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## The Sophomore Show

The Class of 1913 Presents "Quality Street"

This year at least we can say with the rest of the college that the Sophomore Class evinced remarkable judgment and discretion in the choice of a play. People of age and experience have learned to look upon the Sophomore Show less as a bit of dramatic wit and more as the just opportunity presented for the revelation of whatever talents the class may possess, from the finished, heart-breaking heroine to the awkward soldier who trips over his sword and perpetually wears a frightened expression. In "Quality Street" there was a good deal of the former and very little of the latter brand, for there were few situations that demanded more than some fairly clever acting. And this clever acting 1913 was fortunate enough to possess, embodied in various members of the cast. On the mechanical side, things went smoothly, for the stage setting was not beyond the possibilities of Brinckerhoff's capabilities. The emotional scenes, in fact the whole action of the play, were of the same calibre, for it is much easier to make an audience laugh genuinely, with some pathos added at times, than to delineate on a small stage, trimmed with Mission furniture and borrowed portieres, stirring passions and heart throbs that make people die for their king and their wives and children. As some one aptly put it, 1913 aimed at no great heights and consequently there were no great tumbles.

What was done, was done well. The clever acting that we have mentioned before stands out pre-eminently as the work of Dorothy Cheesman and Edith Rosenblatt, who made every one of their scenes go over the footlights with telling force. Naturally, Miss Cheesman as Phoebe, stands out as the more prominent of the two, but we can venture to say the force of most of her scene with Susan depended on the splendid co-operation of Miss Rosenblatt. Miss Cheesman was a charming Phoebe; her exquisite lightness and grace made her scenes even more effective. Her voice, while low and appealing, was somewhat thin at times. Perhaps there was a suggestion of the Adamesque intonation about it; in fact, there is a tinge of Maude Adams in Miss Cheesman's appearance and mannerisms. Susan was entirely satisfactory in her role; her unconscious humor was irresistible and her acting had a good deal of force and vigor. It might be said that she looked remarkably young and pretty for such an avowed spinster.

The feminine parts as a whole were more evenly maintained than the men, who were supposed to be horrible soldiers back from the wars. Joan Sperling as the maid Patty made a good deal of a part that might have lacked humor and character. The old maids were very cat-like and curious, and we must congratu-

late the bad boy (Dorothy Child) on her remarkable pugnaciousness.

The hero, Valentine Brown (played by Eddie Parks), was indeed dashing and consistently bore an air of being very much at ease. At times, the air became rather too evident, and the mannerism became not quite natural. His voice, while strong and clear, seemed to lack flexibility and some fine shades of an expression—but as a Sophomore man, the whole was good. Another play will add the little things that experience alone can give. The minor men were not very good on the whole, for they seemed rather unaccustomed to uniform and boots. Ensign Blades (A. Magid) was one of the best of these; he managed to get a good deal of humor into the supercilious character he seemed to be.

The scenic effects and properties were good, especially in the small details that count so much. Some of the realists may have objected to the strains of a graphophone behind the scenes, frequently referred to as a band—but one could not expect the Philharmonic to come up for the occasion. Miss Phoebe forgot once in a while that she had peas in her shoes, and Ensign Blades did look like a bell-boy—which made it all the funnier.

The play was coached and staged by Miss Florence Gerrish, and the committee was as follows: Chairman, Dorothy Cheesman; Esther Burgess, Helen Tolland, Eddie Parks, Edith Rosenblatt, Gerude Morris.

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Barnard should be particularly interested in the doings of the Women's Intercollegiate Association for Self-Government held last week at Randolph-Macon. The fact that Barnard stood so well at the last convention as a well-organized, self-governing college may not be well-known to some of the lower classes. The delegates to the convention last year and this have had the opportunity to compare us with other colleges in the small points of governance, and if we say it ourselves, we are splendidly organized so far. In scholarship requirements for everything under the sun, in point-systems and in non-janitorial scene-shifters, we excel everybody. It might be remarked that the charges for lights and the use of the theatre seem to ascend toward infinite heights, but to the intellectual what is mere money?

