to coroner, from fire warden to chief of police, from street commissioner to garbage commissioner. This practice causes stagnation, waste, and inefficiency in administration. The problem, says Mr. Millard, is to limit the number of the centers of power, and to definitely fix the functions of each.

An interesting side-light on the situation is given by James Bryce in his "American Commonwealth," the standard classic on American government. This English writer says that the conspicuous failure of the American government is in the government of its cities. Mr. Millard believes that the greatest success of the state and national governments has been due to the fact that, up to recent times, our nation has been largely agricultural. There were few communities, and fewer cities; therefore, governmental duties were largely executed by the state and nation. The rise of many large cities has created a need for a new system of government. This need has been poorly met by machinery carried over from the past, that has for its only recommendation the claim that it was useful a thousand years ago. This antiquated system of municipal government is holding back democracy; like the human ap-
**SPORTS**

**VARSITY ELEVEN AMONG UNDEFEATED GROUP**

**ONE OF SEVEN IN COUNTRY**

Best Defensive Record of Year.—Champion of New England College Conference.—Goal Line Crossed but Once.

*Any text about the Aggies or their opponents.*

**BASKETBALL MATERIAL**

**BEST IN YEARS**

Many Veterans.—Promising Material Among Sophomores.

Coach Dole's varsity basketball squad, which is hard at work in preparation for the approaching court season, gives every promise of producing one of the best quintets that ever represented the Aggies. In Captain Balock, O'Brien, Edgy, Bitgood; Allard and Makofski, Dole has a capable lot of basketball players, and he is certain to build up a fast five from them. In addition, there is Schofield, Day, Palmer; Reese, Shields; Flaxman, and others from the freshman team of last year that will make the varsity men travel to hold their positions.

The team is practicing nights while the interfraternity tournament is being run off, but after this week Coach Dole will have his practice sessions in the afternoon.

**GRID SCHEDULE FOR 1925 IS ANNOUNCED**

Resume Relations with Wesleyan.—Trinity not on Slate.—N. Y. U. and Manhattan Added.

The football schedule, as announced today, contains a card of eight games, five of which will be played on foreign fields and three at Storrs. Newcomers on the Aggie slate are New York University, Manhattan, and Wesleyan, who will take dates that were this year filled by Trinity, Springfield and Norwich. Trinity will not be met away but after this week Coach Dole will have his practice sessions in the afternoon.

**SWIMMING MEET AN UNDERCLASS EVENT**

Upperclassmen Send No Entries.—Large Number Witness Class Struggle—Sophomores Win All Five Events.

The first swimming meet of the season took place Monday night before a goodly number of interested onlookers. This affair was supposed to be an inter-class event, but as only freshmen and sophomores turned out, it proved to be a contest between the two under classes. The class of '27, with its picked team, easily vanquished the yearlings.

The results were as follows:


**Fancy dive:**

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

**LISTS GOOD TEAMS**

Harvard and Holy Cross Return.—West Point to be Played Fifth.—Open with New Hampshire at Home.

The Aggies will play fourteen games of basketball this year, according to the schedule recently announced by the athletic department of the college. Seven games will be played at Storrs and seven will be played away. Harvard and Holy Cross will be met again this season, after a year's absence from the Connecticut schedule. West Point will not be played until fifth this year, which will give the team a chance to get well under way before tackling the cadets.

The schedule:

- January 9—New Hampshire at Storrs
- January 14—Springfield at Springfield
- January 17—Wesleyan at Storrs
- January 20—Trinity at Storrs
- January 24—Army at West Point
- February 4—Springfield at Storrs
- February 7—Clark at Worcester
- February 12—St. Michael's at Storrs
- February 18—Mass. Aggies at Amherst
- February 21—Holy Cross at Storrs
- February 25—Trinity at Hartford
- February 28—Rho Island at Storrs
- March 5—Harvard at Cambridge
- March 7—Rhode Island at Kingston

**SHAKES WIN INTERFRAT BASKETBALL SERIES**

The College Shakespearian Club won the interfraternity basketball series Thursday night when they defeated the Alpha Phi 12-1 in the concluding game of the series. The Eta Lambda Sigma hoopsters were the second to suffer only one defeat in the series at the hands of the Shakes quintet in a mid-season game that ended with a 4-3 score. Each team played six games.

The purpose of the series was to help bring to light any latent material of varsity caliber. Some of the games provided much mirth for the spectators. "Red" O'Neill forgot that the football season had ended and he often tore through center for a touchdown.

