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The Associate Alumnae of Barnard College

The year has been a noteworthy one in the history of the Associate Alumnae, for from our number has been chosen our new Dean of Barnard, and our organization was invited to assist officially at her installation. We have recently held our fourth election for an Alumnae Trustee; the announcement of its results will shortly reach each Alumna. This year, also, we conducted for the first time our elections by mailed ballot.

The Directors, having felt that our growth in numbers should entail certain changes in our organization, has put the matter of formulating these into the hands of a committee. These changes will be submitted to the Association at the next annual meeting in the form of amendments to the By-laws. One underlying idea is to shift from special to standing committees all work which is repeated from year to year, and can best be done with a partly stable personnel; the stability to be gained through election by the Board rather than by appointment by the President. Reunion and Students' Activities Committees would, therefore, be added to the list of standing committees of the Association. Another general principle is to reduce the amount of work each officer is responsible for, either by arranging for an assistant or by transferring a part of the work. Still another is to increase in number the active workers of the Association, and, lastly, to strengthen the membership.

From time to time important work is undertaken by special committees, and this year finds a very interesting one at work. For some years past a special Committee on Employment for Barnard graduates has been actively interested in this problem and hard at work. Recently, its members recommended to the Directors that very soon this work, to be most effective, must be transferred from volunteers to official hands. Fortunately for us, Dean Gildersleeve feels it is possible to have part of the work transferred to the new Secretary at College, another of our own members, who will have the active co-operation of our Alumnae Committee. Meanwhile, another movement, among other college women's organizations in this city, looking towards the co-ordination, under a single directorate, of such work of college women, has had the hearty co-operation of our Board of Directors, who sent to the preliminary conferences as their delegate a member of our own Board, who is also chairman of our Committee on Employment. This plan has now come to such a head that a special committee is ready to work to raise our share of the capital needed to back this Bureau of Occupations, and our Board of Directors has met and elected the four directors who will represent our Association on this new governing board.

The routine work by the Board and its committees and the officers of the Association goes on from year to year, and few realize how strenuous it sometimes becomes. The printing and postage charges, with their increase from year to year, are a partial gauge of the increase in the work of officers and committees. But all our workers are very much handicapped in this conduct of their correspondence, sending of bills, &c., by the great inertia of many of our members—for responses are entirely out of proportion to the letters written; e. g., out of six letters asking help in a particular piece of work three replies only had been received after a lapse of fourteen days. So much of any work in a great city rests upon correspondence that prompt and accurate replies to all letters becomes a very vital part of our training and of our usefulness anywhere. And we, in the active work of our organization, do beg that all Alumnae will help us by a ready response to our letters.

For the Board of Directors,
ALICE G. CHASE.

Notice to Alumnae

The Field Day Committee writes to remind Alumnae that Field Day is to be held on May 6th, at 2 P. M. Coming, as it does, on a Saturday afternoon, it will afford a good chance to those Alumnae who cannot get to week-day affairs, to come back to Barnard and see how the College is getting on. The informal nature of Field Day, too, will give the Alumnae Association its long-sought-for chance to become better acquainted with the Undergraduates.

Therefore, keep May 6th open for Barnard's Field Day. We want as many Alumnae as possible to show their interest by coming. True, we cannot offer a Field Day banner for the class, which has the largest representation, but we can and will do our level best to make you feel so at home that the old Alumnae cry of "Oh, what's the good of coming back. I don't know anyone, and nobody knows me; it only makes one feel more like a has-been than ever" need neither be felt or uttered.

More particulars regarding Field Day will appear in later numbers of The Bulletin.

To Alumnae

Barnard is getting a new Song Book—one which is a great improvement on the pioneer edition of 1905. It will contain all the old songs: "Sans Souci," "Fair Barnard," "Stand Columbia," etc., and a very large number of good new ones. The editors expect it to appear during the first week in May.

Any Alumnae who wish to subscribe may do so by sending their names and sixty-five (65) cents to Lillian Schoedler, 1911, the editor-in-chief.

A Letter from the Dean

To the Alumnae:—

It gives me great pleasure to greet you in the pages of this special number of the Bulletin. In taking up the office of Dean, I have naturally been especially interested in planning for the development of close and helpful relations between the Alumnae and the College. This "Alumnae number" of the Bulletin, now tried for the second year, is one useful and promising way of letting our graduates far and near know how things are going at Barnard.

The work of the Alumnae Employment Committee, which is developing in such an interesting manner, is a striking example of the valuable co-operation in which the College administration and the Alumnae are engaged. Now that we are able to increase our office staff by the addition of Miss Katharine S. Doty, 1904, as Secretary, we feel that we can carry on part of the work of this Committee through the Barnard office, as the two chairmen, Mrs. Miller and Miss Potter, have long wished us to do. Miss Doty will keep a register of all of our Alumnae and undergraduates who desire positions and will have at hand information concerning possible lines of work, the preparation needed for them, and the rewards they bring. The Alumnae Committee will continue its investigations and its search for positions and both they and our office will be in close relations with the new Bureau of Occupations, in which Barnard is co-operating with other alumnae organizations. Concerning this important movement you will doubtless learn more details from other articles in this number. The whole plan interests me especially as a striking example of the valuable way in which Barnard College and her Alumnae can work together in close and friendly helpfulness, to their mutual advantage.

We hope at Barnard that other similar lines of work will develop. We want especially to have every Alumna feel that she can turn to the College at any time for information, advice and help; that we are glad on our part to receive any advice or suggestions which our graduates think may aid us in improving the College administration; and finally, whether or not she has any specific information to ask or give, we want every Alumna to call at the College whenever she can, to get a glimpse of the familiar scenes and to exchange a friendly greeting.

