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THE MARCH NUMBER OF "THE BARNARD BEAR"

The *Bear* and I, after a year's separation, have been reintroduced to each other. But the *Bear* has grown, as they say of children, "out of all knowledge;" and it has been my very interesting task to discover in what respects he differs from his baby self. Decidedly the changes are all for the better; and perhaps I may be pardoned for speaking of them, even though others may have been before me with their comments.

It is a satisfaction to note the presence of the continued story, that characteristic feature of the good magazines. Its advantages are obvious. The serial story, skilfully planned to leave the reader, at the end of each instalment, wondering what will happen next, is an excellent means of keeping interest in the magazine alive. And this sustained interest the former *Bear* editors found rather difficult to arouse. *A Modern Princess*, while not wildly exciting, nor rich in complicated situations of absorbing interest, fills the requirements.

Another change to be noted is the presence of outside contributors—evidently a regular feature of the *Bear* under its present management. Doubtless reasons for and against this innovation have already been discussed. It makes the paper less completely a college publication. But the non-college article may become a literary touchstone for the rest; and by revealing amateurishness of treatment or narrowness of viewpoint, act as an incentive to the college contributors. It may help to develop that sense of proportion declared by a writer in the present number to be more or less characteristic of Barnard, as a college in a great city; and to "counteract any tendency to consider the university the universe."

The plan of arousing interest and luring forth contributions by contests—story or otherwise—was tried in the now almost prehistoric times of the *Literary Supplement*. It didn't succeed then. But the uneasy editor tells us that fourteen poetical translations were received for the interesting contest in the present number—a fact that, as she says, speaks well for the intellectual activity of the students. Poor supplement! In its story contest, the prize went by default to the solitary competitor.

An entirely new departure with this month appears to be the instalment of an editor in the uneasy chair. The present contest offers the editor a good opportunity to say something to the point; and in commenting upon the poems, she displays an anxious tact and a diplomatic skill quickened, perhaps, by her uneasiness in her new rôle. There is no reason why the chair, once established, should not become as comfortable as that occupied by Mr. W. D. Howells.

To turn to more particular consideration

(Continued on fourth page, first column.)

1910 NEWS

The entertainment committee of the class of 1910 has arranged to organize a second sophomore dance during May. It has been decided that the first five dances shall be cotillon dances. More than fifty members of the class have already subscribed.

THE CHOEPHOROI OF AESCHYLUS

The American Academy of Dramatic Arts (F. H. Sargent, president,) announces a representation in English (for first time in America) of the Greek music drama, *The Choephoroi* (*The Lebanon Pourers*), of Aeschylus, on the afternoon of Thursday, March 26, 1908, at 2.30 o'clock, in the Empire Theatre. Seats for this special matinee may be obtained at Carnegie Lyceum, American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Orchestra, \$2.00; Balcony, \$2.00, \$1.50; Gallery, 75 cents, 50 cents.

Translation by Anna Hempstead Branch; music by Robert Oliver Jenkins.

C. S. M. A.

At a meeting of the C. S. M. A., held on Thursday, March 19, the appointment of Edna Palmer, 1910, as delegate to the Social Service Committee, was confirmed.

It was decided to hold sewing circles every week on Wednesday and Thursday, at which different people will be asked to speak.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER UNION

The monthly meeting of the Student Volunteer Union will be held in Earl Hall, Columbia University, on Thursday evening, March 26th, 1908, at eight o'clock. Mr. S. L. Joslin will deliver his lecture on "Social, Religious and Educational Conditions in India." The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

BROOKS HALL NEWS

The trustees and faculty of Barnard College have been invited to a reception to be given at Brooks Hall, Friday evening, March 27th. Miss Weeks and the resident students are looking forward to the reception with pleasure and hope that many of the trustees and faculty will come.

NOTICE

It is particularly requested that there shall be no conversation or walking up and down in the main corridor of Brinckerhoff Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 to 12.30 o'clock. Chapel is being conducted at those times and quiet should be maintained in the hall outside.

