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CRITICISM OF THE SUPPLEMENT.

Sprightliness is the most salient characteristic of the May issue of the Supplement. From the Ibsen criticism to the Limerick, there is not a dull or stupid paragraph. The Limerick itself, is possibly the least interesting contribution, but since Limericks are a necessary mine, this stricture may be very personal. In fact, knowing my limitations, I speak of the poetry with the greatest hesitation. It did, however, seem the weakest section of the paper. The particular point and appropriateness in "Solitaire," "of the Picture-Girl, whom the smokings cannot hold," is difficult to see, while the form is marred by artificiality of diction and "straining after effect." Nevertheless, there is considerable swing to the verse, and the third stanza beginning "Adown this way of Wreaths" possesses some real lyrical quality.

The critical article, "Impression of Ibsen's Plays," is a decidedly good piece of work. A bright, rather flippant but certainly entertaining treatment of a heavy subject. Even those of us who are not familiar with Ibsen can relish the clever hits, while the side thrusts at Mr. Shaw are truly delightful. Of course, such criticism is to be taken as given, with a smile, but the article has accomplished its purpose by amusing us for the moment and was the means of inducing some few to investigate the truth of the matter for themselves.

If the criticism held the place of honor, the narratives are no mean rivals. "On Such A Night," deserves credit for the rapid dramatic movement, and the effective contrast of characters and the suggestive names. A trifle more definite setting, a single sentence explaining the strange combination of city and country would strengthen the effect. But trying to analyze the charm of this extravaganza reminds me of the story of the boy who cut open his drum to see what made the noise; he found nothing but air, and ruined his drum. Now, I don't say, that this sketch is nothing but "air," but assuredly analysis is its ruin.

Much the same comment holds good of the more pretentious story "For the Honor of The Class." In general execution it is pretty good. It starts off briskly, runs along swiftly, but drags a trifle at the crisis. The conversation appears lively, but for an "athletic nonentity" like myself, too technical for comprehension. The justification of the heroine, however, is not quite convincing—or else there is one superfluous sentence; why did she fumble with her shoe?

The sketch deserves special comment because it attempts to portray a Barnard episode, and none is more likely than the one selected, a struggle between a point of honor and a class victory. This is a step in the right direction. We are with one another such a small proportion of the time that we never, so to speak, live on a plot, and thus the running narrative seems a more suitable medium of expression.

Praise for local color is also due the little sketch "Round About Barnard." All three are

lively, well written, daily themes. That they are themes is obvious, but what of it? The first is a model descriptive paragraph, true in every detail. The second, while more personal, has a "universal" quality that brings to mind many wasted hours with our "alter ego." ~~Thought has an even more universal character.~~ Alas! how true of Anglo-Saxon—and other classes!

On the whole, then, we can well be proud of our fifth Supplement, the best of them all. Without containing anything deep, absorbing or exciting, anything that the commercial magazines would publish, it reflects the quizzically humorous spirit which is such a large element in our Barnard attitude. To be sure it is very superficial; it is meant to be. It is not an expressoin of our ideals, of our earnest work, or even of our hearty fun, but of our light playful moments—our intellectual recreation. To amuse must always be the main purpose of a periodical, but when the Supplement has ceased to be an experiment, and under the auspicious name of "The Barnard Bear," has won for itself a secure place in the college world, we can look to it to express not merely our lightest but also our deeper and more serious sides; to voice a complete Barnard spirit.

BOOKS MISSING.

The notice of the students is called to the following list of books missing from the Ella Weed Reading Room. It is desired that all be returned before the close of College:

- 330. Bullock, Study of economics. B7L.
- 836. Ehrke, German passages for translation. Eh8.
- 940. Fellows, Recent European history. F33.
- 877. Harkness, Latin grammar. H22.
- 836. Paul, Deutsche wörterbuch. P28.
- 341.7. Reinsch, World politics. R27.
- 940. Robinson, Readings from European history. R561.
- 92B54. Smith, Bismark. Sm.
- 877. Latin-English dictionary. W58.