Faithfully yours,
VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE.

Notice

A great deal of extra material for this number has been received which we have been unable to print for lack of room. These articles are interesting in themselves. We have had to put second to especially urgent business "copy" printed in this issue, but we shall use whatever is not printed this week in the following issues.

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The feeling that some Alumnae seem to develop after several years' absence from College is one somewhat akin to the sentiments a long-lost daughter might have if she returned to her home after twenty years and heard the voices of impudent younger sisters as they played before the family hearth. As the impudent younger sisters we feel that this apprehension of dead-and-goneness on the part of Alumnae is one that should be done away with, if necessary, through our violent intervention. There is a place every day and every hour for every Alumnae who wishes to revisit the scenes of her youth. For the more courageous there is the regular college day, the ten minutes between classes in the halls when we will take you back to what you have come to see. For the less courageous, who would shield the bold invasion under the guise of conventionality, there are the Undergraduate Study Teas of Wednesday and the Brooks Hall Teas on Thursday. To earlier graduates especially should these teas be an opportunity to get acquainted with the residents and especially this week, and through these agencies with our new-bloomed dormitory life. In the immediate future two important opportunities are given to you for direct return—the Undergraduate Play and the Field Day, both of which have more detailed notices in other columns.

There is no place in a special Alumnae number of our estimable sheet for a philosophical abstract on the Undergraduate attitude to the Alumnae and vice-versa. Perhaps the most tactful thing in our position would be to gracefully welcome the Alumnae in our own name and to bow ourselves off the stage where we have occupied the center of public interest as far as we are concerned for too long a time. But as we exit to the left our college good-breeding comes to our rescue and forces a few sapient words.

We are glad to lay our pages at the disposal of the Alumnae pens for we feel that some small good may result from this venture. There are a great many things which the College demands of the Alumnae and a great many things which the Alumnae in its turn may demand respectfully of us. On their part they demand of us loyal, unswerving allegiance to Barnard and to the Alumnae Association, in spirit and in deed; on our part we demand an older, sisterly and advisory interest in all the projects that affect us as an active college. We need a new building, for one thing, and we feel that the Alumnae can secure, through its wide influence, some material aid towards the obtaining of that building. We might hold a lawn party or a musical comedy for its sake; but our work and our health would suffer, and our financial scope is limited. Whereas, Alumnae should be able to reach millionaires if necessary.

Millionaires may be far from some of our ideals, but we need their assistance at certain stated intervals. The need for this new building is so urgent that we have ceased to suppose and premise. With us it is a question of time and absolute necessity. The Alumnae has helped us before, and we lay our problem before them again.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT !

At the present time in the Alumnae Association there are eight hundred and eighty-five members, each of whom will receive a copy of this Bulletin. At the same time, though we hesitate to make the shocking announcement, there are exactly sixty-five Alumnae subscribers on the Bulletin mail list. There is no need for us to go into detail on the mathematical disproportion of these two numbers, nor is it proper and fitting for us to draw a moral from the text "They forgot their Alma Mater." But we feel that our appeal to the Alumnae through these columns and in this special number should result in an increase of Alumnae subscriptions. It may be that we do not give the Alumnae what they want, but as the Undergraduate subscription at present far outnumbers the Alumnae, we are naturally more partial to our collegiate selves. But if the Alumnae give us their good will in the shape of subscription for one year or more we shall feel it our duty to bind still firmer the tie that binds by giving more room and space to Alumnae news.

Brooks Hall and Its Life

Brooks Hall, like the Class of 1911, is just completing four years of existence and like other Seniors, we feel tempted to take a backward view over these years and try to estimate what has been gained. The one thing I think we have found our place as a serviceable if not a chief part of the College. We are a little tired of pointing out, and having pointed out to us, that our college is different from others, and yet almost any account of our residence life must begin with this trite statement. The residents form so small a part of the college as a whole that our life here does not represent the main current of college life. The academic building is the home of the college life, which fills with its teas, activities, classes, meetings, and entertainments the first five days of the week from nine o'clock until five. This crowded program makes the imperative need of Brooks Hall to furnish a restful, unexacting home, without special demands of its own for its residents, a quiet background for their concentrated days.

And yet out of this apparently negative ideal has come a very delightful life. Many social activities have arisen spontaneously, the hour of dancing, after dinner, the weekly teas, the Faculty reception, the Hall dances, and the occasional Brooks Hall "family party," such as this year made St. Patrick's Day memorable. The best part of the life here can never be put on paper. There are abundant opportunities to form deep friendship, not always along class lines, to know the instructors in natural and informal ways, and perhaps at some important time to be signally useful to one another.

A great many people are entertained officially at Brooks Hall in the course of the year. This winter, for instance, we have had the pleasure of having with us President and Mrs. Butler, the Presidents of Michigan and of Oberlin, the Dean of Radcliffe, and Professors and Trustees of our own University, and other institutions, not to mention the more frequent visits of our loved Dean and Provost who come not as official guests, but as warm personal friends.

Our Faculty members and our other residents also entertain a good many guests during the year, and the college gains. I am sure, through being known in these social and informal ways. Then too, the college girls not resident here, come and go and are made very welcome, whether they slip in for a rest in one of their friends' rooms, or spend the night here after a dance, or relieve the strain of an examination period by coming here for a week or two instead of commuting.

I like to think, too, of Brooks Hall as a sort of alumnae home where graduates may meet, either as classes or as a body for their various purposes. I like to feel that it has been adopted in this cordial way by the alumnae and that it may always be a rallying place for that active and energetic body.

