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## BARNARD UNION.

The first open meeting of the Barnard Union was held Wednesday afternoon, November 21, in the college theatre. Dr. Shotwell, who has been very much interested in the society since its organization, gave a lecture on "Past and Present."

He described the philosophy of life he had reached as one of the editors of the Encyclopædia Britannica, and, discussing his work in London, said that all things are transitory. For example, no sooner had some editors compiled their work on a certain subject than other facts pertaining to it were discovered, which changed all their previous conclusions. Not only was this rather discouraging but much that should be included in such a work as the Encyclopædia is unknown. Indeed, a letter was received by an editor from a Mohammedan which gave a vast amount of information of Eastern princes who had never been heard of by the West. Elaborating with further illustration Dr. Shotwell showed that nothing is really static, that there is a constant change and movement in all things.

After the lecture Dr. Shotwell expressed his interest in the Barnard Union, stating that it was the only place in Barnard where the students could rub up against each other intellectually, thus giving them the opportunity of exchanging ideas on serious subjects without an ulterior motive like marks. The amount of vigor shown by the Barnard Union is a commentary on the intellectual status of the college, and if that status is to mean anything there should be an earnest interest in the association and a hearty co-operation of the members.

## Y. W. C. A.

On Monday afternoon, November 12, the Young Women's Christian Association held a recognition service, in Earle Hall, to admit new members formally to the association. The service used is one prepared by the American Committee and consists chiefly of responsive readings with an address of welcome by the president.

Miss Louise Brooks, a member of the State Committee, well known to all who have been to Silver Bay, gave a short talk on the work of the American and State committees and general plan and purpose of the association.

After the meeting there was an informal reception.

There are 94 new members in the Y. W. C. A. so far, as against the 36 in last year's Senior Class. The number is divided as follows: 11 in the Senior Class; 22 in the Junior Class; 19 in the Sophomore Class, and 36 in the Freshman Class.

## THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

The convention of the Student Government Association of the leading Eastern women's colleges was held at Baltimore from Friday, November 16, to Monday, November 19. The colleges participating in the conference were: Barnard, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Cornell, Mt. Holyoke, Randolph-Macon, Simmons, Smith, Swarthmore, Vassar, Wells, Wellesley, Wilson and the Woman's College of Baltimore, which acted the part of hostess most successfully.

The delegates were entertained upon their arrival Friday evening by the Junior Band, which created much noise and fun. After an automobile spin on Saturday morning the delegates returned to the first business session of the conference at half-past nine. The students of the Woman's College were admitted to this meeting, which consisted of a report from the president of each association on the student government conditions in her own college. These reports were enlightening and instructive and brought out many new ideas which can be considered with advantage here at Barnard. The second business session opened at two in the afternoon. At this meeting the constitution which had been formulated was voted upon. An invitation from Vassar College for the conference next year was accepted. The next business before the meeting was the choice of the colleges from which the various officers of the Intercollegiate Association were to be elected. According to a section of the constitution which provides that the president must be from the college at which the conference is held Vassar is entitled to elect the president for next year. Barnard was chosen for the vice-president-treasurership, and the Woman's College of Baltimore for the secretaryship. In the evening a large dinner was given to the delegates and Senior hostesses, followed by a reception at Goucher Hall, at which members of the faculty, delegates, students and others were present.

The conference reopened Monday morning at 9 o'clock with an informal discussion of plans and methods in the different colleges. This session proved very suggestive and helpful. At 10 o'clock the conference closed with chapel service.

Those most skeptical of the efficacy of student government could hardly have failed to be converted by this conference. In most of the colleges represented student government has reached a high stage of development, and has proved itself capable of solving many problems which are formidable in a college possessing faculty government. It is to be hoped that Barnard will step to the front in this movement by developing its system of student government internally and by showing a really live interest in the question.