If the college has the opportunity to entertain the convention next year, the undergraduates will have a chance to realize that there are one or two other colleges that hold undergraduates' meetings besides Barnard. We all get self-sufficient once in a while, and we will sooner or later wake up to the fact. Such a convention would be an opportune means of broadening the collegiate sphere for some of our undergraduates.

## Undergraduate Meeting

A regular meeting of the Undergraduate Association was held on Wednesday, November 9th.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, and, after some discussion, accepted. The report was as follows:

### ARTICLE I. APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. That money be appropriated to print the Undergraduate Constitution, the Constitution of Student Council and the Constitution of the Women's Intercollegiate Association for Student Government, as revised in 1910, for the benefit of the members of the Undergraduate Association.

### ARTICLE II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. That the following amendments to Article VII be made:

1. That the present Article VII be made to read as Section 1 of Article VII.
2. That a Section 2 be added, reading as follows:

Only students qualified to vote at the regular spring elections are eligible to vote at a special election caused by a vacancy.

Section II. That Section 1 of Article V be made to read as follows:

There shall be four regular meetings during the college year—the first during the second week in November, the second during the second week after mid-year examinations; the third during the second week in April; and the fourth during the last week in April.

Section III. That Section 2 of Article XIV be made to read as follows:

The Executive Committee shall have the power of inflicting the following penalties for violation of Undergraduate rules:

For the first offense reported, a fine of fifty cents shall be imposed. For the second report the case shall be referred to the Student Council. For the third report the case shall be referred directly to the Faculty Committee on Student Organization.

That Section 3 be added, reading as follows:

If a fine is not paid within three weeks after the day upon which the offense is committed, the case shall be laid before the Student Council. If the fine is not paid within one week following this action, the case shall be made public at the next Undergraduate meeting.

An informal report of the Student Council was accepted.

Reports of the Undergraduate Study Committee and the Undergraduate Song Practice Committee were given and approved.

Several announcements were made, regarding the Undergraduate Pay Day, the new infirmary, etc. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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A sense of humor is a saving thing, but it can be overworked. People can become so impressed with the funny side of everything that they will cease to hold serious awe or reverence for anything. At college, here in Barnard, one of the marks of social élat is the possession of a sense of humor. No matter what happens, let somebody steal your umbrella or let the Y. W. C. A. hold a conference, to those *sane, broad* people the remedy is the same at all times—look at *things humorously*.

Now do not immediately condemn us as antiquated fogies who are resolved to banish everything light and humorous from Barnard. We have no such intention. We firmly believe that there is nothing more beneficial than the ability to leap over an otherwise somber situation with the facile legs of humor, and such a gift is an indispensable aid to a well-balanced college course. It saves worry and a good deal of excess trouble. What we do object to is a spirit of flippancy and lightness that springs from a humorous point of view. Sooner or later, it amounts to a

mental irresponsibility and an entire lack of serious consideration on anything at all. Those of us who are gifted with a certain amount of brain, are wont to laugh at things as ridiculously funny, and to gradually become entirely supercilious and eventually superficial in judgments. The real sense of humor stops short at the right point, and knows where its limits end; but the imitation rushes in where the real fears to tread and things are all at odds. We are afraid that the popular adulation for this humorous quality tends to increase the fault; and that the balance is too much on one side of the scale. A college is a mixture of serious and comic; not made up entirely of one or another. There is no harm in being hard-and-out serious for something worth while, and there is a good deal of harm in a continued attitude of half-concealed amusement. When people laugh rarely and forget all about laughing at some informative moments, the laugh is apt to be a bit more genuine and appealing.

## Philolexian Presents Play

"Ralph Roister Doister" to be given

We would advise any students interested in English drama to attend a performance of "Ralph Roister Doister," a pre-Elizabethan play given by the Columbia Philolexian Society, on Thursday, November 17th, and Saturday, Nov. 19th, in Earl Hall. The play has been supervised by Professor Brander Matthews and by Professor Tassin, and it will be well worth an afternoon or an evening's time. Tickets, at one dollar each, are on sale at Seiler's Bookstore, and at the office of the Business Manager of *Spectator*, 103 West Hall.