Mabel Foote Weeks.

Work of the Alumnae Employment Committee

The work of the Committee on Employment has been very gratifying. In November of last year we began our second year's work by sending one set of circulars to all Alumnae and another to possible employers.

(Examples enclosed to be printed.)

Up to the present time thirty-two Alumnae have registered. The number from the different classes is interesting—two from '97, one from '00, one from '05, one from '06, one from '07, four from '08, eight from '09, thirteen from '10. Of the thirty-two, six have registered so recently that we have not been able to consider them in connection with the positions we are hoping to fill. Of the remaining twenty-six, positions of some sort have been found for thirteen. The majority have been permanent and really worth while. When one considers the small amount of money expended and the fact that many of those registering want only a certain kind of work to be done at home almost impossible to the employers, the percentage is very satisfactory. This latter condition is due to the fact that many of the girls doing graduate work want tutoring in selected subjects at certain hours. This limits us materially in finding positions. As the reports are not all in it is impossible to state the aggregate amount gained by Alumnae through this branch of Alumnae activities. The positions cover the following vocations—school secretary, private secretary, contributor to encyclopedias, teacher, business, stenographer and typewriter, tutor, companion.

There have been several good opportunities which we have not been able to fill because the older Alumnae have not registered. I should like to take this opportunity to advise all Alumnae desiring positions to register with Miss Doty. As any positions to be obtained by the present Seniors must come through her, I should advise them to wait until July first before registering.

The greatest trouble the Committee has met has been the almost universal desire for teaching positions in and about New York City. The positions desired can be obtained only by experienced people and the only way to get the experience quickly is to leave home for one or two years. It would be quite possible to work up a really good business in the Middle West if the girls could be persuaded to go there. The salaries are good and the work not as difficult as in New York.

Those who have been willing to go into business have found it necessary in order to get a very good salary to equip themselves with a thorough knowledge of typewriting and stenography. The class of employer who is willing to pay a college girl enough to make it worth her while to go into business demands good manners, pleasing personality and neat appearance. The following is quoted from a typical letter.

"There are two more good business openings in—, for which I should like you to recommend some of your Barnard girls. In each case the requirements are about as follows: The candidate need not have had any previous experience or training of any kind; the desired age is about twenty-five, or if the girl is younger she must have the poise and self command of an older girl. She must have nice manners, an attractive personality, and neat appearance. Kindly do not send anyone who cannot meet the requirements of attractive personality and neat appearance, because she will have absolutely no chance to obtain either position, and both her and my time will be wasted."

Everyone who reads this must realize that some of those who have applied fall far short of this description. What is to be done? Ought I to advise the applicant to have her hat pins shortened, to comb her hair smoothly, to make her skirt and waist connect, also remove superfluous frills? I must confess to having pondered the subject without arriving at a satisfactory conclusion. I am glad, however, to say that the majority of those I have met have answered the above description, but the minority are responsible for having given us all a reputation for bad manners and untidiness that it will take years to correct. If the Barnard girls will make an effort to improve along those lines they will, in time, be known as a particularly desirable class of "college girl." Please note particularly neatness in dress is all that is demanded for some students have confused it with "style."

In conclusion I would like to ask every Alumnae and undergraduate to co-operate with me and, after July first, with Miss Doty by notifying either one of us of all desirable positions with particulars. If they will also spread the news of this work among all possible employers the time will not be far distant when the Barnard graduate who is in earnest about wanting a position will be able to get it without the effort and waste of time necessary at present.

Very truly,

Eva Sherwood Potter, chairman.

The Alumnae Committee on Student Activities

The work of the Committee on Student Activities of the Associate Alumnae has had a double object: First, to know the undergraduates and to understand their interests in order to assist and advise wherever the need is felt, and, second, to represent the body of Barnard Alumnae at the College. Accordingly, we have tried to keep in touch with the students by being present at the various undergraduate functions during the year and meeting them personally. Just after midyears the committee worked this plan on a large scale, through the courtesy of Miss Weeks, by being at home at Brooks Hall to the leaders of all the student activities, so that we were able to meet a large proportion of the undergraduate body and to introduce ourselves.

The committee is at work at present gathering information from other colleges upon the number and membership and interests of their various organizations in order to discuss undergraduate problems and make suggestions on a broader basis than our own experience. Before the year closes we are planning, at the invitation of the Student Council, to meet with the Council and one or two representative undergraduate committees, to talk over plans and possibilities for the coming year. Our aim is to co-operate for the best interests of the College, wherever the undergraduates give us a welcome. One of the plans for the remainder of the year is to make Field Day, which comes on Saturday afternoon, May 6, a special day for undergraduates and alumnae to come together. Field Day on Saturday afternoon is an experiment, and an undergraduate function, held specifically for alumnae and students of the College, would also be an experiment at Barnard. The plan has not been officially adopted, but it seems so worth while that we feel reasonably confident that it will be supported. If such a gathering could become a tradition at Barnard, as it is in some other colleges, it might be one means of establishing a natural progress from undergraduate to alumnae interest in the college.

Students' Aid Committee

The Students' Aid Committee, which was organized in January, 1899, loans money to students who otherwise would have to give up their college course or pursue it at great disadvantage. Business-like arrangements are made between the Committee and the applicants; all money loaned has to be paid back with interest within five years after graduation, and each applicant gives a life insurance policy as security. Applications have to be made to the Chairman, Miss Mabel Parsons, The San Remo, Central Park West and 75th St., and all loans are made by the Committee at their regular meetings at the beginning of each term, September and February. We are hoping that each class will increase its subscriptions to the fund, making it unnecessary again to appeal to the Association as a whole or to the general public. The Committee has assisted in all, 47 girls to complete their college course at Barnard.

