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## ANNUAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTION OF CADETS

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S PREPAREDNESS WEEK ENDED MONDAY

### INSPECTING OFFICER PLEASSED

Men Show Results of Intensive Training—Captain Powers Praises Work of Regiment

New Hampshire's preparedness week closed abruptly Monday noon at the conclusion of the annual government inspection. It was expected that this would last two full days, but owing to the unusual press of war department business only one day was devoted to it here. The inspecting officer was Captain Edward D. Powers of the Coast Artillery Corps from Fort Preble, Maine.

The regiment assembled in front of Demeritt Hall at nine o'clock. After the inspection of the equipment they marched by the reviewing officer in column of companies. Capt. Powers said that the company lines were the best he had seen at any of the colleges he had inspected. Battalion drill followed and was very satisfactory, as was the individual company drill. The first battalion then worked out a theoretical outpost problem. Capt. Powers left at 2.20 after which the companies were dismissed with the news that classes would begin at nine the next morning.

Capt. Hunt was much pleased with the showing of the regiment as a whole. The men were handicapped by the short time they had for out-door training this spring, but they showed the results of the short intensive training they had had. Company drill in close order and the manual of arms was especially good.

### THEORETICAL PROBLEMS

The previous Thursday was spent in extended order maneuvers. In the morning the regiment formed the advance guard of a brigade and attacked a theoretical enemy approaching from Lee. Rain interfered with the work Friday and Saturday, but the men spent much of their enforced idleness in cleaning their guns, and accordingly at the preliminary inspection Saturday morning the equipment was in good shape.

Drill was continued Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 in accordance with the plan that is to be in effect for the remainder of the semester. Guard duty is being efficiently performed each night.

### PROF. PERLEY GIVEN WAR LEAVE BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees at Concord, Thursday, April 19, Prof. George A. Perley was given leave of absence until the Fall, or later if necessary, in order to go into important government work.

The plan of the state committee on food production was heartily endorsed and it was voted to offer the use of all the available college facilities.

After a discussion of the plans of the new Commons, a building committee was chosen to consist of the Hon. Dwight Hall, the Hon. James H. Tufts, and the Hon. Eugene S. Daniell.

### NEW BULLETINS TO BE ISSUED TO GUIDE AMBITIOUS PRODUCER.

The Agricultural Department is preparing a series of press bulletins to be used in aiding the farmers and vegetable growers of the state. Papers on potato seed, bean growing, and legumes have been written by Professor Prince. Professor Young has one on the economical use of farm labor.

The farm department will devote ground to wheat, corn and oats this year. Mr. Stone hopes to reduce the cost of grain required for the college live stock.

Roscoe E. Lovell is now supervisor of industrial education in the public schools of Morgantown, W. Va. Morgantown is the home of West Virginia University and Lovell is able to continue his musical work as a member of the university orchestra.

## NEW ENGLAND ASKED TO FURNISH 2500 OFFICERS

Training Camps Open May 8—New Plan for Getting Men Outlined by Captain Hunt

Captain Hunt outlined the new plan for getting officers for the first 500,000 men, at the gymnasium, last Tuesday afternoon. Only men from the military department, who were interested attended.

It will take 10,000 men to 'officer' the first 500,000 and of these 10,000 officers, 2,500 are asked from the New England states. The camp will be held at Plattsburg, N. Y., beginning May 8. The camp will last 3 months, and those applying will enlist for that time. The first month of the camp will be devoted entirely to infantry drill. At the expiration of this time, men will be assigned to the various branches of service represented at the camp. These include, infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers. Men desiring to enter either one of these branches will see to upon their application. At the end of the camp 45 men from each company will be chosen as officers to instruct the new recruits of the first 500,000.

All men who at present hold commissions in the Reserve Officers Training Corps will probably be called to the training camps and assigned to duty while men already recommended for commissions in the reserve will receive them immediately.

### RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED

Those desiring to attend this camp must make application upon forms issued by the government, and three letters of recommendation should accompany each application. These letters of recommendation certify as to character, ability and nationality. Applicants will be examined physically by officers designated by the War Department. Education as well as previous military training will enter into the necessary qualifications of an officer.

Considerable interest is shown in the camps by members of the regiment and several are already making application. Their names will appear in the next issue.

### COLLEGE TO BENEFIT FROM BEQUEST OF LATE MR. WHIDDEN

The largest bequest since that of Benjamin Thompson comes in the will of Samuel S. Whidden late of Portsmouth. The income of the estate after a few minor bequests is bequeathed to New Hampshire college. The executors, Thomas H. Simes and Edward H. Adams were recently in Durham consulting with the college authorities with reference to the bequest. The money and farm together are estimated to be worth about \$40,000. The farm is situated in Portsmouth, Greenland, and Rye and the title will remain in the State of New Hampshire, the income only, being available to the college.

