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SOPHOMORE DANCE.

As the beginning of November, there was an unusual amount of excitement in the Sophomore Study and the cause of this disturbance was that Sophs were actually holding out dance cards! As to when the really was, some few had an idea that it came about the middle of December, but the majority only vaguely knew that it was coming. But after that, no more was heard till about one week before the event. Then most of the class had decided not to come and the girls were frantically hanging out their dance orders all over again! Meanwhile the committee had been chosen, and was quietly beginning to work. On Friday evening, December 17, the dance took place in the large gymnasium of the Thompson building. Of course it was a startling success, like most Sophomore dances. The gymnasium's identity was almost entirely concealed by means of long festoons of blue and white crepe paper and quantities of banners of all shapes, sizes and nationalities. The college studies, the Brooks Hall rooms and the girls' home studies were stripped of all their trappings and went to furnish decorations and subjects for conversations. The piano was moved to the middle of the room and a little forest of palms almost hid it and the musicians from view. The floor was waxed to the danger mark, and the excellence of the music by the end of ten dances had already become a hackneyed and forbidden subject of conversation.

The girls looked lovely (as they always do at dances) and many were the "ohs" and "ahs" heard in the dressing rooms as the girls displayed their finery to an admiring and anxiously waiting-to-be-admired audience of friends. Yellow, including every imaginable shade, was the predominant color, while trains were very plentiful, considering it was only a Sophomore Dance.

As some one remarked "We came for the dancing, not the eating," so the refreshments need not be dwelt upon! The first part of this remark certainly did prove true, for never was there a dance, where fewer dances were sat out. Nor was this due to a lack of dark and comfortable cosy corners, for the stairs from the third to the fifth floors were covered with rugs and pillows.

Mrs. William T. Brewster, Miss Margaret Calhoun, Miss Marie Reimer, Mrs. Joshua Case, Mrs. John Doty and Mrs. John Myers were the patronesses.

That part of the class that did not come, certainly missed having a delightfully jolly time, as those present can testify. The committee to be thanked for

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To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

As the editor in chief of the BARNARD BULLETIN, you are probably the most material embodiment of what is called the collegiate point of view and as such I wish to address to you my views on a certain matter which has lately caused me a great deal of pain. It is in connection with the attempt to alter the basis of the Young Womens Christian Association—the attempt made by several students of more liberal opinions to enlarge the basis of the society so as to make them eligible to membership therein.

It is not this act, that I am objecting to, but an attitude distinctly radical and dangerous to all real growth and development. It is a frame of mind that seems to be current in all the organizations at college—the encouragement of any theory or plan at all "new" or "liberal." To become more "tolerant," more "broad-minded" is their watch-word, and they seem to think that the only means towards that end is to break down boundaries that all institutions and organizations must raise because of the very nature of their being. They seem to think that orthodoxy, which is oldest of the old, and which has survived the storm of discussion better than the theories of Radicalism and Rationalism, is a bulwark in the path of progress. They look on the views their fathers have held before them as narrow, stale, intolerant, and down they must go, in the exuberance of youthful self-consciousness. It is as if a river, long, narrow and winding, displeased some god of creation because he could not see all his way clear at once when he was sailing down its current, and, forgetting that the greatest achievements take much time and labor, he caused the stream to be dammed up in the middle and spread broadcast over the fields, until it made a lake. And then, when he climbed to his castle-tower, he could see all its broad expanses shining in the sun. But the river, although it stretched far and wide, still kept beneath its waves, the wrecks of cottages and hamlets and the remnants of once green orchards and dales, and when boats attempted to sail on it, it was shallow and the ships stuck in the sandy bottom. And all the god's work was in vain.

This is only a parable, but you can grasp the point. People may want you to stand for this, or that theory, for this change of basis, for that new organization, radical to the extreme; but remember that the narrow river is deepest and safest to navigate and when it has sufficient strength of its own, it will cleave the banks away with one stroke and spread itself over new meadows. And if one is wise, he will be prepared for the inundation.

Sincerely,

One of Barnard's Friends.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

In reply to last month's editorial in the *Barnard Bear*, I should like to say a word about the opportunities for college girls in social work. As my experience has been but limited, I hope that one of the older graduates will deal more fully with this subject in a later number of the BULLETIN.

A girl who wishes to enter professional work should, if possible, attend the winter session of the New York School of Philanthropy. This school has an admirable staff of teachers and offers splendid opportunities to its students to do practical work with various organizations. A girl who has not attended this school will find difficulty in getting a good position unless she has had some other equally valuable experience.

Even a girl who has graduated from the School of Philanthropy has trouble in finding a position in New York City. There are plenty of people out in Wabash and Kalamazoo who are anxious for your services, but the supply of social workers in New York is very large.

There is a second reason that keeps girls from entering social work. It is perhaps the most poorly paid of all professions which require a great deal of work. A girl entering a Charity Organization Society office gets from \$50 to \$60 a month and works from 9 to 5 o'clock. Some of the women who are considered most prominent in social work get from \$800 to \$1000 a year. The probation officers of this city, many of whom work part of the night as well as the whole day, receive but \$900 a year and have only two weeks vacation in summer. Most of the settlement workers receive ridiculously low salaries.