## Important Notice!

Absolutely Free to All Undergraduates

Beginning November 18th, the BULLETIN will distribute absolutely free to all, several hundred "Columbia Week-End Packets." By special arrangements, the BULLETIN is able to make this distribution during the morning hours, and anyone wishing one of these packets should call at the BULLETIN office during that time, from November 18th to the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. A novel and dainty gift for every Barnard student. Don't fail to make use of it.

## Calendar of Events

Nov. 13th—Nov. 22nd

Nov. 15.	Luncheon, 1913-1911.
Nov. 16.	Junior Show Rehearsal.
Nov. 18.	Silver Bay Fair, afternoon, Undergrad Study.
	Lecture—Prof. de Groot: "Worship of the Universe," 4.10, Schermerhorn Hall.
Nov. 20.	St. Paul's Chapel.
Nov. 22.	College Song Practice.
	Lecture—Prof. de Groot: "Social and Political Taoism," at 4.10, Schermerhorn Hall.

## Student Council

A meeting of Student Council was held on Friday, November 11th. As Miss Polhemus was absent, Miss Gay presided.

The matter of associate members of a class being allowed to take part in the college activities was brought up for re-discussion. It was decided that, in order that each class understand perfectly the rule of the Undergraduate Constitution with regard to this matter, the following statement be made: Any girl who is neither a regular nor special student at Barnard, is *not* qualified to take part in any regular college activities. Activities are interpreted to mean: taking part in plays or athletics, serving on committees or holding office.

A date was granted to the Silver Bay Committee for the use of the Undergraduate Study, November 18th.

There was a re-discussion of the matter of Junior Ball. It was decided that the Junior Ball Committee report their financial plans to Student Council, before any final arrangements are made.

As there was no more business, the meeting adjourned.

## 1911 News

On November 10th 1911 entertained the Faculty in the Senior Study. During the afternoon a little excitement occurred through the lamp under the coffee being filled with kerosene instead of alcohol. Owing to the quick action of Dr. Richards of the Botany Department, all danger was avoided. The class wishes to thank Miss Hirst and Dr. Richards for the kettle and alcohol which they so kindly provided. Of the sixty-eight invited, fifteen of the Faculty came. 1911 sincerely hopes that the next time more of the Faculty will be able to visit the Study. Among those present were Miss Hirst, Miss Maltby, Miss Latham, Miss Huttman, Dr. Richards, Dr. Braun, Dr. Curtis and Mr. Krothwohl.

## 1913 Class Notes

A special class meeting was held on Thursday, November 10th, to elect the chairman of the Sophomore Dance Committee. As a result of the elections Esther Burgess was elected chairman. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## French Club Meets

At a regular meeting of the French Society, November 11, new members from 1914 were voted upon, also a few from 1913. Miss Thomas, 1914, was elected fifth member of the executive committee. The resolution that members of Teachers' College should be admitted to the Society was passed. It was then decided that Miss Ruth Guy, 1913, should take the part of heroine in the play "Les Femmes Fortes."

**Bureau of Information****Contributions Accepted**

To the Editor-in-Chief of the BULLETIN:

In answer to your editorial about establishing a sort of information bureau of courses, I should like to say a few words about the advisability of taking Botany 5 1-2. Many of the "uninitiated" think of Botany as "a rather dry subject which teaches about plants," and many of the sentimentalists object to it on the ground that "they hate to pick pretty flowers to pieces." Both of these ideas of the scope of the subject are, of course, very narrow. The course covers a large field and gives us not only practical facts about plant morphology, physiology and ecology, but also a good working knowledge of the essentials of scientific thought, and of the history and progress of botanical research and knowledge.

The physiological, morphological and ecological Botany is of the greatest importance in helping us to learn something about nature. The ignorance of most of us about many of the commonest features of plant life is lamentable, and we ought to try our best to remedy it. The laboratory work is in the nature of an intensive study, and the field work done in the various trips taken in the Spring and Fall, supplies the necessary extensive study. In addition, towards the end of the course several lectures are given on plant distribution over the world, and on forms of vegetation as lectures and all the work on specimens are designed to connect the knowledge of affected by temperature and climate. These special and individual forms, with the knowledge of plant life in general.