The University Council of Columbia University have voted to make an important change in the time schedule of daily academic exercises, beginning in September next. Hereafter, instead of beginning at the half hour, 9:30, 10:30 and so on, the regular lecture and laboratory courses will begin at ten minutes past the even hour, 9:10, 10:10 and so on. The main effect of the change will be to begin exercises at 9:10 instead of at 9:30 a.m. The hour from 12 to 1:10 will be kept free for luncheon, students' meetings, club gatherings, and other similar purposes.

SILVER BAY.

Already eighteen girls in Barnard have handed in their names as desiring to attend the Conference; nearly all are sure they are going. The Committee does not yet know how long the money will hold out, but ~~at least~~ girls who want to go and who have not yet given in their names to do so at once, signifying at the same time how much they can pay. It is, of course, desirable that girls should pay as much as possible towards their expenses since this means that the fund will last the longer. Girls must know positively whether they are going or not by June 15, for the Committee must send in the names and the program fee of \$5 by that date. When handing in their names they should signify with whom they wish to room.

Those who are going will meet probably, the second week of June, to make the costumes for College Day.

The Conference begins on June 23 and lasts until July 3. All further information can be obtained from the Chairman of the Committee.

Sophie P. Woodman,
Chairman.

1906.

At a special meeting of 1906, on May 17, the following officers were elected: Treasurer, Catherine Post; Historians, Virginia Boyd, Dorothy Brewster.

1907.

The Sophomore Triumph will be held on June 8. Those on the Committee are Irene Kohn, Chairman; Sophie Woodman, Lottie Oesterlein, Jennie Hilborn, Eva Auerbach, Juliet Points and Evangeline Cole, ex-officio.

At a special meeting on May 17 it was decided to appoint a committee of ten to receive and look after the freshmen next fall. The following constitute the Committee: Elizabeth Tredwell, Cora Bennett, Kathleen Hurty, Agnes Ernst, Mary Reardon, Beatrice Herzfeld, Ethel Rosemon, Helen Shoninger, Annie Goldkoop and Anne Carroll. Jean Disbrow and Jessie Cooke, ex-officio.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SENIORS.

The attention of Seniors is called to the following official announcement:

The fee for the examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, \$15.00, must be paid by the candidate before she can attend the final examinations.

N. W. Liggett,
Bursar.

DEUTSCHER KRIES.

At the business meeting of the Deutscher Kreis, held on Monday, May 15, the following officers were elected for the year 1905-'06: President, Marjorie Ferguson Brown, 1906; Vice-president, Senta Herrman, 1906; Secretary, Helen Loeb, 1908; Treasurer, Irma Jellenik, 1907; Fifth Member of the Executive Committee, Edith Somborn, 1906.

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MONDAY, MAY 22, 1905.

Discussion is rife about the proposed consolidation of the *Bulletin* and the *Barnard Bear*. Some idea of the opinions, in and out of Barnard, on this important question, may be gathered by reading the letters in this issue. Only lack of space prevents our printing further expressions from other sources, both undergraduate and alumna.

There are a few points in the proposed scheme, perhaps, which need a little explanation. The plan is to have in each issue of the *Barnard Bear* a full record of all important college events, chronicle and comment, and the publication is to be timed so that reports may not appear too long after the occurrence of the events. This might be possible, since most of our college affairs of any importance happen near the end or at the beginning of the month. There seems, too, to be some misunderstanding about the future of the *Bulletin* staff. This, according to the plan, will continue as heretofore, having complete control of the bulletin part of the *Bear*.

Another scheme is mentioned in one of the letters, which, we think, desires emphasis. This is the proposition to have the literary magazine published as a quarterly. This, it would seem, might obviate the financial difficulty of the support of two publications, since the diminished number of issues must mean a difference in subscription price. An improvement in the character of the contributions might rea-

sonably be supposed to be another result of this lessening of the number of the issues.