### MISS PAULINE SAGE WILL ADDRESS THE LOCAL Y. W. C. A.

Miss Pauline S. Sage, executive secretary of the northeastern field addressed the Y. W. C. A. at the weekly meeting on Thursday evening. Miss Sage has just visited Orono attending a Technical council of the Maine Colleges. She will also meet the advisory board on Friday morning at the home of Mrs. Henderson.

### Y. W. C. A. PAGEANT TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE MORRILL HALL

A pageant entitled "The Ministering of the Gift," will be given under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., on May 12. The site chosen is the slope on the left of Morrill Hall. The cast of 500 will include the entire number of women students and the local camp-fire and Sunday school will be asked to take part. The details are not yet arranged. The proceeds are for the Silver Bay fund.

## NEW FIELD OF WORK OPEN TO AGGIE MEN

SUPERVISORS IN VEGETABLE GARDENING IN GREAT DEMAND

### COOPERATIVE WORK IN CITIES

Manufacturing Plants Take Up Food Production—Crops May be Sold at Production Cost

A new and promising field has opened to some of our agricultural students for experience and service in the present crisis through the action of towns and cities and many factories of the state, providing land and materials for the production of garden crops for their people.

There are two general plans. The first is to provide and prepare land and then parcel it out in small tracts to be used as individual gardens, the people themselves doing the work. An example is that of the Jackson and Nashua mills, at Nashua, which have 25 acres of land near the city. They have divided it into one-fifteenth acre plots for their workmen, providing in addition the seed, fertilizer and supervision. The men will work in their gardens outside of factory hours and are to have what they can raise. In addition, 10 acres of land less favorably situated are to be planted to beans and potatoes.

### SEVERAL METHODS

The second method is for the city or factory to take full charge of the work of growing crops on its land, then sell to the people at actual cost of production. If the cost exceeds the market price, then the people have it at market prices, the city or company standing the loss. For instance, the Nashua Card Co., has 40 acres of land to cultivate. It is going to put it into beans, potatoes, and other truck crops and have the employees work upon it on factory time, and then sell the produce to them at cost as outlined above.

Because these people are not, as a rule, familiar with garden work and in order to avoid wasting seed and fertilizer, it is planned to secure young men who have had some instruction and experience to supervise the work. Naturally the people are looking to their Agricultural college for aid in securing suitable supervision. Already two men have been sent to Nashua for the factory gardens, one to Concord, one to Manchester for school garden work, and one to Portsmouth for city garden work. The Amoskeag Company at Manchester and numerous others have a similar movement under way. Twenty students have signed up for the work and at least ninety others are to leave college to go into various lines of farm work.

### INCREASING NUMBER OF MEN VOLUNTEERING FOR SERVICE

Every day, just now, finds an increasing number of men who have volunteered for government service in the army and navy. So far the navy has proven the more popular as indicated by the number below.

Those who have enlisted in the naval reserve at Portsmouth since the last issue are: Howard B. Smith, '19 of Newport; Lawrence E. Steeves, '19 of Strafford; Howard H. Wright, '20 of Strafford; Albert W. Adams, '20, of Alton; Peter J. Doyle, 2 yr., Ag. '17 of Hampton Falls; William F. Graney, '20 of Keene; Henry C. Holt, 2 yr. Eng. '18 of Epping; Richard S. Harper, 2 yr. Eng. '18 of Biddeford, Me.; Michael J. Friel, '20 of Pittsfield; Richard H. Gardner, 2 yr. '18 of Nashua; Philip Thompson, 2 yr. Eng. '18, of New Ipswich; Ronald W. Hunting, '19, of Newport; Guy Erskine, '20, of Manchester; Maurice H. Johnson, '19 of Manchester; William V. Hawkes, 2 yr. Eng. '18 of South Beach, Conn.; Charles W. Richardson, '20 of Barnstead, and Winslow L. Pelton, '20 of Lancaster.

Raymond B. Meader, '19 of Rochester has joined the navy at Boston, and Carl W. Harris '20 of Worcester, Mass., has joined the Aviation Corps at Squantum.

## ZOELLNER QUARTET WILL ENTERTAIN AT GYMNASIUM

Famous Musical Team Furnishes Last Numbers on this Year's Lecture Course

Monday evening, April 30, the Zoellner String Quartet of Brussels will give a musical entertainment in the Gymnasium. This number of the Lecture Course was scheduled for January 13, but was cancelled on account of the members of quartet being unable to get here then from the Middle West. This will be the final number of the college lecture course and if past experiences with them are to be judged from it will be among the best of the year.

The quartet is composed of members of one family, the father, daughter, and two sons. The first violin is Miss Antoinette Zoellner, and the other instruments in turn are played by Armandus Zoellner, second violin; Joseph Zoellner, Sr. viola; and Joseph Zoellner, Jr., cello.

