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## Thomas Mott Osborne at Barnard

Thomas Mott Osborne spoke at Barnard on Wednesday, November 22, under the auspices of the Social Science League. Brinckerhoff had been crowded with an enthusiastic audience long before Dean Gildersleeve introduced the speaker.

Mr. Osborne passed briefly over the immensity of the question of prison reform. Its very greatness, he said, made it impossible to deliver a technically correct speech.

"A very sure way of getting at the heart of the average man," said Mr. Osborne, "is to get at his pocketbook." The old system of treating convicts was disastrous in a financial and economic way not only to the State, but also to the average individual. Men come out of prison with no other vocation than that of turning their intellects and attainments to criminal pursuits. Mr. Osborne asked why the brains that were employed in the clever manner in which criminals use them could not be put to better use.

In 1910 there were 2,900 institutions of correction all over the United States. In that same year over 476,000 convicts were sent out into the world to go back to their former vocations. This year there are 5,000 convicts in the State prisons of New York State alone, 4,000 of these men will be let loose upon the public to rob, steal, kill. At least two-thirds of these men are old offenders who have done their bit. In England 7 per cent. of the convicts have served more than twenty terms.

The old school of penologists held that the main purpose of prisons was retaliation, the revenge of society upon the transgressor of its laws. Next in importance was deterrence. Last and least came reform. To the head of the English prisons, Mr. Osborne once confessed that he was one of the "weak-minded" people who wanted to reverse the process. For reform is the only method that will hold water. The others have failed dismally in their results.

It is not really possible to weigh crime. In estimating punishment no scientific reckoning is made of the environment and heredity of the prisoner. Yet it is not true that the average man who goes to prison is mentally abnormal. (Unless we agree with G. B. Shaw that there is but one normal man.) The men whom Mr. Osborne met in his connection with prisons were very natural human beings. They had only reacted in a human way to unfair conditions. The average criminals would be abnormal if brought up under similar circum-

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## The Intercollegiate Conference

Thursday morning last, the three Barnard delegates, Gladys Palmer, Beatrice Lowndes and Millie Griffiths, left for the Intercollegiate Conference for Student Government at Mount Holyoke College. We arrived at South Hadley around four, where we were met by our "hostesses" and escorted to our various rooms. The keynote to the whole conference was given in the efficient registration system and cordiality with which we were met. We were given a reception that afternoon, at which we "received" with many acquaintances and friends from Silver Bay and elsewhere. At the banquet and dance that evening we continued to meet delightful representatives from thirty different women's colleges, as far west as Ohio and south as Mississippi.

The first closed meeting took place Friday morning in the room furnished by the New York-Alumnae in the new Student Alumnae Hall. President Wooley greeted us most cordially and the discussion of the following topics took place:

- I. Quiet Regulations.
  1. Dormitory.
  2. Recitation Halls.
  3. Chapel.
  4. Library.
- II. Dormitory Regulations.
  1. Registration of overnight student guests.
  2. Provisions to guard against theft.
  3. Entertainment of men.
  4. Chaperon rules.
  5. Provisions for off-campus houses.
- III. Penalties (kind of, and reason for).
  1. Given by House President.
  2. Given by Exec. Board (Student Council).
  3. Exec. Board's power of recommendation to Faculty.
- IV. Student Representation in Curricular Matters.
- V. Methods of Raising Funds.
- VI. Publicity.

Some of the above topics, as will be seen, were chiefly of interest to Brooks Hall, which Gladys Palmer represented. On all, however, we received great and worth while information and we felt that we had some things of value to contribute. It is impossible to give in detail the general discussion, but in future issues we hope to discuss these matters further. Friday afternoon, was held the open

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## Chapel

Dr. Helen Louise Cohen, Barnard, '03, spoke in Chapel on November 23. She is chairman of the Department of English of the Washington Irving High School. Her subject was the educational unrest of the times. Her address was for the most part a review and comment on certain articles of Dr. Flexner's which have recently been published in the *Atlantic Monthly*. Dr. Flexner wishes to remove formal grammar from the school curriculum. It is of no use as mental discipline, nor does it guarantee correct habits of speech. He also says that literature should be taught not for discussing and copying, but for the development of taste and appreciation, and to make more true lovers of good literature. At present much of the literature taught is obsolete, ill-timed and un congenial. As such it is worse than none at all. Dr. Cohen herself is an advocate of the radical curriculum where work is made "sheer fun." Only by using modern material, including good magazines, and by presenting that material in the most fascinating manner, can the average pupil be brought to realize that good reading is desirable and enjoyable.