**CONFERENCE MEETS IN BOSTON**

DOLE AND MANCHESTER REPRESENT CONNECTICUT

Gayer Reelected to Eligibility Committee.—Rules Amended.—Tufts May Join.

Prof. A. W. Manchester and Coach Summer A. Dole represented Connecticut at the annual meeting of the New England College Conference on Intercollegiate Athletics, held in Boston last Saturday.

Officers for the next year elected at this meeting are: Dr. Howard Edwards of Rhode Island State, president, and Frank Keaney, director of athletics at the same college, secretary. The eligibility committee will be made up of Prof. R. J. Guyer of Connecticut, Prof. Curry S. Hicks of Mass. Aggie, and Frank Keaney of Rhode Island State.

An amendment was made to the rules governing eligibility so that now any transfer student shall be eligible for varsity competition for the period of one year. Hereafter the one year residence rule has not applied to transfer students unless they had participated in intercollegiate athletics in the institution from which they had transferred. The committee felt however that the rules applying in this case should be tightened so now all transfer students fall under the one year ban.

Tufts College, while not a member of the conference, was represented at the meeting, and it is thought that the Medford College may become a member later.

The New England Conference was organized two years ago, and it was thought at that time that the very strict code of eligibility would work to the disadvantage of some of the institutions. The freshmen rule, for instance, was new to four of the five colleges comprising the membership, but at last Saturday's meeting all members expressed complete satisfaction with the rules of the Conference and its workings.

The work of retiring President Hetzel of the University of New Hampshire was commended by the various members of the Conference.

We should like to find a name for the basketball column which will be similar to "On the Sidelines." If any have any suggestions we would appreciate them. The best name will be published together with the contributor.

After our long vacation we should be able to back up the team with some real cheering on January 9.
LADIES’ CIRCLE PRESENTS
"PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Given in Storrs, Willimantic and William-
ington. Performances Well Attended.

"The Pirates of Penzance," presented by the Storrs Opera Company, has met with success in its initial appear-
ances having a large audience at both Storrs and William-ington. Nearly a full house in South Willimantic, the latter in spite of bad weather.

The story is of young Frederick, a pirate, who has returned to the sea under the wish of his father to a seafar-
ing career and who is to get out of his indentures this day. However, it was his father’s wish that he be made a pilot. His nurse who was charged to carry out the will of the father, but being hard of hearing, mistook the word "pilot" for "Pirate." Having discovered her mistake she had not the courage to tell it but accompanied her master as maid of all work.

The apprenticeship began when Frederick was eight years old.

Having seen no other woman than Ruth, his nurse, until he was 21 he had fallen in love with her. All at once there came around the beach a bevy of beautiful maidens, daughters of General Stanley, who is coming later. Frederick at once falls in love with the youngest of them and warns them of the pirates near at hand, but it is too late. The pirates have discovered them and propose at once to marry them when their father, who is a very model of a modern major general," appears.

Finding that he is in the power of the famous "Pirates of Penzance," who by the way are orphans and never molest other orphans—the general pretends that he is an orphan, thus saving himself and his daughters for a short time.

"Tell me, Frederick, believing himself free from the pirates, plans their extinc-
tion. It seems that Frederick was born in Leap year on the 29th of February. Celebrating by birthdays he is only five and a quarter and was bound out until his twenty-first birthday.

The pirate king reminds Fre-
drick of this fact and therefore, who is a slave of duty feels that he is bound to stand by the pirates until the year 1940. Being duty bound to the pirates he joins their attack on the General whose falsehood they have discovered.

While he thought himself free, Frederick has engaged a force of peo-
ple to guard the General, who is really conscience-stricken after having told a falsehood. Frederick’s allegi-
ance has returned to the pirates, but the police remain to guard the castle—not a hard job to the thoughts of a hand to hand encounter with a band of ruthless pirates.

The pirates quickly overpower the police and begin challenging the old general to surrender in the name of Queen Victoria, for they are loyal to their queen; in fact they prove to be all noblemen gone wrong, but whom the old general is glad to have for some in-law in spite of their erring ways.

Mr. M. J. Farrell as Frederick, his opposite Mrs. Dorsey as Mabel, and

GREAT PLAGUE SWEeps COLLEGIATE WORLD

There is a plague sweeping the country which has finally become a real menace to higher education. For a time this mania confined itself to the environs of a work-a-day world. Now, however, this disease has en-
croached upon forbidden territory. The hysteria of cross word puzzles has penetrated the sacred precincts of the collegiate world.