### PROGRAM PRAISED

The Boston Transcript says, "The Zoellner Quartet has all the virtues of a practised ensemble and all four play with a common understanding that gives their music clear voice and a feeling that adds much communicating quality thereto.

This organization is noted for the novelties that it brings out each season; these new works always proving of worth and great interest. In the matter of building up a program they have also reached perfection, for, as one critic said in his criticism of the Zoellner Quartet, "Their program was a gem of the program maker's art," and this same opinion is always verified by their audiences.

### AUXILIARY BRANCH OF RED CROSS ORGANIZED AT COLLEGE

A college auxiliary of the Durham branch of the Red Cross has been organized. The following Board of Control were appointed by the executive board of the Durham branch. Professor C. E. Hewitt, Chairman, Miss Arabella S. Livingston and Prof. Richard Whoriskey.

The Board of Control has appointed Professor C. Floyd Jackson, Director of the College auxiliary, who will have complete charge in organizing the various courses of study and the various work to be taken up by this auxiliary.

Professor Jackson has been appointed to take charge of the Red Cross work here in the college. He was only recently notified of the appointment, and just yet not been able to announce any definite plans, but it is certain that courses in Red Cross work will be open to all of the students as soon as it is possible to arrange them, if enough signify a desire to take these courses.

Members of the Red Cross here will be affiliated with the Durham branch as part of the Concord chapter. The payment of the dollar fee entitles any one to become a member of the organization.

It has also been decided to form a branch of the First Aid Auxiliary in Home Nursing for the women of the college. There are certain requirements for admittance to this organization which is a permanent one and the members are liable to be called on for duty in case of need.

### WOMAN'S LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS AND GIVES MONEY

A meeting of the Woman's League was held on Wednesday, and officers were elected for the following year.

The officers are: president, Mrs. Morgan; vice president, Marion Lewis; recording secretary, Margaret Baker; corresponding secretary, Martha Hoit; treasurer, Miss Emerson; auditor, Miss Reiner; student member of executive board, Ethel Walker; and faculty member of executive board, the wife of the incoming president.

It was voted to give a sum of money to the Red Cross and the Y. W. C. A.

## D. BREWER EDDY ADDRESSES STUDENTS

TELLS OF THINGS SEEN IN EUROPEAN TRAINING CAMPS

### Y. M. C. A. FINDS PROBLEMS

Moral, Industrial and Financial Conditions in England May be Used as Lesson

On Wednesday, April 25, D. Brewer Eddy addressed the students at convocation. Mr. Eddy is Associate Secretary of the Home Department, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and has spent considerable time in Europe since the war broke out. His work while there was largely in Y. M. C. A. activities in the English training camps. Mr. Eddy was in London during the first Zeppelin raid on that city and saw the first aerial dreadnought brought to earth over British soil.

The speaker began his talk by teaching the students a few of the most popular camp songs. He said that there is considerable discouragement among the men in the camps and the best method of keeping up their spirits is to get them singing.

Today the men are taught to shoot by sound as well as by sight, for often the approach of the enemy at night is first detected by the snapping of barbed wire. The consistent bayonet drills turn the line of defence or offence into a fighting machine that is not to be equalled in the world. During Mr. Eddy's stay in England he was allowed to go anywhere except to the Duke of York's camp, from which could be seen the captive submarines.

The Y. M. C. A. huts are the only places in the camps where the men can meet for any semblance of social intercourse. These huts will contain about one thousand men, and on the walls are painted signs reminding the men of their friends and relatives at home. The moral problems in these camps are so great that anything that will tend to bring back to the men thoughts of home, is a blessing.

In speaking of the work in the prison camps, Mr. Eddy said that the Russians had never heard of the Y. M. C. A. Here the German college professors who have been taken are organized into clubs and devote their time to lecturing the prisoners.

### GREAT PROBLEMS

There are three great problems which seem to emerge from the present situation in Europe. The first is the moral problem. Partly because the men have become rash through contact with danger, partly because they have lost their individuality, and because there is a tendency for every man to become as tough as the toughest, there has been in England the greatest outbreak of sexual immorality ever known. The greatest social problem connected with the training camp is the environment. The experience of the English has been that prohibition is necessary and that immorality must be absolutely controlled.

The second problem is the industrial problem. One and one half millions of women and girls have gone into the industries of England. For every man in the shops there are ten women. It has been found that the girls work steadier and turn out better products than the men. England's great success of today is due to the industrial organization of a nation. The first step toward preparedness in the United States must be the organization of the country's industrial resources.

The third problem is that of finance. One of the great tests in America will come when the war taxes are put into operation. In closing Mr. Eddy said: "It is right for us to go in. It is for the liberties of the world. The cause is right."

