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J. A. PURINGTON, '16 ABOARD TUSCANIA

Remains in Water on Pair
of Oars for Three Hours

DESCRIBES EXPERIENCE

Capsizing of Life Boats Added to the
Tragedy. Many Drowned

James Alson Purington, the New Hampshire College man who was among the survivors of the Tuscania, was a member of the class of 1916, coming here from Hopkinton. He belonged to the Beta Phi fraternity, and was vice-president and treasurer of the Agricultural club.

Purington, it is recalled, was a member of Prof. H. H. Scudder's newspaper class, but it is doubtful if he ever expected to get such a "story" as that of the sinking of the big transport.

GIVES FACTS

James Alson Purington of New Hampshire, a college student, was one of the survivors of the Tuscania, escaping death by a narrow margin. In describing his experiences, he said:

"I was on the upper deck when the torpedo struck the vessel on the starboard side. There was a terrific explosion. I went to the stairs to reach my station.

"The dynamo was blown up by the explosion, but the auxiliary plant was put into operation immediately.

"There was great difficulty in lowering our lifeboat, the chains being broken and the tackles entangled. Several boats capsized and the struggle in the water of the men thrown out added to the tragedy.

"I entered a boat with forty others but it became filled with water and we had to jump out. I caught two oars which had been lashed together and held on. I was in the water three hours before I was picked up."

IN AUTO WRECK

Something very like a charmed life must be borne by James Alson Purington, for his rescue from the sinking Tuscania follows closely upon a narrow escape from death or serious injury in an automobile collision in this city.

Young Purington is well known in Manchester, having been a frequent visitor here before enlisting in the army. He has a brother, George A. Purington, living at 70 Third street, this city, who is a part owner of the Manchester Machine works. The young soldier worked at one time as clerk for his brother.

It will be recalled that James Purington figured in an auto accident at the corner of Webster and Union streets late in the fall which resulted in the death of Thomas Comiskey of New York and in injuries to others. Purington was one of the occupants of a small car, driven by his brother, George Purington, which collided with a much larger machine in which Mr. Comiskey was a passenger.

Young Purington was a member of Company D, Sixth Battalion, 20th regiment, army foresters, having been transferred from the Tenth Battalion a short time ago. He enlisted in December of last year from Amherst, Mass., where he was attending college.

No letters had been received here from the young soldier since Jan. 20, when a letter from him reached Mr. and Mrs. George Purington, advising them that he expected to be transferred to the Sixth Battalion. When Mr. Purington read the account of the sinking of the Tuscania in the Union he feared that his brother was among the lost, the Sixth Battalion being given as one of the units on board. The first news that reached him regarding his brother's escape came when a reporter from the Union visited him.

Private Purington was born in Weare. After being graduated from

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RICHARDSON SAYS HENS SHOW PROFIT

Proves Arguments with Conclusive
Figures at Aggie Club Meeting

The Aggie Club meeting Monday night, Feb. 11, was favored by a talk from Professor Richardson, the new head of the poultry department. It was a most convincing argument on the subject, "Is There Money in Hens," and he proved beyond doubt that hens, when properly handled and correct methods are used, are and will continue to be in spite of the high cost of production, a safe and sure-paying investment.

One of the most important principals he advocated was that pullets and not old hens should be used for laying and breeding. These pullets should be hatched before the first of May, instead of after that date. In this way, the progressive poultryman can have birds matured in October that will lay through the season when the price is highest and through the winter without stopping.

FIGURES TELL

To prove the profitableness of poultry, he said that taking the average amount of feed consumed by a single bird in one year and assuming nine dozen to be their annual yield, one dozen eggs would take eight pounds of feed. Last year, with the cost of feed at \$.02 the cost of producing a dozen eggs was \$.16 and the profit was \$.14 if the average price per dozen should be estimated at \$.30. This year, when the price has averaged \$.45, and the cost of a pound around \$.04, there will still be a profit of \$.13. These figures are very conservative, and still show that hens will give a satisfactory return for the money invested.

The club voted to have meetings held every Monday night, instead of once in two weeks. Already, most attractive programs have been prepared for the next two meetings. Next Monday, Professor Wolff and three students will talk on bees.

P. M. BLAKE, '14, ABOARD TORPEDOED TUSCANIA.

Percival M. Blake, '14, who was aboard the torpedoed Tuscania is reported safe. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blake, of Harrington, received a cablegram from him on February 11, stating that he is safe and well.

Mr. Blake enlisted last fall at Spokane, Washington, in the 20th Engineers, American Expeditionary Forces.

COMMUTERS FURNISH INTERESTING PROGRAM.

The February meeting of the Woman's League was held at the home of President Hetzel on Wednesday afternoon. The program was in charge of the commuters.

There were several piano solos which were much enjoyed and two readings were also on this pleasing program. The entertainers of the afternoon were: Hazelle Ayers, '21, Beatrice Brooks, '20, Hazel Dearborn, '20, Hazel Jones, '21, Mildred Flynn, '18, and Dorothy Miller, '21.

