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Red Cross Notes

Owing to contributions by friends of the college, among whom are Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. McEwen, the work in surgical dressings has been resumed. Up to date 832 compresses and 715 sponges have been made, under the able direction of Mrs. Kinnear. So far out of the 800 people who have signed up for this work, considering the number of girls registered in college, this is much too small a number. Therefore, the girls, get in line! Mrs. Kinnear is at the Red Cross room every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5.

The women of the faculty have completed the following garments for the Red Cross: seven sweaters, four scarfs, nine pair of socks, six pair of wristlets and one helmet.

Cross Country Run

On Saturday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m., will be held the annual cross country run. The runners will meet at the Union and take the route around the lake. It is a matter of speculation as to who will carry off the prize. Sutherland, the winner for the last two years, is still in school and has been practicing for the past month. "Dewey" Townsend, who won second place last year, is considered as a possible winner. He did first rate work last season. In practice he is coming along in fine shape, but so far he couldn't sprint at the finish strong enough to outrun Sutherland. Little Fitz of basketball fame has entered the ranks. He is setting an example for the rest of the varsity basketball men by his training for Saturday's race.

Coach Maroney has asked every basketball candidate to get in training and enter the race. He says that it is a fine form of early season basketball training. There is no doubt but that a fellow's "wind" is put in better condition by it — and this is all important for every man who gets out on the course.

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Miss Arnold Speaks at College Club

A record attendance crowded to hear Dorothy Treat Arnold give the story of her experiences at the front. Miss Arnold began with the old saying which is very appropriate now: "Every man has two countries — his own and France." The streets of France are marked by wounded men. The god-mother idea — that of each one of us adopting a soldier and writing to him twice a month is becoming very popular. Miss Arnold described the delight the soldiers take in this friendship and asked us to enter into it.

Miss Arnold said she went to the war zone in May. Signs marked the ruins of churches asking the passerby to remember the sacredness of the spot. In the ravaged towns, houses and streets have lost their appearance so that those returning to them cannot recognize them. One very prominent sign is that of "gas." This means that the Germans have sent gas there. By the nature of it, people cannot tell its presence. The water however and that is a sign to put on the gas mask at once. The chateau of the famous Chauve family which Richelieu could not blow up because France did not have enough powder, was wrecked by the Germans. Sixty thousand pounds of powder were used to blow up the central portion.

The soldiers love attention of any kind — pink and blue pajamas delight them, and are made more acceptable by a present in the pocket. For the refugees, friendship and sympathy are more pleasing than charity. One who came through these ruined homes and spread cheer and love is doing a great work.

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The most important thing to the Alsatians is to be French again. They are willing to pay the price. The suffering all of these great people endure, is endured not alone for France but for civilization. Many of the students present, examined and translated some of the papers which were posted in Allied territory, which has since been evacuated. One of these was in regard to the execution of Edith Cavell and her colleagues.

Many of the girls asked Miss Arnold what they could do that would be of service. She told them of the dire need for surgical dressings, which can be, and are being made right here in the Red Cross sewing room in college. The need for surgical dressings is constant, for in many instances wounds are so large and of such area that dozens of gauze sponges are used at each dressing, and these wounds have to be dressed three and four times a day.

Anyone hearing Miss Arnold talk could not help vowing to do all he or herself, to spend every spare moment in that little sewing room in the lower hall, making surgical dressings for the Red Cross. It takes a person who has been "over there" to bring home to us the importance of even so humble a service as making surgical dressings.

Special Assembly

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, a special student assembly was held for the purpose of bringing the general student body into action along lines needing immediate attention. One who could bring through these ruined homes and spread cheer and love is doing a great work. The most exciting experience Miss Arnold described was the time she saw a German airplane dropping bombs. It was spotted by a sentry so clearly that the iron cross on its under side could be seen. The French gun opened fire on it, but to no avail.

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Student Assembly

On Friday, November sixteenth, the student body listened to a stirring address by Prof. Risley on the subject "Americanism." Prof. Risley began with the oft-repeated but as yet far from realized statement, that we are at war. This fact has been borne in upon us as we have seen the streets of this very city crowded with men leaving for service. To the inquiring student the question must occur, "Why is it worth fighting for?" In the asking and answering of this question there is no disloyalty, but only a strengthening of the faith we have. The past answers this question for the historian, since he deals in the past. For him the examples of the men who fought in the Civil War are enough to cause him to answer that it is worth fighting to keep those men died for.

In the past, we, as a nation have much neglected the traits of Americanism. The traits of other countries have interested us to the exclusion of our own development. We have thought we had nothing worth the fight to maintain. Our schools have thought that citizenship was not worth cultivating. They have often neglected to emphasize the good side of men and politics, and have sent students forth aghast with knowledge of public vice and the speed of its victory of virtue. The schools have often taught American history from a biased viewpoint. Even abroad we have disgraced our citizenship by exposing our worst side. In foreign lands we are known as curious, rude provincial, boastful of our political corruption, blustering, without spirit. It is not to be wondered that we are considered unable to fight, pacifists by nature rather than choice.

But there are positive American traits decidedly worth cultivating. First, consider our boundless energy — that of a young people. We have, indeed, made many mistakes due to this energy. But we are a pioneer nation, and our pioneer mistakes will be corrected by pioneer common-sense. A second trait is our sure belief in the natural rights of man. A
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RESIGNATION
The State College "News" board has received the resignation of Miss Lillian Magilton, senior editor.

