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NOTICE!

Quarter Century Celebration.

By authority of the President, all academic exercises in Barnard College will be suspended on the afternoon of Thursday, April 29th, and the morning and afternoon of Friday, April 30th, in order that all students and officers may participate in the ceremonies commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the college.

All students are expected, as a regular academic duty, to attend, in cap and gown, the exercises in the University gymnasium on the afternoon of Thursday, April 29th.

Further directions and information regarding the prescribed academic costume and the various ceremonies will be issued by Professor Knapp, Chairman of the Faculty Committee, and Miss Amidon, Chairman of the Undergraduate Committee.

V. C. GILDERSLEEVE,
Dean.

MISS ADDAMS ON CONSTRUCTIVE PEACE

An Anti-Militarist meeting was held on the afternoon of Thursday, the 11th. The name of Jane Addams, placarded under the significant device, "War on War," attracted many Common Senseers and others, so that St. Paul's Chapel was filled to its utmost capacity.

The President of the League first spoke of the organization as Columbia's reaction to the movement for introducing military drill into the universities. Prof. Giddings said a few words on the possibilities of constructive peace. Only through the efforts of self-sacrificing workers can it be attained. Miss Addams was introduced as one of this number.

To lose oneself, said Miss Addams, in the life of a nation—to speak, to act in the name of all countrymen—is patriotism. Europe has been stirred by this noble passion; but it has had to pay for it by war. Surely the price is too high; surely there are emotions latent in the national consciousness which are yet more ennobling. The feeling for internationalism was manifest before the war, and it crops out even now. To it belongs that higher standard which looks on the child as the chief concern of society and neglects his potentialities as a soldier. To it belongs the brotherhood between men of the same trade, and between men who have the world over dedicated their lives to the same peaceful service, whatever it may be.

At a time when the belligerent nations know more about each other than ever before, they shrink from war. Each of them now are fighting in the name of self-defense. Public opinion, the ruling force in the modern state, has at least accomplished this much. It must, however, be harmonious, if it is to get beyond the present standpoint. A wonderful power is sustaining the men in their resolution to "put it through," and is enabling them to bear the cruelty they inflict. But they, too, must conceive of a better way in which things might be settled. If only they could formulate their thought! The women of neutral countries have extended their sympathy to those of the warring nations; they have protested against the futility of their suffering. These things have not been effective, but they herald the formation of a new public opinion.

Only a radical change in the ways of

1916 MORTARBOARD.

Since *Mortarboards* have been issued, the cover design has always created more or less excitement, so much so that of late years, it has become a matter of primary importance. This year the editors have shown a very fine taste in choosing one which is at once modest, elegant and pleasing to the eye.

To mention at the outset those things which stand out in glaring contrast to class books of previous years, we compliment 1916 on the adequate, accurate table of contents, the index to advertisers, the refinement of the dedication page, the heavy type of the initials heading each group of the students' directory, and—Dr. Baldwin's picture among the Faculty.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the book is its individual interest combined with a non-partisan spirit. There is very little facetious comment on the foibles of "odd" classes or the foreordained excellence of "evens." This is decidedly commendable, and makes the *Mortarboard* of pleasure to the whole Undergraduate body. The reading matter is well done, involving a clever idea illustrated with pictures, some of which proved a disappointment. The doggerel shows a sense of humor combined with a talent for Gilbert & Sullivan versification. The class history in verse contains some excellent bits of poetry sandwiched in between some mediocre passages. Many of the interludes are splendid, and one is very funny; the encore is particularly charming to say nothing of the musical idea and the marginal notes. "Too Many Cooks" is chuckle-provoking, and just long enough to make its point. Of course we might say it's a bit too personal in spots, but since its object is humorous, we will waive our criticism. In fact the wit and humor of the entire book is surprisingly keen and subtle for a college book. The knocks are not half bad, that is to say, there are more good ones than otherwise, and fear of personal feelings may have led to such inanities as "Modest and shy as a nun is she," and "Her smile was gayly persistent."

The arrangement of the book is intelligent and shows great care. We think the art work, as a whole, is good, not only in composition, which to our thinking is its greatest merit, but in the work of the printer as well. The photographer has not shown up very well, as many of the pictures are blurred and indistinct. Miss Seipp's work shows care, and is always artistic, though some of the execution does not come up to her ability. The arrangement, ideas and general appearance of this book show rare esthetic taste. The caricatures are very clever, albeit they are sloppy in technique. They have accomplished their humorous intents and show an insight which is uncommon in such work.