These cross word puzzles tend to make a person think. This fact alone might well bar the quaint game from college, since it puts upon a student an imposition which he does not ordi-
narily tolerate. Sometimes, of course, he does not see the trap into which he is being led. Sometimes he does not perceive that soon the game will force him to think, so subtle is the sport, so cleverly is its purpose hid-
ren.

One enters the library shortly after the morning papers have arrived, and is impressed by the immediate quiet attitude which prevails. A little time later thelessness begins again, but not until the latest puzzler has been solved.

We wonder if Connecticut would not be first in the small college class if the same energy were put into studies as is put into crossword puzzles? But, alas! Such things are life’s little jokes. If they are not, they are in-
sonnia producers.

How about a crack at the new-
papers once and awhile? News is more easily gathered from a complete paper rather than over the shoulders of some would-be puzzle shark.

Princeton sophomores were given a job when the faculty enforced the ruling that sophomores who bandied in the sophomore year would have to eat at the "commons," the University dining hall.

Mrs. Farrell as Isabel were the out-
standing players in the cast. Mr. Vinton proved himself a model Major General.

The cast follows:

Mr. Wheeler
Richard, the Pirate King
Mr. Torrey
Frederick a Pirate Apprentice

Mr. Farrell
Ruth a Piratical "Maids of All Work"
Mrs. Skinner
Chorus of Pirates—Mr. Pitts, Mr. Jacoby; Mr. Manter, Mr. Wels, Mr. White, Mr. Wing.

Samuel, Lieutenant to the Pirate King
Mr. Richard

Mr. Farrell
Miss Athos; Miss Bray; Miss Sander-
ers, Miss Scholander; Mrs. Ed-
mond; Mrs. Torrey; Mrs. Wels.

Other daughters of General Stanley:

Edith—Mr. Stearns
Kate—Mrs. Alling
Isabel—Mrs. Torrey

Mrs. Dorsey
Mabel, General Stanley’s youngest daughter

Major General Stanley of the British Army

Mr. Vinton
Edward, a Sergeant of Police

Mr. Wing
Chorus of Policemen

Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Manter; Mr. White

LITTLE THEATRE TROUPE OPENS WINTER SEASON

Many Plays Have Already Been Given—New Recruits Added to Casts.—Two Engagements Next Week.

Through the efforts of Professor H. A. Seckerson, the Little Theatre Troupe has started out on what seems to be a very profitable and encouraging season. Many thought that with the loss of several members at graduation, that the troupe would be necessarily weaker. But this is not so. In fact, if all goes well it is quite probable that the group will be stronger than ever this year. They have many of the older members to depend upon, while they are training new recruits who are constantly being added to the casts of new plays and vacancies of those formerly presented. Mr. Seckerson has many engage-
ments after the Christmas recess. The troupe has already given one play and is planning to be away both to night and tomorrow night.

On December 3 the well-known play "He" by Eugene O’Neill was given at Andover. The cast necessitated a few additions because of vacancies. The cast was as follows:

Cast: Keeney, Martin O’Neil, Ben, the cabin boy, Irene Ellis, Steward, Prof. Seckerson, Second Mate, Milton Moore, Harpooner, Mr. Tilley, Mrs. Keeney, Phyllis Smith, Crew Donald Tucker, Vernon Pinkham.

Previous to the performance the party was given a splendid banquet.

The main object of this trip was the organization of a Circuit Dramatic Club for Andover and the neighboring towns. There were representatives present from Windham and surrounding towns. Mr. Seckerson helped them to organize the club. They are plan-
ning to have each town give a play during the winter months in order to create a better feeling and a livelier interest in drama.

The next trip came on December 5 to Hebron, Conn., where they gave "Pygmalion and Galatea." In spite of the storm the crowd was fair sized for the people were very much inter-
ested in dramatics. The leader of their club, Miss Wright is a graduate of Columbia and a writer of one-act plays.

December 12 they will go to Warren-
ville to take part in a town celebra-
tion and dedication of the town flag. As part of the evening’s program, they will present "Pygmalion and Galatea." December 13 the same play will be given at Hazardville.

APPLICATION FOR BONUS

Any person who has served in the World War, and who has not made his application for bonus, should do so at once. The Military Department at the college have these applications on hand. Anyone wishing to file an application should see Sergeant Zim-
merman, who will assist him in filling it out.