The names of Darwin, Lamarck, Mendel, De Vries and the like, are vaguely familiar to many of us, and the words evolution, mutation, germ plasma, etc., may connote something to us, but our knowledge of either the names or the meanings of the words is very rarely definite and accurate. Botany 5 1-2 will make that knowledge accurate, even though it be, of necessity, on a very limited scale, and it will give a solid foundation for further study and reading. One of its most valuable results is, I think, that it will give a clear understanding of the process of evolution, and keep one from the absurdity of declaring a disbelief in that doctrine because "it teaches that a monkey was the grandfather of man."

A STUDENT OF BOTANY.

**Zoology, 1, 2**

Whether to take Zoology, Botany, Experimental Psychology or Geology is a problem which every regular Barnard student, about to become an upper classman, has to decide for herself. It is not my intention here to try to prove that the Zoology course is superior in any way to the other three courses, but simply to correct any false impressions and to verify any just ones, which the students may entertain about the course. "Is it very hard?" is usually the first question asked about a course in student

intercourse. Well, the hours are pretty hard and long, since there are two lecture hours and four hours of laboratory weekly. Yet, besides keeping comprehensively up with the class work, there is no work to be done outside of lecture hours.

The subject matter, after you have become acquainted with all the technical terms used in the lectures and text-books, is not hard to understand and can not fail to interest anyone of the least inquiring turn of mind. It is quite a general course and leaves one with a clear, practical knowledge of the essential features of Biology. The first term is spent in studying the lower types of animals and some few plants; the second term is devoted to the study of vertebrates, their embryology and structure.

The impression, which many students have, that this course necessitates a great deal of brutal butchering of loathsome creatures and possibly vivisection itself is ridiculous, to say the least. The few animals which the students have to dissect are already well chloroformed and are not at all loathsome. Indeed, it seems to me, that if a Junior at college cannot touch a worm without screaming, it is about time she took Zoology 1-2 and became cured of this weakness.

Barnard students were fortunate in having had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Howard S. Bliss's interesting talk in chapel last Thursday. Dr. Bliss, who is the president of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, spoke on the great awakening which is going on in Turkey, and of the bright future of that oppressed nation. He told of the increasing educational advantages which are being offered to Turkish men and, very recently, to women, and pleaded for a recognition of the fact that the new intellectual life is due in large measure to the services of the Christian missionaries who are only now beginning to see the fruits of their labors. Dr. Bliss concluded with the statement that the Young Turks are confident of Turkey's great possibilities if the so-called Christian nations will cease to force Turkey to expend her national energies which might otherwise be devoted to education on military protection.

**Magazine Scholarship Fund**

Three years ago *Current Literature*, a New York magazine, organized a Scholarship Fund, whereby any college student could secure a \$525 cash scholarship at any college, conditioned upon securing 350 subscriptions to *Current Literature*. These scholarships are not competitive, and over four hundred college men have worked the plan successfully since it was inaugurated. This project is endorsed by the Columbia Student Employment Bureau. All students interested in this sort of work for the school year or summer months can secure full particulars by calling on H. W. Frey, representative of this fund today or tomorrow at the office of the University Employment Bureau, 301 East Hall, from 4 to 6 p. m.

**Socialist Society Meeting**

Mrs. Florence Kelly spoke before the Columbia and Barnard chapters of the Inter-collegiate Socialist Society on Nov. 11th, at Earl Hall. Her subject was: "Working Children and Women in New York."

Mrs. Kelly pointed out the unadequacy of the present child labor laws. There is no law in New York regulating the employment of children in the home. There is a compulsory education law but children of the school age may work after and before school hours in the home (i. e. sweated) industries and on the streets. When an attempt was made to pass a law regulating the hours of newsboys, Commodore Gerry helped persuade the legislature that for the boys' sake no law forbidding them to work in the early hours of the morning or after 10 P. M. should be passed. Later a law was passed but it is not enforced at all.

Children less than the school age may be employed at home as long as the parents care to have them work. Little ones 2, 3, and 4 years old are employed sorting beads, or artificial flowers, etc.

