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SUFFRAGE CLUB.

An interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. Aylesworth to the Barnard Chapter of the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League Wednesday afternoon on the subject: "The Results of Woman Suffrage in Colorado." Dr. Aylesworth was formerly President of Drake University and is now in the faculty of the Colorado Agricultural College and is a firm believer in equal suffrage.

He divided the opponents of equal suffrage in the East into four main types; the first group is represented by Edward Bok, Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal and Dr. Aylesworth said that it was very probable that if the women became wide-awake enough to vote they would cease to care for the "miserable editorials" in his paper. The second group is represented by Mrs. Gilbert Jones, head of the organized anti-suffrage effort, who says she would vote if she had the right and it would not hurt women, but it is not constitutional as women cannot bear arms. Dr. Parkhurst heads the third group with the argument that he does not like the "emotional" type of women asking for it. The fourth group is led by Emma Goldman who according to Dr. Aylesworth presents the only real good argument against equal suffrage; she says since it has not been beneficial with men why include women.

Dr. Aylesworth then discussed in connection with conditions in Colorado the time-honored arguments brought forward against equal suffrage. First is the argument that if women had the right to vote it would break up the home and increase the number of divorce cases. The number of divorces in the East and Middle States has increased in the last sixteen years, but in Colorado it has grown notably less, especially in the last four years. Another argument often put forward is that the women will vote the same as their husbands, thus merely doubling the votes. A number of cases were cited by the speaker to disprove this, showing how a man who has run for office has been put in solely by the Women's Convention. The most well-known case of this kind is that of Judge Lindsey in Denver. In spite of his wonderful Juvenile Court work his party refused to support him at the last election as he had talked against the leaders of the party. The women took up the matter, held their convention quietly, and the result was that Judge Lindsey was elected by a majority greater than the combined vote of the two other candidates.

It is often said that the women do not want the ballot and would not use it if they had it. About half the votes in the State of Colorado are cast by women al-

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BARNARD EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Mrs. Alice Duer Miller, who has charge of the newly organized employment bureau for Barnard graduates reports that about fifty girls have already registered with her. The work was organized last December. Blanks were sent out to interested graduates and all those desirous of registering were urged to call on Mrs. Miller during her office hours (every Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5) at her home, 62 East Fifty-third street.

Already five girls have received permanent positions and many more have been given temporary work such as tutoring or secretarial.

This work was started by the Alumnae Association because a number of people had complained that, when they wished to employ Barnard graduates there was no central place to apply for them. Other colleges had such an institution and Barnard decided to follow their wise precedent.

Mrs. Miller urges the Barnard undergraduates who wish to take up some other line of work than teaching to learn stenography and typewriting. She feels that it would not be very difficult to get good positions for intelligent, college-bred stenographers.

The undergraduates of Barnard may help Mrs. Miller by notifying the Employment Committee at 62 East Fifty-third street of any vacant positions which Barnard graduates might fill. When a student hears some one say: "I wish I knew of some bright college girl to do this work," write to Mrs. Miller while the feeling lasts.

HONORS IN MATHEMATICS, 1909-1910.

First Year:

Spherical Geometry and Trigonometry.
(Holgate and Granville.)

Second Year:

Analytic Geometry.
(Fine and Thompson, Chapters XI to XIV.)

Third Year:

1. Differential Equations.
(Cohen or Murray, five chapters.)
2. Application of the Calculus to Mechanics.
(Osgood's Calculus.)

Fourth Year—Subjects for Essay:

1. Descartes' Mathematical Correspondence.
2. Logical Development of the Number System.
3. Transfinite Numbers.
4. Vector Analysis.

Candidates for honors should consult Professor Kasner before March 15, 1910.

F. N. COLE.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the Philosophy Club was held on Thursday, January 20, at four o'clock in the Undergraduate Study. Dr. Montague was present, but owing to the nearness of mid-years, few girls were there. The discussion was started by a question as to whether the universe is directed by blind will, mechanical laws, or a personal God, but little was said on the first two points. The discussion turned mainly on the value of religion, Dr. Montague seeming to think that one of its chief values is the consolation it affords to sufferers.