To perorate, we are favorably impressed, and we congratulate the editors heartily. They have been artistic, clever, intelligent and efficient, a powerful combination.

RAY ELLIOT LEVI.

nations can insure anything like permanent peace. Arbitration has been carried out by a court; it should be taken in hand by a conference. It has recognized political claims; the grievances have been economic. It has been legal in its procedure, but it can only adjust and rectify if it is truly human.

TO THE OFFICERS OF INSTRUCTION AND STUDENTS OF BARNARD COLLEGE

At the request of the Committee on Instruction, Professor Knapp has worked out a plan for the rapid clearing of the Barnard buildings in the event of fire. This plan, with the necessary explanations, is printed below.

Every one connected with Barnard College in any way whatever, is requested to give the most careful attention and study to this plan and the accompanying explanation, as well as to the cards set up in the various rooms, so that should there be a fire in the buildings, every one may know exactly what to do.

To test the plan, there will be a fire-drill some time within the week of March 22nd. Officers and students are requested to act on that occasion exactly as if they positively knew that there was a dangerous fire in the building.

After the drill has been held, suggestions for improvement of the plan will be welcomed, from officers and from students. They should be addressed to Professor Knapp. When the plan is in final form, circulars describing it will be printed and distributed to all officers and students of the College.

THE CORDIAL CO-OPERATION OF EVERYONE IS SOLICITED in the testing and perfecting of this important effort to safeguard all those who occupy the Barnard buildings.

Before the College opens in September next, important changes will be made in the Barnard buildings, which will add to their safety against fire and to the means of exit should fire come.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION AND EXPLANATIONS

There are five staircases from the upper floors, as follows:

A. Normal Staircases.

STAIRCASE I—In Milbank Hall (the main stairway) giving upon the Court.

STAIRCASE II—In Brinckerhoff Hall, giving upon Broadway.

STAIRCASE III—In Fiske Hall, giving upon the Court.

In using these staircases, students should leave the building by the doors on the Main Floor.

B. Reserve Staircases.

STAIRCASE IV—Labelled Back Stairs and Fire Escape, in Milbank Hall, coming down opposite Rooms 410, 310, Sophomore Study, 110.

STAIRCASE V—Labelled Back Stairs and Fire Escape, in Fiske Hall, coming down next to Staircase III, near Rooms 437, 339, 239, 139.

NOTE—Staircases IV and V are to be used only if any one of Staircases I, II and III is not available. On Staircases IV and V, when used, students should keep as far as possible to the right, that is, against the wall. Avoid the rail on these staircases.

C. Exits in the Basement.

In the Basement there are four exits:

(1) From the hallway, near the bottom of Staircase III, to Claremont Avenue.

(2) Opposite the bottom of Staircase I, to 120th Street.

(3) By a window, opposite the bottom of Staircase IV, to 120th Street.

(4) From the Brinckerhoff Hall side, to Broadway.

All doors to the street or to the Court open outwards. During the day they are unlocked. Turn the handle and push, and the doors will open.

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EDITORIAL

There was an old Greek who saw all the world from a coral bud to the soul of man, as a combination of whirling atoms, void of quality, tumbling through space, each atom busy about its own particular business. Then some one said to Epicurus: "But if the universe is just a mass of falling atoms, how is there ever quality in anything? How is it that we find shape and color and size? Why do the atoms ever unite at all? Each is a complete unity. Why does not each atom go whirling about its own business, instead of hithering to unite with other atoms to form the world as we know it?" And Epicurus, (via Dr. Montague) replied: "All atoms have the power to swerve just the least bit from the perpendicular, and by this slight concession they achieve—the universe."

This is not an exposition of later Greek philosophy. It is just the wish that Epicurus could come to Brinckerhoff Theatre, and expound to all Barnard assembled, the general nature of atoms. We seem determined to believe that the great point about a human atom is its individuality, its ability to fall in a straight line, without touching anybody or anything more than is absolutely necessary. Of course all atoms do a great deal of their "eternal motion" alone and self-sufficient. But when they really accomplish anything, it is by leaving their perpendicular and sticking fast to other atoms and making—oh, an Alp, or a snail shell, or a Socrates, or a Pacific Ocean. Barnard atoms live their

individual lives with the success one would expect from educated and intelligent beings. But to leave the perpendicular, to form one solid, efficient, powerful mass, seems, as far as we can judge by results, the impossible, much-to-be-avoided, and unworthy thing to do. Whether it is in maintaining quiet in the halls, observing order in the library, supporting the "no smoking" rule in the dormitory, or attending Undergrad meeting, Barnard all too often resembles the universe that threatened Epicurus—a constant rain of atoms, without form or efficiency. Let us turn, for a moment, from the cult of the Ego, the hyper-individual, the Supreme Me. Let us go to the atom, the most individual of all individuals; let us consider his ways—and be wise.