MABEL PARSONS, '95
Chairman.

Bulletin Competition

As announced in a past issue, there are several vacant places on the Bulletin Staff for the year 1911-1912 which must be filled, preferably from the class of 1914. The competition will close on the first of May, and the terms according to which the new Associate Editors will be selected are as follows: Each competitor must hand in to the Editor-in-Chief before May 1st two articles—one to be an editorial or letter, the other a brief criticism of the Undergraduate Play, Jeanne d'Arc. All contributions must be written in ink, on one side of the paper, and must be legible. (This last named characteristic is of extreme importance.)

Report of the Alumnae Membership Committee

The work of the Membership Committee is largely routine, but nevertheless quite interesting and very necessary. The general duties consist chiefly in work on the catalogues and in keeping correctly classified there the graduates of the College.

The committee keeps up to date—as far as it is able—two catalogues, one for the use of the Association, and kept in the Alumnae room, and one for the President of the Association. So far as they can be ascertained, changes in name and address are recorded monthly, but that the catalogues, even then, contain many mistakes, must not be laid to the committee. We cannot urge you sufficiently to send wedding announcements and changes of address to the College, care of the Membership Committee. You would then help keep both College and Alumnae authorities to maintain a correct list of graduates.

The graduates of Barnard are grouped in the catalogue under several heads: Deceased, of whom there are 18, resigned, 16; dropped, 143; associate, 5; active, 674; life, 28. These, with the exception of the associate members, are the figures of the last annual report. When an Alumnae has gone three years without payment of dues her name is placed in the dropped list. Different classes show wide differences in loyalty to Alma Mater, and the fact that in one class the Junior, Senior and Undergraduate presidents are not members of their College Alumnae Association speaks poorly for their loyalty.

A graduate neglects, in all, six bills for dues before she is dropped. Every two years this committee issues a circular addressed to delinquents urging them to mend their ways.

A more cheerful topic is that of the life members. There are 28 of these, about 23 having become such through the activity of this committee since its establishment three years ago. They are as follows: Mrs. Oscar Erlandsen, '93, (Clarita Knight); Mrs. Geo. H. Parker, '93 (Louise Stablen); Mrs. F. Y. Bryson, '94 (Ella Fitzgerald); Mrs. F. B. Thurber, Jr., '95 (Louise B. Lockwood); Mrs. Sidney G. Stacey, '95 (Caroline G. Brombacher); Mrs. G. C. Speranza, '95 (Florence Colgate); Miss Alice G. Chase, '95; Mrs. Herbert Parsons, '96 (Elsie Clews); Miss Antoine Junge, '97; Miss Anna E. Meyer, '98; Miss Virginia C. Gildersleeve, '99; Mrs. Paul J. Sachs, '01 (Meta Pollok); Mrs. Robt. S. Woodward, '01 (Madalene Heroy); Miss Mary Olive Barrick, '01; Mrs. J. L. Laidlaw, '02 (Harriet W. Burton); Miss Susan L. La Monte, '02; Miss Carita Spencer, '02; Mrs. Michael Dreicer, '03 (Maisie S. Shainwald); Miss May A. Johnson, '03; Miss Helena M. Fischer, '04; Miss Louise E. Peters, '04; Mrs. Chas. C. Rumsey, '05 (Mary Harriman); Mrs. Sheldon Leavitt, Jr., '05 (Hope Purdon); Miss Eleanor S. Holden, '06; Miss Lucie Mayo-Smith, '06; Mrs. W. S. Goldfrank, '08 (Irma Alexander); Miss Elsa Rehman, '08; Mrs. Malcolm D. Whitman, '02 (Janet McCook), deceased.

At the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association, decided steps were taken to increase membership. Graduates of the College who had successfully completed the year of college work and who had received a favorable dismissal. Since the first graduates have availed themselves of this privilege.

Mrs. Roland H. Smith, Miss Jessie Cooke, Miss Dear, Miss Miss Ellen Crossin, Miss Miss Mary, Miss Miss Alice Zimmer, etc.

To those who are deeply concerned in the work of the Alumnae Association it seems deplorable that every living graduate is not a full member of the organization, whether she lives in New York or a thousand miles away. So often the question is asked, "Why should I belong to the Alumnae Association; what would I get out of it?" Nearly every college woman will admit that we get out of a thing in direct proportion to what we put into it. Those who can work actively in the Association keep alive their interest and enthusiasm, but why should the business girl, who can never get up to college, or the girl whose home is many miles away, pay a dollar a year for a something which will "never be any good to her"? It seems to us that such queries are idle; that the indebtedness is on the side of the graduate that the question should be, not "What can I get out of it?" but "How can I ever repay in time, service or money the great debt I owe my college?" For surely every cent paid into the Alumnae goes, directly or indirectly, to the service of the College or undergraduates. That our Alumnae organization has actually been of real service to Barnard a number of times is amply proved elsewhere in this sheet. It would have been impossible to run a temporary dormitory, for instance, if the Alumnae had not been ready with purse and time. In fact, one of the great reasons for being an active member of such an association is that it is the regular organized body through which things may be done promptly and efficiently for the welfare of our college world. If you are a member your contributions and, better, yourself, may be called into service.