## UNDERGRADUATE MEETING.

At the meeting of the Undergraduate Association, held November 15, Maud Pemrose, '10, was elected Freshman member of the executive committee. The constitution of the Baltimore Student Conference was read and accepted. The executive committee submitted the following report:

*Art. I.*—Undergraduate dues for the first term shall be 50 cents, and 75 cents for the second term.

*Art. II.*—*Undergraduate Teas.*—*Sec. 1.* There shall be two Undergraduate teas—one on December 14 and the other on April 12.

*Sec. 2.* The tea committee shall consist of 2 Seniors, one of whom shall be chairman; 2 Juniors; 2 Sophomores, and 2 Freshmen, to be appointed by their respective presidents.

*Art. III.*—*Undergraduate Play.*—*Sec. 1.* The Undergraduate play shall be given on Friday afternoon, April 26, and Saturday afternoon and evening, April 27.

*Sec. 2.* Members of the committee shall be 2 Seniors, one of whom shall be chairman; 2 Juniors; 1 Sophomore, and 1 Freshman.

*Sec. 3.* Members of the committee shall be elected by their respective classes at the next class meeting.

*Art. IV.*—*Exchange.*—*Sec. 1.* That the Exchange hereafter be under the control of the Undergraduate Association.

*Sec. 2.* That one member from each class be appointed by the president of the association, one of whom shall be appointed chairman.

*Sec. 3.* That each member of this committee appoint one member from her class to be a sub-committee.

*Sec. 4.* That this committee shall make the necessary rules and regulations and submit them to the Undergraduate Association.

## 1905 MEETING.

The Class of 1905 held its regular fall meeting on Saturday, November 24. After the business meeting the class attended the Junior Show in a body.

## 1910.

After having held several meetings the purpose of electing class officers has chosen the following: President, Maud Hunter; vice-president, Mabel Elder; recording secretary, Grace Reed; corresponding secretary, Ray West; treasurer, Mary Bailey; historian, Mabel Elder. Further, Dorothy Kirchwey was elected chairman of the entertainment committee and the first Thursday of the month was decided upon as the day on which 1910 will hold its monthly class meeting.

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Though much has been said about distributing offices here at Barnard, matters still stand just where they have always stood. A relatively small number of girls who showed ability early in their college career are elected and appointed over and over again, regardless alike of the responsibilities they have already undertaken and of the many girls who could do just as well as they, if they were given the opportunity. Of course, when a girl has proved herself capable, it is only just and reasonable to entrust work to her again. But to overload her is returning evil for good. Moreover it is a very poor policy. No girl can attend to half a dozen things at once and do her very best in each.

We all know that we worked harder, more enthusiastically on our first committee than on the later ones. We all know that when we were on that first committee our consciences were still tender, and pricked if we neglected our class work. That is it should be. Our serious college work

Of course it should not be subordinated to the social cases. A girl working on several "Res" becomes so intensely interested in her work that she cannot resist the temptation of letting lessons look after themselves. Or, in other cases, the girl claims that it is rather easy to fuss and talk about her various committees—and do none of the work, yet getting part of the credit earned by the committee as a whole.

Thus it seems that inasmuch as our system almost forces the "favored few" to do superficial work and deprives us of the

best possible results, it is of real advantage to no one. It would be much wiser to try new girls, get their enthusiastic help, get their new ideas, show that Barnard has four hundred, not forty, girls willing and able to work for it.

In a great many respects it would seem excellent to adopt a definite scholarship standard as the basis of eligibility to all offices. This would bar girls who really cannot afford the time and also provide an incentive for those who could do good work if they chose. This theory is, as we all know, enforced in regard to taking part in plays, and has, to our knowledge at least, worked well. Why not extend it to the committees? Does it seem logical to forbid a girl's taking part in a play yet letting her do work on the play committee?

Some urge that it is "primary-schoolish" to make such rules; that college girls ought to know enough to refuse offices if they cannot fill them well. However, sad experience has shown a thing or two, and it is perhaps more sensible to lay down a few simple laws by which to guide ourselves than to talk up in the air.

