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UNDERGRADUATE MEETING.

The first Undergraduate Meeting of the year was held at noon on Wednesday, November 10. In defiance of the college tradition that the seniors alone may cheer the Undergraduate President, the Junior class started the cheering, and, in a very undignified manner, forced the two lower classes to follow suit. After the reports of the secretary and treasurer, the report of the Executive Committee was read and accepted as follows:

ARTICLE I.—APPROPRIATIONS.

Section I. That an appropriation of \$100 be made from the Undergraduate Treasury for the expenses of the Undergraduate Tea on December 3, 1909.

Section II. That an appropriation of \$75 be made from the treasury for the current expenses of the Association.

Section III. That an appropriation of \$25 be made from the treasury for the use of the Undergraduate Play Room Committee.

Section IV. That an appropriation be made from the treasury to pay one half the expense of repainting a scene to be used in the Junior Show.

ARTICLE II.—DUES.

Section I. That the dues of the Undergraduate Association for the first term be fifty cents.

Section II. That there shall be an Undergraduate pay day each term upon which day the Undergraduate Association dues shall be paid.

Section III. That pay day for the first term be Wednesday, November 24, 1909.

ARTICLE III.

Section I. That the second delegate to the Conference of the Woman's Intercollegiate Association for Student Government be elected from the Junior class at the first regular meeting of the Association. The Undergraduate Tea Committee announced that the first tea would be held on December third.

The chairman of the Song and Cheer Committee announced that regular Undergraduate song practice would be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, and that a fine of ten cents would be exacted for absence. The Committee offers a prize of \$5 for the best college song handed in before December 17. A new College Song Book is to be published this year.

Miss Crossman, chairman of the Undergraduate Play Room Committee reported that a book case had been bought for the magazines. The motion was made and carried that the regular Undergraduate study teas be held every other week instead of every week.

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1913 CLASS PARTY.

The Freshmen gathered in the theatre last Tuesday for the first class party 1913 has had! And of course it was a great success!

As stated in a previous issue of the BULLETIN, it was to be a country dance, and accordingly, 1913 made out dance cards some days before. At the appointed hour, the lads and lasses met at the door of the theatre. The "men" were attired in overalls and the fair maids in dainty aprons and sun-bonnets.

The dances all went off beautifully. There was not a single "hitch," and no stout swain complained of being scheduled to dance with two buxom damsels at the same time, which is usually the case when girls make out the dance cards.

When the refreshments appeared—it was not merely the customary Barnard enthusiasm which caused the shouts of glee that echoed down the corridors! There were real old fashioned ginger-bread cakes and great big luscious cookies. But that was not all—there was BEER!!! Ye scribe was shocked beyond utterance when she saw those suspicious looking bottles—real beer bottles—born aloft by a smiling maid and distributed among the eager dancers. In truth, ye scribe nearly fell over the balcony railing when she heard the "pop, pops." resounding through the room, but when some kindhearted Freshman brought her up a bottle, Oh! what a come-down! It was merely ginger ale.

1913 CLASS NEWS.

On Friday, November 5th, the Freshmen continued their election of officers. It was with the utmost difficulty that the names of the said officers were discovered days after the election, but few of the Freshmen seemed to have the slightest idea who they were. Nevertheless, finally the following information was gleaned:

Recording Secretary, Molly Stewart.
Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Marley.

Members of the executive committee:
Gertrude Morris,
Madeline Bunzel,
Naomi Harris,
Historian, Marian Newman.

DEUTSCHER KREIS NEWS.

The chief business of the Deutscher Kreis meeting was the election of new members, who will be notified of their admission by the Secretary. It was also suggested that a party be made up of Kreis members to see a play at the German theatre.

THE NOVEMBER BEAR.

The November number of the *Barnard Bear*, the first issue under the new arrangement, whereby the *Bear* is published monthly as a literary supplement to the BULLETIN, appears in a dignified and pleasing form. There are some slips in proof-reading, but on the whole the make-up of the magazine is creditable to the editors.

The longest article is Dr. Braun's "Letters of Goethe's Mother." Some doubt has been felt in college circles as to the desirability of having in the *Bear* contributions from the instructors, since these do not seem to further the chief purpose of the magazine, which is to give the undergraduates a chance to express themselves in literary form. This is, however, an open question. If we grant the desirability of having such faculty articles, there can certainly be no doubt of the appropriateness and interest of Dr. Braun's delightful account of the letters of Goethe's mother.