As this issue of The Bulletin will reach every living Alumnae of Barnard we urge all who can to become life members, and all those who have ceased to keep in touch with the Alumnae side of Barnard to again become members of the Association. Reinstatement can occur at any time, upon payment of three dollars to the treasurer of the Association. Make checks payable to Ruth B. Howes, Treasurer.

Sophie P. Woodman, 1907.

On the Ella Weed Library

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The total number of readers for March was 6,080.

Largest number of readers for any one day was 376.

The total circulation for the month was 4,556 volumes.

Largest circulation for any one day was 301 volumes.

BERTHA L. ROCKWELL.

The Work of the Alumnae Trustees

The current year marks the end of the third term of four years served on the Board of Trustees of the College by a graduate of Barnard elected to the Board as a representative of the Alumnae. Twelve years ago the first Alumnae Trustee was the only Barnard graduate on the Board. Since then three Alumnae have been elected to permanent membership by the Trustees themselves. This would seem to indicate that the earlier Alumnae representatives had sufficiently demonstrated their usefulness on this governing body of Barnard, so that in filling the vacancies occurring from time to time in their number the Trustees have naturally turned to the Alumnae of the College. In my opinion this is a cause for gratification to both Alumnae and Undergraduates.

The Alumnae Trustees have been closely associated with the scholarship work on the Board.

Prior to 1908, a total of \$17,552.00 was raised by annual subscriptions for scholarships, and towards a permanent fund for this purpose a sum of \$10,400.00 was raised and presented to the College.

During the past winter, the Board has voted that the Alumnae Trustee, as such, shall be the chairman of its Standing Scholarship Committee. This committee will decide on the raising of money for scholarship and will assign the Trustee "Student" scholarships under the advice and recommendations of the Faculty. Over one thousand dollars has been raised since Jan. 1, 1911. It is hoped to increase the sum to eleven hundred and sixty, which was last spring asked for by the Faculty Committee on Scholarships for use during the winter 1910-11.

The Alumnae Trustees have been members of various committees of the Board, especially on that on education. This committee passes on the annual budget as it affects salaries before it can come before the Finance Committee and then to the Board.

In various other ways, not here possible to specify, the Alumnae representatives have had opportunities of exerting some influence at interesting crises of the College history. It is needless to say that such opportunities have been improved as far as seemed possible.

Furthermore, it is a pleasure to record that the permanent members of the Board have consistently shown to the Alumnae Trustees a cordial recognition, and have given to any requests made or opinions expressed a consideration that has been most generous.

The present Alumnae Trustee, at the close of her term, looks upon the four year experience with pleasure. The honor of service by the Alumnae as their representative has been highly appreciated, and the association, even though but temporary, with the Trustees, to whom so much of Barnard's success has been due has been esteemed a privilege.

MARY STUART TALLMAN.

April 12th, 1911.

Alumnae Auxiliary of Barnard Y. W. C. A.

The Alumnae Auxiliary of the Barnard Y. W. C. A. was organized in 1907 for the purpose of serving in every possible way the interests of the undergraduate Y. W. C. A. The principal phase of its work has been the maintenance of a resident secretary, which involved the raising of \$1,200 annually. Part of this was given by a friend of the College and the remainder by the Auxiliary and its friends.

Within the last year Christian Association activity among the women of the University—graduate students, Teachers' College, Horace Mann, and Barnard—has developed into such a vital and comprehensive movement that a new and bigger plan has been evolved to co-ordinate and further the various religious organizations in the University. Chaplain Knox, with the approval of President Butler, presented this plan to our own trustees and next fall it is to go into effect.

The plan calls for a woman, who is to be known as Director of Religious Work for the women of the University. She is to have faculty standing and under her supervision will work the secretaries of Barnard and Teachers' College, respectively.

The Alumnae Auxiliary is responsible for \$600 of the salary of the Barnard secretary. It is the aim to have, finally, alumnae sustaining members of a number sufficient to furnish the \$600 without appealing for outside help. The problem at present is to have \$600 by June 1st. A beginning has been made by the pledge of about twenty of the class of 1911 to contribute \$5 each for the next three years, but this pledge is not available for use until 1912. The Auxiliary asks for a similar pledge from every Christian alumnae toward the \$600 necessary for next year's budget. It is Christian civilization which has made possible all that has meant the uplift of women and our own individual opportunities. It may be trite to say that we owe our support and interest to this new development of Christian life at Barnard, and yet the Auxiliary makes its appeal to you on just this basis. Come to the meeting to be held in the Alumnae room Saturday, April 22d, at 10 A. M. Membership in the Auxiliary is \$1.00 a year.

Graduate Advisory Committee: Lilly Murray-Jones, '05; Laura Parker, '05; Eleanor S. Holden; Jean Loomis-Frame, '04; Sophie P. Woodman, '07; Eliza Butler; Helen Brown, ex-offi, '11; Grace M. Piers, '02, Chairman.

Statistics Committee

This committee has been engaged for some time back in collecting data and preparing it for the Alumnae Register, to be corrected to October, 1910. The committee has passed page proof of about 48 pages and the revise of the galley for the remainder of the book—there will be about 100 pages in all.

The cost of printing will be about \$370. of mailing about \$30; this in addition to the postage and printing of the blanks paid

for last year.

There is only one girl whom the committee has lost track of altogether—a really remarkable feat—but there are numerous girls who have not replied at all and whose addresses we have obtained indirectly. In many cases, about 230 out of 900 odd, we had to send out three blanks. This has delayed our work considerably. Perhaps this lack of response was due to the number and kind of questions which some objected to—this difficulty can be remedied another time by making the questions "short and sweet."