He will take finger prints so that the application may be forwarded at once to the Compensation Bureau.

NEWS FROM OTHER COLLEGES

George Washington University and St. John’s College have inaugurated naval reserve officers training courses. This plan, if successful, will be offered by the government to such other colleges as will accept them.

At Wellesley the girls look forward to a rainy day. Then they bring forth their oilskins with elaborate hand-
paintings on them. Each girl tries to outdo the others in this artistic display so that keen competition has re-
sulted.

Charles T. Wrightson intends to fly through school. He recently register-
ed as a freshman at Oregon Agricult-
ural College after having made an airplane trip from Fresno, Calif. He is a commercial flier and has con-
ceived the idea of taking his plane to school with him and taking up pass-
engers during his spare time to help pay expenses.

COMPLIMENTS OF

"Skipper" Johnson

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS

As this is the last issue before the Christmas recess, a little insight into the meaning of Christmas will not amuse in this holiday issue. We reprint herewith an article taken from the Springfield College weekly paper, which in its essence is appropriate to the coming holidays.

Let us think for awhile what Christmas means to the various people we know. It is seldom that two classes of people (or even two people) have the same viewpoint on anything—and Christmas is no exception to the general rule.

First to the folks at home—what does Christmas mean to them? To most of them, we have no doubt, it means a lot of work and preparation for a big dinner, with a consequent drain on the purse—all the while the folks at home at Christmas. Any sacrifice that may be entailed, however, is to them well worth while, for they are able to get the whole group of sons and daughters and nieces and nephews and grandchildren together once again—and so, for the home folks, Christmas is just one big justification.

But how about the business man? The whole Christmas season to him is one of guesswork—he is busy night and day, making money. Or is his privilege of supplying goods that his customers want? No matter which, he is busy, all the time, waking or sleeping. He has his worries, too, as to whether or not he is to have a lot of the season’s supplies left on his hands to sell later at a loss. In spite of these things, however, the merchant’s Christmas is a happy one, for he usually reaps in his greater profits, but he catches, in spite of his busy-ness, the spirit of Christmas—he catches it, even from the holly which he uses to decorate his store.

To the college man, what does Christmas mean? It means to him a well-earned period of vacation from his books and activities. It is a time when he may forget that a college exists, if he wants to, and spend his time enjoying the comforts of home, including a journey every evening to the home of THE GIRL. And—this is far more important to most of the college men—the Christmas vacation also means a chance to recuperate the sadly depleted finances.

But the kiddies—what does Christmas mean to them? To them it means Santa Claus, lots of gifts, candy, a big dinner with generous helpings, a decorated tree with its accompanying Christmas stories, etc. To them it is a period of exquisite happiness.

What does it matter if it is followed, toward evening, by a period of exquisite agony—the sure result of overeating?

The question is: Do any of us get the real meaning of the Christmas season? Do any of us look back of the merriment, of the singing, of the joyous rhythm of the song, and really think of the mother who gave birth to the Saviour and the world which he created?

On Christmas morning, no matter how recently you have read it, you will get out of your head and read the first verse of Luke. It doesn’t matter whether this chapter was written a hundred years after the rest of the book or before any of the gospels. It doesn’t matter whether the translation is good or bad. The true meaning of Christmas is there—and you will get a lot of joy out of reading it—you will begin to realize the real SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

UTILIZING THE CHRISTMAS RECESS

We have two and a half weeks in which to do as we please. The question arises, what do we please? Will we make it a round of reveling, a time to make up lost sleep, or will we—as we certainly should—partition our vacation in doing a little studying of one kind or another. Very few men have their college work completely made up and the Christmas vacation is an excellent opportunity to do this. If studying is out of the question, then we should apply ourselves, at least, to the reading of some good books, or, if possible, to seeing some good plays. Of course, a rest is essential—if we feel we need it.

DO YOU EVER WORRY?

For the past few weeks the editors have experienced difficulty in securing interesting material for their Campus columns. "Worry" comes to be a part of our makeup. We are not going to stop worrying, nor will we succumb to any of the suggestions that will turn up the next that we can use in the paper. And now we ask, "Do you ever worry whether the sheet comes out or not?" Of course you do not, because you are not responsible for the weekly edition. Still we wonder if you will not at least give us a "lift". Anything interesting, timely, even your opinion on current topics will be greatly appreciated.

