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THE MYSTERIES

On Friday afternoon the class of 1911 was initiated into the Mysteries by the class of 1910. The classes were assembled in the lower hall promptly at three, but there was some delay in starting, due chiefly to the fact that many of the sophomores, and most of the seniors who had been enlisted as assistants, had rather vague ideas as to the exact plan of action. This lack of definite knowledge was perhaps a little too characteristic of this year's Mysteries, and was more or less in evidence throughout the progress of the afternoon.

Naturally one year's Mysteries are not unlike those of any other year. There was, however, one rather notable difference this season, in that much more attention than usual was devoted to individual freshmen. In fact, a great deal of time was needlessly spent in this way, and what was very amusing at first became tiresome before the afternoon was over.

The freshmen showed a very enthusiastic spirit, and were on the whole rather belligerent than submissive. Their singing was especially good, particularly in view of the short time which they have had for practice.

After they were conducted to the theater, details of which, after the Mysteries proper, concerning the customary secrecy must be maintained, the freshmen were conducted to the theater, where bottles, bibs and animal crackers were distributed. At this point the rules for freshmen were read. These consisted of the usual regulations concerning green bows, the sophomore study, etc., with an added law against any but black hair ribbons.

Dancing, singing and cheering wound up the afternoon.

LECTURES

The directors of the Brooklyn Institute and also those of the New York Public lectures have secured the services of several Columbia and Barnard professors. Professor Franklin Giddings of Columbia will speak at the Brooklyn Institute on Wednesday evenings on "American Democracy, Its Principles and Leaders," beginning to-night with "Jefferson." On Friday afternoons Professor Frederick Woodbridge, of the philosophy department, will lecture on "German Philosophy Since Immanuel Kant and Its Tendencies," and on Friday evenings Dr. Daniel G. Mason, professor of music at Columbia, will give a series of lecture-recitals on "Classical Masters of Chamber Music."

Professor Shotwell, who is giving a course of evening lectures at the De Witt Clinton High School, will speak to-morrow evening on "Voltaire and the Critics." Professor Sykes, of Teachers' College, is lecturing on the Victorian Poets, Mr. Tassin giving a number of talks on the Drama, and Mr. Heuser is scheduled for some description lectures of the Rhine country.

BARNARD UNION

The first business meeting of the Barnard Union was held on Wednesday, October 2. If small membership indicates enthusiasm and zeal of the few, the Union is singularly favored, for only about twelve girls appeared. The executive committee had determined to consider failure to attend the meeting equivalent to resignation of former membership, but as some of the members present seemed certain that some of the absentees had probably not heard the summons, it was decided to write to the absentees and ascertain whether they had a good excuse for staying away. If not, their names will be dropped from the membership list, for it is the desire of the Union to have in its number only active members.

The business of the meeting consisted in electing a committee to revise the constitution. It may be that radical changes will be effected, as the old plan has been found wanting—in several respects. The committee consists of Irma Alexander, '08; Gertrude Stein, '08; Helen Scheuer, '09, and the three officers of the club, Florence Wolff, '08, president; Julia Goldberg, '09, vice-president, and Helen Philips, '09, secretary.

Before closing the meeting the president announced the plans for the coming year. Much attention will be given to systematic debating, both formal and informal, and there will also be social afternoons and even some evening entertainments to which the college will probably be invited.

BROOKS' HALL ELECTIONS

The dormitory girls have prepared for their "home rule" by electing their floor representatives. The fourth floor chose Lillian Eggleston, the fifth Marjorie Harrison, the sixth Florence Wolff, the seventh Anna Pettit, and the eighth Ruth Stowell. The representatives then elected Ruth Stowell as House President. On Monday evening, October 7th, the committee will for the first time meet Miss Weeks and enter officially on their duties.

PERSONAL

Edith K. Michels, ex '10, who was married to Mr. Pietro Cappeluti-Altamare on Sept. 20, will spend the winter abroad.

Irma Stern, '03, was recently married to Baron Leo von Griefenried, of Switzerland.

Katherine Louise Rapp, '07, is teaching Chemistry and Physics at Lawrence, L. I.