B. R. GRAVES APPOINTED WAR POULTRY WORKER.

B. R. Graves, a graduate of the Connecticut Agricultural college and a man of extensive practical experience, has been appointed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to carry on the war emergency poultry work in New Hampshire. Mr. Graves will cooperate with the poultry department of New Hampshire college and is making his headquarters here.

The war emergency poultry work for which Mr. Graves has been sent here, is to stimulate poultry production by carrying on a publicity campaign and by interesting all the existing farm organizations in poultry production.

NEW BATTALION OFFICERS CHOSEN

Military Drill Now On in
Full Swing

THREE COMPANIES

Reorganization Complete — Second
Lieutenants to be Chosen from
Ranks According to Pro-
ficiency

Military drill started on Friday, February 8, with the following schedule: Mondays and Fridays from 4 until 5 and Wednesdays from 2.30 until 3.30. At the first drill the college regiment was reorganized making one battalion of three large companies in place of two battalions one of three and one of two smaller companies as was the case last fall. At Monday's drill each company was graded according to height and fully organized so that it would be able to start drill at once. At this time the fire orders and also the general orders were read.

The officers of the battalion are: Major, Elmer N. Sanders; Company A, Captain, R. H. Sawyer; first lieutenant, O. A. Page; first sergeant, C. F. Matthes. Company B, captain, P. B. Place; 1st lieutenant, W. E. Shuttleworth; 1st sergt., T. J. Cochran. Company C, captain, A. M. Spencer; 1st lieutenant, A. B. White; 1st sergt., J. J. Shillaber.

The second lieutenants have not been appointed but the men are soon to be assigned to these positions, the prospects being judged by their efficiency. One important point about the orders was that no mixed uniforms will be allowed, also all persons cutting military exercises will be reported to the President.

The fire brigade was organized as follows: Company A First Platoon, hose wagon squad; Company A Second Platoon, ladder squad; Company B First Platoon, stationary hose squad; Company B Second Platoon, guards; Company C, salvage squad.

TO STIMULATE PIG CLUB CONTEST IN N. H.

Mr. S. C. Painter has been appointed as special Pig Club Agent for New Hampshire and Vermont. Mr. Painter graduated from Penn. State in 1917 and is employed co-operatively by the U. S. Department of Animal Industry and the Extension Services of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Mr. Painter hopes to have a thousand boys in New Hampshire raising pigs this summer as members of the State and National Pig Clubs.

CASQUE AND CASKET DANCE GREAT SUCCESS.

A very enjoyable time was had by all who attended the Casque and Casket dance held at Thompson hall last Friday evening.

The program was opened by an impressive and very ceremonious mock funeral with A. B. White as role passenger of the casket. After Mr. White was safely entombed the mourners celebrated by dancing to music furnished by Cahalane's Jazz orchestra.

The hall was decorated in a yellow and black background with fraternity banners in evidence about the walls. The orchestra was concealed by a screen of evergreen boughs and the hall was darkened.

The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Langley and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilson. Coach Cowell and Miss Shea of the athletic department were also present.

Refreshments were served at intermission.

Last Tuesday Professor Whoriskey spoke before the Nashua Woman's Club. His subject was the war and food conservation.

FACULTY IN GREAT DEMAND AS SPEAKERS

Dean Groves to Give Course of Five
Lectures—Simmers Cancels Some

Professor E. R. Groves has been asked to give a course of five lectures on "The Social Influences of the War" at Manchester, before the social workers of Manchester, Nashua and Concord. The lectures will be given both on Saturday evening and on Sunday afternoon.

Dean Knowlton is to speak in Jaffrey on Sunday, Feb. 17, before a community meeting of women and girls, held under the auspices of the county Y. M. C. A.

Professor Charles L. Simmers spoke twice before the Teachers' Institute at Newport, N. H., on Friday.

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 3, he is to speak on "Educational Progress" in the town hall at Salmon Falls, N. H. Professor Simmers has found it necessary to cancel a number of speaking engagements on account of his recent illness.

On Saturday Professor Simmers conferred with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, concerning the preparation of teachers here and teaching in the state.

BOOK AND SCROLL HAS INTERESTING MEETING.

The final contest on placing quotations from well known authors was held at the meeting of Book and Scroll on Sunday evening. Matthew Arnold was the poet from whose works the quotations were chosen, and his poems were found to be the most popular of any studied this year. The other poets listed in the contest were Tennyson, Browning, and Wordsworth.

Each member present read a late poem by her favorite modern poet and in this list were Theodosia Garrison's "A Prayer for the Road's End," two poems by Amy Lowell, one by Untermeyer and one by Guiterman. Dr. Richards read an original poem. The next meeting will be an open meeting. The subject will be Modern Foreign Poetry and the speaker will be Ruth Hadley.

WHY NOT?

The Portsmouth Club has challenged any organization connected with the college, to play a game of basketball. Does this include the faculty?

The faculty has challenged the seniors; why not the Portsmouth Club. If such a contest is ever staged, the Portsmouth boys must look well to their defense.

INFORMAL AT THOMPSON HALL TONIGHT.