In speaking of the missionaries he said he thought they used often to do as much harm as good, though they are improving now. Still he thought it would be better if much of the money given to foreign missions was devoted instead to the establishment of medical and industrial schools perhaps under religious auspices, but with religious training secondary to the economic. He said that prominent men are becoming more and more of the opinion that ones religious belief makes little difference, so long as one leads a moral life. Indeed Dr. Montague seemed to think that there is little connection between religion and morals, and that most good persons would be equally good without religious faith. This view was opposed by most of the girls and the discussion ended with Dr. Montague's refutation of the statement that people without religious beliefs, who live moral lives, deserve more praise than others, since their moral attainments are won without the hope of future reward.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

May I assert the opinion that you are quite right in announcing the engagements of Barnard students? The statement that the higher education unfits women for domestic life is thus refuted for Barnard College at least. Why should not other women rejoice unselfishly with one who has fulfilled a woman's highest destiny? The writer, a case-hardened bachelor, feels that marriage is a great sacrifice made for the welfare of the State and honors those who bravely undertake it. As Barnard is not a monastic establishment devoted to the perpetuation of celibacy, it may well find that a little nonsense now and then is the best refuge against pedantry. May Barnard always offer kindly welcome to the pink and white and frivolous.

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It has often been said that Barnard students have so many blessings that they fail to appreciate them. This is usually applied to the many fine lectures, art exhibitions and other similar opportunities which we so sadly neglect. But we wish to speak now more particularly of the scholarship which has been offered to any Barnard student, who has had a sufficiently good record, by the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. The college offers two years' free tuition and it really a wonderful opportunity for any one who is interested in this line of work. Seniors often say, apropos of their future careers: "Oh, I suppose I've got to teach. There is nothing else to do." But if any one is at all adapted to things medical, this is a splendid chance for her to get her professional training and preparation without the ex-

pense which is so often the great obstacle in undertaking a professional career. We advise our scientific seniors to consider this matter carefully, and if possible to make use of this wonderful opportunity.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PEACE.

The International School of Peace has requested that some account of its desires and purposes be printed in the BULLETIN, in order to interest the students in its aims and endeavors. The school was founded by Mr. Edward Ginn. Its new headquarters at 20A Beacon street, Boston, were opened on December 15, 1909. Several addresses were made telling of the rapid growth of the cause of peace all over the world, and of the need of a stronger and deeper interest in the movement. The school, which is devoted to the education of the people in behalf of international justice and fraternity, desires to cooperate earnestly with all Women's Clubs and other organizations which will welcome its aid. Any one who wishes to learn more of the work of the school, or to secure speakers on this subject, should address the director, Mrs. Anna Sturges Duryea, at the school.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

It was with sincerest regret that I noticed, on my last visit to Brooks Hall the large number of strange faces in the dining room and halls of our dormitory. On inquiring, I learned that all these strangers were not freshmen nor new students in any of the upper classes. They were either graduates or persons taking courses in any department of the University. I thought Brooks Hall was a Barnard and not a University dormitory. Then why must we harbor this promiscuous collection of students? In doing so it seems that the main purpose of this Hall of Residence for our college is destroyed. Certainly these "grads" have not the good of Barnard at heart, they are not interested in us and they seem to shun rather than seek our company—the explanation is that they are not interested in us. Moreover it was plainly apparent that the tone of the Hall had changed from what it was last year or what it was the year before in our temporary quarters. The only explanation for this is the increase in the number of outsiders. I thought that the necessary requisite for residence in Brooks Hall was that the girl must be taking Barnard courses. If this is so how do all these outsiders—and they seem to be in the majority—get into our dormitory?

A FORMER RESIDENT.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

That was a timely thought which reached Dr. John Peters, of St. Michael's, before the echoes of Herod and the gleam of the Star of Bethlehem had faded from the public playhouses, to present on the simple stage of his Parish House a genuine Epiphany Pageant. The actors were chosen largely from the congregation, but the setting and costuming were superintended by Mr. Ben Greet and the American playgoers. The effect was notable.