COOPERATION

Two events have occurred lately that seem to point to a better understanding and a more intimate relation between the students and faculty: the Nutcracker program in which students and faculty participated (the students sparsely to be sure; but they were there), and the tea given at Holcomb by the faculty women and coeds. We like to gather from this that the faculty students are on the road to a more active cooperation and there is no real reason why this should not be true. In Oxford University, the professor and student mingle on an equal footing to discuss, and they work in perfect harmony. There are few where who believe that personal contact with the members of the class is a valuable thing in itself, whether it helps (and does) their own particular course or not. Perhaps some have gone to the extreme by allowing their "personal nore" to swell into a continuous anthems. But on the whole, more personal contact, more friendly intercourse and discussion between the teacher and taught, is deemed advisable and, we feel, leading toward that "merger of all college educational endeavor, the ideal college."

THE EVEGREENS

All the evergreen trees in the college woodland were planted for the purpose of growing timber; they could not be utilized as Christmas trees. When trees have reached the age of ten or fifteen years, they become valuable, and they are not replaceable; in fact, it takes ten or fifteen years to replace them. We need not emphasize the fact that the trees are unsold in forestry experiment work, and leave the subject with a timely "woo to the wise."

WATER TOWER EPISODE

During the Pig Roast, a few Sopho- mores broke into the fire lookout station on the water tower. They could have obtained the key if they had taken the trouble to ask for it, as the Sophs of last year did, but they preferred to damage state property. This may be an adventurous way of doing things but also high-handed and subject to criticism. The men participating in future Pig Roasts, and things of that kind should avoid any unnecessary destruction of private property. This is the verdict of the Student Senate, before whom the matter was brought.

Also, in connection with this subject, it is known that the tower station has been broken into and used as a drinking place. We are not entirely sure, but earnest in our request that when the romantic urge hits one, he should seek the Pines, which offer a far more artistic and harmonious background.

THE CRITIC

In response to a number of requests to comment on the realiz- ation of the plays put on by the college, we have started this column. Realizing that but little of the criticism has been constructive criticism done right, and feeling that such criticism might do some good, the editor-in-chief has decided to sponsor this column and call it "The Critic."

PYGMALION AND GALATEA

From the standpoint of good drama, good acting, and costuming, "Pygmalion and Galatea" was the best play ever produced on the college stage. The actors did well and in most of the parts portrayed would not have been done better by any other member of the student body of known dramatic ability. But we can easily point to some places where the interpretation, et cetera, could have been improved.

Miss Phyllis Smith, as Galatea, was the outstanding figure of the play. Her voice, no matter how much sub- dued, had remarkable clarity. Her enunciation was easy and graceful. We can only suggest that a Galatea, to our mind, should be more statuesque, stately and erect. Her posture was always drooping or huddled. If we were portraying a "tired" and disheartened school girl, as she did in "Pygmalion," her carriage would have fitted the part but it certainly did not fit Galatea.

Rudolph Billip acted Pygmalion with a marked naturalness. He was never hurried or clumsy in his movements, while his gestures were well suited to the part. In his interpretation there was a total absence of melodrama. His portrayal of Pygmalion deserves commendation as far as it went. However, he was not as forceful as he might have been. His emotive voice was clear and his voice unfortunately was not distinct nor loud enough to carry to the entire audience.

Cynessa, Miss Irene Ellis, was a co-ed. Try as we might, we could not be otherwise convinced. Her girlish voice and actions betrayed her every time. Miss Ellis is blessed with a fine stage voice and for certain parts it is excellent. She was perhaps the best Cynessa we could muster, but her interpretation was weak. This is not a reflection of Miss Ellis. It just happens that she did not fit the part. We were delighted, however, with her "prayer." When she turned to Spolvin, as Leucippus, the soldier, was a tripe too lean; he could not quite get away from his accent, and his whiskers were a bit too sparse and white. All these things did not make him a Pygmalion; but, nevertheless, his interpretation was interesting and the rolling of his eyes fascinating.

Miss Phyllis Smith's Myrline was not bad but we desist from criticism because it was very evident that she was ill. (Cont. on page 6 col. 4)
Dolly: "Who generally gives a bride away at a wedding?"
Moony: "The newspaper."

**KAMPUS KLIPS**

**Familiar Crosses**

- Hot __
- country
- Don’t — the street
- The sign of the __
- eye
- my palm with silver
- Washington — the Delaware __

Tom: "Say, who's the girl you are always writing to?"
Bill: "Well, to tell you the truth, she's a married woman."
Tom: "And may I ask whom she is married to?"
Bill: "My father."