Among the student contributions, Miss Fox's "Literary Art of George Meredith" perhaps deserves first mention. Though not all Meredithians would agree with some of her judgments, the essay is on the whole an intelligent and interesting discussion of some aspects of the great novelist's art. The short story is admirably represented by Miss Hart's "Q. E. D.," a striking tale narrated in a crisp, rapid, and vivid style. The fragment of prose Arthurian drama, "Elaine," by Miss Gay, is out of the ordinary run of Barnard literature. In its brief space it shows, to an unusual degree, imagination and a pleasant blend of romance and humor. Of the other prose contributions, Miss Spear's "Barnard in Summer" is a rather effective description of the lighter sort, and the sheaf of daily themes is moderately interesting but not striking.

There are but two contributions in verse. Miss Nammack's "Song of the City Square" shows an imaginative appreciation of the romance of a great modern city, and the "Farewell Song to 1909," by Miss Burke and Miss Randolph, is a pleasant example of its type of college verse, avoiding the trite and commonplace effect of many such occasional poems.

In some ways the most notable thing in the number is the Editorial. This vigorous plea for frank admission of our interest in intellectual matters, and expression of this interest in varied literary forms, attacks a curious old Barnard convention,—common, I suppose, in other colleges also. It has generally not been considered quite the proper thing to admit in public a fondness for study and intellectual diversion. This attitude of exaggerated frivolity has been adopted largely, I imagine, as an antidote

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THE WAIL OF THE CAKELESS.

It has been said that mental as well as physical exertion gives one an appetite. Perhaps this is true; at any rate the fact remains that astonishingly large quantities of food are consumed by a proportionately small number of undergraduates at the teas on Wednesday afternoons.

If you arrive about one hour after the beginning of the serving, there is small hope that there will be anything left except some very weak tea. A worried member of the Committee tells you she is sure there was enough to begin with, but "people are so hungry!" You swallow your disappointment, and think unkind thoughts about the possible, and probable, girl that had more than one piece of cake;—and you suddenly realize the disadvantages of grinding away in the library or laboratory. You feel certain that you would have been satisfied with half a piece of cake or one small sandwich, but alas, other people are

not as angelic as you, so you wend your way to the ferry resolving to be there early next time and thus let someone else have these cruel thoughts of you.

If it is true, as the committee affirms, that a sufficient amount of refreshment is provided for a moderate allowance for everyone, then the question is merely one of consideration for others.

Let us remember that the aim of the Committee is not to provide a substitute for dinner, but merely to encourage sociability, to give us all a chance to chat with the girls of other classes, and to cheer and fortify the committee for her weary homeward journey.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, with much regret, that on and after Monday, November 15, the price of lunch in the Lunch Room will be \$.25.

Last year, during which lunch was served at \$.15 and \$.20, and in which there were certain expenditures for equipment, there was a deficit of over \$1000. This year the Lunch Room has been somewhat better attended, the average so far being 109 students, and the deficit will, therefore, be considerable less. With the present rate of attendance, however, the deficit is estimated at \$533.47. With an average of 150 students, the price could be kept at \$.20, and it is hoped that in the course of a year or two, the price can be reduced to this sum or less.

By order of,

W. T. Brewster,
Acting Dean.

HOCKEY.

The Athletic Association has succeeded in starting a new game at College this year: hockey. The attempt has been very successful, for the freshmen support it enthusiastically, and upper classmen, who never came out for athletics before, have practiced regularly.

The first game was held on Tuesday, at twelve o'clock, between 1910 and 1911. There was much excitement aroused, especially as 1910 was ahead at the end of the first half. But in the second 1911 did better, and finally won with a score of 3 to 2. The game was quite swift, though the girls have not yet learned to carry the ball along with them, or to pass very well.

The practice game between 1912 and 1913 resulted in a score of 6-2 in favor of the Freshmen.

The final matches were played between 1911 and 1913, and 1910 and 1912.

In the first game, 1911 carried off the honors, winning by a score of 4-2.