There will be an informal tonight in Thompson Hall. It has been the custom to hold these informally in the Gymnasium but last time there was such a slim attendance that it was thought advisable to shift. It is hoped that a large number will attend this one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

Saturday, February 16, Informal at Thompson hall, 8.00 p. m. All-College Rally, Boston Opera House, 7.45 p. m. Boston.

Sunday, February 17, Y. M. C. A. meeting at church vestry, 7.00 p. m.

Monday, February 18, Basketball, Rabbitt Maranville's navy team vs. N. H. C. at Gym, 8.00 p. m.

Thursday, February 21, Portland Naval Reserves at Portland, N. H. Freshmen vs. Portland High at Portland.

Friday, February 22, Washington's Birthday, legal holiday.

Saturday, February 23, Conn. Agricultural College vs. N. H. C., at Durham.

Monday, February 25, Agricultural Club meeting, Morrill Hall, 8. p. m. Professor Wolff speaks on bees.

NEW HAMPSHIRE UP IN SECOND GAME

Massachusetts Aggies Take
Count 28-20

FRESHMEN LOSE

Anderson Registers Nearly As Many
Baskets as Entire Amherst Team

The Varsity basketball team showed its strength last Saturday night at the Gymnasium, in the second game of the double bill, when it easily whipped Massachusetts Agricultural College by a score of 28-20.

The game was not especially fast for the Bay State collegians were unable to show the speed that the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College displayed here the week before. As a result the Blue and White did not have to work hard to obtain the lead and keep it.

New Hampshire was far superior in every way to their opponents. The entire "Aggie" team only registered one more basket than did Anderson who played a fine, steady game. The whole team deserves much credit.

McCarthy was the visitor's best man.

THE SUMMARY

New Hampshire	M. A. C.
Butler, l. f.	r. g., Parkhurst
Cahalane, r. f.	l. g., Lent
Anderson, c.	c., Blanchard
Shuttleworth, l. g.	r. f., Whittle
Davis, r. g.	l. f., McCarthy

Score: New Hampshire, 28; Massachusetts Agricultural College, 20; goals from floor, Anderson, 6; Butler, 4; McCarthy, 3; Cahalane, 2; Whittle, 2; Parkhurst, 2; goals from fouls, McCarthy, 6; Cahalane, 4; referee, Carling, Springfield Y. M. C. A. College. Scorer, Wakefield. Timer, Melville. Time, 20-minute halves.

HAVERHILL WINS IN OVERTIME PERIODS.

The New Hampshire freshmen were defeated in the first game of the double header by Haverhill High School, after two five-minute overtime periods had been played. The score was 27-25.

The first half ended 10-8 in favor of the visitors.

In the second half the freshmen succeeded in getting the lead only to have the score tied 20-20 when the period ended.

In the first five minutes overtime Craig scored a basket. Each team caged a goal from foul and White tied the score, 24-24.

During the second overtime period each team scored a goal from foul and then White, Haverhill's husky back caged the winning basket.

Craig played well for the freshmen while Spaulding and Marcotte did best for the Haverhill team.

THE SUMMARY

N. H. Freshmen	Haverhill High
Woodward, l. f.	r. g., Ritchie
Perry, r. f.	l. g., White
Craig, c.	c., Marcotte
Cotton, l. g.	r. f., Nutter
Thompson, r. g.	l. f., Spaulding

The score: Haverhill High, 27; New Hampshire Freshmen, 25. Goals from floor: Craig, 5; Spaulding, 4; Perry, 3; Nutter, 3; Woodward, 2; White, 2; Marcotte; goals from fouls, Marcotte, 6; Craig, 4; Woodward, White. Referee, Carling, Springfield Y. M. C. A. College; scorer, Paterson; timer, Melville. Time, 15-minute halves and two five-minute time periods.

GRANITE BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED BY 1918 CLASS

The class of 1918 held a meeting on Friday, February 8, at which the subject of caps and gowns and other commencement questions were discussed but no definite conclusions reached. M. H. Benson was elected chairman of the 1918 Granite board to succeed W. H. Jeffers who has left college for the training camps.

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EDITORIALS.

WHEN?

We are anxiously awaiting the Podunk Faculty-Siwash Alumni basketball game which has been promised us. Judging from the sounds of conflict that issued from the Gym last Tuesday evening, the game will be at least entertaining. Although the faculty basketball enthusiasts have lost a good man in W. Ross Wilson, there still seems to be plenty of pep.

LIGHT!

Hooverization of electricity without doubt is a very commendable proposition. In fact there is no argument against a reasonable amount of curtailment. But, to those who live in college buildings the intermittent system which has been in practice this week has reached a point where the maximum efficiency is decidedly lessened. There was no kick coming when lights were turned off at 11.30 p. m. and on again at 5.00 a. m., but when several enforced rests were made necessary when the lights should have been on, some of the students found it hard to appease the faculty at recitation periods.

Abnormal times make it necessary to do more work now than usual, and drill shortens the afternoon study and recreation period. If the proper authority will assure the students steady light during the allotted hours, there will be no lack of appreciation.