To the left of the stage, from the point of view of the audience, a high balcony and alcove was utilized for Heaven. Here two charming angels surveyed earth in general. The stage itself was naturally the scene of human action, where on the extreme left the Epiphany group, the Virgin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Simeon, and two Shepherd women were to guard the thatched manger. In the centre at the back of the stage, the mediaeval court looked down from high places on the Pageant, celebrated supposedly for them. To the right of the stage, Herod's group had seats of honor, splendidly oblivious of the humble Epiphany Saints directly opposite them. This was according to true mediaeval tradition—stretching back to the miracle acted in the church itself, where little stations represented Bethlehem or Jerusalem as occasion demanded. Lower than the stage, and at the extreme right, was the spectacle which, I regret to state, was the sensation of the evening—Hell-mouth, the open jaws of a gleaming monster in lurid colors and flaming light. Red, horned devils issued therefrom mounting to Herod's throne with dark messages, and smiling evilly as they perched again on the monster's jaws.

These pageants entered from the rear of the hall, passing majestically down the centre aisle, to the announcement of a Herald, and taking their places on the stage.

The Virgin left little to be desired from the grace of her clinging blue drapery and white veil, to the deprecating, girlish, yet perfectly simple and excellent manner of her response to the Wise Men. These latter, sad to relate, forgot their parts after nobly presenting their offerings, and "departed into their own country another way," in evident uncertainty of spirit.

Perhaps the daintiest bit of the whole piece was the dance of Salome down the long aisle in front of Herod. Coming after the solemn groups of the sacred story, its light and graceful and perfectly silent motion made exquisite relief without disturbing the general harmony.

Altogether worth doing, is one's natural comment, on the entire performance, even though a too cruel critic might have wished a little less dumb show and more dialogue, a little less smirking from the devils, and more lively interlude.

ELIZABETH CHRISTINE COOK.

To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

It seems to have become the custom for Barnard students after any event of importance has occurred, to write an article suggesting the abolishing of the said event. Therefore it seems hardly more than fair to suggest that mid-year examinations be abolished. This may seem a rash and much too radical a change, but it has already been adopted by a number of schools and colleges. I do not mean necessarily a complete abolishment, but merely that some standard be set for the student to reach in her daily work, the reward of which shall be exemption from the examination. Eighty per cent. is what is now used in the Engineering School at Columbia. If a student has done faithful enough work in the preparation of her daily task and has shown this in her quizzes and recitations, why should she be put through that brain-racking test?

The objection will probably be raised that if a student has done faithful work, her examination will not prove brain-racking. This is a professor's argument, not a pupil's; for every pupil knows, that, to hand in an examination book of any value at all, a thorough review of the subject is necessary. Our daily work leaves with us only a good, general knowledge of the subject and would hardly bring a C on an examination paper.

To draw such a line as this would be a great incentive to the girls to do more than "just pass." The passing mark is desired in order to get in the plays; why not have another attraction to make the girls want to get at least eighty per cent. It would undoubtedly raise the average standard of Barnard students and I am sure it would not lessen their knowledge, for what students learn in cramming, never lasts more than twenty-four hours, if that long.

Another objection that might be raised is that it will draw too sharp a line between good and poor students and lessen the democratic atmosphere of which Barnard boasts. Yet why should this be another case of "the innocent suffering because of the sins of the guilty?" Need the industrious suffer because of the slothfulness of the lazy.

A Writer of Pink Books.

ALUMNAE NEWS.

The engagement is announced of Florence M. Wolff, 1908, to William Klaber, Columbia 1905, Ph. D. 1907.

On Tuesday, February 1, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Elsas, of Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Elsas was Miss Bertha Rothschild, Barnard 1911.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

There is in Barnard at present a certain cold indifference to all live questions of the day which not only reflects most unfavorably upon the students themselves, but especially upon the college as a whole. It is perfectly natural, of course, that as students we should become so absolutely and entirely wrapped up in the narrow sphere of our college activities, that but little time is left us to reflect upon those of society. But are we not, after all, a part of the great social system in which we live, and should we not, therefore, feel some very personal interest in it? As college women, we are not on a pedestal by ourselves. We are just as much a part of existing social order as are those who are actually taking part in its industrial and other activities. Why, the very first object of education is to make efficient citizens—using "citizens" in the very broadest sense of the word—and surely by shutting our eyes to the most vital social problems of our day, we are not working toward this end. It is the profound duty of every college woman to understand thoroughly what is happening around her, and to help as best she can to further any just cause. Indeed, should intelligent, thinking, men and women not do so, who should?