M. C. Huse, '08, is doing construction work in Philadelphia for the firm of D. C., and William B. Jackson, engineers.

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## EDITORIALS.

### "SIT TIGHT."

The remarks of our late commandant, "Sit Tight," seems impossible of achievement. And when we come to look at the present situation, it is seen that the uneasiness cannot be helped. As in any catastrophe, real or imagined, there is more rumor than anything else in circulation, and it is this that we must watch, weigh and censor.

Particularly distressing are the rumors of a wholesale exodus from college. It is very true that many are needed to train as officers for the army; and the engagement of more men in food production is absolutely indispensable. There is, however, a great tendency for many to leave for selfish reasons or without taking careful thought as to where their presence is most needed. So great was the number preparing to go that Seniors asked themselves, "What will be the nature of Commencement?" until somewhat reassured by the announcement of the man chosen to deliver the commencement address. Juniors wondered when the Fates would give them a chance to complete their college training; and Casque and Casket was obliged to again hasten the bidding of Freshmen left in college to be bid.

Where and when we will come to some conservative standpoint is still guesswork. The spirit of unrest is in the air and it must be coped with as becomes college men and women. Not wild and reckless action from false patriotic causes, neither personal industry from selfish motives, but the best thing, whatever it may be thought to be after long deliberation.

Above all else, let us be true to old New Hampshire, and when the blood is gone from our eyes and the smoke of battle no longer tickles our nostrils, let us come back to the campus and finish what was started. The institution must be kept alive. It will have a great and glorious part to play in the events of the next ten or twenty years and may it be said of us, the present generation of students, that we fought hard and played fair for Alma Mater as well as Uncle Sam.

### THE RUSHING SEASON.

Freshmen bids have finally come out under the new system and while it is far from a perfect system it has its advantages. Through its length, not only were the scholarship requirements satisfied, but the Freshman was more able to make up his own mind instead of being swayed by transient flights of oratory. That the usual stir and excitement over bidding was less prevalent than before may be partly due to its eclipse by national events of real moment, but the length of the rushing season probably had its share in keeping affairs normal even during such an im-

portant event as the bidding of Freshmen.

While it is probable that next year will see many changes in the system, a return to the old six weeks plan is very doubtful.

### WESTON H. JEFFERS '18 ELECTED MANAGING EDITOR WEDNESDAY.

At a meeting of the New Hampshire Board last Wednesday, W. H. Jeffers, '18 of Pike was elected managing editor for next year; and Claiborne H. Young, '18 was elected business manager for the same term. Dean C. E. Hewitt was re-elected faculty business manager, and Prof. H. H. Scudder, faculty adviser. On account of the high prices of paper, the subscription price to alumni was raised to \$1.50 and the clubbing offer with the Alumni Association raised to \$2.00; 75 cents going to the Association and \$1.25 to The New Hampshire.

### PRINCE SAYS NO DANGER OF AN OVER PRODUCTION OF POTATOES

"There is no danger of an over-production of potatoes," Professor F. S. Prince of the Agronomy department told his "Preparedness Week," audience in a lecture on "Potato Growing," April 21. The chief aim of the United States is to produce enough for its own consumption which is about 350 millions of bushels and in order to be able to help the allies with grain the crop this year ought to be increased by one million bushels.

The climate of Maine and New Hampshire is the best for potato raising in the United States, the average yield per acre being respectively 220 bushels and 125 bushels comparing favorably with Germany and Great Britain whose average yield is 204 and 213 bushels per acre respectively.

The variety of seed does not matter much, but it must not be small and the better potato is the smooth one. The potato ought not to be smaller than 2.5 to 3 ounces and may be cut with two eyes to the piece with as little cut surface exposed as possible. A method of sun sprouting is recommend for those potatoes dropped by hand. The potatoes are laid out in a thin layer in subdued light until green sprouts appear, then they are cut and planted. By this method they will come up in three or four days.

The greatest difficulty is the treatment for fungus diseases and blight. For scab soak the potatoes two hours in a solution containing one pint of formaldehyde to thirty gallons of water and let the potatoes dry.

After the plants reach six inches in height they are very liable to blight and bugs. The following solution is good for both: 4 lbs. stone lime, 4 lbs. copper sulphate and 4 lbs. arsenate of lead to 50 gallons of water. This is an application for one acre. For the small grower Pyrox is just as good though more expensive.

Large losses of potatoes are due to improper storing. Keep at a uniform temperature, cool but not below 40. The potatoes turn sweet if allowed below that temperature.

### SERIES OF BIBLE TALKS FOR MAY BY REV. VAUGHAN DABNEY.

Cards are being distributed among the students and townspeople advising them of the series of talks on the bible to be given by the Rev. Vaughan Dabney. These will take place every Sunday in May at the church auditorium at 12 o'clock and will be about 40 minutes in length.