Elizabeth Treadwell, '07, is taking post-graduate work in economics.

Evangeline Cole, '07, is writing for *Scribner's Magazine*.

Olive Dutcher, '02, has been promoted to the position of assistant professor in the department of Biblical languages and literatures at Mt. Holyoke College.

CLASS NEWS

1908

At the regular meeting of the class of 1908, held on Thursday, Oct. 3, the business manager of last year's Mortarboard reported a surplus of \$51. Annie Rothenberg was elected class treasurer and Dorothea Eltzner historian to fill the places of Freda Peck and Aminta Gomes-Casseres, respectively.

1909

The first regular meeting of 1909 was held on Thursday, October 3, at twelve o'clock. The class tendered a vote of thanks to Florence Wyeth for her untiring service as Sophomore president, and also gave a hearty welcome to their new junior president, Eleanor Gay.

It was voted by the class to levy a tax of fifty cents on each member for representation in the Mortarboard, and ten dollars was appropriated from the treasury for Mortarboard expenses. The executive committee was delegated to see to the purchase of grass rugs for the Junior Study. Reports were made from the various committees, including the play committee, which has not yet definitely decided what the junior play will be. The junior entertainment to the Freshmen was settled upon, and a tax of twenty-five cents levied for expenses.

JUNIOR RECEPTION

The class of 1909 will entertain the class of 1911 on Friday, Oct. 11.

1910

At the first regular class meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, the class of 1910 accepted Gertrude Hunter's resignation from the chairmanship of the entertainment committee and elected Elsie Plaut in her place.

The following committee was chosen for the Sophomore play:

FLORENCE ROSE, *Chairman*.
MURIEL IVIMEY.
GRACE MEIER.
JULIA WAGNER.
GLADYS BONFILS.

1911

On Monday, Sept. 30, the class of 1911 elected Margaret Hart, chairman, and Helen Brown, secretary-treasurer. On Thursday, Oct. 3, the class gathered for song practice.

UNDERGRADUATE MEETING

The first meeting of the Undergraduate Association this year is called for Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 12 o'clock sharp, in the theater. At this meeting the freshman member of the executive committee will be elected.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1907

We learn with much interest that a new library regulation has been adopted, which is in substance as follows: Undergraduate students from various schools of the university are no longer allowed the use of the general reading-room at Columbia for other purposes than those of miscellaneous or special reading; all required reading is to be done in the several reading-rooms of the various schools. The books for this purpose are to be sent out to the said schools from Columbia, and only students who desire to do further reading in any course may use the main library. It may be incidentally remarked that loan privileges will remain the same as hitherto. Viewed from the standpoint of the university, this regulation seems a wise one. It has been such a tradition in the past to "go to the library" for any books or any studying, that many students have fallen into the habit of drawing on its resources almost exclusively: the natural result being a "run" on certain volumes from time to time, and a rather general premium on seats in the reading-room. The new rule will do much to obviate the inconveniences just mentioned, and will certainly do the greatest good to the greatest number. As far as Barnard is concerned, however, it is doubtful whether the good is entirely an unmixed blessing. For while we do not deny that it is much pleasanter and more convenient in every way to have our books right at hand in our own building, we fear that under the new rule the problem of overcrowding has been transferred to Barnard. The Ella Weed room has often been uncomfortably filled in the past; and this statement by no means applies only to times near examinations.

On such occasions it is impossible to ventilate the room so that nobody suffers; and, finally, how can a comparatively small room, situated in the midst of Milbank Hall, full of students, with girls constantly coming and going, be kept quiet in the same way as the great reading-room at Columbia? If the new regulation is to work for the good of Barnard as effectively as it is designed to do, it would seem to us that at least one other room would need to be set aside here for purposes of study. We do not know whether this could be done in our present cramped quarters; but if it could be, and should be, we think that we shall then have attained to very nearly the ideal of library privileges.

The election of house officers by the girls at the dormitory is the first step toward the increased power of student government which it was foreseen that a dormitory would cause. Barnard has always given much attention to the problems of student control, and it will be interesting to see how dormitory life will affect the institution and in just what particular circumstances the influence will show itself.