MANNERS.

There seems to be at present, a somewhat alarming lack of manners among the men of the college. The bonds of politeness have been stretched till they have snapped, and as a result many men use their manners only with a full-dress suit and a stiff collar. Today very few men touch their hats to the young women whom they meet or stop long enough even to return a nod to their friends. Some pass through a door ahead of a co-ed and worse still, allow it to slam in her face. If her arms are full of books, no one offers to carry them for her, nor would anyone think of offering to carry her umbrella for her if the weather was stormy.

This matter would seem to indicate that the men hold the women of the college in small regard because they let their haste be an excuse for a laxness in etiquette. It may seem like a small matter, but if men are lax in small matters like this, that same laxness is apt to creep into some of the more important things of the college. Remember that there are certain things that convention holds one to, and that if one tries to set himself up as a better critic of manners than society, he is apt to find that he stands alone.

1918.

The senior class at New Hampshire is suffering depletion continually. When the new seating list for chapel was published today, it was found that only three rows had been reserved for seniors. One by one they drop out as the call to serve our country is answered. Undoubtedly the next draft will take more members from the class. It is impossible to predict

how many will be here for Commencement on the first of May. Although the college mourns the loss of these men, it is a source of satisfaction for those who remain to know that they are performing their duties in a most trustworthy manner.

LOWELL'S CONTRIBUTION.

There should be a gratefulness in academic circles for the clarity with which President Lowell has now spoken on the ever-vexed issue of freedom of speech in the university. On the one hand he has shown what is the new disadvantage that must fall on a college which seeks to exert an actual censorship of the opinions publicly expressed by its professors. Assuming authority to delete what it considers undesirable material, the college becomes incidentally and with fresh weight responsible for the material which it allows to remain. In this way the college loses the right, which it may now justly claim, to insist that the utterances of its many professors are in their essence expressions of personal and not of official opinion. The justice of this position, as it obtains in colleges which have not sought to establish a censorship, is one of the chief points emphasized by President Meiklejohn of Amherst in his recent paper on "Freedom in the College."

On the other hand, within this place for public expression of personal opinion which Pres. Lowell leaves open to the professors, he does not fail to define with all clarity the nature of the obligations which such freedom imposes upon those who would avail themselves of it. It must be used in full and unerring recognition of the responsibility attaching to them as members of a teaching faculty, and never for mere personal ends. In other words, the restraint is moral and ethical. It is because it is moral that it can neither be disregarded with impunity nor enforced by a mere codification of rules for a censorship. —Boston Transcript.

LOSS? NO!

Russia's demobilization surely ought not to discourage the efforts of the United States, in fact it ought to help. Recruiting will jump owing to the growth in the American mind of the seriousness of this war and in reality more vim than ever before will be shown.

INTERESTING WEATHER RECORD FOR JANUARY.

From a study of the weather records kept for the preceding month, it has been found that the mean daily temperature was 18. The highest the thermometer went was 50 and the lowest was 15 below. The total snow fall was 10 inches and at the middle of the month, the snow was 15 inches deep on the level. At the end of the month, the depth was 12 inches. Out of the 31 days, there were 11 clear, 8 partly cloudy and 12 totally cloudy. On eight days, there was snow fall of at least .01 inches precipitation. The total precipitation was 2.05 inches, and the most in any twenty-four hours was .75, on Jan. 12.

INCUBATION BULLETIN BY PROF. RICHARDSON.

A bulletin on Incubation has recently been published by the Extension Service. The material for the bulletin was prepared by Professor Richardson, head of the poultry department.

The circular first states the advantages to be gained by the use of incubators instead of the old fashioned broody hen. And under the headings of: Machine to Select, Place of Operation, Operation, Starting Machine, Cooling, Testing, Hatching Time, Moisture, Temperature, and Disinfection; Professor Richardson advises the size and kind of machine to select and carries the operation and care of the incubator and eggs from start to finish or hatching period.

The bulletin is very instructive in the daily care and operation of an incubator, it is useful for anyone running an incubator of any size, and is something that every poultry grower should have on his desk.

When my semester grade comes in,
With C's and D's galore,
When I think of the grades I might
have had,
Darn it, it makes me sore!

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT BY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

One of the most important functions of the Student Welfare Committee is to aid in conserving, and, if possible, in improving the health of the students. To this end various members of the committee have given no little amount of time and attention. In the main the committee has met with the hearty co-operation of the students and of those who have students in their charge. However, some students, who undoubtedly do not realize that certain more or less arbitrary steps are necessary in order to protect the health of others, are prone to look upon the action of the committee as an unwarranted restriction upon their personal freedom. Certain students have even striven to conceal the fact that they were afflicted with the German measles, and, have, in some cases continued to attend classes and to go among their fellow students thus endangering others. Certainly such action can find no defense, and is directly antagonistic to the efforts of the committee and to the welfare of others.

We therefore confidently expect that in the future all students will act promptly in reporting cases of illness and will co-operate in every way possible to the end that the health of all may be improved and conserved.