Among the subjects which will be discussed are: Who Wrote the Bible? How, When, Why? Where Was it Written? Must we believe everything in it? What about the Miracles? Does the Bible predict that the end of the World is at Hand? Other vital questions will be discussed by Mr. Dabney. Everyone is invited.

### GIRLS' GLEE CLUB TO PRODUCE SHAKESPEARIAN PLAY IN JUNE

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," is the play which the Girls' Glee Club is planning to produce at commencement this year. The first rehearsal was held last Wednesday and parts temporarily assigned. The play will be given out of doors and will probably be put on under the direction of Mr. Lovejoy and Mr. Dalglish, who coached "As You Like It," last year.

Florence Cole, '12, is teaching in the Open Air High School, St Petersburg, Florida.

### ALBERT BUSHNELL HART COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Famous Historian Will Address Graduating Class on "He That Putteth on the Armor"—Spoke Here Before

Albert Bushnell Hart, Ph. D.; D. D.—D. and Litt D., Eaton Professor of the Science of Government at Harvard has been chosen as the Commencement Speaker for next June. His subject is entitled, "He that putteth on the Armor," and it will consist of an address upon the preparation of mind, body, and character, particularly of national preparation, for the present great task; and what graduates and members of higher educational institutions can do. This address will be doubly valuable and interesting, coming at a time when both students and undergraduates are puzzling themselves as to the best way to serve their nation.

Mr. Hart is particularly well fitted to discuss his subject through his long and exhaustive studies of political science and civic government, both here and abroad. He has spent considerable time in Europe upon his studies, and has received advanced degrees from German and French Universities, and is now a member of the Harvard faculty. He is the author of many books and essays upon the science of government which have been highly commended. Mr. Hart will be remembered by the upperclassmen as the Convocation speaker of April a year ago who gave that admirable talk, "The Way of the Neutral is Hard."

### GIVES GOOD ADVICE ON HOME GARDEN CROPS AND THEIR CARE.

In his "Preparedness Week," lecture Professor Gourley recommended that potatoes, beans and sweet corn predominate in the garden with turnips, parsnips, beets and carrots, also a change in the channels through which the garden products pass from gardener to consumer.

If a back yard plot is necessary there is no choice of site but if one can choose, a southern slope with light sandy loam is an ideal garden. Well-rotted barnyard manure is the best fertilizer and too much cannot be added. The soil, no matter how good, can be run down so the humus must be maintained.

The cut worm is the gardener's worst enemy for he sneaks up and demolishes a garden in the night. A bran mash made up of 25 lbs. bran, ½ lb. paris green, quart of cheap molasses with water to mix, makes a very good means of fighting the pest. Plant lice are not so serious as many suppose, but tobacco dust or tobacco water is an effective weapon.

The late varieties of garden vegetables are more important than the early ones. For seeds the best are the standard varieties from first class seed growers. Novelties advertised are inferior and in a year or so pass out of existence.

### NAVY OFFERS BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF STUDENTS.

The need for additional Officers in the United States Navy is being more keenly felt, with the commissioning of every new dreadnaught. One of the last Acts of the Congress which ceased to exist on March 4, 1917, was to provide that 100 midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, were to be drawn from the enlisted personnel of the Navy. Every enlisted man under twenty years of age, with one year's sea service, is eligible for one of these vacancies, and the examinations are entirely competitive, the highest 100 young men receiving the appointments.

This affords an unusual opportunity for high school or college students interested in the navy to enter Annapolis through enlisting and getting their preliminary training in the present crisis.

Edward H. Wason, '86, Congressman from New Hampshire was recently made a member of the House Committee on Agriculture. The position is one of extreme importance under present conditions and was given him in recognition of his ability along those lines.

W. E. Britton, '93, has just published his sixteenth report as the Connecticut State Entomologist. This is the second part of the annual report for 1916. The publication contains articles on many of the destructive insects, and the methods used in controlling them. An article of special interest is in regard to the anti-mosquito work carried on in the state last year.



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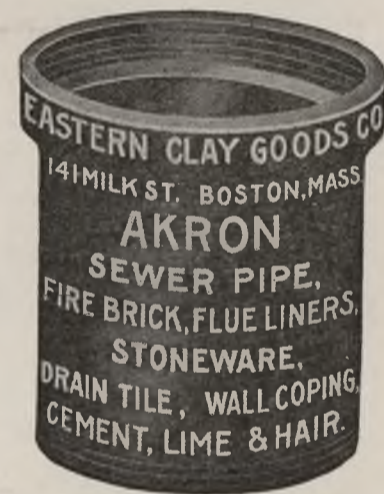
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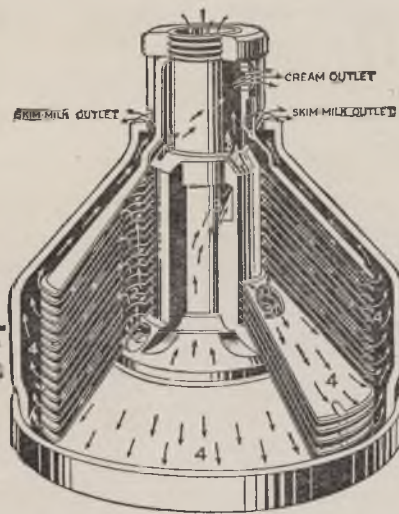
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### NEWSY ITEMS OF THE ALUMNI.