ABOUT FRATERNITIES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN:

Dear Madam—Student Council meets Wednesday at twelve, and last Wednesday at half-past twelve the entire college would have known of the voting that was to be on the fraternity question had it not been for Student Council. It was their idea and theirs alone, to keep the news of the voting as a very pleasant surprise until Friday morning, and so to them belongs the credit or criticism for the consequent secrecy until the last moment. And naturally no one would have supposed but that the idea of secrecy was the idea of Pan Hellenic, because every one is sure that secrecy "is the best thing Pan Hellenic does." And so also every one will be astonished to learn how clever Student Council are too, at keeping a secret, that supposed prerogative of fraternities.

Electioneering is no more approved of by people who wear arrows and keys and kites and things with Greek letters on them, than it is by Student Council, but time for thinking about the question up for vote is very strongly approved of by the Greek letter people. And, therefore, the fraternities were decidedly opposed to Student Council's decree that mystery must prevail and the fact of the voting remain a deep secret until Friday morning.

Sincerely yours,

VIRGINIA PULLEYN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN:

In this issue appears a statement by Virginia Pulleyn, defending the action and attitude of Pan-Hellenic in the recent vote on Fraternities, and depositing certain criticisms regarding that vote at the door where they belong—Student Council's. This letter is rather supplementary to her remarks than in answer to them.

On Wednesday, March 10th, Student Council received from the Pan-Hellenic Association a request for permission to carry on balloting on Monday and Tuesday, March 15th and 16th, to determine the attitude of the college on the fraternity question. Student Council granted the request for the referendum, but changed the date to Friday, March 12th, and limited the voting to one day. The Council also urged that no announcement of the coming vote be made until Friday morning. It is clear then that any resentment in regard to the secrecy and short notice must be charged up against Student Council. The actions of Pan-Hellenic were throughout loyal and above board.

The decision of the Council was based on a realization that two days would give no interval for helpful discussion and debate, but would only stimulate that particularly bitter sort of electioneering that seems necessarily to accompany any consideration of the question of fraternities. I think the methods used during that one brief day of voting, by some of the ardent partisans of both sides, bears evidence to

the wisdom of the Council's decision. Two extra days of that type of propaganda would scarcely have resulted in the formation of a more clear-sighted, significant expression of college sentiment.

So much for Student Council's responsibility in the matter cited by Virginia Pulleyn. I should like to add a few words of more personal opinion in regard to the whole question of the referendum. It seems to me to have no significance whatsoever. It proved that about one hundred more people in the college are definitely against fraternities than are for them. It proved that a sprinkling of indifferent people were interested enough to come and register their indifference! It proved that more people than were either for or against were so a trally indifferent that they never bothered to vote at all, even allowing for a few who couldn't come.

When all this is proven it is hard to draw enlightenment from the results. Any agitation that has been carried on this year has been by fraternity sympathizers, not because of superior virtue on the part of non-fraternity people, but because they have nothing to agitate about. Now it appears that some want fraternities; more don't want them; still more don't care. It hardly seems a basis for immediate action of any sort. And when the three years of suspension are over, and the question comes up for serious debate those figures will be even more useless. 1915 will have graduated; a new class will be in college; public opinion will have to be sounded all over again.

The results posted in the hall may be interesting to lovers of statistics, as are figures in regard to the circumference of the earth, or the number of pigs raised in Servia, but they seem to me to merit little excitement or study by either side, or to form an excuse for even mild dissension and recrimination.

FREDA KIRCHWEY.

COLLEGE SPIRIT AGAIN

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN:

Dear Madam—I have read with interest the letters and editorials in the BULLETIN, dealing with the much-discussed subject of "college spirit." I have heard people talk over the state of affairs here at Barnard, and I have listened respectfully while some few assured me that undoubtedly the college was deteriorating, and the good old days had gone forever. But I confess I cannot get worked up into a fever of excitement over our loss of college spirit. It seems to me that the pessimistic ones among us must spend so much time making places for our regeneration that they cannot see the things that are going on under their noses.