In order that students afflicted with German measles or other contagious disease may know what precautionary steps to take, the following notice, approved by the College Administration, has been posted in the several college buildings, dormitories and fraternity houses:

"In order to confine the present epidemic of German measles to as few persons as possible, the College Administration has enacted that all students afflicted with this disease (or any contagious disease) shall maintain strict isolation. That is, from the time of first appearance of the disease until its complete disappearance (usually about seven days in the case of German measles) any student so afflicted shall remain in his or her room, leaving the room only as absolute necessity demands and then for as brief time as possible. In no case shall the student be permitted to go to another student's room. Arrangements must be made to have meals served in the room, and no person shall be permitted to enter the room except as specially authorized. The period of such quarantine will be determined in each case by the Chairman of the Student Welfare Committee, and no student shall be released from quarantine except by permission in writing from the Chairman of the Student Welfare Committee."
M. K. MCKAY,
Secretary of Student Welfare Committee.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO PRACTICE LUMBERING.

The college forestry department is preparing for the instruction, in lumbering and saw-mill management, of one hundred drafted men to be sent here by the government this summer.

The instruction will consist of practical lumbering operations to be practiced in the college woods. The timber was not due to be cut until 1920, but the department has decided that the date of cutting can be advanced two years without injuring the stand.

A portable saw-mill will be erected and it is planned to cut 200,000 feet of lumber. 110,000 feet of this will come from four and one-half acres immediately back of the rifle range, this stand will be cut clean and regenerated. The rest will come from the big woods and only the mature timber will be cut.

COLBY COMMONS CLUB OUT OF FEDERATION.

The Colby Chapter of Commons Clubs recently withdrew from the National Federation. For some time in the past its ideals and practices have not been essentially different from those of the Greek letter fraternities represented at Colby, and the members felt that they could best serve their own interests and those of the college, by withdrawing from an organization whose principles they no longer approved.

Omicron Theta has been selected for a new name and the organization will continue to take part in the college activities as a new local fraternity.

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NEWSY ITEMS OF THE ALUMNI.

GRAHAM, '18—EWER, '17, ENGAGEMENT

Cullinan, '19, Hunt, '19, Reid, '20, Leave College

Engagement of Miss Natalie D. Ewer, '17, and Alfred N. Graham, '18, has been announced by a pretty little card. The upper left hand corner of the card bears the Greek letters, "Alpha Psi Delta," in vertical column and in the corresponding right hand corner the Greek letters, "Beta Phi." The two names are in the center.

J. T. Cullinan, '19, C. T. Hunt, '19, and W. D. Reid, '20, have left this special preparatory course in aviation here and will shortly pursue a more advanced course at the School of Military Aeronautics, Cornell University. Cullinan has already reported at Cornell and will remain there until April 6, when he will probably be sent to a ground school. Hunt and Reid have received their orders to follow Cullinan in a week or two.

W. H. Severns, former instructor at the college, writes from the University of Illinois, where he is in the Mechanical Engineering Department. He says: "The total enrollment now is about 3,500, whereas last year at this time it was about 4,500. At the present time there are about 2,300 alumni and former students in the army or navy service. There are about 800 men here now in the ground school of the U. S. Army School of Military Aeronautics. About all one sees is uniforms."

Lack of transportation facilities, he says, causes a coal shortage, although Illinois is a great coal producing state.

MAX COMPLAINS

Max McConachie, '18, is at Gerstner, Lake Charles, Louisiana. He is at the Headquarters Detachment Cadets. In a letter received recently he complains of the sandstorms, mud and cold. He wishes he were back up north where it is warm. Evidently he has not heard from here very lately.

R. L. Dame, '18, has passed his physical examination for entrance to the Aviation section of the army. He has been enlisted in the infantry but is now stationed at Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina.

ALUMNI WELL REPRESENTED

Among the former students who were at the B. A. A. track meet were: L. R. Nixon, '17, E. D. Sanborn, '10, P. D. Buckminster, '12, E. W. Hardy, ex-'18, Geo. Arnold and E. F. Swett, ex-'18.

P. M. Blake, '14, was noted as being a New Hampshire graduate among the survivors of the Tuscania which was torpedoed by a German submarine.

Roy L. C. Graham, '17, and F. I. Ordway, Jr., '18, appeared in Durham, Wednesday of this week. Graham is still at Newport News, Virginia, in the Hill Branch of the 48th Infantry of the Regular Army.

P. T. Sellers stopped at Durham Tuesday on his way to Fort Leavitt, Portland, Me. He is in the 54th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps and has been at his home in Worcester, Mass., on a furlough.

Phil W. Watson, '16, has received his call to enter the Aviation Training School at Cornell University.

W. H. Thompson, '19, is stationed at Camp Dix, New Jersey. The present address of Luther Tarbell, '14, is 103rd Regt., Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces, France.

M. H. Brill, '18, is at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. His address is 3rd Company, R. O. T. C., Military Branch, Chatanooga, Tenn.