#### FRED C. SMITH, '14 GIVES IMPRESSIONS OF CUBA

Interesting Letter From New Hampshire Alumnus Tells of Life Under Cuban Skies

The following letter was sent The New Hampshire by Fred C. Smith, '14, who is at present situated in Occidente, Cuba. Soon after graduation, he went into the employ of the General Electric Company, at Lynn in the turbine department. Recently, he was sent by them to Cuba to supervise the installation and operation of some turbines in a sugar mill. He received many first hand impressions of the country, which are recorded in the letter below.

"It might be of passing interest to those of you at this time experiencing the chill winds of a Durham Spring, to get a brief insight into the life and conditions in Cuba.

"The traveller bids good-bye to U. S. A., as he watches Key West fade from his sight and lounges back in his deck chair for the seven hours' trip across to Havana.

"The Gulf Stream is generally pretty boisterous and the chief amusement on deck is at the expense of the poor unfortunate who loses his grip on his stomach and either retires precipitately to his state-room or else hangs listlessly over the rail, a humorous and pathetic picture of utter dejection.

#### MORRO CASTLE

"At last the horizon is resolving itself into the long blue line that we know is the island of Cuba, and as we draw nearer, Morro Castle appears and then the port of Havana.

"It is an impressive entrance into the port, as steaming slowly by Morro, one cannot but hark back over the years and almost hear the groans of the thousands of prisoners formerly imprisoned and executed here by the Spaniards.

#### HAVANA

"Havana is a pleasant city with good hotels and excellent facilities for getting about. It fairly swarms with Fords and one can ride anywhere within the city limits for 20 cents. The street cars are modern also, and the railroads of the island of Cuba are up-to-date and comfortable, with first, second and third class coaches.

"The people of Havana are distinctly Cosmopolitan, both as regards the inhabitants and the tourist class. About every nationality under the sun has its representation here and all seem to mingle in true democratic style, elbowing each other about, each apparently unmindful of, but at any rate cheerful in, being elbowed.

"In short, cheerfulness seems to be the watchword, and a smile will carry the stranger further than his dollars, although the dollars are quite necessary.

"Now let us leave Havana with its modern streets, lighting, hotels and transportation facilities, and journey into the interior where the writer has been located in intimate connection with the sugar industry.

"It might be well to state that Sugar is King in Cuba today. Modern machinery is in use in all the Central mills, and turning out day and night through the sugar season (March, April and May) its stream of 'sugar' in every sense of the word.

"The journey by rail is wonderful, through waving fields of sugar cane, tobacco fields, cocoanut palms, banana palms, and the Royal Palm, with its straight clean white trunk towering in the air surmounted by its tufted top. Also all the other tropical vegetation with which the writer is not familiar.

"The bamboo tree is at this time beginning to send forth its new foliage and is wonderfully pretty, reminding one most of all of the New England Spring and its beauties.

#### INLAND

"After leaving the train to journey by stage still further inland, the dusty uneven roads, the dirty unkept streets and as dirty inhabitants, of the small towns, as yet seemingly untouched by the modernizing movement in Cuba, meets the eye. Occasionally also one sees scattered amongst the cane fields, straw thatched huts, floorless, and windowless, inhabited by those perhaps less fortunate in this world's goods than the ones who huddle together in the before mentioned dirty towns or villages.

"Pulled by the undersized, underfed, horses, uncomfortably ensconced in

the almost springless coach, we finally draw near to the Sugar Mill, where centers the life of the surrounding section.

"Here one may study the characteristics of the native unmodernized Cuban, in the characters bringing in their cart-loads of sugar cane to be ground, taking away in payment for same a certain amount of unrefined sugar.

"The cruelty of the Spaniards is manifested in these fellows as may be seen by watching them deal out cruelty to their horses and oxen. The only excuse one can grant them is to realize that it has only been about twenty years since cruelty to all underlings was the rule here.

"The upper class Cuban however, is a very courteous and delightful fellow, proven to the writer by having lived in the home of the owner of the mill during the stay in Occidente.

#### THE CLIMATE

"The climatic conditions are wonderful with sunshine and a refreshing breeze the rule, mercury seldom rising above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and seldom sinking below 70. A very little rain falls during this season of the year, but when it does it comes down in torrents and then bright sunshine again. A rainy day is never known, the time being limited to a couple of hours and then it is over.