The labor of verifying data and getting the book out is enormous. It took two people about 15 hours to pass the galley proof. That means about 45 hours or even more for two people, or 90 hours for one person, just for proofreading. If we ever secure a paid clerk to work for our officers, she ought to give some time to the Statistics Committee. This is not work that can be done by anybody, or by different people—you must know the girls and "keep tabs" on the them through their friends if they do not respond personally. To the average alumna 900 names are nothing more than names, and I hope before the next five years are passed we can have some one who will do the work for something more than love.

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On The Ella Weed Library

It gives me great pleasure to avail myself of the opportunity afforded to write a few words to The Bulletin concerning the Library. There are many who remember its small beginnings, when the Library consisted of the Ella Weed Memorial Room alone. Its growth and added usefulness since that time are matters which it is well to bring to the attention of the Alumnae as well as the Undergraduates. As the College has grown the Library has grown with it, until today we have four rooms for the books belonging to the general collection. The Botany, Zoology, Geology, Physics and Chemistry departments have their own special collections. Up to date the number of volumes, including the departmental libraries, is nearly 6,300, besides from 100 to 150 volumes belonging to the departments purchased from departmental funds.

The interest shown by the Alumnae in the Library and its proper equipment is certainly very gratifying. Nearly every year one or two of the graduate classes have made very acceptable and generous gifts in the form of money for books or for Library furniture.

During the year 1910 the Alumnae Association itself gave \$120, and the Class of 1905 \$195.50, for the purchase of books. The Class of 1900 also presented the handsome periodical case, which has added greatly to the general appearance of the Library, and has also proved to be a very necessary and useful piece of furniture.

Last summer, because of overcrowded conditions, the Freshman Study was added, and still at certain times we feel the pressing need for more room.

Changing the entrance door from Room 204 to the Ella Weed Room has been voted by all, I believe, a very decided improvement. The new tables with the book rests have also met with the general approval of the Faculty and student.

In closing, perhaps a few statistics from the regular monthly report may be interesting.

Some idea of the crowded conditions at certain periods of the day may be gained by giving the number of readers at such times. At present the rooms will not seat 110 students. The average number of readers at the most crowded time was 87 for the month of March. Several times there have been 90 readers, and one day 99, all working or trying to work at the same time.

The Debt of the College Woman

The final test of the value of the opportunities offered to women by the social readjustment of the last fifty years is the use to which they put the education, training, and the leisure which is now afforded them. But the fortunate women on whom has fallen this benefit of enlarged opportunities and increased leisure represent only one-half of a divided society. The other half is composed of girls and women who live in a world dominated by a ruthless industrialism, and who are the victims of forces beyond their control.

Never in the world's history have entire classes of women been set so wholly free from the responsibilities of work, have other whole classes been so utterly enslaved by the demands of labor. What shall we favored ones do to pay the debt which we owe to the girls of the less fortunate classes—girls of the age of our own school and college undergraduates—who carry this burden of toil?

With the newly-born sensitiveness to this contrast, many efforts are being expended to eliminate some of the evils of this inequality. The effort with which the writer happens to be most closely connected—the Consumers' League—expresses itself as an organized attempt by those who buy to exert their influence in behalf of those who make and sell the things which they buy. The quality of "ready-made" extends much further than superficially appears. Women differ, perhaps, as to the desirability of ready-made hats and suits but all women concur in preferring ready-made gloves, shoes, stockings, soap, candles, and medicines. The leisure which has thus come to the middle class women of this ready-made age, is as surely an "unearned increment" as the most valuable plot of unused land on Manhattan Island.

The burdens formerly shared by all have thus fallen on the shoulders of those least able to bear them—the undernourished, untrained child, and the anaemic, undersized girl. They are the ones who are bearing the brunt of this new industrialism, and unless the State steps in to protect them and unless the college woman with the training bought by this toil shall turn some of this efficiency toward solving their problems, the whole community will feel the downward pull of an exploited class.

It is not necessary in these days to direct the interest of undergraduates to the courses offered in social and economic subjects. So powerfully has the tendency already set in this direction that, automatically, this theoretic interest will take care of itself. But the theory is not sufficient. Every woman is surrounded by a mass of facts which cry out for attention or redress. If she is unable to see these facts, or seeing them, wilfully turns her eyes in another direction, then her college training has woefully failed to fit her for helpful, efficient womanhood.

Just outside a town in the mining regions of Pennsylvania a large house owned by a coal operator stands on a hill which overlooks a vista of collieries, factories, and desolate, muddy streets. A coal-grimed village straggles away from the foot of the

hill. In the distance a range of mountains rises into the sky. The air is thick with smoke and the sound of machinery is heard in the distance. The scene is one of stark contrast between the wealth and the poverty, the beauty and the ugliness of the industrial revolution.

The money which had sent her to college had been contributed by the blackened hands of the little breaker boys; the silk of which her clothes were made was prepared by the fingers of the little silk mill girls. Every time she looked from her window at morning or at evening she saw the pitiful evidences of what such work means. And yet she asked of a stranger in the town, "What is there for me to do?"

To the woman who has been educated, not merely instructed in college; whose eye, heart and brain are alive and awake to the needs of her own immediate environment—the answer will have come from a thousand tongues every day of her life. May Barnard give to the nation such women as these!