On Monday, December 4, Dr. Henry Evertson Cobb, of the West End Collegiate Church, will address the students at Chapel.

Academic Chapel on Thursday, December 7, at which Dean Gildersleeve will speak.

## Skating

There will be skating this winter on the campus. Miss Larson has arranged to have the tennis courts flooded for the use of Barnard. A fee of only one dollar for the entire winter will be charged. Only A. A. members may use the rink. If you want to skate, sign up on the list on Student Bulletin Board. If you don't belong to A. A. join now and come in for the skating.

## Wigs and Cues

Wigs and Cues tea was much like other enjoyable tea-parties, marked by good attendance, real sociability and delicious refreshments. Nor did the feasters forget the cast toiling at rehearsal, but sent them plates of food. This wise move saved the tea from the raids of marauding actors and added to the dignity of the affair.

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NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29, 1916

We never read editorials ourselves. That is probably why we are condemned to write them. Editorials are so much talk and people talk too much as it is.

We are reminded of the lunch room. Not that we really talk too much during luncheon, the faculty itself admits that the luncheon hour, following as it does three hours of more or less complete silence, is a fitting time for unstinted conversation. But let us make it conversation, not bedlam. All over the city hundreds of people come together at noon, use dining-rooms in common and eat in a social

peace and quiet. We come to our dining-rooms and have to yell to make ourselves heard. No one really wants to yell, but everyone wants to make herself heard, so somehow or other luncheon develops into a yelling match. How it starts or when or where or why—no one knows. It isn't pots and pans and kettles that cause it because the cold-lunch room is as bad as the other two. And it isn't any one girl that causes it because as we have said, no one really wants to yell. It must be something in the atmosphere or in what we think the circumstances seem to demand of us.

It would be an interesting experiment some day for every girl to come to the dining-rooms as if she were coming to lunch in—well the very nicest place one can lunch in—and act as if she were lunching there. We wonder whether our dining-rooms wouldn't change into rather nice places to eat in, after all.

The two hundred and twenty-six undergraduate subscribers of the BULLETIN will confer upon the BULLETIN a great favor, if each one will take pains *not* to allow her copy of the BULLETIN to be borrowed by non-subscribers and *not* to leave her copy promiscuously on the study tables. Like our campus contemporary, *Spectator*, we have found that the most important reason for the appallingly small number of subscribers to the BULLETIN is not due to lack of interest on the part of the undergraduates, but to the large number of grafters in our midst. The slogan has been "Why buy a BULLETIN? Borrow your neighbor's!" Can we not change it to "I bought my BULLETIN! Why don't you buy your own?" The answer to this question was best answered by a young person in our Economics class. "There's absolutely nothing in it that interests me," said she, grabbing her neighbor's copy before the neighbor had a chance to say "Boo!"

To the Editor of the  
Barnard BULLETIN:

I wonder whether there is any Barnard undergraduate who would be interested in doing some volunteer work here at Hudson Guild. We are doing some vocational guidance and placement work among the children of this neighborhood and need people to make visits to the homes of some of the children we are interested in.

The Vocational Guidance work in this country is in its infancy and I believe that it will eventually be a large field for college women. If any student is interested in this matter, will she telephone me at Chelsea 1937 to make an appointment?

GERTRUDE R. STEIN,  
Barnard, 1908.

### Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 5:

Literature Group—Electrical Lab.,  
12:00-1:00.

Botany Club Tea—Room 312, 4:00-6:00.

Debating Club—Debate on Thomas Mott Osborne Prison Reform Versus Elmira Reform, 4:00-6:00.

Wigs and Cues Dress Rehearsal—  
Theatre, 7:00-11:00.

Wednesday, Dec 6:

R. and P. Tea—Theatre, 4:00-6:00.

Socialist Club—Room 139, Professor Overstreet, at 4:00.

Wigs and Cues Dress Rehearsal—  
Theatre, 7:00-100.

### The Barnard Farm and the Metropolitan Press.

From The New York Herald.

BARNARD BUCOLICS.