"The rebellion is not progressing very rapidly, being confined chiefly to operations by scattered bands easily dispersed when met by the Government forces. The Liberals, as the Rebel's term themselves, desire United States intervention but the Government under President Menocal seems to be dealing very effectively with them.

"The vigilance of the Government troops is very marked, as proven by the writer taking an auto trip one night 45 miles into Havana and being held up eight times by troops on the way, and subjected to a thorough but very civil search for weapons of any description.

"The soldiers of the government are fine appearing and very courteous fellows and the police force in Havana compare very favorably as regards courtesy to the average 'cop' in Boston or any other American city with whom the writer has chanced in contact.

#### OPPORTUNITIES

"The opportunities for investment of capital here are enormous and a wide-awake American farmer practising methods of modern agriculture could without a doubt reap abundant profit on his investment if he decided to settle here. The oil industry is also coming into its own with strikes of exceedingly promising wells in various parts of the island.

"However, numerous as are the delights here, and excellent as are the climatic conditions, it is not the good old U. S. A., it is a land where a good American citizen is a foreigner, and where that tongue we have talked since infancy means nothing to the average inhabitant.

Most sincerely yours,  
F. C. Smith.

#### NEW FORESTRY COURSE WILL TRAIN EXPERT FOR EACH TOWN

Next year the Forestry Department will offer to the agricultural students, a new course. This course is especially designed to fit the men for handling forestry problems in their own towns or on their own farms. It will be a two hour course and consist largely of personal work. The Forestry Department is desirous of having a trained man in every town in the state. This will aid the department in getting information and will provide men who can act as consulting experts. The men will be kept in touch with the state forester and will work in co-operation with him in any work that will concern the state.

#### FACULTY WILL DO THEIR BIT IN PRODUCTION OF POTATOES.

This year the members of the faculty will co-operate in the production of potatoes for their own consumption. It has been found that twenty nine families use approximately 325 bushels a year. The college has given about two acres of land for this co-operative work. The members of the club will buy their own seed and fertilizer, and will hire the plowing and cultivating done. Plans are being arranged for a cutting bee when the time comes for seed cutting. A day will be set aside for planting, and each member will do his share of the weeding and hoeing.

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7 P. M.—Christian Association Meeting in the vestry.

Next Communion Sunday and Reception to new members is May 6.

### DR. WIRT DISCUSSES WORLD'S CHALLENGE TO AMERICA

Are to Seize on Bigger Problems of Humanity—Describes Vividly Personal Experiences in War Zone

Friday, April 23, Dr. Lincoln L. Wirt, gave an interesting lecture before the student body in the Gymnasium, on the subject of "The World's Challenge to America." This, he said, is a summons to the country to lay aside the trivial superficial things and seize on the bigger problems eternally before mankind. The bridling of the submarine alone would justify our entrance into the war. The problem being contested by the opponents in the war is whether the individual exists for the state or the state for the individual. The next ten years, probably to be the most momentous in the history of the world, will be a renaissance of religion and democracy.

#### OUR REWARD

The reward for our participation in the conflict will be greater than the sacrifice; sometime the German people will thank us for showing them the error into which they have been led, for we entered the contest to assist in restraining an outlaw against humanity. By placing herself in the lists on the side of the Allies, America has come to the kingdom of humanity. At the close of the war, she will have a right to sit at the council table and see that justice is done not only to the Allies but also to Germany. Dr. Wirt described vividly personal experience in the warring and war-swept countries, which served to emphasize the seriousness and urgency of the task before our country today.

#### BOSTON EDITOR STATES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN.

"Today, to be an American means that there is a task for you to do, a task which you owe your country. You, young men of New Hampshire college are especially privileged for you stand the best chance of being the first to carry the Stars and Stripes across the ocean," were the words of Mr. James T. Williams, editor of the Boston Evening Transcript, in his lecture here April 19 upon the theme, "Individual Duties of an American Citizen."

Mr. Williams spoke with much praise of the patriotism of the fathers of the "Old Granite State" and congratulated the state upon her forwardness and spirit in which she is taking up the subject of food production. This state, which is leading the other New England States, is doing a wonderful work, due largely, to the governor now at her head. Mr. Williams also outlined clearly and decisively why, we, as Americans, cannot be friends to Germany.

#### J. A. TUFTS AND W. U. ROGERS SPEAK AT EVENING MEETING.

At the last meeting of the "War Week" in the gymnasium, William U. Rogers and Prof. Tufts of Exeter spoke to the students. Mr. Rogers was Dartmouth man, prominent on the football team.