Florence Lucas Sauville, '01

On Socialism and Other Things

This is an age of great social unrest. Perhaps never before has it been possible to perceive so unmistakably how the old order changes and makes way for the new. But all social change presuppose a struggle between the forces that believe in the existing order and those that desire to supplant it with the new order. Therefore those of us who feel that nothing in life is so important as our fellow-beings and no line of work so important as that which makes for the greatest good of the greatest number, find ourselves compelled to take our places either with the reactionary forces which, of course, include the blind and the indifferent, or with the radical, i. e. the socially reconstructive forces. I state all this because in this era of tremendous social upheaval, it is most important that people, especially women, explain clearly why they have taken a certain stand.

The first four years after I was graduated were devoted to teaching. In June, 1907, I was married to St. John Block, Columbia, 1900, a lawyer. Very soon after our marriage we both joined the Socialist

Party, the only political party that stands for woman suffrage, admits women to membership and gives them identical rights with men. But this alone, of course, could have been insufficient to make me a Socialist. I am a Socialist because everything else in the world seems insignificant because of the terrible problem of poverty, and because I am convinced that through Socialism alone can the abolition of poverty be accomplished. Just as the problem of poverty is not local or national, but international, so is the great Socialist Party international. The little brown men and women of Japan are organized on the same principles and fired by the same ideals as their fair-haired Socialist comrades in Scandinavia.

With my husband and I are active workers in the Socialist Party. For several years we have both been members of the Central Committee of New York as well as delegates to city and state conventions. Mr. Block has run for judicial office on the party ticket and his legal work is very largely for labor organizations. I have devoted my attention especially to Socialist propaganda among women and have been for nearly two years an Associate Editor of the New York Call, the English daily Socialist paper, in which I edit the woman's department. Naturally the purpose of a woman's page in a Socialist paper is to present Socialism from the woman's point of view—to show that only through Socialism can woman attain her full stature and complete emancipation.

This is my work—not the work of a year or decade, but my life-work. And it is glorious to see how everywhere college women are being thrilled by the inspiration of Socialism. My earnest hope is that Barnard may add an ever-increasing number to those who are fighting to abolish poverty and to obtain justice for the working class.

(Mrs.) Anita C. Block.

(Anita G. Cahn, 1903.)

Undergraduate Play

"Jeanne D'Arc" to be given

Percy Mackaye's "Jeanne D'Arc" will be given this year as the Undergraduate on April 21st and 22d. Naturally, the College expects and desires the Alumnae to attend all four performances, afternoon and evening, not only because they are Alumnae, but because the Undergraduate Play is a performance of especial interest. The substitution of a modern play for Shakespeare was a radical step in itself, and the choice of "Jeanne D'Arc" as the successor of "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Twelfth Night" was the subject of wide discussion for and against. The production of such a play, decidedly worth while in itself and interesting in the scenic machinery, should prove doubly interesting when viewed objectively as a collegiate production. The Undergraduate Body expects a large Alumnae delegation. Performances Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening. The tickets for Alumnae are seventy-five cents, for outsiders one dollar.

Church Work for the College Graduate

The churches as a field of activity has been practically unexplored by the college graduate except by those men whose minds have been turned toward the ministry. Perhaps one reason is that in the cultivation of our much-prized and often much-boasted breadth of mind, we have hastily classed the church among those things which are narrow and old-fashioned and therefore beyond the province of our attention, and so have been unaware of the fact that the church is not what it was a score of years ago. Or perhaps it is that the work of the institutional church is really a comparatively newly-opened field for women.

There was a time when the term church signified the space enclosed by the four walls of the building which bore the name where a large proportion of the community gathered once or twice a week to be exhorted in sermon or in prayer-meeting. But the conditions of community life which created a demand for that kind of church activity have changed and with them the church has changed and is constantly changing to meet the needs of the community. Its problem is no longer one of providing an outlet for the superfluous piety of a group of people, bound to it by ties of habit and volition. It is rather a problem of providing for a comparatively indifferent community, a center of thought and activity and worship, the object of which shall be the development of character which shall be efficient for the greatest usefulness. The church of today is thus a religious institution in the broader, as well as in the more exclusive, sense of the term; it is an educational institution and a social settlement as well as a house of worship.

Its educational function is embraced in the Sunday School. In the former days Bible teaching was confined to the home. The child received his religious instruction from his parents as regularly as his meals. Gradually, in the increasing complexity of our home life, this custom has been abandoned, and the instruction of the child in religion has been left almost entirely to the Church. The Sunday School of today is developing parallel with the public school in methods and organization. The Bible is just as much a part of the well-educated person's fund of knowledge as is history or language or mathematics, and the Church believes that the principles of psychology and pedagogy are just as valid in the teaching of it as they are in the field of academic instruction. One of the most recent Sunday School movements is for the training of teachers for its particular work, and specialization in Sunday School methods is becoming a recognized course in educational circles. Here is distinctly an opportunity for the college-bred woman. She can put every ounce of her college training to as practical a use in the Church as in any specifically educational institution.

But the influence of the Church does not rest upon its instruction one day in the week. The Church aims to make its

work effective by becoming a part of the every-day life of a community. To this end it has taken upon itself the work of the social settlement. Its doors are open all week for clubs and classes for all ages and trained workers are provided as leaders and teachers. There are clubs for men in which questions of politics and of social organization and of progress may be discussed and intelligently disagreed about; meetings for the women where home and family needs are the center of interest; clubs for the young people where wholesome fun and social intercourse are encouraged; and classes for the boys and girls where instruction in useful arts and play and stories are substituted for the rowdyism of the street. Within the institutional Church almost every legitimate interest can find expression.