The fact that the work is very difficult and very trying to one who is at all nervous is perhaps a third reason why so few Barnard girls enter the social field. It certainly is harassing to see nothing but misery and poverty day after day. It is disconcerting to discover that after a society has been trying to help a family for twenty or twenty-five years that same family is still applying for aid.

But then we must not look only at the dark side of the picture. There are many more attractive points, it seems to me, in social work than in any other field that a college girl can enter.

To those who are in sympathy with the large mass of unfortunate people who through inefficiency or fault are below the poverty line, there can be nothing more interesting than social work. There certainly is no profession more full of dramatic in-

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We have heard a good deal lately about the neglect of our thinking apparatus. At first when the awful truth was brought home to us we were stunned, but as we began to recover gradually we took it upon ourselves to take a long look, as it were, at our mental machinery. As heiresses of the torch of knowledge, it was our solemn duty to do so. Having looked and seen, we have come to the important conclusion that the mental machinery of Barnard girls is not rusty by any means. It is constantly run to its utmost capacity. We do think. The trouble is rather that we think too diffusely and dissipate our intellectual energy.

In our studies we have so many lines of interest that we seldom do original, independent thinking along any one line. The faculty is coming to our rescue in this mat-

ter by restricting our circle of interests to related subjects. We belong to several clubs and give to all our loyal attention, but to no one our concentrated thought, to help broaden its scope or to improve the means to that end. In our social relations we think widely enough to keep our good terms with the crowd and to hold our intimate friends, but not deeply enough to avoid individual exclusive spots. The words "pach" and "lemn," "shark" and "gruff" are still at the head of our college vocabulary and unconsciously, *in thinking*, we adjust our opinions to suit that particular epithet which we apply, actually or mentally, to our fellow-seekers of knowledge.

THE ENGLISH CLUB.

On Friday afternoon December seventeenth, the English Club entertained some of its friends from the undergraduates and faculty at Brooks Hall. Miss Vida Sutton, of the New Theater Company, gave a very delightful reading of old English and Scotch ballads. Miss Sutton has made a thorough study of the subject and her comments and explanations made all the more interesting her recitations. Her charming voice and manner added greatly to her sympathetic recital of the ballads.

After the reading the members of the club received the audience in the holly-decked parlor of Brooks Hall, and an opportunity was given to all the guests to meet Miss Sutton. Refreshments were served and an informal reception closed the afternoon. Among the faculty who were present were Professor Brewster, Professor and Mrs. Lord, Miss Weeks, Miss Hirst, Miss Gildersleeve, Dr. and Mrs. Osborn, Miss Boyd, Miss Brewster, Mr. Caldwell and Miss Cook.

Janet McCook Whitman, Barnard 1902, died at her home in the city on Friday, December 17, 1909. Mrs. Whitman was especially well known to all the students through her great interest in the activities of the Y. W. C. A. and as a trustee of the college she was an important factor in its progress.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN
The American college is trying to give its students two related things, to think and how to work. Some college women after graduation forget to the habits of scientific thinking that they have been taught; they try to do their grandmothers' work in their grandmother's way. Another group do not work at all but simply enjoy the fruits of the work of others. The college has reason to be ashamed of both classes.

The college woman represents a large investment of capital, and a large return is due on the investment. If it be not forthcoming, if college women become parasites, society will do with them what it has always ultimately done with parasite classes, eliminate them by stripping off their privileges. Fortunately most of our graduates feel the inner compulsion of Carlyle's "God-given mandate. Work thou in Well-doing," and are trying to justify their privileges by useful work.

The community has a right to expect their work to be sane, constructive and social. To make it such one must discover what she can do best, and then work at it scientifically, unhurriedly, permanently. To prepare for work the college offers unusual opportunity. During four years the student is free to acquaint herself with the whole range of human interests, as expressed in literature, art, science, philosophy. Free as yet from the compulsion to turn to immediate account what she studies, she may, if she will, discover her own interests and aptitudes, thus giving her every advantage in the choice of work. For the college simply to crust the student over with a thin layer of so-called "culture" that makes her think herself different from other people is a pitiful achievement. To fill her with enthusiasm for work and to teach her how to work—this is a splendid accomplishment. Barnard has a right to expect her students to realize that they are a privileged class, not in being free to enjoy without work, but in having unusual opportunities for finding the right work and unusual training for doing it. She has a right to expect all her graduates to be wealth producers in the largest sense of the world, women who remember that "there is no wealth but life," who work with the conviction that "that man is richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others."

HENRY MURPHY.

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all this was: Eleanor Doty, chairman, Eleanor New, Irene Dalgleisch, Mary Stine, Isabel Koss, Isabelle Noyes. Ex-officio: Rosalind Case and Eleanor Myers.

SOPHOMORE NOTASHO.