W. R. Pattee, ex-'18, has received his commission as ensign at the Harvard Naval School, Cambridge, Mass.

C. R. Daniels, 2-yr. '14, is a sergeant of Company H, 302nd Massachusetts Regiment, at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Ed. Downing, ex-'15, is studying motors at Columbia University, New York City, as part of his training in the aviation section of the navy. His address is 241 West 43rd Street, New York City.

VISITORS

Among those who have visited Durham, recently, are: J. D. Cash, '08, who is civil engineer for the Amos-

keag Mills at Manchester, N. H., L. S. Goss, ex-'19, who is in the postal service in connection with the thrift stamp department, E. W. Stewart, ex-'20, who has transferred to Dartmouth, and E. D. Sanborn, '10.

P. J. Griffin, '17, is "Somewhere in France." He says he likes the life well, "wouldn't miss it for a fortune." He has a commission as 2nd lieutenant.

Percy Snow, 2-yr., who was doing exceptionally well in landscape gardening in Philadelphia has enlisted in the Signal Corps of the Windsor Battalion of the British army. Two of Snow's brothers have been killed in action and two other brothers have been in the service since 1915.

Ralph Lovejoy, '19, who enlisted as a seaman in the Naval Reserve, has been ordered to report at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Hingham, Mass.

Private Chester B. Blodgett, 2-yr. '13, is in the Q. M. C. Rec. 30 K-3 at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida.

Students receiving letters from the alumni and former students of New Hampshire are requested to hand the same to the Alumni Editor, Alden H. Moody, Beta Phi House. Matters of private nature can, of course, be deleted.

PAST BASKET BALL SCORES WITH R. I.

New Hampshire Has Won Eight, Rhode Island Ten

In the past eleven years of inter-collegiate basketball with Rhode Island State, New Hampshire has won eight of the contests while Rhode Island has won ten, there being one tie in 1906. In 1914 and 1915 the college did not meet.

New Hampshire has a splendid chance this year of making the number of contests won by each college even.

THE SUMMARY

- 1906 Rhode Island, 26; New Hampshire, 26.
- 1907 Rhode Island, 30; New Hampshire, 18; Rhode Island, 13; New Hampshire, 23.
- 1908 Rhode Island, 28; New Hampshire, 15; Rhode Island, 7; New Hampshire, 31.
- 1909 Rhode Island, 15; New Hampshire, 22; Rhode Island, 43; New Hampshire, 21.
- 1910 Rhode Island, 11; New Hampshire, 29; Rhode Island, 42; New Hampshire, 14.
- 1911 Rhode Island, 39; New Hampshire, 19; Rhode Island, 21; New Hampshire, 19.
- 1912 Rhode Island, 29; New Hampshire, 7; Rhode Island, 26; New Hampshire, 19.
- 1913 Rhode Island, 24; New Hampshire 23; Rhode Island, 9; New Hampshire, 20.
- 1914 No games.
- 1915 No games.
- 1916 Rhode Island, 16; New Hampshire, 36; Rhode Island, 12; New Hampshire, 23.
- 1917 Rhode Island, 20; New Hampshire, 27; Rhode Island, 37; New Hampshire, 22.

COLLEGE TAKES ON SEVEN NEW STUDENTS.

Josephine M. Bradley, of Dover, has transferred to this college from Radcliffe, and Olga M. Olsen, a graduate of East Aurora, Ill., High School, has entered the Arts and Science course as a freshman. Upperclassmen will remember Hermando Salcedo, of Bogota, Columbia, and Norman Meras, of Exeter, who were here last year. Mr. Meras has returned for the second semester of his freshman year having been out for one year. Mr. Salcedo is returning to New Hampshire from Cornell, and is bringing with him, from that institution, Abilio Pinto Martins, whose home is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Cecil E. Clough, of Greenland, has come to New Hampshire from Boston University, and Andrew C. Rice, who has been engaged in Boys' Club work in his home state, from Wilbraham, Mass.

DEAN HEWITT SPEAKS AT SAINT PAULS SCHOOL.

Dean C. E. Hewitt spoke on Thursday, February 14, to the Scientific Association of the Saint Pauls School at Concord, his subject being, "The Principle and Development of the Telephone."

SAYS SPANISH IS BEING OVERDONE

Professor Waxman Says Its Importance as Study is Over-Estimated

The Boston Transcript quotes with approval Professor Samuel M. Waxman's "Jeremiad on Modern Language Teaching which he delivered recently in Boston. The editor is especially pleased with the sentiments in the following paragraphs:

"And so we often ask ourselves in moments of despair: What is our real aim in teaching modern languages, anyway. Are we trying to inculcate a cultural spirit into our pupils or are we teaching them solely with a utilitarian end in view?"

"Very often in high schools students preparing to enter college are mixed in pell-mell with those who are taking commercial studies and with the vast throng who are merely passing the time of day, looking forward longingly to the hour when they shall be released by State law from the shackles of the higher education.

"I often feel that we might succeed better if we tried to teach only one language in our high schools. But of late years the trend has been moving in the opposite direction. In addition to French and German we are burdening the pupil with Spanish. We have had constantly dinned into our ears the plea for the study of Spanish as an absolutely necessary requisite to the pupil's stock of learning.