The Woman Labor Laws are just as poor. Girls over sixteen may be employed at night. This is especially bad because it is very difficult to sleep during the day in most of the homes of those girls. Then, too, girls returning home alone after midnight may be arrested and often are, because of our peculiar system of promoting policemen on the basis of the number of people they arrest. In Cleveland it is very different—policemen are promoted on the basis of how well they keep order without arresting people.

The condition of the girls employed as telephone operators seems to require attention. The work is of such a character that, according to eminent authority, girls should not be employed at it for more than 4 hours a day. Yet, at present, they may be employed at it as long as their employer sees fit, and by day or night. In addition, the work is morally dangerous because the girls are required to listen to all long distance conversation.

Mrs. Kelly declared, too, that the House of Detention on Blackwell's Island should be abolished. 4000 women between 16 and 30 are sent there annually. The place is anything but an institution of correction. Tuberculosis flourishes there and threatens all sent there even for a short time. The women who have struggled in vain and fallen should be sent to farms where they may be given healthful employment.

All these things demand immediate attention. Legislation must be enacted in regard to these matters. Such a thing as supplying pure milk for babies, should also be the care of the state and city—not left to private philanthropy. Every one should work for these alleviating measures, because under present conditions our population will fast become incapable and inefficient.

Mrs. Kelley asked, finally, that every one do their Xmas shopping as soon as possible.

**Illustrated Lecture**

On Wednesday, November thirtieth, at 4.10 P. M., Miss Caroline Ransom, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will deliver under the auspices of the Classical Club an illustrated lecture on "Some Egyptian Monuments of the Ptolemaic and Roman Period."

All are cordially invited to come and to bring their friends.



## Student Council

Charles Edward Russell, the Socialist candidate for Governor, spoke last Monday to a very large audience at the first lecture of the Columbia Socialist Club. The future lectures of the Columbia and Barnard Socialist Clubs will be held at Earl Hall. They will meet together and it is hoped that every Barnard student will be sufficiently interested to attend the subsequent lectures.

Mr. Russell had been asked to speak on the subject "If the Socialists carry New York State, what then?" He told the audience so directly what would then be done that anti-Socialists could surely not have accused him of theorizing. The working day must be uniformly reduced by legislation to eight hours; and the law was to be enforced. All over-time work must be paid for at specified rates; and women and children could work only eight hours daily, with the exception of fourteen days in the year. Child labor, "that iniquity of American life," must be abolished. The terrible overcrowding of population in the congested districts must be dealt with directly. If the municipality does not see to it that its population is properly housed, the State should do so and, if necessary, buy land to supply proper dwellings and parks. Sanitary factory conditions should be more universally enforced. These improvements are all required to make the government tolerable, for an ideal democracy is one in which every man, woman and child has an equal opportunity to live.

For the one thing of overwhelming importance to us—our ideas on government—we are willing to go back to 1787. Would we ever say that the last word on biology, astronomy, etc., had been said in 1787? No! Then why hold to the ancient theory that some men are endowed with a capacity to govern—and that those are very few? Socialism insists upon the initiative of referendum and recall; and it substitutes for the old idea of government a real democracy responsible to the will of the people. Many people say that democracy has been a failure in America. How can a thing fail that has never existed? All these practical reforms would form short of our ideals, because what we aim at is not simply the furnishing of good government in New York, but also a co-operative commonwealth; and one State alone could not bring about this desired result.

There is no branch of public service not loaded with political sinecures. The first thing to do is to do away with the Public Utilities Committee that costs us two million a year. We want service and what does the public service do for you that you could not do better for yourself. The average American has no idea of the extent of graft. We think of it at Albany, but that which exists there exists at every other capital. In each instance public servants are corrupted for the benefit of public service corporation. Each political party offers the same remedy—"turn out the bad men, turn in the good—that means us."

But our real government does not consist of good or bad men—but of public service corporations which go on; no matter whether supposedly good men or bad are a part of them. As long as public service corporations exist—you will have graft—

for this is its origin. I've never seen bad men. I have seen bad conditions and even men do bad things under these conditions, and the only thing to do is to change these bad conditions.

The Republicans and Democrats say that the tariff question and direct primaries are the issues of this campaign. The issue is not political, but economical. Whether the majority of the population of the United States will have a chance to live is the question. At present the cost of living increases four times as fast as the average wages—and they talk of prosperity. Prosperity—that overworked and underpaid word. The result of this poverty preys upon the well-to-do as well as on the poor.