Did they go to the last two basket-ball games between Barnard and T. C.? Did they attend the trials for parts for the Undergraduate show? Did they honor the Barnard Glee Club Concert with their presence? If they did not do all of these things, then, of course, they are to be pardoned for the inaccuracy of their remarks. If they did, then there is no excuse for what they say. I have never, even in my Freshman year (that is supposed to belong to the "good old days") seen more enthusiasm or a better attendance at things than there has been this winter.

We have so many festivities planned for the spring months that we hardly know which way to turn, and there are so many meetings during the noon hour that many of us are forced to go without lunch. This hardly looks as if college life and college spirit were entirely dead. Some of us may be lazy, but the spirit is there, and when it is needed it will come to the fore.

May I venture to remark at the same time that I hardly think we are driven to

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THE LITTLE GROUP DISCUSSES. A VITAL QUESTION.

We took up such an important matter the other night, our little group of serious thinkers, that gets together to discuss "real things." It was this fraternity question. Oh, of course, I know it's not a new subject, but it's never really been settled, and every one understands how vital it is to have it looked at from every angle. That's the important thing about the fraternity question, it must be looked at from every angle. People are so likely to get prejudiced and see only one side; that's why it's never really been settled. Our little group considered it from every side, and very seriously.

Of course there's a lot to be said against frats. You know they are so likely to make people cliquey—our little group agreed there's nothing so demoralizing as to get cliquey. You know it was cliques that brought about the fall of Rome—and there were cliques in the French revolution, too, weren't there?—or was it in connection with the I. W. W.? Anyway, cliques are such bad things!

And then frats are so exciting, and if there's anything that's bad for a college, it's excitement. You know Thorndike tells about that. It really is dreadful just before pledge day—girls faint and have hysterics, and those that are left out often get a narcotic, or something like that. Anyway, it's dreadful for them!

Of course there is all that awful secrecy, too. Nobody knows just what the secrets are—so how can we be sure they are fit for college girls to know? They might be terribly unconventional. You know how the faculty feels about conventionality—or is it the trustees?

But then, there's a great deal to be said in favor of fraternities, and you know we agreed to look at this from every angle.

It's so sweet for girls to be in an organization—they can accomplish so much. You know Shakespeare talks about the "strength of love"—or is it Byron? And, of course, love is never so strong as when it's organized. "In union there is strength," as the Kaiser, or Bernard Shaw or somebody said the other day.

And then there's coming back to college. It would be so lovely when you are bent and gray to be able to walk up to a Sophomore in the old study and give her the grip. Those little things mean so much.

That's about the biggest thing in favor of frats—they give you friends everywhere. Why, the sister of one of the girls in our little group belongs to a frat, Phi Beta, or Y. W. C. A., or something. (I never can keep those initials straight.) Anyway, she went clear to Madagascar last winter, and had a wonderful time. I think it was Madagascar—some place out West. Anyway, men saw her frat pin and gave her a perfectly wonderful time, because their sisters or cousins or nieces or something like that wore the same pin. Perfectly strange men, you know, but they felt sure she was a lady because of her pin. She had such a lovely time!

You see there are lots of things to be said on both sides. We took it up very seriously from every angle, and devoted a whole evening to it. One should pay a great deal of attention to these problems that are so vital in life. Don't you think so?

WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

The Church of the Sea and Land, at 61 Henry Street, is starting a workshop for the unemployed. Send all your cast-off wearing apparel, and any other material that you can collect, of any kind, shape or description, and they will make carpets or curtains of them. Send your contribution direct or communicate with R. McKelvey, Locker 97, Senior Study, who will be glad to give further particulars.

HAVE YOU SOMETHING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

For Barnard girls who want to give their services to some good work during the summer, the Y. W. C. A. offers a very interesting opportunity through its summer camp for working girls. In the Northeastern Field there are three such camps—Bluefields, Altamont and Makonikey—camps which accommodate thousands of working girls each summer, charging them only \$3.50 per week. The Y. W. C. A. looks to the colleges, and to Barnard College particularly, for its councillors, it wants girls who have had Christian training, who are fairly athletic, good leaders, who can play and laugh and picnic with the girls, and enter in a fine, democratic spirit, into the interests of the many types of working girls who come to the camps. The work is most fascinating and worth while; the life is pleasant and healthy; and the opportunities for service and leadership are great.

Camp Bluefield would probably appeal very strongly to Barnard girls, since it is so near New York, and the travelling expenses are practically nil—95c for the round trip. The camp is charmingly situated in the woods, with athletic grounds, tennis courts, basketball fields, and all the necessities of a summer camp.