Mr. Rogers spoke of the service which each individual must render to the country at this time of need. He said, "We are not simply New Hampshire men and women now, but we are Americans." He read a part of President Wilson's address to Congress and in contrast to the principles of democracy read a part of the imperial German Emperor's address to a body of recruits.

Mr. Rogers was followed by Professor Tufts of Exeter, secretary of the Board of trustees, who talked a few moments on "Sticking to Your Job." He took up an entirely different side of the question. He said, "Stick to your job as long as possible." He read a letter from a father to his son who is studying at Exeter. The letter brought out two questions which should be raised before making a choice. The first "Is it necessary?" and, second, "Is it an opportunity?" He said that the young men who go back to the farms to work must realize that they are of just as much service as though they were on the firing line, for the real need is to raise food.

#### OLD MAN TRIES TO ENLIST.

An example of commendable patriotism was that of Mr. J. L. Leigh of Little Rock, Arkansas a former Confederate soldier when he recently attempted to enlist in the navy at the age of 69. He was keenly disappointed when told that his age was a barrier.

### FRESHMEN PLEDGED BY VARIOUS FRATERNITIES

Fifty-five Men Pledged by the Five Greek Letter Societies Under the New System

Because of the large number of students both Freshmen and upper classmen who were planning to leave college before April 30, it was decided by Casque and Casket to bid the men Thursday. Under the new system, the Freshmen were notified by mail that they had been bid to one or more fraternities, and were asked to report at Thompson Hall at 4.30 to receive the formal bids. Here the men learned to what fraternities they had been bid, and here they deposited, on form cards, their decisions. The following men were pledged by the various fraternities:

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David J. Flanders, Manchester.

Philip Brierly, Stratham.

William J. Haggerty, Nashua.

Harold I. Leavitt, Lowell, Mass.

David Merrill, Lakeport.

Basil J. Mitchell, Nashua.

Willard E. Spinney, Concord.

James F. Steele, Concord.

Norris D. Gove, Raymond.

John E. Reed, Concord

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Frank Booma, Portsmouth.

William R. Hill, Concord.

Cecil A. Morrison, Rochester.

Urban C. Rogers, Berlin.

Wallace Ackerman, Portsmouth.

Leslie S. Bell, Plymouth.

Norman S. Creasey, Pittsfield.

Arthur F. Davis, Portsmouth.

Wallace E. Hatch, Kennebunk, Me.

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Walter R. Pierce, West Springfield, Mass.

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Edwin H. Shannon, Laconia.

Leslie C. Currier, North Conway.

Frank E. Patterson, Portsmouth.

Theodore R. Lovejoy, Conway.

Frank D. Prescott, Franklin.

#### MR. BREWER EDDY SPEAKS AT LOCAL CHURCH WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Brewer Eddy just returned from the trenches, where he has been engaged as an associate secretary of the Y. M. C. A., spoke at the local church on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Eddy told of the spirit of patriotism and the heroism of Englishmen in the war. "Even the wounded and those who have suffered the greatest bereavements," he said, utter no word of complaint.

In conclusion he made a strong plea for us to do our utmost in helping the warring nations. "This should be our motto," he said. "I will live on what I must. The rest of my income will go to help the suffering, for we are altogether in the same boat in this national peril, and this is the thing to which we have committed our hand."

Following his talk, Miss Chamberlain gave a short account of the work of the Durham branch of the Red Cross.

Frank H. Bills, '10, is instructor in Mathematics at the Rhode Island State College, Kingston, R. I. This year the Freshman class, which is the largest in the history of the institution, was divided into four divisions and Mr. Bills has three of these in Mathematics. During the present semester, however, he is teaching all of the freshman mathematics.

### MOVING PICTURES FROM FRANCE TO BE SHOWN IN GYM TONIGHT

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Gymnasium there will be shown moving pictures for the benefit of the American Ambulance Field Service in France.

The pictures are exhibited under the auspices of the college auxiliary of the Durham Branch of the Red Cross of which Professor C. E. Hewitt is chairman. There will be exhibited four reels showing the ambulance service at the front and a fifth reel that will show the army aviation corps in actual service. The pictures are said to be the finest of the kind ever produced. Admission will be ten cents for school children, fifteen cents for students, twenty-five for others. Everyone is urged to attend his exhibit in order to make the benefit as large as possible. The college auxiliary would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking Mrs. Katherine D. Paine for the help that she has rendered in connection with this exhibit.

### RAISING PULLETS PROFITABLE IN BACK YARD SAYS MITCHELL

Professor R. V. Mitchell was the second speaker Friday morning, and he discussed Poultry Production as one means of strengthening our food supply. He explained that one way that poultry could be handled with a great deal of profit lay in the buying of young chicks, feeding them with table scraps and keeping them until they had increased very materially in value. He pointed out that poultry production was work for which the woman of the house was particularly fitted and that it could be carried on in city back yards as well as in the country.

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