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## Student Life at Newnham and Girton

Miss Maltby Tells Some of Her Experience at, and Impressions of English University Life

While absent for her sabbatical year during 1909-1910, Miss Margaret Maltby, of the Barnard Physics department, spent the greater part of the winter and spring at Cambridge, working in the Cavendish Laboratory, under Sir Joseph Thomson. When interviewed by a representative of the BULLETIN Miss Maltby portrayed some of the characteristic features of English Universities for women.

"The life at Girton and at Newnham, the two women's colleges connected with Cambridge," Miss Maltby said, "is peculiarly attractive and fortunate in the beautiful location of the college buildings. The famous river Cam, a narrow, winding stream, plays the same part for Newnham and Cambridge that Broadway or 116th St. would play here; the buildings are grouped on each bank, and follow the course of the river as a center of development. Stretching from the various buildings to the river are what University people call the Backs—or, in other words, the gardens that stretch back from the buildings to the shores of the river. In summer these gardens are filled with beautiful flowers, artistically laid out. The buildings have none of the tendencies of some of the American colleges to skyscraper; they are all mostly of red brick, and with enormous quadrangles that sometimes are as long as our own campus. Newnham College is right in town and partakes, therefore, of the nature of a city college, since its interests are a little more closely bound up with those of Cambridge, whereas Girton is a good ways out into the country. Consequently, since there are no other means of conveyances at Cambridge than one tram line and auto buses with stated routes, the students at Girton do most of their traveling in cabs or on bicycles or on foot. It is sometimes amusing to see even ladies on their way to an afternoon tea pursuing their way on what is regarded in America as the ignominious bicycle."

Miss Maltby said that the English college woman, on the whole, seemed more mature and older than the average American student. At Cambridge, mathematics and the sciences, especially physics, are the strong subjects, and the students go in for them with an earnestness of purpose and a high seriousness of thought that is remarkable, when compared with the attitude of some of our own college girls. This may be accounted for to some extent by the fact that up to the present day it is to do the unprecedented even now for a girl to take up the usually regarded boy's privilege and go to college. Consequently, when a girl does go, she goes because she has an earnest desire to work and to get the most out of college. She does not come to college simply be-

cause it is the thing to do, but because she wants to gain something intellectually while she is there. This being true, when she does come she applies herself to the work with a vigor and a courage that are surprising. There may be a tinge of pride in the attitude, for she wants to show the opposition that she can do the work as well as anyone else.

Taking this for granted, it can easily be seen that there is little of what may seem to regard as innately and indispensably wrought up with college life, namely, the superfluous energy given in class and college spirit in the form of songs, cheers, yells, and class disputes.

While Miss Maltby was at Newnham she had an opportunity to attend one of the Saturday Evening Debates, held at regular intervals by the whole college. After dining at one of the smaller residence halls she went, in company of friends, to one of the larger halls, where the students were to meet. They came in groups, and sat everywhere on the chairs, in the window-seats, on the floor, and most of them brought their sewing—an idea which may seem strange to us. The debate was of a serious nature, and was regulated by the most rigid parliamentary rules. The four officers opened the debate in order, followed by a general discussion, which lasted far into the night.

The opportunities for athletics are splendid—more so naturally at Girton than at Newnham, because of the country location. The students play hockey, basket ball, cricket, and tennis, with all the earnestness that they put into their work. Besides these, they walk and bicycle far more than the American girl is wont to do. There are about three hundred students, on an average, at each college.

The abolition of the Senior Membership at Cambridge has tended to do away with the high specialty there in the various branches of mathematics that formerly was the habit. More stress is laid on a more general training in the field and less on preparation for a special examination.

Miss Maltby emphasized the fact that the English college woman does not enjoy the privileges on an equal plane with the man in the University, as happens in America. Perhaps the fact that the degree from Oxford and Cambridge carries with it certain civil privileges has something to do with the feeling on the part of the authorities; yet even here is the same dread vote at stake. Equality will come as a right eventually, but there are centuries of English opposition to overcome.

Before going to England Miss Maltby spent some time in the Italian lakes region and in the principal cities of Italy. From there, in the late fall, she came to England and to Cambridge, and had the good luck to be present when President Roosevelt received his degree. After the King's death the sombreness that colored the whole of English life was especially marked.

## Student Council

There was a meeting of Student Council on Friday, November 18th.

An application was made for the formation of a Mathematics Club at Barnard. The motion was made that Student Council reserve its final decision, but advise that the Mathematics Club be formed on lines similar to the Glee Club and English Club.

It was decided that Miss Hamburger be permitted to send a report of the Junior Play to "The Amateur's Stage."