For girls who would like to make a little money during the summer, the Y. W. C. A. is offering the opportunity to serve as waitresses at these camps for \$10 a month; there being, of course, no price for board. This involves responsibility for meals only, leaving the girls free to participate in hikes, games and camp life.

Camp Bluefield is very anxious to have at least six Barnard girls as councillors for a period of three weeks during the summer, any time from July 4th to September 4th, and as many waitresses as possible. Will all the girls who are interested and want further information apply as soon as possible either to Miss Patchin or Carol Lorenz.

ALUMNAE TEA.

On Monday, March 15th, the Alumnae will give the second of their four teas to undergraduates in the Undergraduate Study. This time the Juniors are invited.

LA SOCIETE FRANCAISE'S "MATINEE DANSANTE."

Unusual sounds issued from the theatre last Tuesday afternoon when "La Société Française" danced and feasted with the college. As each member of the club was ushered gently into the room a gay, decidedly "un-neutral" red, white and blue-striped flag was thrust into her hand by the smiling mistress of ceremonies. The two debonair musicians (they were real ones) had scarcely played a dozen gay bars of music when the floor was crowded with dancers. Between dances ice-cream cones were consumed in large quantities. There was barely time to chew them successfully. Some, we fear, were cast behind the registers to perish miserably by slow melting, while their would-be consumers whirled away in the next dance. At about 5 o'clock Helen Jenkins entertained the company with her clever "take-offs and monologues while the tired musicians enjoyed refreshments. There was scarcely a dry eye or an acheless jawbone in the whole audience after she had succeeded in demolishing our esteemed Faculty, from Mr. Haller to Dr. Porterfield. After the musicians were sufficiently refreshed dancing was resumed. At a quarter before six o'clock the party ended in a riot of fun to the various interpretations of the time-honored theme of "Home, Sweet Home."

TO THE OFFICERS OF INSTRUCTION AND STUDENTS OF BARNARD COLLEGE

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In every class-room and laboratory, one or more cards will be found posted, explaining what the occupants of that room are to do when the Fire Signal is heard. Students should examine these cards at the beginning of each term, especially, and from time to time later.

II. PLANS FOR FIRE DRILLS AND FIRE EXIT

1. The signal for Fire Drill or Fire Exit will be three threes on the bells, and then the bells will be kept ringing.

2. When the Fire Signal is heard, the doors of class-rooms should be fastened back AT ONCE, by the Instructor or by the nearest student.

3. Students and Instructors should then leave the building AT ONCE, WALKING RAPIDLY BUT IN ORDER, IN SINGLE FILE AND IN SILENCE, in accordance with the following scheme:

(a) Students and Instructors in the class-rooms and offices on the long east to west corridor (Rooms 113 to 134, inclusive; Senior Study to 232, inclusive; 313 to 331, inclusive; 413 to 432, inclusive) should use STAIRCASE I (Milbank Hall).

(b) Students and Instructors in the class-rooms and offices on the north to south corridor in Brinckerhoff Hall should use STAIRCASE II.

(c) Students and Instructors in the class-rooms and offices on the north to south corridor in Fiske Hall, should use STAIRCASE III.

(d) Students coming from the Fourth (top) Floor, should follow the rail all the way down.

Students coming from the Third Floor should take the center of the staircase all the way down.

Students coming from the Second Floor should keep to the wall all the way down.

THE LINES SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE. THERE IS ROOM ENOUGH ON THE STAIRCASES.

IMPORTANT—On reaching the Court, students coming from the Main Floor should proceed to 119th Street and move to Broadway; students from the Second Floor should also move to Broadway; students from Third Floor should move to Claremont Avenue; students from the Fourth Floor should move to Claremont Avenue. These movements are meant to prevent congestion about the doors or in the Court.

4. When the Fire Signal is heard, there should at once be absolute silence. Till the line is out on Broadway, or on Claremont Avenue, or Milbank Quadrangle, no one should speak, except the Instructor, to give needed directions.

VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEFVE,
Dean.

CHAPEL NOTICE.

March 13—Miss Ethel de Long, of the Pine Mt. Settlement School, of Kentucky
March 22—Chaplain Knox.

THE FRATERNITY QUESTION.

Last Friday a straw vote was taken on the question, "Do you want fraternities?" The voting was conducted by Student Council, at the request of the Pan-Hellenic Association, and it was Student Council's idea that the plan should be kept secret until Friday morning so that there would be as little electioneering as possible. The result of the voting was taken by classes and was as follows:

	For	Against	Indifferent
1918.....	53	69	5
1917.....	43	78	10
1916.....	16	58	0
1915.....	47	50	2
Total ...	159	255	17

BUZZINGS OF THE BEE.