Although the dormitory was really built to accommodate girls who come from great distances to study at Barnard, it is found that the majority actually living there are ex-commuters. Many of these girls who have had to rush away from college as soon as lectures were over, and who have therefore had little leisure heretofore for those far-famed "long talks on the backstairs" that bring so much light to bear on social questions in the college world, will now have the opportunity to get well acquainted with the conditions, and the girls will, with increasing knowledge, become more interested in college affairs, and will take an active part in college life. One of the first results, then, of the influence of the dormitory will, we believe, be to increase our active membership. It has been noticed before that there is a tendency at Barnard to give many offices into few hands. It will be found, however, that there are quite enough girls to go around, if only the girls be given an opportunity to find out each other's talents and abilities. There is no reason to believe that a girl who has brains enough to get into college and to stay in college is devoid of all "social" ability,—the ability to help, manage, or amuse other people. Every girl who has ever held office, no matter how humble, knows how much pleasure the work has given her, even if it was difficult. Some very important college training comes in the shape of committee work. For this reason it seems wrong to limit this benefit, and give office after office to a few. It is not only unjust to a large number of girls to deprive them of this training, but it is also unjust toward our college. Our ideal, it seems to us, should be more democratic; we find pleasure in thinking that "Barnard certainly has turned out some clever girls," but it should give us greater pleasure to be able to say that the average Barnard girl has proved herself capable. This can be accomplished by a wider distribution of offices than has heretofore been customary. If such a change

were effected, it seems safe to predict that the standard of all college activity would be raised, for those who have themselves managed something are quicker to understand and help carry out another's plans and directions than one who knows nothing of the difficulties of managing. Perhaps in due time it will be judged wise to limit the number of offices that any one girl may hold at one time. As we said in the beginning, the college will have more time to consider these things now than ever before.

THE STUDENTS' EXCHANGE

The Students' Exchange was opened for the first time this season on Wednesday, Oct. 2d. Hereafter it will be open daily except Saturday from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Candy and other articles will be gladly received. If possible, articles for the Exchange should be brought to the Exchange between 10 and 11 o'clock any day. All articles that have been sold will be paid for between 12:30 and 1:10, or Mondays. If any one knows of work suitable for college girls they should notify Exchange, as the committee in charge is anxious to widen its sphere of helpfulness.

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EARL HALL TEAS.**

The Christian Association will continue to serve tea this year in Earl Hall every Monday afternoon from three to five o'clock. There were about forty girls present at the first tea this season, which was held on September 30, and it is hoped that these informal affairs will continue as popular as they were last year. All students are very cordially invited to them.

BIBLE AND MISSION STUDY CLASSES

Instead of having lecture courses in Bible and Mission Study this year, the plan is to be tried of having student leaders for a number of the classes. This method was first tried last term in Mission Study and worked successfully, as students grew much interested in personally working out the subjects studied. Several classes will also be led by the general secretary, Mrs. Merrett. The following weekly classes are announced:

For Bible study, to begin Monday, October 14. For non-resident students:

"The Teachings of Jesus," Leader, Mrs. Merrett, Room 215, Milbank, from 12:30 to 1 o'clock.

"The Life of Christ," Leader, Elizabeth Fox, '08. Room 213, Milbank, from 12:30 to 1 o'clock.

For residents in Brooks Halls, from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, the day to be arranged to suit students:

"The Teachings of Jesus," Leader, Mrs. Merrett. Room 517 Brooks.

"The Life of Christ," Leader, Winifred Barrows. Room 415 Brooks.

For Mission Study, to begin Thursday, October 17, and to last eight weeks only. In foreign missions a course on "Africa"

will be taken up under the leadership of Mrs. Merrett.

A course in Domestic Missions will be led by Agnes Miller, '08. It will deal largely with the immigrant problem. The text-book to be used is Grose's "Aliens or Americans?"

Printed notices of these classes have been distributed to all students, and it is hoped that a large number will be able to join the classes. Those who wish to do so should sign the notice as indicated, and hand it back to the leader of their chosen class, or else drop it into Locker 55, Senior Study.