The second game was a tie, with a score of 2-2, and will probably be played off later.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

In recent issues of your paper there have been various remarks regarding the necessity of making money through plays and the desirability of having more business-like methods in the undertakings of undergraduates. To my mind there is a very intimate connection between these two points. We all feel the embarrassment, and deplore the need, of appealing constantly to our friends and the public to buy tickets for college performances. We know that with a membership varying between 75 and 150 and class dues of 25 cents a month for 8 months, the income from dues alone in each class is from \$150 to \$300 a year, but we do not stop to think how much of this sum is usually wasted. In the Undergraduate Association, with a membership of almost 500 and an income from dues alone of about \$600, we have a vague feeling that the funds go for teas, etc. But it is only occasionally that some one of us faces the fact that a great deal of the lack of funds in the treasuries of student organizations is due to inexperienced and unbusinesslike management. There are a few very simple remedies which, if rigorously applied, would probably have excellent results in a very short time.

First of all, we should be prompt in paying dues. For a girl who belongs to a reasonably small number of organizations, the dues are not so heavy that they become burdens even to small purses. It is a matter not only of duty but of honor to pay dues promptly, since the whole community suffers not only morally but also materially through the failure on the part of some students to meet their obligations. It is better to belong to fewer organizations and to pay the dues of those to which you do belong, than to have the reputation about college that you "never pay dues anywhere."

In the second place, every treasurer of organizations that have bank accounts should be instructed to deposit in the bank every cent that is collected in any way and to pay all bills by check. The receipts of plays and of the *Mortar Board*, for instance, and of taxes for balls, should go into the class treasury, and the bills for plays, the *Mortarboard* and dances should be paid by the CLASS treasurer after they have been approved by the Chairman of the Committee concerned. The class treasurer should never advance money for petty expenses or pay out funds until a bill is rendered. In this way a great saving can be made, and the tendency will be to keep expenses smaller than is the case when a certain sum is voted for a given purpose and the money is turned right over to the person who has the matter in charge. By way of illustration, I can mention the success that these simple requirements brought into the management of alumnae finances. In 1906 when the custom was to advance

money to committees and individuals for expenses, the balance in the treasury was about \$3.96. After the first year of the new system the balance was about \$169; and this fall, after the third year, the balance was over \$500. This is not due wholly to an increased number of members, for we certainly have not gained 500 members in the last 3 years, and our expenses, on the other hand, have increased considerably.

In the third place, we should have publicity in all accounts. There should be published once a year in the BULLETIN the financial reports of the Undergraduate Association, the 4 classes, the Athletic Association, the modern languages associations, the Y. W. C. A., the *Beac*, etc. For the 1st time these statements could easily be drawn up with the help of some one of the college officers. They would teach the students of today a lot about accounts; they would show which girls of smaller organizations, are the best managers and should be entrusted with the finances of larger organizations, and, in future years, they would serve as guides to other classes. For instance, it will be interesting to note the difference in the cost of publishing the Mortarboard, the increase or decrease in receipts from plays, etc., etc., etc. Furthermore figures show better than anything else just what organizations are flourishing and what clubs should cease to exist because of lack of support. There would be no possibility of having a recurrence of the situation that came about some years ago when a modern language association, that had done a little more than clear expenses in a play was besieged by 2 or 3 insolvent and absolutely unconnected student organizations who wished to divide the proceeds of the play to get themselves out of debt.

My suggestion, therefore, is that next spring or possibly early in the fall, the BULLETIN issue a financial supplement containing the annual statements of as many of the college organizations as possible, and that if successful, this be made an annual practice.

AN ALUMNA IN FACULTATE.

To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

As one who has taken part in a Barnard show, perhaps I may be permitted to know a little about their effects. The standpoint of "Frater," in your last issue, is indeed a "purely selfish" one. The matter of escort for the girls is entirely personal, and should certainly not be necessary for discussion. Barnard dramatics may not be of any good to "Frater," but we are wont to consider their benefit to the girls, the class and the college. As to the mention in the newspapers, I think it will be admitted that Barnard and her doings were always pretty widely reported, so much so that we now have a press club, to describe affairs accurately. And surely, if taken in the proper spirit these accounts cannot injure us or

our College.

ONE OF THE STUDENT BODY.