It is in the slums that disease and crime are bred. We pay a frightful price for this one issue, which is supreme. Yet there is no reference to it either in the Democratic or Republican platforms. If these conditions continue, our huge population will become incapable of normal production and normal consumption. Won't the strength of the American population be eaten up by the awful conditions in the slums? What will come from this? National disaster! What other issue is, then, so vital as this? Shall we have economic justice or injustice?

We are fighting for conditions—not for ourselves—but for those which will make the world a decent place to live in.

To the Editors of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

Perhaps it is poor taste, when every one is praising (and most justly praising) the Class of 1913 for their wonderfully successful production of "Quality Street," to say even one small word of blame. Nevertheless, I believe that 1913 has too good a spirit to complain if an apparently unnoticed piece of discourtesy is brought to their attention.

Last Friday it was a matter of comment with both Graduates and Undergraduates alike, that the Sophomores, who were giving the play to the rest of the college, held the best seats on the floor, while the Juniors, who, though *are evens*, are still upper classmen and therefore deserving of respect, were packed into the gallery.

This action on the part of 1913 was discourteous to say the least. It was also exceedingly foolish, because the Freshmen and Juniors are the largest classes (when a great part of 1913 is working behind the scenes) and so the gallery was packed to the very extent of its ability—many people being absolutely unable to see the stage—while there were ten or a dozen empty seats downstairs. Is not that very poor management?

It was also very selfish on the part of the Sophomores, because it enabled them (who were giving the play, remember) to see the play and to sing with absolute ease and comfort, while their guests, with the exception of the Seniors, spent the most uncomfortable afternoon that can be imagined.

We college girls are all too lax with regard to our manners—it is usually thoughtlessness, it is true—but is that any excuse?

Let us hope that such an act of thoughtless discourtesy will never happen again in the halls of Barnard.

UPPER-CLASSMAN.

To the Editor-in-Chief of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

Nearly all of us remember that in our high school days we tried in every possible way to disobey or to evade the rules and regulations that the faculty had made for us.

But now we are older, and (we ought to be) wiser, we have our own Student Government, and all the laws are made by ourselves. There is really no reason why we should not conform to our own regulations. But nevertheless there are many instances when the spirit, though not the letter of the law (for Student Council mounts guard over them too carefully), is violated.

For instance, the rule about scholarship requirements for offices of fifty per cent. or over was made in order to prevent girls who are doing poor work in their courses from spending too much of their time in social activities. This rule (if this is its real meaning), happens to be very badly worded. For there are many cases in which a girl ineligible to a fifty per cent. office is holding a number of small offices or chairmanships which, all together, count a great deal more than fifty points. And again, because of the curious wording of the rule, a girl who has flunked half her courses in the previous year, if she manages to make enough points in the summer course, is still able to be chairman of a committee counting fifty per cent. Of course, the girls who framed these laws were not lawyers, they could not be expected to word a regulation without leaving some loophole of escape.

And for this reason, the classes ought to be particularly careful, when electing any officer or chairman, to look out for the spirit as well as the letter of these rules. There are also many sections in the class constitutions about committees, such as not serving on two at once, and the spirit of these ought also be consulted. I think it reflects on the whole class when a girl is elected simply because of a quibble in the constitution.

But some share of the blame rests on the girl who accepts an office because of a quibble, for she knows that the class does not always think about what it is doing and that no one in the class feels any individual responsibility for the acts of the class as a whole.

Just at present, we are not electing any officers, but we are electing many important chairmen, so don't you really think it would be a good scheme for everyone of us to take out our Blue Books, read over the General Rules, then try to reason out why each rule was made, and its true meaning? Remember that they were all made by ourselves, through Student Council, then let us no longer try to disobey the spirit, though forced to obey the letter of each law.

A BELIEVER IN FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

The management of the College has seen fit to open the door on Broadway for the benefit of students coming down that way. But many girls object to coming in there because there is no way to tell whether they need rush to class or not. Would it not be advisable for the Undergraduate Association to put a cheap clock there for the benefit of these girls?