SETTLEMENT FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Four Settlement Fellowships of \$500 each for the year 1908-9, have been established under the following conditions:

Five colleges—Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Smith, Swarthmore and Wellesley Colleges—have offered to participate in joint Fellowships, but the College Settlements Association is able to establish only four such Fellowships. The competition will be open to former students of these colleges, and the four best qualified applicants, representing four colleges, will be awarded the Fellowships.

The object of the Fellowships is to open to well qualified persons the opportunity afforded by settlement life for investigation of social conditions or for training for settlement and other philanthropic and civic work.

A Fellow is expected to reside in a Settlement during the academic year and to pursue some clearly defined line of work, scientific or practical, under such guidance as may be arranged by the Committee on Award. Choice of residence should depend on opportunities for the work to be undertaken, but preference will be given to the College Settlements. The time may, with the approval of the committee in charge, be divided between Settlements. Should an applicant be satisfactory in other respects, but unable to live in a Settlement; the residence requirement may be modified at the discretion of the Committee on Award. The applicant shall still be required, however, to connect herself with some Settlement for the purposes of work and guidance.

Applications should be sent before April second to Miss Eleanor H. Johnson, 17 East 26th Street, New York City. These should include all data that may be of use to the committee. Applicants should give age and description of previous education. They should also describe as specifically as possible the topic or line of work they have in mind for their Fellowship year, and their purpose in applying for a Fellowship. Attendance at a training school for social work (such as that in New York, Boston or Chicago) would be considered an advantage. Applications should be accompanied by credentials bearing on character, on ability, practical and scholarly, and on health. Applicants should also state for which Fellowship they wish to apply. The basis of award will be promise of future usefulness.

Awards are made in each case by a representative of the college giving the participation acting in conference with a representative of the college giving the particular Fellowship. Professor Henry R. Seager, of Columbia University, will act as referee in case of disagreement.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1908.

Dozens of criticisms about the lunch-room from the various students have come to our ears daily. For years the food on sale in the lunch-room has been the subject of jokes and complaints. It seems to us that the time has come for it to be subject to improvement. It is rather unbecoming to grumble about a thing that one can change. It is a waste of energy and also argues a lack of the profitable kind of energy, constructive energy.

Investigations have recently been made concerning both the nature of the students' complaints and the causes of these complaints. The results of this examination show that the complaints are well founded, but that the students have done nothing to help themselves. The managers of the lunch-room said that they didn't know what the students wanted. In other words the students have not taken even the first step toward bettering the conditions to which they object: they have not even made definite suggestions.

It has been suggested that the Undergraduate Association appoint a committee to whom complaints be submitted and who shall be responsible to the students to investigate these complaints, find the causes and effect a reform so that the students hereafter they cannot do so. The plan seems practicable and intelligent. A better one may be found, we do not doubt, if the students really care as much as their grumbling would seem to indicate.

There is no reason why the lunch-room management, the quality of the food provided and its preparation should not be improved. A plan has been submitted, a number of girls have shown interest in the movement, and the average, who have

made it their things possible for us, are again standing in readiness to help us, if we show the least indication of being anxious to help ourselves and co-operate with them.

It has been recently announced that next year the experiment of having student assistants will be tried in the department of philosophy. We understand that two members of the present sophomore class and one of the junior class have been appointed to help in holding consultations with and marking papers of other students in certain courses given by the department. We believe that this system is in force in a few other colleges, though we have never heard of students younger than seniors doing such work. We certainly have no desire to interfere, even by comment, in any matter that seems worth trying in the eyes of the college administration; but as this latest action is so much concerned with students from every point of view, we feel justified in calling special attention to it. We hope that the trial will prove a happy one for Barnard in every way; but we nevertheless entertain serious apprehensions of its success. To begin with, how can the effect on the appointees possibly be other-wise than harmful? Unless the girls are abnormally limited minded, they can not but feel themselves very distinguished persons. It is too much to expect from any undergraduate that such an elevation over her fellow-students will do her no harm. Again it is not for us to decide how well qualified these girls are for the positions; we merely call to mind the fact that when they received the appointment they had had one-half year of philosophy!