We take pleasure in announcing the following elections on the BULLETIN staff: Florence Wolf, '08, has been chosen assistant business manager, and Marjorie Eastman, '08, and Theodora Hall, '09, have been elected associate editors.

### "THE ADVENTURE OF THE LADY URSULA"

Since the Alumnae play has been omitted from the list of college activities for this year, the classes of 1905 and 1906 have decided to give a play together. It has seemed practical to revive "The Adventure of the Lady Ursula," which was the play given by the Class of 1906 in its freshman year.

At the time this play was given in the spring of 1903 it was pronounced a wonderful freshman play, even though criticised by upper classmen because of elaborateness and expenses incurred in the production. However, after "Lady Ursula," the dramatic ability of the Class of 1906 remained unquestioned, and there is no doubt that when this class gave a play they gave something that could bear being revived. The dates of the performances will be announced later.

A complete cast of the play will be printed as soon as possible. It can be said now, however, that the two leading parts and many of the less important ones will be taken by the same performers who acted in 1903, while several of the parts will be assigned to members of 1905.

The play will be given for the benefit of the Associate Alumnae. The Alumnae are working for the dormitory equipment fund, and the champions of "Lady Ursula" deem this a worthy cause to which to contribute the proceeds of their play.

Perhaps the best assurance that the play will be worth seeing is the word of those who saw the first production. Many will vouch for its former success and advise undergraduates to see "Lady Ursula."

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### ALUMNAE NOTES.

On Friday, November 9, Florence I. Nye, '05, was married to Mr. Cutler B. Whitwell, in Brookline, Mass.

Marion Franklin, '05, was married on November 7 to Mr. Leopold Loew.

Margaret Stone, '04, will be married on December 3 to Mr. Joseph Corrigan, of New York.

### "PIPPA PASSES"

Attention is called to the notices regarding the Browning play "Pippa Passes."

The production is well worth seeing in every respect. In spite of the lack of continuity and the other obstacles to an interesting performance, owing to the nature of the play, the management has succeeded in giving an excellent and interesting one from the point of view of staging and general good work on the part of the cast.

Mrs. Le Moyne is worth going far to see, and the change from the character of *Ottima* to that of the aged infirm *Bishop* gives one an idea of the scope of her dramatic ability.

### REDUCED RATES FOR "PIPPA PASSES."

On Mondays and Tuesdays at 2:30, and on Fridays at 3 P. M., the well-known producer, Mr. Henry Miller, is presenting at the Majestic Theatre the Browning play "Pippa Passes," with a gorgeous production and an extremely competent cast, including Mrs. Sarah Cowell Le Moyne and Mabel Taliaferro. This is beyond any question, the greatest production of its kind ever attempted and both the press and public are lavish in their praise.

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Wednesday, November 28.

- 10-12 -Exchange open.
- 11-2- Office hours of Y. W. C. A. Secretary, Alumnae Room.
- 12:15-1-Devotional Classes.
- 12:30-2-Exchange open.
- 12-Barnard Union meeting.

Monday, December 3.

- 10-12-Exchange open.
- 11-2-Office hours of Y. W. C. A. Secretary, Alumnae Room.

- 12:30-1-Miss McCook's Bible Class.
- 3:30-5-Y. W. C. A. Tea. Earle Hall.

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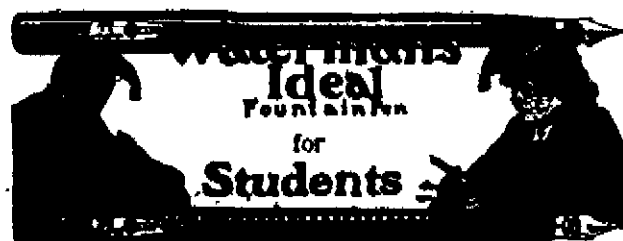
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