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SOLDIERS IN FRANCE NEED MORE BOOKS

The College Library has received today a request from the American Library Association's Headquarters in Washington for more books from this community for the men overseas.

The appeal from Washington states that new novels and good western stories, whether new or old, are most needed. Books by Zane Grey, Rex Beach, Jack London, Ralph Connor, Owen Wister and O. Henry are very popular. The College Library announces that it will receive and forward all suitable books that are turned in. It urges the friends of the soldiers and sailors, many of whom have already responded most generously, to give more books.

The communication received by the Library from the Washington Headquarters states that over 600,000 books have been sent overseas. The supply is nearly exhausted, and several hundred thousand more will be needed soon by the six dispatch offices which are now shipping books to France. The books are packed at these dispatch offices in strong cases, so built that they serve as a bookcase.

They go on the decks of transports, in cargo vessels and in naval vessels. Those that go on the decks of transports are open so that the men may have reading matter for use on the voyage. All these books are gathered together again, however, replaced in the cases and delivered to the proper officials in France.

In France, the books are distributed by an experienced librarian, representing the American Library Association. Most of them go to the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and Salvation Army huts, hospitals and canteens. Others go directly to chaplains and officers.

Bring your books to the College Library, a receiving station permanently open in the Lobby.

THIRD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE NEXT SUMMER

Plans are already under way for the holding of a third inter-denominational conference of country church workers at the college next summer in connection with the summer session for teachers. The first two conferences have been very successful, over fifty ministers attending in 1917, and about forty-five the present year.

Dr. Sparks, in reference to the first country church conference held last year, says: "The success of the first Country Church Conference was to me a most gratifying realization of a long-cherished idea. The expressions from those in attendance indicated a high appreciation of the effort of the college; the hours of recreation showed that busy men know how to play; and the resolutions of all to return and to bring others indicated the help which the ten day 'returning to school' had given. I know of no more profitable and economic outing than this conference supplies."

REINALD WERRENRATH DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

A rare treat was accorded the members of the Summer Session and their friends last Friday evening in the recital by Mr. Reinald Werrenrath. From the inimitable "Prologue" to the "Fuzzy-Wuzzy" of Kipling, the well chosen program received enthusiastic attention. Of peculiar interest were the Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes translated by Dr. Isaac Headland directly from the Chinese and very adequately set to Chinese airs by the Boston composer, Bainbridge Crist. The new war songs, in turn tender, martial, and sad, made a strong appeal. The artist's delightful personality, his ready command of every shade of tenderness or virility, "kept our thoughts glued to him, as our backs were glued to our seats," as one girl was heard to say.

No a small part of the success of the recital was due to the admirable accompanying of Mr. Francis L. Moore. His keen appreciation of Mr. Werrenrath's interpretations was that of an artist working in harmony with a fellow artist and gives him a place beside Frank La Forge as one of our best accompanists. —M. E. F.

TEACHERS BALK AT STUDYING GERMAN

There has been quite a change in the enrollment of summer session students in the department of languages. German no longer continues to be the prevailing study, and what this language has lost, the French and Spanish tongues have gained. At the present time, there are one hundred and thirty-four students of the summer session engaged in the study of French, and but four are studying German. The reason for this is easily seen, since many public schools throughout the state as well as throughout the country have dropped the study of German altogether from their curriculum, and have added either, French, Spanish or some other language in its place.

The same drop was experienced last winter, although it was not so large. The total number then taking either French, German or Spanish was 1290, as against 1485 the preceding year. Of the former number, 511 were in the German department, 358 in French, and 421 in Spanish. As will be seen from these statistics, Spanish is still popular and French has taken a big increase.

PROF. ERNESTI TO SPEAK IN CHAPEL MONDAY MORNING

Professor Richard Ernesti, of the department of industrial and fine arts, will speak in general assembly next Monday morning on "Pennsylvania Artists." At this time he will show before the green curtain the Statue of the Star, which is the original of the Statute of this Star in the Court of the Universe at the San Francisco Exposition. This Star was presented to the college by James Sterling Calder, one of the famous sculptors of Pennsylvania.

LARGE REGISTRATION IN DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

There are about two hundred summer session students enrolled in courses offered by the department of music. About forty of this number compose the summer session ladies' chorus. The large enrollment indicates an increased interest in the introduction of music into the public schools.

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FAMOUS PAINTING TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW NIGHT

The painting, "Hagar and Ishmael," which has been on display at Gilliland's Drug Store the past several weeks, will be given to the holder of the lucky number tomorrow evening in the Open Air Theater in connection with the summer school pageant. The presentation will be made just before the pageant begins.

The picture was presented to the Red Cross by the college art museum and is to be chanced off. The value of it is \$500.00. Photographs have been made by Smith's Studio and placed on sale, with each photo is a number and in this manner will the winner of the picture be chosen.

"Hagar and Ishmael" is a large painting, made from the original by Cazin which hangs in the Luxembourg palace at Paris. Some time ago it was presented to the college art museum and recently it became the property of the Red Cross.

SHORTAGE OF TRAINED TEACHERS IN PENNA.

The securing of trained teachers for the coming winter in the various schools of the state promises to be a difficult and serious problem. Since the war the shortage has become especially acute. Dr. Smith, director of the session, estimates that there will be a shortage of approximately 5,000 trained teachers in Pennsylvania, and this shortage must be met by employing inexperienced high school graduates and students who leave normal schools and colleges in order to teach. The following are some of the vacancies which have been registered at the summer session office:

Principal for Laurelton high school; two principalships for high schools in Montgomery county; teacher of science in Wellsboro high school; assistant high school principal at Delta, Pa.; teacher of athletics, teacher of French and teacher of science at Latrobe; teacher of manual arts and agriculture at Murrensboro; teacher of Latin and French at Ephrata; teacher of languages at Nesquehoning; teaching of manual training at Coatesville.

LARGE NUMBER TO TAKE STATE EXAMINATIONS

Thirty-four students of the summer session have expressed their desire to take the state examinations for State Permanent, Special and Continuation School Certificates. As a result these examinations will be given on Thursday and Friday of next week.

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BOOSTER COMMITTEE ELECTED YESTERDAY

Instead of general assembly yesterday morning, county reunions and election of boosters were held on the campus. The purpose was to get those summer session students from the various counties together in order to become better acquainted, and also to elect a booster. A "booster" is a student of the summer session, who will represent the interests of Penn State in his or her own individual county or district. Since a large number of those boosters already elected have not yet turned in, the complete list will not be published until next week.

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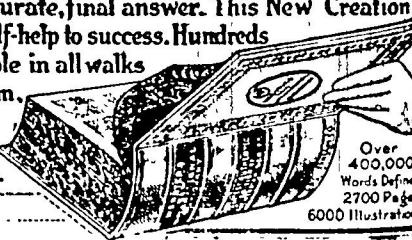
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