The fact that the Class of 1912 entirely proved its dramatic efficiency. Sophomores revived the custom by them in their Freshman entertained themselves and the December 15, with another

there was a double, and not unified, program. The first is a gruesome melodrama, telling of a murder of the cruel parent, the villain and the dastardly villain, followed by the inevitable suicide of the lovely. The audience showed great appreciation of the noble sentiments so admirably expressed in the drama. They sympathized with the misfortunes of the and hissed the villain at every entrance.

The next number was a burlesque of the Sophomore and Junior Shows. The heroes and heroines were so hopelessly confused that even their original interpreters failed to recognize themselves. D'Arcy, with an unmistakable brogue, spent most of his time crawling through windows in a Ned Roystonish fashion, and the fair Phillippa almost used Pamela's pistol, instead of her own mended sword of the King. Several referring students have claimed that some change ought to be made in the social calendar so that the Sophomore and Junior Shows would be more widely separated, and if this confusion of mind was the result perhaps the plan is worth considering! At any rate, the audience was amused, and greatly appreciated the generosity of the committee, which allowed a class party to be turned into an entertainment for all the college.

To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

Dear Madam:

May I make a word of correction in your report of the last Undergraduate meeting? I dislike to criticize so admirable and correct a part of my statements, but I know some of the alumnae who know the facts, will think it odd that I should state that the balance from the Barnard Hall of Residence was the temporary Dormitory was called to be used for duplicate reference books in the reading room, when the association was based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee only the interest on the balance for the present. This was intended only a temporary use: the balance was voted to the reading room as a whole, some new need may arise which we would rather assist in filling.

Very cordially,

ALICE G. CHASE,

Chairman of Com. on Student Activities.

idents. We see people in their moments of greatest joy and greatest sorrow. We see people in their homes, in the settlement, at school, in the courts, we see them at their worst and at their best. One year in this field teaches you more about nature than four at college.

There is a second attractive side to philanthropic work. One sees results; what we have accomplished may not always be the wisest and the best thing but at least we know what we have done. So often in the improved condition of the poor people who have been visited, one feels a sense of true encouragement.

Work along these lines is but in its infancy. Every year new schemes for the betterment of the people are appearing. There is big opportunities for original work in the social field.

I would not advise every Barnard girl to become a social worker. I would not advise more than one girl in ten to undertake philanthropic work. Many girls are too sensitive to stand the sad sights and the many discouragements of dealing with people more unfortunate than themselves.

Tasks are too severe, too hard to be of benefit to those whom they will meet in this work.

I am sure, though, that in every senior class which graduates from Barnard there are at least ten girls who are fitted for social work and for nothing else as well. Let every Barnard girl question herself. If you are one of these ten do not let the poor pay and the hard work keep you from entering this important profession.

An Interested Alumna.

BULLETIN BOARD MEETING.

At the last meeting of the editorial staff of the BULLETIN, held before the holidays, Alice B. Evans, 1912 was elected to fill the vacant Sophomore position on the associate board.

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1911 CLASS PARTY.

Hitherto the theatre has been the customary place for Class Parties—occasionally one of the studies, or the lunch room has been used with success, but it remained for us to invade even the sacred precincts of Mrs. Jamieson, and to hold their Christmas party in the kitchen!

The chief amusement was a taffy pull, and this created such a homelike atmosphere, that most of the Juniors thought they were having a party of their own, and handled the molasses in a skillful, if dangerous, manner. During the process taffy was the chief refreshment, but later cider and cakes and fruit lent variety to the menu.

When the last of it had been "pulled white," they went upstairs to the theatre where they discovered a laden Christmas tree. Each girl present received an appropriate gift and the "knocks" of the absentees were eagerly delivered to them by their curious friends.

BASKETBALL.

The first interclass basketball game was played in Thompson Gymnasium on December 20th, at 5 o'clock. 1911 managed to win the game from 1912 by a score of 15-1. There was good fast team work on both sides, but the Sophomore centers could do nothing against the excellent passing of Lillian Schoedler, and the splendid shooting of Ethel Leveridge.

The line-up was as follows:

1911		1912	
E. Gleason	Forward	L. Weil	
E. Leveridge	Forward	M. Wegener	
L. Schoedler	Center	S. Gleason	
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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Athletic Association was held in room 139 at 12 o'clock on Friday, December seventeenth.

A report of the hockey games was given by Vera Fueslein. Nannette Hamburger announced the basketball game with Horace Mann on Saturday, and one between 1911 and 1912 on Monday. She also reported that hereafter the basketball practice on Monday would be for Varsity, on Wednesday for the class practice, and on Saturday for both.

The freshmen members of various committees were elected. For the tennis committee Miss Rosenblatt was elected; for the basketball committee Miss Cheeseman was unanimously elected; Miss Payne was chosen members of the swimming committee; Miss Martin for the bowling; and Miss Stewart for the baseball committee.

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Olga Lee, Barnard 1909, died at her home in this city, on December 30, 1909.

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