To such a world wide and vitally important movement as that of woman suffrage, for example, almost all of you are totally indifferent. One would think that you, unlike every one else in the community, were for some unknown reason entirely unaffected by the outcome. One Wednesday afternoon Dr. Aylesworth, of Colorado, at an open meeting of the Suffrage Club told us what woman suffrage has done in his state. It is not only astounding, but positively disgraceful that in a college of over 500 women students, not more than 20 were sufficiently interested to attend the lecture. And it must be remembered that those 20 were just as busy as were the rest of you. They too had their examinations looming up before them.

Why did not those of you who are opposed to woman suffrage attend the meeting to hear the other side? Is it of no importance to you that woman suffrage has actually done a great many things in Colorado? Might that not change your views on the subject, or else give you firmer ground upon which to uphold your opposition? Don't let your minds stagnate! Remember that the inquiring mind is the truly scholarly one.

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BASKETBALL.

Barnard played its first game with Teacher's College on Thursday, January 20, and despite the unusually fast playing of the Teacher's College team, the Varsity scored a clean-cut victory of 9-3. The game was fast from start to finish, and there was excellent passing on both sides. The Barnard forwards, Ethel Leveridge, '11, and Dorothy Cheeseman, '13, in the first half, and Ethel Leveridge and Mamie Wegner, '12, second half, played a steady game from start to finish, and the fact that the T. C. guards were exceptionally strong on the defensive, gives all the more glory to those that made the baskets. Shirley Gleason as side-centre played a good game, and the guarding for Barnard kept the Teachers' forwards from becoming too closely acquainted with the basket.

The line up was:
Teacher's College. — Barnard-
A. Lee F. E. Leveridge
H. Shoenfeld F.
D. Cheeseman—M. Wegener
E. McPherson C. L. Schoedler
L. Barker S. C. E. Gleash
C. Hart G. M. Conroy
M. Treat G.

N. Hamburger—A. Weil.
Score—First half, Barnard, 3; Teacher's College, 1.

Score—Second half, Barnard, 6; Teacher's College, 2.

Total—9-3.
Referee—Mr. Fawcett.
Timekeeper—Miss Calhoun.
Scorekeeper—Hazel Woodhull, 1910.

Miss Rose Erstein, Barnard 1906, was married last week to Mr. Walter Kahn.

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though there are more men than woman. As to the practical results, there are twenty-eight laws attributable to the women of Colorado and most of these are in the interest of children, the weak, organized labor, and only four of the number are exclusively in favor of women. A law for an eight-hour day for women, joint guardianship of children, and a law that no mortgage on the home may be made without the signature of both husband and wife are in favor of women. Colorado has the best truancy laws and the best child-labor laws of any of the states, and although they were written by Judge Lindsay, they were put through by the women.

After a trial of equal suffrage for fourteen years, the Legislature was asked to express an opinion on the subject and they passed a resolution to the effect that they believe in it so much and had had such fine results, that they hoped other states would soon adopt it.

Dr. Aylesworth answered questions after the lecture and explained matters in more detail.

COLLEGE SETTLEMENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A business meeting of the College Settlement Association was held last Thursday. Mrs. Simkovitch proposed that settlement trips be planned in order to arouse greater interest in the work of the association. It was decided to refer this matter to the Electoral Board for presentation at a later meeting. Miss Stella Bloch was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

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1910 ENTERTAINERS 1900.

Yesterday the Senior tea was given in honor of last year's Seniors, and the 1900 girls were given a hearty welcome not only by the 1910 tea committee, but by many of the other Seniors, who acted as enthusiastic hostesses. It is evidently very easy for 1900 to communicate with its members at short notice, for there was a splendid alumnae representation. All the officers came early and stayed late, and showed that they felt at home in their former study.

Hazel Woodhull, Charlotte-Russe, Hazel Wayt, Helen Wernick, and Jess C. Nittingham were serving refreshments.

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