S. C. T.!

Now that the cheerleader has been elected it is the duty of every student to support him and the team. Learn the songs and yells, come to practice, and yell for our heroes now as at the games! State College has been criticised for its lack of college spirit. Now is the time to remedy this. The team is your team, and it is up to you to back them. The best way to do this is to attend every game, get on the cheering section, and cheer! Because of the number of girls in State College there must be quite a little singing at the games in the place of the cheers of other colleges. State College needs some new snappy songs with a lot of "pep" and swing. Many of us remember the songs we used in high school. Write them over with State College words and hand them in. There are several snappy popular songs such as, "Over There," to which college words can easily be written. Get to work and let us have a good collection of songs! Then learn your alma mater. Be able to sing it without having to look in a book. At other colleges it is the first thing freshmen learn and the last thing the alumni forget! Don't criticise the team! They have practiced every night until late and are doing their best. They are playing against colleges that have over a thousand men from which to select a team, and need encouragement instead of criticism. Be good losers! Anyone can yell and shout when the team is ahead. It is when they are losing that the boys need your help. Come out! And—win or lose—back your team!

To the Editor of State College "News:"

That we are all patriotic is not to be questioned. Neither is the fact that we want to do our share to be doubted. We all feel the debt of gratitude and loyalty that we owe to the boys who have left this institution to fight a Christian's fight for us and for humanity. And we have tried to do many things to partially pay this debt, which can never cease absolutely to be a debt. We have seen fit to have the names of our honor men posted where everyone might see them and know who they are. There are others that outclass me, and I want to quit the job. I hate to leave the old home, the spot I love so well, but I feel the debt of gratitude and loyalty that we owe to the boys who have left this institution to fight a Christian's fight for us, and for humanity. And we have tried to do many things to further the idea being, to quote Lt. Smith, "to show the poor devils that someone cares, who is personally interested." One might adopt is that we stop calling the boys "Sammies." They dislike the nickname and won't answer to it. One can hardly blame them for wanting to be called just what they are,—Yankees. A most valuable hint was this: "For goodness' sake advertise your college!"

LIEUT. JESSE SMITH

Second-Lieut. Jesse Smith, S. C. T. ’17 made a brief call at college last week. Lt. Smith is now at his home, awaiting orders for assignment. In the course of conversation, he praised the contributions made by S. C. T. students to Red Cross, and the Student Friendship Fund. He said that gifts to soldiers should be made through the Y. M. C. A., or the Red Cross. The organization of these two branches of service being so efficient that gifts are carefully handled and delivery is certain. All gifts should bear on them the name and address of the sender, the idea being to quote Lt. Smith, "to show the poor devils that someone cares, who is personally interested."

Reading matter of all kinds is always acceptable, especially since men from all walks of life are now in the service.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Consumer's League

The cards which were ordered through Consumer's League are here and those of you who ordered cards and have not yet received them will please get them as soon as possible. They will be given out from a table in the lower hall. Another order for cards will be sent out. If you have not already bought some of the cards, do not let this opportunity slip by.
DO YOU KNOW?

THAT the State College honor men are to receive Christmas cards?

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THAT the war isn't going to end next month?

THAT you must bring five cents to chapel Friday morning?

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the contest was extremely close — 220 for Satterthwaite and 189 for McMahon. The songs and yells which will be used this year will be in the "News" next week.

Christmas is coming too! It is time to get ready soldiers' Christmas boxes. The meeting was called on Tuesday, instead of waiting until Friday, as it is necessary to have the money collected Friday morning. Omicron Nu is to have charge of buying for, preparing, and mailing the boxes. As our honor men are scattered all over the country it is most necessary to start the work immediately. Merrill Sauerbrey proposed that each student bring five cents to chapel Friday morning for the purpose of sending to each of our honor men a Christmas box. This is a chance for everybody to show his or her appreciation of what these men are doing. It is a way too, in which we can show them that "State College spirit still lives.

Bringing 5c to Chapel Friday Morning.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY
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late example of this was Wilson's reply in August to the Pope's peace proposal. Thirdly, we believe in fair play. This is a trait we possess to a remarkable degree. We can even bear defeat, if need be. Hit the line hard, fear God, take your own part in a typical American slogan. America puts its women first; Germany does not. America believes that right makes might. Since the cause is just, we will be hard to defeat. Fourthly, we believe in fair play. We are willing to sacrifice, a trait which various means of bringing the men together will be carried out.

SPANISH CLUB
The well-attended meeting held last Wednesday was indicative of a prosperous year for the club. Professor Sticklin showed lantern pictures of Cuba and its people. He explained the pictures with a very interesting talk, partly in Spanish and partly in English.

The next meeting which is to be postponed until after Thanksgiving will be announced in the "News."

THE HOME MAKERS CONFERENCE
Parents and landladies of college students are invited to attend a conference on student welfare conducted by Dean Pierce on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 22, at 3 o'clock in the auditorium. Topic for discussion: "The Home Maker's Responsibility for the Student's Success." As it is the purpose of this meeting to show home makers ways in which they can cooperate with the college and students in making college life more enjoyable, each student should make a special effort to have her "home maker" present at this conference. Many customs and ideas previously misunderstood will be cleared up at the meeting.

CHEMISTRY CLUB
At the last meeting of Chemistry Club, Nov. 9, 1917, Mr. Kennedy gave a most interesting lecture on "Explosives." The following schedule of lectures has been arranged for this semester:

Nov. 23-Mr. Birch, "Theories of Color Vision.
Dec. 7-Miss Bronner, "Chemistry of Cooking.
Jan. 4-Miss Daley, "Water.

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