It was decided that Student Council send the following recommendations to the Press Club:

- (1) That the Press Club regulate its membership by some formal procedure.
- (2) That the Officers of the Press Club be Undergraduates.
- (3) That each member of the Club be allowed only one paper.
- (4) That the membership be restricted to Undergraduates and Graduates of one year.

There was a re-discussion of the matter of Junior Ball. It was decided that Student Council meet the Junior Ball Committee, for further discussion of the matter of reducing expenses.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## Meeting of the Associate Alumnae

The Associate Alumnae of Barnard College held its annual business meeting on October 29, 1910, in the Theatre, with an attendance of about one hundred.

Aside from the regular routine business of the day, reports of officers and chairmen of the various committees, the chief interest centered in the election of officers. This year the election has been held for the first time by sealed letter ballot, which has proved most successful. The officers elected were:

President: Miss Alice G. Chase, 1896.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. A. D. Compton, 1901.

Treasurer: Miss Ruth B. Howe, 1903.

Director: Miss Marguerite Newland, 1908.

The new work of the Association for the year has been done by three very efficient committees: the Employment Committee (Chairman, first, Mrs. H. D. Miller, and then Miss Eva S. Potter), which has established a bureau for the assistance of Barnard graduates; the Resident Scholarship Committee (Chairman, Miss Carita Spencer), which has started a fund for the establishment of a scholarship at Brooks' Hall, the award of which will be in the nature of an honor, and not for the benefit of the individual; and the Seal Committee (Chairman, Miss Amy Loveman), which has selected an official seal for the Association, designed and presented to the Association by Mr. Osborne, in memory of his daughter, Evelyn Osborne, 1900.

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## Editorial

The class of 1913, as personified in a letter that appears in this week's BULLETIN, seems to be in a rather disagreeable situation, actively brought about by a mere lack of thought and foresight. There is a great deal of sympathy for each side, but, after all, it is not a serious matter, and the world would get along quite as well if 1912 had sat on the roof instead. But 1913 seems to have a strange conception of the Friday performance of the Sophomore Show; they seem to forget that it is entirely a student performance, an entertainment to the college, at which paid guests are to be regarded as superfluous matter that should have waited for Saturday. We do not know whether 1913 paid royalty for the performances, but we sincerely hope so. The Friday performance was as distinctly an outside matinee as the seating capacity would allow, and 1912, guests of the day, sat upstairs. The BULLETIN urges that once in a while a moneyless performance take place at college, a purely collegiate event, where those who are

supposed to be there can be present without slights to their dignity. All things considered, the Friday performance of the Soph. Show shows a tendency to increase the money-making capacity of a play that should be deprecated in the beginning. We are too commercial here as it is; there should be fun for fun's sake at times. We ask you to think this over

## Editorial

"What I seem to myself, do you ask of me?"

No hero, I confess."

That is the way we think the Seniors ought to feel when they think over the little conflagration that occurred two weeks ago, when they served tea to the Faculty—though in all probability their self-complacency had not been a whit disturbed! Their account of the tea in last week's BULLETIN politely acknowledged Dr. Richard's prompt action, but not one word does it say about their own "prompt action" (and that self-sparing omission is scarcely surprising). The spectacle of a group of Seniors, supposed to be dignified and self-possessed, standing helplessly by in the presence of a small blaze is, to say the least, edifying. Where were the members of the Suffrage Club? Why did they miss so glorious a chance to show to what emergencies the feminine mind is equal? No one rose to the occasion, and the opportunity passed unheeded. And thus has the mighty Senior fallen from her pedestal, thus has she proven the truth of what one of the rescuing party said to her—"You can't even play without the Faculty."

## Notice

Students wishing to attend The Volpe Symphony concerts may obtain a discount of 25 per cent. from the printed prices, either for the series or for single concerts, by applying to the Secretary of the Society or at the Box Office, stating that they are members of Barnard College. Application may be made by mail on subscription blanks by the addition of these words: "Barnard College Student."

W. T. BREWSTER,  
 Provost and Acting Dean.

## Athletic Association

The regular fall meeting of the Athletic Association was held last Wednesday at noon. After accepting the regular reports the chairman of the Basket Ball Committee announced that basket ball practice would begin next week. The hours are to be from 5 to 6 on Mondays, and from 11 to 12 on Saturdays. She urged all the girls, trying either for the class or Varsity teams, to come regularly to practise. Margaret Brittain was then elected Freshman member of the Executive Committee, and Priscilla Lockwood chairman of the Swimming Committee. At the suggestion of the treasurer a motion was passed forbidding any member of the Association who had not paid her dues to play on any one of the teams or on the Barnard tennis courts. The meeting adjourned with a rush on the treasurer of all those who had not paid their dues.