"You are all familiar with the arguments that are brought forward: Now with the completion of the Panama Canal our trade relation with South America, etc., etc. Have any of you ever met a high school trained student who has found a position as foreign correspondent or traveling commercial representative for the Spanish American countries? I have been longing for many years to meet this rara avis. And yet in the High School of Commerce in Boston, ninety-seven per cent. of the 1,500 boys are studying Spanish, two and three quarters per cent. are studying French, and the remaining one-fourth of one per cent. have elected German.

"These figures afford an excellent indication of the hysterical state of the study of Spanish in this country today. The percentage of Spanish students is entirely out of proportion to the relative importance of that language to the average American pupil. Not only is Spanish studied feverishly by large classes in high schools, colleges, extension courses and corresponding courses, you can also acquire it from our itinerant hawkers of languages by the ba-ba, ho-bo method without text-book, without study, without anything in fact except the payment of a fee. To use a familiar Americanism, 'Everybody is doing it.'"

DR. RICHARDS ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE CHAPEL SINGING.

Dr. Richards is very anxious that the chapel singing be improved, since this singing is an excellent means of uniting the student body and developing college spirit. At this suggestion therefore, a notice will be posted each week of the songs to be used at the next convocation, and students are asked to practice these at every opportunity. Suggestions as to these songs may be left on his desk any time before Monday morning, and the one proving most popular will be selected each week.

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RABBIT MARANVILLE HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Entire Proceeds to Be Given to Naval Relief Fund—Large Crowd Expected

Next Monday night the long awaited star basketball attraction with "Rabbit" Maranville's Boston Navy Yard team will be here to play New Hampshire.

Maranville is known the world over as the famous shortstop of the Boston Braves. After the base ball season was over he enlisted in the navy. Now he is traveling about Eastern United States playing basketball to increase the fund now being established for dependents of naval men killed in the service.

Every student is expected to turn out and help this cause. The admission will be twenty-five cents and the game will start at eight o'clock sharp.

FERTILIZERS CAN BE USED AT PROFIT.

In reply to an inquiry from the county agents of the state, as to whether the New Hampshire farmer could afford to continue buying commercial fertilizers at the present high prices, Dean Taylor has sent out letters comparing the pre-war and present prices of seven staple crops and of fertilizers.

The result of the comparison shows a greater increase in the prices of nearly all of the seven crops than in the cost of fertilizers.

In consideration of this the Dean advises the continued use of commercial fertilizers. He further suggests that, owing to the uncertain freight transportation and also to the limited supply of fertilizer on the market, the farmers should order their fertilizer as early as possible and insist on February shipment.

TECHNICAL MEN MAY ENTER RESERVE CORPS.

President Hetzel has received a letter from the War Department at Washington relating to the transfer of enlisted and drafted men, now in the service, to the Engineer Enlisted Reserve Corps.

The following is the main text of the message. "The Secretary of War has directed that enlisted men of the Army now in active service, who entered the service by voluntary enlistment or draft after Sept. 1, 1917, and who were eligible, at the time of enlistment or induction into military service, under the Regulations Governing Enlistment by Engineering Students in the Engineer Branch of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, be transferred to the Engineer Enlisted Reserve Corps, upon approval by the Chief of Engineers, for the purpose of completing courses in approved technical schools. The expense of the transfer must be borne by the soldier."

The candidate for transfer must submit an application in his own handwriting to the Chief of Engineers, stating his branch of service and rank, institution attended, year, course and degree for which he was working.

The application must be accompanied by a certificate from the president or dean of the college, certifying that the applicant was in good standing at the time of his enlistment, and that he will be permitted to resume his regular course at the institution upon the granting of his application for transfer to the Engineer Enlisted Reserve Corps.

NEW SUB-COMMITTEE MAILES QUESTIONNAIRE.

Dean Hewitt, has been appointed chairman of a new Sub-Committee appointed by the New Hampshire Committee on Public Safety, with Gordon F. Hull, Professor of Physics at Dartmouth and Vasco E. Nunez, chemist for the Nashua Gummed and Coated Paper Co. as the other members. The purpose of this committee is to promote efficiency in production, conservation of materials and utilization of waste and by-products. It will act as a bureau of information for solutions of problems relating to or caused by the war. For this purpose a circular letter has been sent out, asking for information as to how each company can assist in this research. The questionnaire calls for data on the number of technical men

employed, how many and how they are trained, what laboratory facilities are possessed by the company, and also asks concerning any resources, such as water power or materials for the construction of roads, or the manufacture of war necessities like methyl alcohol and Portland Cement.

It is hoped that this committee will be a permanent institution after the war, instead of serving through the present crisis.

MEN FLUNKING OUT IN AVIATION SCHOOL.

Of the class graduated last week from the Berkeley aviation school, about one-third of the men entering with the class were flunked out at one time or another before finishing the course. Of these failures, two-thirds were on account of deficiency in wireless. The general average for the whole class was only 75 per cent.