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"Who steals my purse steals trash." Have you ever seen the purse of a Barnard girl?

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Speaking of Association tests, one small brother replies "Mutton—JEFF."

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The Barnard I. W. W.'s. must be very busy. We note, by last week's BULLETIN, that Job 6,289 has been assigned, and we wonder whether it's as easy as it looks.

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Speaking of the good ship *Mary Powell*, shouldn't J. J. have been rocking the boat?

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But they had Ruth to Salom and Imogene Neer.

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It was a very snappy MORTARBOARD, with lots of shots for the wise but the combination of these two was better still.

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And all the Juniors are still Dragon it around.

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Friday's doings are certainly destined to Kappa climax.

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the conclusion that "the lack of fraternities means the loss of college fun." Any one who remembers the strained atmosphere, the petty jealousies and the absurd artificiality which marked the relations of Freshmen and Upperclassmen two years ago, will surely not bewail the change. It is too bad if the fraternity members feel the loss of their organizations, but the rest of the college has undoubtedly profited. Also when did fraternity girls ever start "merry times at noon hours" for anyone except the girls they were rushing. Many of the fraternity members now in college have turned to nobly, and helped to make the things that we have been doing a success; but there are many others who have been quite as indifferent as the most callous non-fraternity girls. I do not think that we can blame any one thing for lack of college spirit. If the people who complain of this would not worry quite so much about it, and devote themselves to having a good time and making other people have a good time, they would soon find that the spirit is there. I think that the Quarter-Century Celebration will probably prove to even the most sceptical that Barnard has all the spirit she can use.

In closing, may I say that the Seniors greatly appreciate the congratulations of a Junior, and that they are delighted to feel that their efforts at "dignity" are observed and favorably judged. We hope, by our Senior week exercises, to remove any doubt that may be lingering in the minds of the college, as to our "college spirit." We hope you will all come to Senior Week so that we can prove to you that we really love Barnard, and have worked hard to be a credit to her.

SARAH SCHUYLER BUTLER, 1915.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN:

Dear Madam.—The slightly hectic discussion which has taken place in the columns of the BULLETIN on the subject of "college spirit," seems rather unnecessary, and far from vital. A thing which is worth while will inevitably exist, whether visibly excited or not. College spirit is decidedly worth while; and inevitable for the reason that a dignified college, such as Barnard, which has a high rank among similar institutions, demands and holds the respect of its members. The trouble lies in the conception of college spirit. This rah-rah-boys enthusiasm is not college spirit, it is the childish manifestations of some incoherent whipped-up emotion. Its likeness may be found among gum-chewing groups of stenographers in the subway, or crowds of youths on the corners.

Barnard is unique among colleges, and its uniqueness comes from the fact of its

Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE.

Intercollegiate conferences are almost always very interesting affairs, and the Intercollegiate conference of the Y. W. C. A. was an exception when twelve girls representing thirty different colleges of the Northeastern Field got together in New York for a two days' conference Monday afternoon and Tuesday and Wednesday morning at the Y. W. C. A. headquarters. It is a great temptation to dwell on the good times that the aforementioned twelve annual members had—of the house party which Mrs. Gwinn (of Silver Bay fame) gave us at her home in Bronxville Monday night; of her three cherubic little boys aged 1½, 3½ and 5 years, who flirted indiscriminately with all of us; of the kimono party that night after we were supposed to have gone to bed; of the bus ride the next day to show our friends from "up state" the glories of Fifth Avenue and Riverside Drive; of the dinner party and the euchre party Tuesday evening; of the delightful night spent at the Y. W. "dorms"—but the conference was really held for other reasons than the opportunity of having an awfully good time and getting to be friends over night with all the annual members. It was held to discuss the religious problems of our college; to exchange ideas, suggestions and constructive criticisms; to find ways and means of enlarging and strengthening our work, and to broaden the spiritual horizons of the colleges.

It must be admitted that the Barnard representative felt rather nervous and ill at ease when long and detailed accounts of the voluntary Bible classes were being given; when plans for raising \$300 for missions in each college were discussed, and the attitude of the girls toward Sunday observance, prayer, systematic giving, and so on. But when it came to a discussion of character standards, of democracy, of honor systems, of self-government, of social service, she was able to contribute no mean amount, and to feel that Barnard could really help the other colleges with such problems. We all said good-bye with regret, feeling that we had received larger inspiration for our work, and more able to take back much to our colleges.