Fair Barnard moves to start a farm where every student lass may charm the jocund soil until it smiles on greens and grain and other styles of vegetation which will grow when cooed and coddled with a hoe. Maud Muller on a summer's day did not pursue the Barnard way, for if she had she never would have lost the chance of making good by raking in the judge that day while she was raking in the hay. Nobody knows what frills and curls those agricultural Barnard girls can put upon such growing things as Virgil in his Georgics sings, while wizard Burbank will some day come east to learn the Barnard way, and when Pomona gives her crown the Barnard pippins win hands down, Agricola and all the bunch from his time on have not the hunch that Barnard has, or will have, when she gets her garden growing; then the city bachelors will stand and beg to go back to the land. Ho, Barnard, ho! Queens of the soil triumphant in the tillers' toil, incarnate clay, uplifting clay, who put the barn in Barnard—say?

W. J. LAMPTON.

### 1920 Meeting

At the Freshman class meeting on Tuesday, November 21, Aline MacMahon was elected chairman of Greek Games. Dorothy Robb, Helen Barton, Ada Vorhaus and Aline MacMahon were the candidates. The chairman of the Entertainment Committee was also chosen, Edith Auty being selected.

**Professor Lodge at Classical Club**

A goodly contingent from the Barnard Classical Club went to the Undergraduate Study on Tuesday last to hear Professor Lodge discourse on Latin Mediæval Stories. Professor Lodge, after stating that most people knew little about any Latin but classical Latin, said that some very interesting things had been written in the mediæval period. He spoke of the looseness of syntax of mediæval writers, and when he announced that it was possible to express the phrase: "She sent for her parents," thus: "*Misit pro parentibus*," all the members of the Latin prose classes hung their heads in shame. He then read three representative stories, which showed that the Latin mediæval authors were lacking neither in imagination nor in humor, and that they sometimes told lies where the truth wouldn't answer. The usual pleasant tea-drinking and chat followed, proving that an affection for the classics is not incompatible with a sociable temperament, and that one may talk of Falernian wine and still be very fond of Ceylon tea.

The Executive Board of S. S. L. has decided not to devote a group to the consideration of student organizations. Elizabeth Wright, '17, who was chosen chairman of the proposed group last spring, has since been appointed chairman of the Board of Presidents recently constituted by Student Council; in this capacity she finds questions coming up that call for more general consideration than the Board can give. These questions she will lay before S. S. L. in evening meetings at Brooks Hall. Watch BULLETIN and Student Bulletin Board for further notice.

**The Electrical Lab**

It is with great regret that S. S. L. Executive Board announces the resignation of Elizabeth Wright, '17, from the chairmanship of the Electrical Lab. Decorating Committee. As we can't have really pleasant luncheon meetings till the Lab. is made more livable, we wish our ardent young freshman members and our artistically inclined sophs., juniors and seniors with time to burn, would give us suggestions for the Lab. decoration. On the basis of these suggestions the chairmanship would be awarded. The absolutely essential requirement for a winning suggestion is economy. Since Eleanor Parker reclaimed the rug she so kindly lent us last year, the Lab. is barer than ever. So hurry up with the suggestions!

**The American Classical School**

Barnard College has joined with seven other women's colleges to raise the sum of \$5,000 needed to purchase a site for a "women's hostel" for the American Classical School at Athens.

In the past, women students going to this important center for classical studies have been greatly handicapped by the lack of a suitable residence. They have been obliged to board at a distance from the school, under very unfavorable conditions. The one plot of ground in Athens eminently desirable for a home for women students is now to be sold. The British and the American Schools are planning to purchase it jointly, dividing the \$10,000 which it will cost. In this emergency the eight women's colleges are uniting to help secure the American half of the amount.

Barnard's share is \$450. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Barnard College has approved of the plan and has authorized the Dean to appeal to the members and the friends of the college for funds. Anyone who is interested is requested to send her contribution to Dean Gildersleeve, who will forward it to the Treasurer of the Classical School.

**Y. W. C. A. Meeting**

A splendid meeting was held last Tuesday, at which Raymond B. Fosdick gave a talk on the "Christian Conception of God." The Bible, the universe, and man give absolute proof of the earnestness of God. One reason for our losing faith has been the mechanistic theory of the universe, a pseudo-philosophy which reduces spirit to matter. The theistic theory is the only one which will stand the test. We must make God a personality so that He may be dear and near to us. God does care, but He is not omnipotent. He has limited Himself by making a world of law for moral ends. He has made us individuals with a hand in our own destiny. Therefore we must find out His laws, and live in harmony with them and their Maker.