Of the squadron which will graduate February 9, one-seventh have already failed in examinations on engines and aeroplane motors, and of the class to graduate March 2, one-fourth of the original membership have already been dropped.

DECREASE SHOWN BY REGISTRATION

Ninety-one Less Than Last Semester—Seven New Students Enrolled

The number of students registered for the second semester of this college year is somewhat smaller than it was for the first semester. There are now 47 seniors, 70 juniors, 118 sophomores, 200 freshmen, 7 second year two-year men, 16 first year two-year men, and 4 specials. This makes a total of 462 students now enrolled; compared with 553 for the first semester.

The college has not only lost, but it has gained. Seven new comers have been enrolled for the remainder of the school year.

J. A. PURINGTON, '16 ABOARD TUSCANIA

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the high school at Contoocook, he took up his studies at New Hampshire State College at Durham. He worked his way, practically unaided, through college. It was during vacation a few years ago that his brother engaged him as a clerk at the Manchester Machine works for a short time.

Besides his brother in this city, Purington has a mother, Mrs. James A. Purington, living in Hopkinton; a brother, Fred Purington, of Weare; and two sisters, Mrs. James W. Locke of Hopkinton and Mrs. Clarence Hall of Henniker.

POPULAR YOUNG MAN

James Alson Purington was graduated from the Contoocook high school five years ago, after which he went to the State college. For the last year or so he had been at Amherst college where he had been teaching and where he had taken up some post-graduate work.

STUDENTS HAD PEACE TALK AT CONVOCATION.

At Convocation, Wednesday, February 13, the students had the pleasure of listening to an address upon a subject that is little heard of at present. Dr. James Tyron of Portland, spoke upon a society of nations. The speaker is a member of the New England Branch of the American Peace Society, and in his talk, outlined the achievements of the Hague conferences and explained the working of the proposed international court and investigation committee.

This plan is the one favored very strongly by President Wilson, and it is hoped that the present war may be settled by an organization that will represent, not a few of the great nations, but every nation in the world.

The English plan, in which national military standing is to be maintained, differs from the American plan, in that by the latter such matters as armament shall be left to international public opinion.

The University of Oregon now boasts of a girls' band. Already it has given one successful dance and is now preparing to give several concerts in the smaller town around Eugene. The membership of the band is increasing steadily and already there are nearly thirty members in the band.

MYSTERY OF SPRUCE HOLE CLEARED UP

Two New Hampshire Men find Bottom at Surprising Depth

That Spruce Hole, famous as a spot of tradition and mystery, is not a direct route to China, has been conclusively proved by two New Hampshire scientists.

This momentous discovery resulted from research work carried on by "Cupe" Osgood, '14, and C. H. Young, '18. As both are gentlemen of repute the data furnished by them cannot be disputed. Recently, armed with two hundred feet of line, a five-pound weight, shovels, axes, measures, note books and other apparatus for field work, the expedition left Durham and without mishap arrived at a point a little less than a mile from the field of labor. Leaving the team used in transit, the equipment was packed the rest of the way on snowshoes.

STRANGE INDICATIONS

Spruce Hole is a deep bowl shaped depression with steep sides, at the bottom of which is a small lake about one hundred feet wide and perhaps fifty feet longer. Around the margin of this body of water is a narrow shelf which extends from the shore to the base of the sides. The surface of the lake was covered by a deep blanket of snow. By careful measurements the center of the surface was found and a hole chopped through twenty-five inches of ice. When the axe broke through the ice, a jet of dirty brown water was forced up to a height of two feet, and a strong odor of hydrogen sulfate permeated the atmosphere.

FINDS BOTTOM

The line and weight were made ready and when all was clear the iron was started on its descent into the traditional bottomless pit. The line played out rapidly. Foot after foot was reeled off. Still the line disappeared into the depths below. The pull on the cord ceased abruptly. The watchers glanced hurriedly at the remaining line, and after vain attempts to sink it farther, pulled it in and measured off the distance. The pool is twenty feet deep at the middle. Soundings were taken at other points in a circle about the first, but they all showed a decrease in depth.

GOVERNMENT AIDS IN RECEIVING FERTILIZER.

Nitrate of soda can now be obtained by the farmers from the government through the county agents. This has been made possible by the War Industries Board, under the authority of the Food Control Act, as part of the program for stimulating increased agricultural production. The price will be \$75.50 a ton, and the farmers are to pay the freight from port of arrival plus the State fertilizer tag fee.

Application will be received only from actual farmers or holders of land for use on their land, and may be made through county agents, or perhaps local committees. No money will be required with the application or perhaps local committees. No money will be required with the application, but on notice of the county agent, the farmer must deposit with a local bank, individual or association designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmer's agent for that purpose, money to cover the cost of fertilizer but not the freight charge. After the money is transmitted, the nitrate will be shipped to the farmers. If applications exceed the supply of about 100,000 tons, the government will allot the supply on a pro rata basis among those who applied.

From an exchange comes the couplet below, referring, we should guess off hand, to the fussing time limit—"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are those 'B in at ten.'"

At M. A. C. it goes, referring the entrance of the mere man through the Coop doors.

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