Prof.: "What is density?"
Student: "I can't define it, but I can give you an illustration."
Prof.: "The illustration is very good. Sit down."

--- my heart.

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**CAMPUS PHILOSOPHER**

The C. P. doles out the hackneyed Merry Christmas wishes with sincerity not satire.

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The Sophs literally brought home the bacon. Which was as it should be.

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The C. P., who is a sanguine apple, felt rather disappointed when he found that the Fenton did not run, as reported, red with blood.

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If Capt. John Mason, or some other old-timer on a spectral visit over some of the old trails, happened to meet the Sophs that night, he would think that old Joe Pequot was at it again.

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The Christian Endeavor meetings are very interesting. If anyone has some original thoughts on a subject, the C. E. meeting is a place where he will find a ready ear. It is the truest program we have. The topics discussed are varied, broad and intelligent. Creeds do not matter; an understanding of life is the object. College is the place for this sort of thing.

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A few days ago, a chap could yell "drag your can!" and not be indulging in a crude metaphor.

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We don't blame Prax for his proclivity to shorten the strings. The Main Building would have been a bedlam. Even the C. P.'s hardened nerves were a bit wearied of the unmusical clank that first day.

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The C. P. will award, every week, a mythical loving cup to the couples who, in his unbiased opinion have shown the most constant devotion. The C. P. wishes it emphatically understood that this weekly choice will be a serious matter and not to be taken lightly in any way.

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There are two reasons for doing this thing: first, the C. P. is back of any romantic movement; and second, he wishes to further the ideals of Holcomb Hall.

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The "Cup" this week goes to Paul John McCarron and Elizabeth Campbell Service.

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(With each choice the C. P. will print a few appropriate lines of poetry.)

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If you were a white rose, Columbine, And I were a harelquin, I'd leap and away on my spangled hips And blow you a kiss with my finger tips. And won a smile to your petal lips With every glittering spin.

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When golden notes through a silver horn, That unborn men in an age unborn Might thrill with a dream of you. (From "Fantasy" by Crossie Garsten)

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What troubles Menken, says our librarian, is that he can't get enough to drink. It might do some good, she says, if someone took him out and got him plastered. (The double cross is that he (Menken) would not object sternly.)

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Dolly: "We had a very interesting Christmas vacation, student may find his salvation, if his marks are low."

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**SAFETY VALVE**

**To the Editor:**

The following article taken from an exchange found in the library seems to describe our college assembly so well that I am tempted to send it to you for publication. It expresses our assembly condition better than any article or editorial which has appeared in the Campus this year.

Assembly has developed from a mere faculty and student congregation to hear a speaker whose appearance has been arranged for by the committee in charge, to one of our leading athletic activities.

The faculty is debating the advisability of turning its control over to the physical training department who will grant exemptions from scheduled callisthenics, and give rewards to the most violent of the attenders. The exact form of these awards is as yet in doubt, although it will probably be several years before the board of managers will recognize assembly attendance as a major sport. Although we have much promising material, and although assembly attendance is becoming more and more scientific, it will be several years before we can develop a group who can attend with the maximum efficiency. There are still several noticeable faults which will have to be remedied—there are a few who still join in the singing and several who cease talking during prayer, as well as an unprogressive minority who still fail to see the benefit of announcements. There was also one man in the college who did not have his name carved in a seat, but he flushed out and saved the student body the ordeal of publicly reprimanding him. We have no fault to find with the stampede after dissipation, it is a thing of beauty and worthy of the efforts of the most stalwart attender. The scuffling of feet is good and the persecution of speakers is our pride. We are progressing, and carried on in a manner which warrants it is only a matter of time until we shall have a group of assembly attenders who need fear defeat from no organization in the country.

(Sent in by H. W. W., '26.)

If I were a Poet, Sweet, my own, And you were my lady true, I'd hymn your praises by night and morn, With golden notes through a silver horn. That unborn men in an age unborn Might thrill with a dream of you. (From "Fantasy" by Crossie Garsten)

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mantic last Friday evening. Among those present to lend prestige to the occasion were Tom Kennedy and Jiggs McCarthy.

Five footballs were dropped from the five airplanes that flew over the University of Colorado stadium just before the kickoff at one of the re-

cent games. Two of them fell within the ground and two fell outside. All of them were recovered by small boys and returned to Walter Franklin. One was caught on the fence surrounding the stadium.