It seems to us a pity that with so many clever graduate students available, undergraduates should have had precedence. We think that the case should be considered not from the point of view of the students under these young assistants. Will it be particularly agreeable to the former to be consulted authoritatively by their peers? We fear, indeed, that unless the services of these helpers are confined strictly to required courses, the adherents of the philosophy department will diminish in number.

NOTICE

All students interested in the "lunch-room reform" are requested to write our complaints and suggestions and put them into paper 24, senior study.

A committee is investigating the complaints sent in, and are earnestly trying to solve the problem with justice both to the present lunch-room management and to the students. The students' letters may be published within the next few weeks, if the committee thinks advisable, at any rate the results of the investigations and the plans suggested will be laid before the student body as soon as these plans are fully formulated.

Unless the students show an active interest in the movement, matters will remain as they are now, for without the students' co-operation the committee cannot do anything for its purpose.

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Daily.

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Wednesday, March 25th.

3:30—An informal musical given by the German department. Mr. Eugene Haile will sing. Theatre.
4:10—Ethics lecture, 309 Havemeyer. Speaker, Prof. Dewey.

Thursday, March 26th.

4:10—French lecture, 305 Schermerhorn. Subject, Folède; speaker, Prof. Loiseaux.

Friday, March 27th.

11:00—Mission Study Class on China. Leader, Mrs. Merrett. Bulletin Room.
12:00-12:20—Chapel. Speaker, Rev. Edward B. Coe.
1:10—Mission Study Class on China. Leader, Mrs. Merrett. Mortarboard Room.
4:10—Greek games.

Monday, March 30th.

12:00-12:30—Bible classes. Leader, Mrs. Merrett. Room 303.
12:30—Bible class. Leader, Miss Fox; Room 213.
4:10—Lecture on French Sculpture to the beginning of the Renaissance. Speaker, Mr. Edward Smith. 309 Havemeyer.

Tuesday, March 31st.

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4:10—Recital at Earl Hall.

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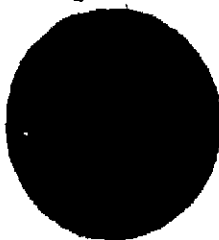
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the separate articles. The translations, as the special feature of this number, should have the right of first publication... but not being enabled to judge of their merit—and particularly of their fidelity to the original—

A Manufactured War Story very plausibly fixes upon offended journalists the responsibility for the prevailing feeling against Japan. The writer describes the former and the present attitude towards Japan, and sums up the main facts in the history of the currency change, in a manner to compel attention and make one think.

The author of the Exposition Reply has no very difficult task in exposing the weakness of an adversary who so blithely lays herself open to attack. To annihilate such a foe is good fun, and Miss Hoyt appears to have enjoyed herself. Possibly she might be accused of a little overstatement of her opponent's position, a little not wholly justified interpretation of her remarks.

A Semester in Göttingen offers another evidence of the effort to give a more general outside interest to the Barnard. It is always worth while to hear what Harvard students have to tell about other colleges and universities that they have attended.

The Stage Collegian—also in a humorous vein—parodies a type that figures in such popular plays of college life as Beyond the Horizon, etc. The short piece, Under the Power, has a sort of contemplative charm, and shows an open-minded appreciation of the Arborea's attitude towards life.

It would hardly be fair to criticize Modern Progress before the final installment appears. So far as characterization, this chapter strikes me as a great improvement over the first two. The character of the Princess is no more so impossible as at first. Most graduates, after a couple of years, find their experiences dwindling to very slight impressions in their minds. No doubt they readily dis-

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how little they know—they take particular pains to conceal this little, especially from men. But the princess has discovered her own absurdity, and we begin to sympathize with her. Her various mental awakenings are well described. And now that the cause of this disillusionment as to herself is coming back, what will happen? In the adequate treatment of the final situation will be the test of the writer's skill. Well what we expect next? Or is the author going to surprise us?

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