CAROL R. LORENZ.

SOPHS DEFEAT JUNIORS.

On Tuesday afternoon, after a practice game in which the regular Varsity team defeated Horace Mann by a score of 23-6 the Soph team defeated the Juniors. The game was marked by much fumbling and little head-work. During the first half, '15 forged ahead, thanks to the good work of Helen Youngs. After Rosemary Lawrence began to play, however, the Sophs made up for lost time. '17 had fewer goals from the field to its credit than usual, but '16's fouls helped them to round out their score. In the last half they made most of the points for the final score of 12-10 in '17's favor.

metropolitanism. We might far better be content to uphold our college in the ways which are peculiar to Barnard, rather than endeavor to ape rural colleges. Those of us who have ever belonged to another college know well the unspeakable, almost reverent feeling a girl has when she sees her whole college together, and hears her singing her songs as one welded whole. It is that sort of experience which instills the right kind of heart-felt college spirit; and that experience is one which Barnard girls as Barnard is now, must lack.

The girls that chafe under the "deadness" must try to see that the goal they seem to have set is not the desirable ultimate aim. When Barnard has a place where the college as a whole can meet, the real college spirit will come without fail, and we who are in college now can only look and work to the future when our college will be more nearly perfect in its completeness.

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PROF. BALDWIN AT CHAPEL.

There is nothing new under the sun. Even "Efficiency," the latest idol we have set up for worship is to be found in the Bible. "Herein is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Bearing fruit is to produce the highest and best in us. Everything in Nature tries to bear fruit, but human nature has not yet learnt the true value of things. Efficiency is a word we talk about too much, and now we are beginning to see that we do not know what it means nor are we living up to it. We have no idea of the measure of efficiency. We have efficiency engineers and experts, but their statistics do not satisfy us. We need not delude ourselves that we are any better off than in the past because we have electric cars and 40cm. guns, if our men and women are no better. Our complacency is mockery.

Personal efficiency is the most important kind of efficiency, and that cannot be promoted by technical training. Modern improvements do not solve our problems for long. The failure of technical efficiency displayed in this war leaves us groping for something more satisfying, and that is moral efficiency, a healthy spirituality. We get nearer to the truth of things by defining our relation to God than by cold statistics.

GLEE CLUB.

The Glee Club Concert took place on Friday evening, March 5th. There were several delightful songs by the Glee Club, a solo by Lucille Taylor, and Agnes Kloss, Lucille Taylor, Amanda Schulte and Helen Angus formed the quartette to sing "My Lady Chloe," by Leichter. After college glees had been sung, amid enthusiastic applause, the dancing began. All agreed that it was one of the most successful concerts ever given by the Glee Club.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN:

After all the discussion about "college spirit," we seem to have arrived so far that we are all agreed that college spirit is a fine thing and that parties, games, singing, and caps and gowns are not college spirit, but simply manifestations of it. These things come under the head of pleasure, and when they try to pose as solemn duties it is rather funny! By all means let those who enjoy them take part, and those who enjoy them once in a while, take part once in a while, but why can they not realize that other people may be just as loyal to the college and still interested in something else? College has not yet gone to wrack and ruin in spite of the dire prophecies of some people in each generation. Indeed, some of us are daring enough to believe that it has steadily improved in many ways. Let us try this way for a while and see how it works.

Hopefully,

MARGARET POLLITZER.

STUDENT COUNCIL NOTES.

At a regular meeting of Student Council, held March 10th, the question of allowing Journalism students to share in Undergraduate privileges after their transfer to the School of Journalism was discussed. It was suggested by a Journalism student that they be allowed to share all Undergraduates' privileges except office-holding and voting in class and undergraduate meetings. No action, however, was taken.

Various methods of printing the revised Undergraduate constitution were discussed, but nothing was decided.

Permission was granted Pan Hellenic Association to take a vote on the fraternity question Friday, March 15th, from 10 to 4.

The Council granted permission to the following girls to take part in the play of the Italian Circle of Columbia: Elsie Chesley, Betty Alexander, Helen Lachman and Katherine Horowitz.

FEMINIST FORUM.

At the meeting of the Feminist Forum held on March 10th, it was decided to ask for a renewal of the charter. Plans were discussed for affiliating the Forum with the Socialist Club, or other college organizations interested in social problems, but without losing its identity as a branch of the Intercollegiate Suffrage Association. On Friday, March 26, there will be an open meeting at which Mrs. Crocker, a civil service examiner, will speak on Municipal Civil Service for Women. As the meeting promises to be very interesting, all are urged to come.