The decision of the undergraduates is necessary for a determination of this question, and we wish the entire student body would think seriously on the subject.

We would wish all those who make use of the Ella Weed Reading Room to pay especial attention to the list of missing books printed in this issue. Students who have used the missing books during this year should look carefully to see if they may be in their possession, and return them at once to the Reading Room.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Although we are always glad to print letters from our subscribers, the *Bulletin* is not responsible for the opinions expressed.

To the Editors of Barnard *Bulletin*:

Dear Friends:

Now that the question of discarding the *Bulletin* and Supplement, and substituting for them a monthly, has arisen and is being seriously considered by you, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject.—I wish to impress on you first that I do not plead for the continuance of the *Bulletin* because of any foolish sentiment on my part, but because I am convinced that it has accomplished much for the College. Next let me say that I am as much interested in the literary side of college life, as in any other, for I was one of the founders of the *Barnard Bear*, the nucleus of the present Union.

First, let me beg you to read the first "Bulletin" editorial, which will give you an idea of what was the aim of the paper when it started. Had you been in college before its existence and known how absolutely one student was ignorant of the doings of organizations whose meetings she did not attend, you would realize what a change has taken place since 1901. How much of this change is due to the *Bulletin* I cannot say, but undoubtedly the weekly has thoroughly identified itself with undergraduate life and has come to be recognized as the official undergraduate organ by both authorities and alumnae. The latter have decided to send transactions of its Board of Directors to the *Bulletin* regularly next year.

The bulletin-board nearest the secretary's office used to be the official undergraduate bulletin-board before your paper existed. There were perhaps 150 girls to use that board, yet it was most inefficient, as all admitted at the time. From this experience, I do not believe you could have an effective bulletin-board service, or that the girls would trouble to read news thus given to them. A monthly could be of no service as a news distributor except news of just the previous week.

Then again, I cannot see what the *Bulletin* should have to do with publishing a literary monthly or quarterly. Their aims are totally different, their boards of editors must necessarily be different, they have no necessary connection whatsoever. There is place for both in a college of 800 students and alumnae.

I believe the argument given is that the College cannot support both a news and a literary paper. I flatly refuse to believe that. The College is nearly three times the size it was in 1901. At that time we had just about 50

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subscriptions, and in two weeks, without even being able to show a sample *Bulletin* or assure a circulation, we got enough advertisements (at about half the price the College ads. can get to-day) to cover the expenses of the paper for the whole term. At the end of a year, we had a balance of almost \$100.00.

After all, not subscriptions, but advertisements cover the cost of publication. The argument that not all the undergraduates, nor even as many as should, subscribe to the *Bulletin* may be met with the answer that after freshman year, students are not sufficiently actively canvassed for subscriptions. Many who do not subscribe, do use the paper, and most who do not, probably haven't the spare money, while many who now subscribe would also gladly support any monthly literary publication attempted. As for the alumnae, I am sure that a proper canvass (which has, I believe, never been made) would result in a large number of subscriptions to the *Bulletin*, as that is the only medium through which alumnae can get College news. I doubt whether the alumnae subscriptions to a literary publication would amount to much, as the authors of articles would be unknown to the alumnae and the matter published of but slight interest to those so far removed from college literary activity.

I ask why, with a much larger college than in 1901, you could not edit a proper literary monthly or quarterly? If you have a board sufficiently energetic and good to get good material and publish it in an attractive form so that one may care to read it and not feel disgraced in keeping it for annual binding, why cannot you get enough advertising?

The *Bulletin* has made a place for itself and proved its usefulness. Why should it be discontinued in favor of a proposed literary publication which may not prove of equal value? Suppose the literary publication fails. You have nothing left to serve as a news distributor, bulletin, medium of general expression and discussion, or for the literary expression of the College. The proposed change would not be a case of progression and development, but of digression and innovation.