FOUND

A sum of money was found on the floor of one of the buildings early last week, and may be claimed by applying to Agnes Miller, '08, Locker 55, Senior Study.

Special rate tickets may be procured in the Exchange for "Lola from Berlin" at the Liberty Theater.

DAILY BULLETIN

Daily: 10-3—Exchange open.

Thursday, October 10.

4:10—Lecture at Earl Hall by Jeremiah W. Jenks, Ph.D., LL.D.

Friday, October 11.

12:10—Chapel exercises. Rev. James E. Frame will speak.

3:00—Junior's reception to Freshmen. Theater.

Tuesday, October 15.

12:10—Chapel exercises. Rev. James E. Frame will speak.

Wednesday, October 16.

4:10—Lecture on Mathematics. 309 Havemeyer.

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I.

1907: Oct. 16—Mathematics, Professor Keyser; Oct. 23—Physics, Professor Nichols; Oct. 30—Chemistry, Professor Chandler; Nov. 6—Astronomy, Professor Jacoby; Nov. 13—Geology, Professor Kemp; Nov. 20—Biology, Professor Wilson; Nov. 27—Physiology, Professor Lee; Dec. 4—Botany, Professor Richards; Dec. 11—Zoölogy, Professor Crampton.

II.

1907: Dec. 18—Anthropology, Professor Boas; 1908: Jan. 8—Archæology, Professor Wheeler; Jan. 15—History, Professor Robinson; Jan. 22—Economics, Professor Seager; Feb. 12—Politics, Professor Beard; Feb. 19—Jurisprudence, Professor Munroe Smith; Feb. 26—Sociology, Professor Giddings.

III.

1908: March 4—Philosophy, President Butler; March 11—Psychology, Professor Woodworth; March 18—Metaphysics, Professor Woodbridge; March 25—Ethics, Professor Dewey.

IV.

1908: April 1—Philology, Professor Jackson; April 8—Literature, Professor Peck.

A separate syllabus will be prepared for each lecture, and may be had upon application one week before the lecture.

LECTURES ON POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Principles of Politics from the Viewpoint of the American Citizen, by Jeremiah

W. Jenks, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Political Economy and Politics in Cornell University, on Thursday in October, November and December at 4:10 P. M., in Earl Hall.

Oct. 10—The Nature of the State and of Government; Oct. 17—The Political Motives; Oct. 24—The Suffrage; Oct. 31—Political Parties; Nov. 7—The Principles of Representation; Nov. 14—The Principles of Legislation; Nov. 21—The Work of the Executive; Nov. 28—Thanksgiving Day—no lecture; Dec. 5—The Work of the Judiciary; Dec. 12—The Constitution; Dec. 19—International Relations.

DEAN GILL

Since leaving Lugano, about three weeks ago, Dean Gill has been visiting several places in France. On October 21 the Society of American Women in London will give a luncheon in her honor at the Hotel Cecil. Soon afterwards Miss Gill will sail for America, and after staying awhile in Boston she will return to Barnard probably before the 1st of December.

OFFICE HOURS

Brewster, Wm. T., Acting Dean. Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 12-1.
Bechert, A. O., Tutor. Mon., 2; Thurs. 11 Room 113.
Botsford, G. W., Instr. Fri., 11-11:40. Room 340.
Braun, W., Instr. Mon., 10; Thurs., 3. Room 113.
Davis, W. Walsu. Mon., 4-4:30. Room 340.
Haskell, Alice. Thurs., 11-2. Room 136.
Hurst, Gertrude. Wed., 10. Room 212.
Kasner, Prof. Tu., Thurs., 10-11. Room 300.
Krathwohl, W. C. Mon., Wed., Fri., 11-12. Room 309.
Lord, Prof. Mon., 10-11. Room 335.
Montague, Mon., Tues., Wed., 11-12. 2-4 Room 335.
Porterfield, Wilson. Mon., and Fri., 2. Room 336.
Robinson, James T. Tues. and Thurs., 3:10 and 4-4:15. Room 340.
Sunkhovitch, Mrs., V. Gr. Thurs., 4. Room 300.
Shotwell, James, Instructor. Fri., 11. Room 340.