TO ONE'S NEIGHBOR.

Oh, neighbor, to you I am writing,
To you I'm composing this rhyme;
If you must drop your things during class time,
Won't you please drop them all at one time?

I'll help you collect them, I promise,
Your handkerchief, glasses and case;
If you only will do me this kindness,
And please drop them all in one place.

MONDAY CHAPEL.

The chapel speaker Monday was Dr. Sullivan, and his subject "Insight." The purposes of education are twofold: First, to impart information, and second, which is far more important, on the basis of this information, to instill in us the power of insight, that is, the ability instantly to discriminate between good and bad in literature, art, etc. More essential even than this "intellectual" insight is moral and spiritual insight, which is attained only by actual experience with the highest and best of things in real life. It points out to us the highest values and noblest ends of life—duty, love and truth—and, moreover, enables us to distinguish between mere sentiment about them which leads nowhere and real, sound principles upon which we can act every day.

WIGS AND CUES

As a result of the tryouts on March 6, Wigs and Cues announces that the following cast has been chosen:

Crichton	E. Wright
Lady Mary	M. Coates
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Lord Loam	L. Walker
Lady Agatha	L. Talbot
Tweeny	A. Surgeoner
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Lord Brocklehurst	I. Jacoby
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Naval Officer	M. Blout
Thomas	S. Bloch
Tompsett	E. Dawharn
John	H. Rau
Fisher	J. Steinthal
Boy	L. Karr
Chef	M. Batka

THE ANNUAL HILL DINNER OF THE RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS.

Once more we of the Hill have had a mutual confession and admiration meeting. To an outsider the "eats" might seem to have been the binding link. With the memory of bouillon, patties, salad and ice cream still soothing the palates of our imaginations, we shall not deny that the "eats" were indeed a link, if not the only one.

This annual reunion of the representatives of the Christian Association of the colleges on the Hill was celebrated in Union Theological gymnasium, which was decorated with flags and enlivened with a most untheological band that made our toes go pitter-pat despite all our concentrated college will-power. About fifty representatives, including two or three of the Faculty from each college, of Barnard, Columbia, T. C. and Union were there, and we were indeed an impressive gathering.

We played stage-coach first, or, to speak in vulgar prose, the youths moved from one fair damsel to another at each course. It pays to have several courses! Chaplain Knox then started the evening off by making us laugh; Dr. Fagnani welcomed us; the Presidents of the various associations told us of their aims and accomplishments, and we took it all in. Of course, Carol Lorenz was a star speaker, and it was with difficulty that Dr. Braun restrained his lively inclination to cheer. Mrs. Spears struck the keynote of the evening in her speech on religious expression and Christian spirit. Dean Russell ushered us out with a discussion of educational problems and our Columbia anthem, and we departed well pleased with our comrades on the Hill and, of course, with Barnard, so splendidly represented.

THE ART OF LETTER WRITING.

It is always a privilege as well as a genuine pleasure to have Professor Baldwin address the Firelight Club, and it was with much satisfaction as well as anticipation that the members assembled last Monday night to welcome him at the first meeting of the semester. When the group had gathered about the reading-room fire—which, strange to say, was blazing in the grate—Professor Baldwin announced that his subject was the gentle art of letter-writing. He assured us that it was a far more common gift than most of us (already six weeks over due on the family epistle) supposed. A letter was good not because it was politic in tone or possessed of literary flavor, but because it was the expression of the writer's personality. He gave examples from the correspondence of literary men. Byron was not afraid to say what he thought as well as felt, and Thackeray, though literary, was self-conscious and rather unbending. Several humorous selections were cited, among them the correspondence between Sheridan's sister and an English lady over the contemplated employment of a maid.

Professor Baldwin read from a letter addressed to himself: "I saw a florist's sign the other day with the name Foddy. I don't know why this should have appealed to me, except as an inanely delicious combination of Dodder and Folly; but can't you just see him sitting on a bench twiddling his thumbs and looking at two beonias?"

The evening concluded with a decision of the members to ask that a petition be made to Student Council for a renewal of the charter which expires this June.

TO A FRESHMAN.

A child must always say and do,
Just what its elders tell it to;
And if it works with concentration
Twill pass in its examination.

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LECTURE ON THE ROMAN FORUM.

On Tuesday, March 16th, at 4 o'clock, Esther Boise Van Deman will give an illustrated lecture on the "Development of the Roman Forum" in Brinckerhoff Theatre. Undergraduates are cordially invited and are asked to take seats in the balcony.

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