Let those who believe in a literary monthly prove their earnestness by doing something new for the College rather than by destroying

something old and of accepted value. Had you any notion of the difficulties and ridicule incurred in starting the Bulletin you would realize that confidence in your idea, energy, and determination, are all that are needed to make a success of a College publication.

With sincere wishes for a long and successful future for the Bulletin, and best hopes for a monthly Barnard Literary publication, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Elsa Alsberg, '02.

To the Editor of the Barnard Bulletin:

In an editorial in the last issue of your paper, you asked the opinion of students on the question of publishing both a weekly and a monthly journal, and, in case either of these must be given up, which one is of more value to the College. It has occurred to me that some suggestions might be furnished from the alumnae as well as from the undergraduate, point of view.

None of the present undergraduates were in college before the Bulletin was founded. They are unable to judge, therefore, what an important part the weekly sheet of news and editorials has had in awakening college spirit and promoting unity of interests; or how it has served as a means of bringing together not only the student body, but also those who have left college. But to anyone who can remember previous conditions, the thought of abolishing the Bulletin is decidedly a serious one.

The question of publishing a monthly journal is not a new one. For years past, the statement has been heard, "We ought to have a literary magazine at Barnard." The idea has seemed to prevail that every well-regulated college is in duty bound to publish student verse and story. It was probably in response to this long-continued demand that the Literary Supplement was planned, wisely as an experiment only. And now that several numbers have been issued, one feels as much mirth as amazement at being asked to choose between the Bulletin and a prospective Bear. The Bulletin, it may be argued, has not always been above criticism; but it is scarcely too much to say that the Supplement, after several months of trial, has not wholly justified the time and expense taken to produce it. It is certainly true that every number has proved, in some respect, disappointing to those interested in its success.

When the newer publication has acquired some standards of literary value and general dignity, and has proved itself as necessary to the College as the Bulletin, it is likely that means can be found to continue both the newspaper and the magazine. But until that time, the plan of abandoning a journal that has stood the test of almost five years for the sake of one that has not yet passed beyond the experimental stage, would seem greatly mistaken.

Jean Wallace Miller, '03.

May 11, 1905.

BULLETIN

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1905.

10:30-12:30—Exchange open.

1:30 2:30—Exchange open.

12:30—Devotional meeting of Y. W. C. A. Room 213.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1905.

10:30-11:30—Exchange open.

1:30- 2:30—Exchange open.

12:30—Chapel, President Butler.

CHAPEL NOTES.

The last Chapel service of the year will be conducted by Dr. Grosevenor on May 23. As President Butler will be present to address the undergraduates, the entire student body is expected to be in attendance. The classes will form at 12:20 in their respective studies, and following the trustees, will march in order of seniority to the Theatre. All are requested to wear caps and gowns.

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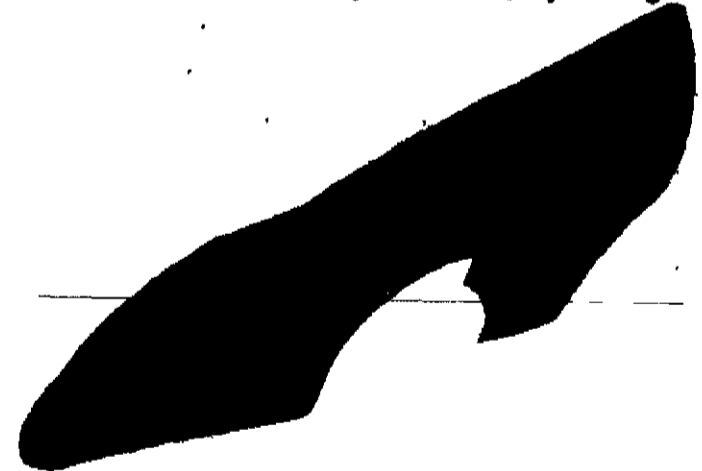
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To the Editor of the Bulletin:
 The question raised in an editorial last week about the advisability of having a monthly instead of a weekly periodical to represent the College is one which some time or other every college has to consider. In colleges where the roll of undergraduates is large and the students resident, as in the case of Wellesley it is possible to support both. We are all familiar with the remark that at Barnard conditions are different and in all likelihood will continue to be different even when that dormitory dream of ours is realized. We are not large enough nor wealthy enough as a student body to support two College papers. The editors of this sheet seem to be more than willing to testify that their financial record shows a yearly decrease in surplus. We may ask why this is. The answer is at hand. Where we have so many organizations to support and there are comparatively so few of us to do it; where everyone is supposed to belong to everything whether religious, athletic, literary, charitable or musical, we can hardly be asked to guarantee the success of two things of a similar nature.