## Hockey

On Monday, the 14th, the Juniors played the Sophomores and beat them, 1-0. The game was very close and the goal was not made until the last part of the second half, making the outcome doubtful up to the last moment.

On Wednesday the Sophs and Freshmen fought long and strenuously, but neither could get the upper hand, and it grew dark before a goal was made on either side. The two teams met again on Friday at noon, and played a ten-minute half, in which the Sophs finally succeeded in making a goal. The game ended 1-0 in favor of the Sophs.

On Saturday the Freshmen played the Seniors. It was by far the most exciting game played this fall, and resulted in a tie, so that another ten-minute half was added, in which the Seniors scored once. The Freshmen played a very good game, and defended their goal valiantly with hockey sticks and feet, but "The Odds" they have a winning way," and the Seniors won.

The line-up was as follows:

	1911	1913
C. V. Fueslein,	C. S. Pero,	
F. L. Schoedler,	F. D. Cheesman,	
F. E. Leveridge,	F. H. Dana,	
F. A. Bishop,	F. H. A. Magid,	
F. M. Schweitzer,	F. G. Roth,	
H. B. M. Oberndorfer,	H. B. P. Lockwood,	
H. B. E. Burne,	H. B. H. Dwyer,	
H. B. R. Moss,	H. B. H. Sanford,	
F. B. B. Hasler,	F. B. H. Goldman,	
F. B. B. Ihseng,	H. B. B. MacDonald,	
G. K. L. Ockers,	G. K. M. Van Duyn,	
M. Barrett,		1914
C. Straiton,		E. Hadsell,
L. Segee,		I. Randolph,
L. Cerow,		G. Heilprin,
H. Gray,		V. Brittain,
F. Myers,		F. Higgins,
M. Scully,		M. Brittain,
G. Cusack,		E. Hess,
H. Hale,		F. Beers,
F. Booth,		M. Ross,
H. Hale,		F. Walton,
		I. Greenberg.

The teams now stand:

- 1914—Won one game out of three.
- 1913—Won one game out of two.
- 1912—Won one game out of three.
- 1911—Won two games out of two.

On Friday evening Brooks' Hall entertained President and Mrs. Butler at dinner. The other invited guests were Borough President and Mrs. McAneny, Provost and Mrs. Brewster, Mr. Plimpton, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and Prof. Lawrence of Columbia. Dr. Butler, in response to Miss Weeks' request, spoke very briefly to the girls, urging them to cherish that spirit of loyalty which four years' relationship with a great center of learning does so much to produce. After dinner the guests had an opportunity to meet the girls more informally.

## Around College

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

In the last issue of the BULLETIN an "Upper-Classman" charges 1913 with discourtesy because the Juniors were asked to sit in the gallery for the Sophomore Show. Allow me to point out to her some of the reasons why this act was not as selfish as at first it seems.

The Seniors (as is quite proper) were given one-half of the seats downstairs, and as 1911 is not a small class, they occupied all of the assigned seats. More than a half, in fact, about three-quarters of the remaining room, was used for the patronesses, mothers of the girls, or for other guests who had paid for their seats. The remaining seats now numbered between fifteen and twenty. Would that have been enough to accommodate the Juniors? Certainly 1911 had more room than that in the balcony.

As many of the Sophomores were helping behind the scenes and ushering, after due consideration it was thought best to let 1913 use the few seats that were left downstairs.

If "Upper-Classman" had an idea that the Sophomores were themselves comfortable, she was very much mistaken. The great majority of the 1913 girls had no seats, but were compelled to stand about the entrances or in the window niches the whole afternoon. This fact, of course, quite contradicts the statement of "Upper-Classman" that "ten or a dozen seats were empty downstairs."

And this crowded condition of the theatre was in no wise due to poor management. Practically the whole college attended the Friday performance, as well as a large number of guests, and our theatre is much too small to hold so many people.

We are very sorry that "Upper-Classman" has accused 1913 of either selfishness, thoughtlessness, or discourtesy, but I believe that after she has reconsidered all the facts of the case, she will alter her rather too hasty judgment.

SOPHOMORE.

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

In these days, when we, as a Freshman class, are especially enthusiastic in our whole-hearted praise of Barnard, and in our appreciation of everything that the upper classmen are doing to make us feel at home, it is indeed hard for us to think of ourselves as individuals, and to avoid following the line of least resistance in the formation of our new acquaintances and even friendships. During the first few days we are fairly lost in a maze of names and faces, and as we gradually come to connect these with the personal characteristics of their possessors, we tend to break up into more or less clearly-defined groups.