In one respect at least the Church has an advantage over either the public school or the social settlement. No matter how essential the teacher or settlement worker may regard religious instruction, he is hampered by the ultimatum, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." The Church worker has untold opportunities for usefulness here. His profession gives him the opening for direct instruction not only in the Sunday School but in the home, where he is at once received as a friend and on the basis of friendship, especially a friendship formed in the name of religion, more can be accomplished in the individual life than through education or legislation or philanthropy. So the Church has become supplementary to these institutions and is their co-worker rather than their rival.

The Church, then, offers to the college graduate work with individuals in the capacity of teacher, social worker, and friend. It is easy to see that the field requires all the knowledge of human nature, tact, sympathy, common sense, and breadth of view that a college education can develop, and all the resources that the most ambitious of us have laid away for future use.

Election of Alumnae Trustee

In the recent election of an Alumnae Trustee Elsie Clews Parsons (Mrs. Herbert Parsons) received the highest number of votes, 97, of a total of 240 cast, and as her vote was just a fraction over the 40 per cent required, she will be the next trustee, if her election be ratified by the Board of Trustees.

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New Plans for Alumnae Reunion

The evening of Commencement Day this year will be a red-letter occasion of especial brightness in alumnae circles. Directly after the annual reception to the seniors the alumnae expect to inaugurate an event which, it is hoped, will grow into an institution in years to come. This is to be a costume procession of alumnae, who desire to participate, and is to take place on the Barnard campus, beginning at 5:30 P. M. thus filling up the usual gap between the reception and class suppers. Each class will choose its own costume, which is to be kept secret until the time of the procession and will pass in review before the judges, who are to be announced later. The lucky class, which, in the opinion of these august critics, displays the greatest amount of originality and effectiveness in its costumes, will receive as a prize a banner presented by the class of 1904. It was from this class that the first suggestion of a parade came. The alumnae committee, of which May A. Parker, 1904, is chairman, has been perfecting plans for this event for many weeks past, and it is their hope that every effort will be made by each of the scores of graduates who come back to their Alma Mater every commencement to make the affair a success.

For those interested in industrial education Eva E. Vom Baur's account in the *March Craftsman* of the German system of trade training gives much information in readable style. She shows how the continuation trade school has become almost universal throughout the cities of Germany and how this school, supplemented by the more technical workshop school, has been one of the important reasons why Germany is the home of the skilled native workman. To such an extent is this true that, according to Miss Vom Baur's statement, within the last ten years Germany has had to import Italians, Russians, Poles, and Hungarians to do her unskilled labor.

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1910 News

December 3d, 1910.—First Class Meeting. Meeting to 1914; Luncheon. Theatre Party to the 1912 Junior Show.
 December 23d, 1910.—Class Dance at Earl Hall.
 March 4th, 1911.—Tea to Dean Gildersleeve and the Faculty.

These have been the chief signs of social activity manifested by the Class of 1910 during the first Alumnae year. The number of girls that turned out for each function was gratifyingly large, and 1910 does not yet realize that it is out of College and must therefore cease to be frivolous.

The most interesting factor of 1910 statistics is that in its first year after Commencement it has surpassed all other classes in the quantity of engagements and weddings. Four of the girls, Frances Burger Kopp, Lulanith Silverman Michaelis, Hetty Dean Blaisdell and Helene Wise Rothschild are married. On April 19th Mabel McCann will be married to Mr. Henry Molloy, and on April 20th Gladys Bonfils marries Mr. Lincoln Rogers. The six others engaged, 1910 girls, are Helen Worrall, Grace Meier, Naarine Maisson, Natalie Thorne, Elizabeth Dunnet and Florence Rose, while more or less definite rumors prophesy that four or five others will soon be added to the list.

It is impossible to give here a detailed account of the "jobs" that many 1910'ers are engaged in. All such information will soon be divulged in an attractive and accurate form by the "1910 Book Committee", whose work will not be completed nor public until June.

Meanwhile the class is concentrating its original efforts on the Annual Commencement Reunion and Masquerade which, it hopes, will meet with the approval and applause of all those concerned.

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Some Alumnae Personals

Marie Louise Fontaine, 1906, is a newly appointed instructor of French at Normal College.

Nell Thomas, 1904, has resigned her position as teacher in Yonkers and is taking Domestic Science at Teachers College.

Lucie Mayo Smith, 1906, was married recently to Philip Dunbar Bonnell, a professor in Tulane University, New Orleans.

Agnes Miller, 1908, is with MacMillan & Company.

Dorothy True-Carr, 1907, has gone with her husband, who is a mining engineer, to Guatemala.

Laurie Manley-Livingston, 1907, will be in New York next year for her husband, Dr. Arthur Livingston, is a newly appointed member of the English department at Columbia. He was at Cornell this year.

Mrs. Edward Green (Helen Carter, 1907) lives in Irvington, Indiana, where her husband is a professor in Butler College.

Program of Events

Wed., April 19.—U. G.—Play Dress Rehearsal, 7 P. M.; Phil. Club Meeting, 139-46.

Thursday, April 20.—Violin Club, 4-6. Lecture by Leonard T. Hobhouse—"Comparison of Idea of Progress with Facts of Social Evolution," in Earl Hall at 9 P. M.

Friday, April 21.—Undergraduate Play, Afternoon and Evening. Glee Club at 12. Press Club Meeting at 12:30 in Alumnae Room.

Saturday, April 22.—Undergraduate Play, afternoon and evening.

Sunday, April 23.—St. Paul's Chapel.

Monday, April 24.—Violin Club, 4-6. Tuesday, April 25.—Glee Club, 12. Lecture by Leonard T. Hobhouse. Illustrations of Social Morphology in Earl Hall at 4 P. M.

Wednesday, April 26.—Undergraduate Meeting.



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