The monthly magazine is something that we need from the point of view of having a sheet to represent college sayings, songs and interests. Our weekly newspaper cannot by nature be asked to do this. It is supposed to contain news. Does it? Notices of events coming through the week can hereafter easily be put on the bulletin board, which will soon be placed in front of the sliding doors of the Reading Room on the second floor. For the rest, we need what all colleges have first of all—a monthly.
 C. I. D., '05.

To the Editor of Bulletin:
 In response to your request for opinions as to the advisability of a consolidation of the Barnard Bulletin and the projected Barnard Bear, I should like to present a few phases of the question from an undergraduate point of view. In the first place, it seems rather pointless to drag the Literary Supplement into the question. The Literary Supplement may have been a success, or it may have been a failure. Whatever it was, it need not enter into our present discussion, inasmuch as it exists no longer and would be succeeded, according to the plan under consideration, by a publication of a very different nature. Arguments from precedent are only valuable when there is an essential similarity in the points under consideration. It therefore seems ridiculous to affirm that the failure or success of a publication started in the middle of the year, published, from the exigences of its de-

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pendence upon the Bulletin, in unattractive form, and relying for financial and literary management upon an overworked editorial board of two (!), presupposes anything concerning the failure or success of a publication free from the trammels of dependence upon any other paper, started with éclat at the beginning of the year, published in magazine form with an attractive cover, and conducted by a numerically adequate board of editors.

No attempt has been made to deny that the Bulletin has filled its place in College and that matters were worse before the era of that worthy publication than after its foundation, but we fail to see that these facts argue that Barnard does not need something more than the Bulletin. The Bulletin, whatever its virtues, can hardly claim to be a respectable representative of Barnard among college periodicals. Barnard is the only college of any importance, for either men or women, which does not possess a good periodical. Of fifty girls who were asked the other day whether they would be willing to subscribe to two college papers, each at the rate of \$1.50 a year, no one was willing. This fact seems to indicate that it is a question of either Bulletin or Bear separately. Their joint existence seems to be an economic impossibility.

It has been argued that many friends of the College, who are interested in the Bulletin from the fact that it is Barnard's only student publication, would regret its disappearance. This seems very hard to establish, to put the case mildly. It rather seems likely that friends of Barnard will have their settlement strengthened by the fact that her students have proved their ability to produce a presentable periodical.
 Juliet Stuart Points, 1907.

THE WOMEN'S GRADUATE CLUB.
 At the business meeting of the Women's Graduate Club on Wednesday, May 17, the following officers were elected for next year: Miss Huttman, President; Miss Katharine S. Doty, Vice-president; Miss M. Flexner, Secretary; Miss Florence Beeckman, Treasurer; and Miss Mary V. Riblet, member of the Executive Committee.

It was decided to have a luncheon for the members of the Club on Commencement Day. The place where this luncheon will be held was not finally decided, but it will probably be in Earl Hall.

On Wednesday, May 10, the Club held its second and last reception of the year in its rooms in Earl Hall. The reception was given to the departments of Philosophy and of Pure Science; and Miss Gill received with Miss Loomis, the President of the Club.