The Campus started its puzzle de-

| partment in last week's issue when its readers were required to read their stories backwards and also to de- |

| ciph er the meaning of the Editorial |

| heads. We hope that the new craze, which Germany poured gold marks in at the top, and the Allies drained them off at the bottom, "The big problem," said the speaker, "was not the filling, but the emptying of the tank and it is solely an Allied problem." Germany must sell more than she buys today to prepare for reparations, the present United States going to become a dumping ground? Under the Dawes plan, Germany will not pay if the rest of the world does not buy her goods, and if she does sell her goods she will easily and willingly pay. If we demand payment of debts by France to United States and Great Britain, and she will be paying out every cent she gets from Germany under the Dawes plan. It is not fair that we should ask France to mitigate her demands on Germany if we will not lessen our demands on her debts to us. Mr. Scatteredgood said that he believed that the World Court and the League of Na-

tions would eventually solve the disarmament problem. Relating world problems to the college man, the speaker said that the task of the col-

lege is not to clean his heart of partisan hate and prejudices, and to know what he is talking about. Right now the college man has the task of molding public opinion in favor of participation in disarmament move-

ments.

The Russian situation was touched on by Mr. High at the second round table in the afternoon. The speaker had spent considerable time in Russia and he had an excellent grasp of the situation in that country. "Today in Rus-

| sia," said Mr. High, "we find 670,000 communists strategically scat- |

| tered through that great country so that they are able to politically con- |

| trol a population of 160,000,000 people. The communists have taken in-

| tense party loyalty that is almost religious in its intensity. They honest-

| ly and truly believe that their system is the only one that will save the world. |

At the evening meeting held in Psi Upsilon fraternity house, Mr. Cowley, a senior at Dartmouth last year, talk-

ted of the Senior Report published last spring by twelve members of the Senior class at Dartmouth. This re-

port was a criticism of the system of education now prevailing and recommended higher institutions of learning. "The three problems of colleges today," said Mr. Cowley, "are: (1) to determine what colleges are for and what is their

| purpose; (2) who should come to college; (3) to find out and use the best system of education."

"Milk should be fed to babies and meat to strong men," said Mr. Cow-

ley, "and when a student goes to college he should be ready to be fed meat or he doesn't belong there."

Too much complication prevails in colleges today. The speaker said he would like to see all classified, except one meeting a week with the professor, in which the students would get together in small groups and talk over the problems with their instruc-

tor. Today, by the lecture-recitation method of education, facts are handed out by the professor to the student on a silver platter and, as a conse- |

quence, the mind becomes a storehouse rather than a workshop. In-

stead of assigning 25 pages in a text book each day, the professor should give work about a month or more and let the student dig it out for him-

self, thus shifting the responsibility to the undergraduate.

No place, he added, where the college authori-

ties are complaining about too much of the student's time being occupied with extra-curricular activities. But some places, where does the faculty fail to provide romance and emotion in the curricular activities, is it not natural for students to turn to the extra-curricular activities for an outlet for this side of their per-

sonality? Mr. Cowley said that it was high time for the faculty to wake up and find out what is going on in the undergraduates' minds. The Phi Beta Kappa is not related to thinking. Scholarship is glorified for the sake of scholarship instead of scholarship for action. The so-called "grind" is held up by the faculty as the ideal type of student; a student who gets high grades because he can repeat parrot-like what the professor said in lectures. Mr. Cowley concluded by saying that the editors of college papers should stimulate thought among the undergraduates by eradicating occasionally and instigating the much needed reforms in the present educational system of the modern col-

lege.

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Miss Pauline Girard, Carl Ajello, and Conn, added much to the play. The two selves showed excellent promise and the Dramatic Club should keep them in sight.

Oscar D'Esopo as Chrysos scored the biggest hit of the evening. His was not a slab-stick performance as it might have been, but it was a really humorous kind of acting. His comic strut alone threw the audience into howls of laughter. He added a much needed touch of humor and, judging from his characterization in Fyngall-

ion and Galatea, the Dramatic Club has overlooked a man that might have added much to many of our past dra-

matic efforts.

Miss Catherine Manchester deserves a great deal of credit for her work in costuming the play.

The criticisms in this column were written with a good spirit and it is hoped will be reciprocally received.
CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD DECEMBER 16

Costumes and Gifts.—Annual “Get-together” of Faculty and Students, an Anticipated Event.