While this is natural and, in some respects good—for it surely gives us the advantage of knowing well a few of our class-mates, and of forming a nucleus, as it were, for our relations with the class as a whole—still, it does not seem as though

we could afford to follow these natural inclinations too far. Perhaps the greatest, the most lasting benefit that college can give us, is a certain tolerance and big-heartedness—the idea that every one of us has something to give, and something to receive from every one else. We should keep this idea before us all the time, it seems to me; we should realize that only through knowing all the students can we get and give the best; that only in this way can we gain the insight that will enable us to find out which of the girls are really suited to become our closest friends. Why, then, hasten to bind ourselves into self-sufficient groups, when by so doing we lessen our opportunities for broader companionship?

So my plea is for a broader social life, and by this I mean the daily attempt on the part of each one of us to know all her neighbors better, for only thus can we have true class and college spirit—only thus can we realize our highest college ideal.

A FRESHMAN.

To the Readers of the BULLETIN:

Please do not think us disagreeable, but—it is our unpleasant duty, in view of the fact that the Junior Show is soon to appear, to recall to your minds the following extract from the House Rules (printed on page 45 of the Barnard Blue Book): "Evening rehearsals shall be for the cast only." We do not, for a moment, wish to be misunderstood. Indeed, if all of you, grads. and undergrads., including Brooks' Hall dwellers, do not give us the support of your approval (we look for nothing else) at the performances of "Trelawny," on Friday and Saturday, December 2d and 3d, we shall not feel that the Junior Show has been an entire success. But—dear grads., undergrads., and Brooks' Hall dwellers, including especially our friends, the press club—we are constrained to remind you that when it comes to evening rehearsals, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Sincerely yours,

M. V. H., for the Junior Show Com.

## Meeting of the Philosophy Club

The first regular meeting of the Barnard Philosophy Club was held last Wednesday noon (the 16th of November). It was decided, after an informal welcome by the president, Evelyn Dewey, that the first afternoon meeting should be on Thursday, December 1. Most of the new members were on hand, and it looks as though discussions would be as lively as ever. Dr. Montague will meet the Club, for informal talks, as usual, to be followed by teas for the Club, in the Undergrad study. The new members are as follows:

1911—Stella Bloch, Agnes Burke, Helen Crandell, Harriet Currier, Katherine Gay, Irma Heidell, Madeline Hirsh, Margaret Hart, Olga Ihseng, Mary Polhemus, M. Seeley, Maude Stimson.

1912—Gertrude Cassidy, Alice Evans, Harriet Hale, Phebe Hoffman, Margaret Naumberg, Margaret Southerton, Cora Thees.

1913—Gladys Slade.

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At a special business meeting of the Deutscher Kreis it was announced by the Membership Committee that the Kreis now registers 133 members.

Miss Amy Weil, who had been acting chairman of the Play Committee, was unanimously elected chairman of that committee. The Play Committee submitted the following report: The play is to be given on the seventh and eighth of April, 1911, in co-operation with the Deutscher Verein. The play chosen for this year is "Zwei Glückliche Tage." It is to be coached by Mr. Conried.

After some discussion it was decided that the next entertainment of the Kreis is to take the form of a lecture, on some subject of general interest, neither scientific or remote.

An interesting feature of the meeting was that the reports were read in German. The meeting was also called and dismissed in German. Some of the informal discussion was, perforce, in English, but the Kreis thinks it has taken a step forward by introducing the German element into its business as well as the social meetings.

### Brooks Hall Teas

The Brooks' Hall teas will begin on Thursday, December the first, and will continue on succeeding Thursdays until May. All alumnae and students of the college are invited.

### Silver Bay Fair

The Silver Bay Committee of the Y. W. C. A. held its annual fair from 3 to 5, on Friday, in the Undergraduate Study. There was the usual attractive display of fancy articles (a sure proof that the modern woman at Barnard has not allowed her desire for equal rights to expel her distinctly feminine endowment of producing dainty embroideries, etc.). Home-made candy, jelly, cake and pineapple ice formed the other salable goods.

The affair was very well patronized by the undergraduate body and friends outside of college and a neat sum was realized.

The committee in charge was Edith Morris, '12, chairman; Louise Ockers, Elsie Gleason, 1911; Jenevieve Greene, 1912; Dorothy Cheeseman, Helen Dana, 1913; Marguerite Bevier, Jessie Gaither, Edith Mulhall, 1914.

### Craigie Club

The Craigie Club held its first open meeting in the Theatre on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The speaker was the Very Rev. Father Chidwick, chaplain of the battleship Maine when it went on its fatal trip to Manila. He gave a very interesting description of the work of the friars in the Philippines. After the lecture tea was served in the Undergrad. Study.

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