FROM ONE INTERESTED

## Around College

To the Editor of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

A good deal of criticism has been levied at college girls, accusing them of unbusiness-like ways, and in refutation Barnard was pointed with pride at the orderly manner in which our Undergraduate meetings are conducted. That the meetings are orderly, no one, I think, would care to dispute, but there are, nevertheless, some decided improvements that could be made in them.

For instance, the students who obtain seats may not see anything to criticize, but what about the very considerable number who stand in the closest possible congestion at the doorways? Those in the front ranks, once the meeting has started, are unable to move to the other side of the room, and those behind them are obliged to stand packed like the proverbial sardines, sometimes right into the hall, without opportunity to participate in the meeting and hearing almost nothing of what is said. It may be objected that these girls are mostly late comers and so cannot be better disposed of. The problem then becomes, in part, to reduce the number of late comers. If a rule were strictly enforced that the doors be kept closed during meeting and no more late comers admitted than can comfortably stand near the doors, the number of such individuals, either through disinclination to going into the gallery or paying a quarter's fine for non-attendance, would notably decrease, and the elevating spectacle of a sedate officer of the Undergraduate Association flying wildly through the well filled lunch rooms drumming up recruits for the meeting which was then supposed to be in progress, need never be repeated. Of course, there is still the possibility of girls hanging around the doorways even before the meeting begins and so producing congestion, but if the President would order them, prior to entering upon the regular business of the meeting, to fill up all vacant seats and distribute themselves along the south side of the room, which, by the way, would produce a much more balanced and artistic effect, the evil as far as I can see, would be done away with.

Another thing, might I respectfully suggest that *everyone* who has occasion to speak at Undergraduate meetings emulate our friend Mrs. Meyer, and endeavor to make her voice reach as far as the back of the gallery? I am quite sure that some of the girls who speak in most subdued and ladylike tones at these meetings really have plenty of lung power, and only need a reminder that those who are not seated so advantageously as the Seniors and Juniors would appreciate a little more vocal effort.

IMPROVEMENT.

To the Editor-in-Chief of the BARNARD BULLETIN:

Anyone who has ever had anything to do with plays at Barnard, and we all have, of course, cannot help noticing the lamentable conditions in the "dressing room," the "make up room" and the "pipe room." How the actors ever manage to get into their costumes and enter on their cues is an insoluble mystery. Tumbled together in a heap lie relics of every play seen at Barnard since 1909's Freshman show. Every party

has left its trace, if only in the shape of a dirty, crumpled piece of tissue paper. And as for Greek gowns! the place fairly overflows with cheesecloth. (But where should we be classic, if not at college?)

The remedy seems simple enough. Could not the wealthy, affluent and honored Undergraduate Association devote a dollar or so to buying a large wardrobe trunk? Could not the old costumes be sorted out, cleaned up and mended, and nicely packed away for general public use?

Then one good thorough cleaning, an undergraduate law that the dressing rooms must be left in good order, and our reform is complete.

No, one thing more. I have never been a carpenter, but I venture to state, that windows that open and shut were not meant to be *nailed down*. At present, with dirt and heat the dressing rooms are painfully suggestive of "lower regions."

There is an undergraduate committee for the Undergrad Study, why not have a committee for the room below it? If the Undergraduate Association balks at the extra expense, I'm sure each play would willingly contribute five or ten dollars. With this fund, the committee could buy a real dressing table with *drawers* for pins, needles, etc., etc., some hangers and possibly even a curtain to hang before the *un-nailed, open* window.

Then at last we could have a real green-room without waiting for the new building.

REFORMER.

## Alumnae Personals

Marion Montoser is teaching German in DeWitt Clinton High School.

Julia Wagner, '10, is substituting in German in DeWitt Clinton.

Beth Nitchie is teaching at the Heathcote Hall Private School for Girls.

Margery Eggleston is taking courses at Woods' Business School.

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A double charge will be made for service used beyond the time stated in the requisition; and a charge of \$1 per hour before 6 o'clock and \$2 per hour after 6 o'clock in the theatre and half that amount in other rooms, will be made for the use of electric light at social functions, plays, and rehearsals in excess of the time stated in the application.

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