The annual Christmas party has always been held on the night before the Christmas recess and will take place this year on Tuesday night, December 16.

As is customary every year, the girls are planning to have a Christmas tree. Since one could hardly call such an affair complete without a Santa Claus, he too will be there to distribute the presents.

As in previous years this party is to be a costume affair, and unless our predictions are wrong there will be many fine and original costumes among them. Refreshments will be served and the home economics girls and the faculty are looking forward to a jolly time.

PLANS FOR JUNIOR COSTUMES UNDER WAY

Class colors, Green and White, to be Used.

On December 1 a meeting of the Junior girls was called by the president, Olive Nase, for the purpose of discussing designs and colors of the dresses for Junior Week. Green and white the class colors, were decided upon. It was voted to send for some sample shades of green silk. “Peggy” Hutton and Ruby Gold were appointed to report on these at the next meeting.

The question of Junior privileges was also brought before the meeting, and Miss Nase is to bring the matter before the Women’s Student Council, so that the girls may ascertain the extent of their privileges.

ELECTRIC MACHINES EXHIBITED TO GIRLS

Values Demonstrated.—The Rockville-Willimantic Lighting Co. and Eureka Factory Representatives Give Interesting Talks.

It was the pleasure of the home economics students to be able to see an electrical appliance demonstration in the sewing laboratory of Holcomb Hall last Thursday afternoon, December 4.

Mr. T. E. Winchester of the Rockville-Willimantic Lighting Company demonstrated the electric washing machine. The demonstration was accompanied by a short talk in which he laid emphasis on the value and convenience of the machine.

Mr. R. A. Norton, a representative of the Eureka factory, demonstrated the electric vacuum cleaner. During the course of his demonstration, Mr. Norton tried various experiments and tests to prove the endurance and working capacity of his machine.

(Cont. from page 1 col. 4) perdix, it has survived its usefulness, and is a hindrance rather than a help.

Mr. Millard believes that the crucial test of our republic was not the Civil War; it will come during the next 25 years. The question to be decided is whether our principles and doctrines of government, which were planned for an agricultural and rural people, can be changed and adopted to meet the needs of an industrial and urban civilization.

The National Municipal League was founded thirty years ago for the purpose of developing a better form of government in American municipalities. For the first fifteen years of its existence, it confined itself to keeping a file of newspaper clippings on subjects pertaining to city government. These clippings were sent out to anyone asking for them. Thus, people throughout the country were afforded a means of learning how others were meeting the problems with which they were confronted. Later, the League organized 22 committees, each dealing with some phase of city government. Many prominent men soon became identified with the League, among them Dr. Lowell, President of Harvard, who is chairman of the committee on charters.

There has been a trend from the old mayoral system to the “strong mayor system,” then to the “commission plan” and finally to the “city manager plan.” Under the strong mayor plan, the mayor is made wholly responsible for the administration of city affairs; he is empowered to point the heads of the departments and he supervises their work.

The commission plan grew up as a direct result of the Galveston flood. The city was laid in ruins, and there was confusion and acute suffering among the inhabitants. The mayor and aldermen were entirely incapable of restoring order. Luckily, the mayor realized and acknowledged his helplessness. He proposed that five prominent men in Galveston be put in charge of the city. His plan was accepted and the commission of five men soon turned chaos into order. This commission plan has survived, and has been adopted by 526 cities in the country.

The City Manager Plan was originated in Staunton, Virginia in 1908. Up to the present time 356 cities have adopted the same system. In these cities the people elect a representative council which outlines the policies of government. This council hires a trained executive as a city manager, whose duty is to put these policies into effect. The manager hires other trained men as the heads of the different departments of the government. In this way the people get the benefit of trained executives, and the administration is largely freed from politics.

Drastic steps are being taken at the University of Kentucky to abolish cribbling. If a student is found guilty of cheating he is required to drop the course with a grade of five. In case of a second offense he is suspended from school for the year.

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ASSEMBLY PLAY

A play, "Two Crooks and a Lady," will be given at Assembly next Wednesday. It is being produced by a group of college people new to our stage. The play deals with a battle of wits between an invalid lady and a second-story man with his "inside" girl. Priscilla Swan plays the part of Mrs. Simms Vane, the rich, elderly invalid. Lilian Larsen plays "Lucille," the girl on the "inside": Albert Ahearn, "Miller-the-Hawk," is her man. Cora Lavalle will take the part of Miss Jones, Miss Simms Vane's companion.

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