To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

Dear Madam:

For some time it has seemed to me,—and I am sure, to others in college—that some step ought to be taken to change the nature of Barnard newspaper reports. Saturday morning, in a rather crowded subway car, I caught the words: "Those Barnard freaks again!" Naturally, being one of the "freaks." I listened, and soon found out what it was all about. A young man was reading, amid bursts of laughter from his highly entertained listeners, an account of the Sophomore show.

The article (I do not know in what paper it was) was written in a would-be humorous, but decidedly vulgar way. It referred not only to the show, but also to Barnard as a whole in most sarcastic and slurring terms. While such notices are printed of individual shows and parties at college, the reputation of Barnard in the eyes of outsiders is bound to be lowered. Surely no girl with any loyalty can wish to have her college made a standing joke and by-word.

It is very seldom that you hear of an out-of-town college in such a manner. It is perhaps unfortunate that, being a city college, we are more or less before the public all the time, and that we must be used to "fill space," but on that very account, we should always be on our guard.

Some time ago, in an undergraduate meeting the Press Club was discussed and we were even told that it had been organized for the express purpose of stopping these reports. To a certain extent this has been done, but only to a very slight degree. The "yellow journals" still print the same sort of reports.

To be sure, there is not so much pure fiction in the articles as formerly;—there is, rather, just enough truth to make them more objectionable and to make girls hesitate to "do things." For as surely as they take any prominent part in dramatic or social affairs, they find themselves open to insulting press notices.

If the Press Club is responsible for these reports, it seems to me that the members ought, to say the least, greatly tone down their accounts. If, on the other hand, it is not responsible, it should, for the sake of its own reputation, take some active step to prevent them.

A Press Club which holds up its own college to ridicule, surely can find little favor in that college.

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To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

Class spirit is a good thing and we would not care to see it disappear, but when it exists to the exclusion of college spirit, surely some improvement ought to be made. And we do seem to have reached that deplorable condition in Barnard, for even outsiders notice it. The "odd fellows" undoubtedly feel a sort of grudge against the evens, and the evens reciprocate. These trivial jealousies are unworthy of college women. In the beginning—and not so long ago—there existed merely a feeling of friendly rivalry between the classes, with perhaps a slight partiality for "our sisters," but we had not yet forgotten that we stood together "with a comradeship undying." To-day, however, we do seem to forget, sometimes. It is not unusual to see one group of girls watching the exploits of another with an unkindly spirit and an unsympathetic criticism; no rarer than to hear us making remarks of a questionable character, simply because we have allowed ourselves to be carried away and have not thought. We are even becoming chary of praising one another when we do feel honest admiration. Think of that, girls!

I wish we might have something to counteract this over-emphasized sisterliness. At Vassar, for instance, every Freshman has her senior advisor as well as her own Junior; and the upperclasswomen think it poor taste and judgement to interfere with the not unkind inter-class rivalry which is considered the prerogative of Freshmen and Sophomores only. Let us try to live up to the spirit which the Seniors have shown in their greeting to 1913.

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against the old idea of the outside world that a college woman must be necessarily an abnormal, inhuman incarnation of pure, cold intellect. But as this notion has now, for the most part, passed away, and the world perceives that the college woman is pretty much like other women, with an emotional and a social side, and the ability to enjoy the pleasures of life, we no longer need this armor against misinterpretation, and without fear of being considered mere "grinds" can show ourselves in our true characters. The expression of our real intellectual interests in a variety of literary forms is the mission which the *Bear* has undertaken. This number is on the whole a promising augury of its success.

Virginia C. Gildersleeve.

1912 NEWS.

1912's everflowing stream of enthusiasm has for once given out, and the committee of "Nottasho" has found it advisable to postpone the performance till the class has recovered from the exertions of the Sophomore show, and once more feels the call of the footlights.

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Miss Egleston then took the chair, and Miss Hunter gave the report of Student Council. She said that the Barnard Union, since it seemed impracticable and useless, had been dissolved. Student Council has decided to have Field Day in the spring as it has always been, and not to act on the recommendation of the Athletic Association that it be held in the fall; and also that the separate cataloging of the pictures in the college would be too expensive, and should only be undertaken by the *Bear*, in one of its issues.

The last business of the meeting was the election of the delegate to the Inter-collegiate Conference; Molly Conroy was unanimously elected.

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