**Study Group of Y. W. C. A.**

The Voluntary Study Group was led last Wednesday by the association's president, Elizabeth Man. She used the first chapter of Professor Rauschenbusch's book, as the basis of her talk, and conducted discussion of immediate economic as well as religious aspects of the "Value of Human Life."

**S. S. L. Education Group**

Thursday afternoon, the twenty-fourth, Cora Senner Winkin met some half dozen prospective members of S. S. L. Education Group. Mrs. Winkin brought up the question of the subject-matter of this group. Public opinion chiefly favored the discussion of psychologic theories, such as transfer of training, and biologic and economic theories that might materially affect one's attitude toward a changed curriculum. Probably the first few meetings of the group will be taken up with Mrs. Winkin's explanations of the psychologic theories she thinks of particular importance. Final decision about subject-matter was left till the next Thursday meeting, when seventeen others will join the original six.

The aim of this group is to furnish a forum for the discussion of the general theoretic background of the practical work being done by the Undergraduate Committee on Education, of which Mrs. Winkin is also chairman. Members of S. S. L. can count this as a regular group, but, unlike the other groups, its meetings will be open to any members of the Undergraduate Association. The group expects to meet every Thursday at four o'clock in the Electrical Laboratory. At least two meetings a month will be devoted to general discussion; the chairman will prepare a list of references for the convenience of any who may wish to check up the accuracy of these discussions. Once a month the group will probably consider the work of the Undergraduate Committee. At the remaining meeting some guest speaker will probably be present.

Eventually, Mrs. Winkin wants this group to be small, but there will be a warm welcome for every one Thursday, December 7, at 4 p. m., in the Electrical Laboratory.

**Firelight Club**

Assisted by a real fire, which did not smoke, Firelight Club settled itself, last Monday night, to listen to a very interesting lecture by Mrs. Wesley C. Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell took for her subject Roumanian Folk Songs. Unlike other folk songs which grew up from generation to generation in a "snow ball" fashion, Roumanian folk song is apparently the product of one singer. She sang her songs and produced her quaint imaginings in one period of time. As they are now, presumably they were then. Firelight Club sung itself into drowsy pleasure over these folk songs, to arouse itself to genuine enthusiasm over the final Drama. Monday's meeting was a closed meeting for members only.

## In New York

On January 20, February 16 and March 11, Sam Franko will give orchestral concerts of old music. Subscriptions for the series range from \$1.50 to \$5.00. The programmes will include works by Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612), Antonio Vivaldi (1680-1713), Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630), Mozart, and André Erneste Grétry (1741-1813); they represent much research in long-neglected fields. Anybody who *can* certainly *should* hear these concerts.

We want to recommend "The Yellow Jacket," now playing in special matinees at the Cort Theatre. We will review it and "Intolerance" next week.

## Isabel Greenbaum wins Tennis Tournament

At last the tennis tournament which has dragged on for so many weeks is over. An unusually large number of girls signed up this year and it is to be hoped that the next tournament will be as enthusiastically supported.

First place went to Isabel Greenbaum, '18; second to Vivian Tappan, '19, and third to Agnes Kloss, '17.

The playing in the inter-class games was especially good, as those who witnessed them could testify; probably the best of the series being that between Isabel Greenbaum and the Freshman champion, Agnes Maas. Indeed, we can be quite proud of ourselves for having four such fine players as we had to represent our various classes.

## Wigs and Cues

Prize for best poster in the Poster Contest—two tickets for any one of the three performances. See Student Bulletin Board, Wigs and Cues column, for correction in regard to information to go on posters. Details in the same space.

## 1917 Class Meeting

The Seniors are to be congratulated on having elected the four members of their Executive Committee in one meeting. The members are: Grace Merritt, Gertrude Diercks, Sadie Lewin, and Helene Bausch.

## News From Other Colleges

## Vassar.

The Vassar Miscellany Monthly Board will shortly publish a book of undergraduate poetry, which has appeared in the *Miscellany* during the last twenty years. Such a compilation of undergraduate work was published this fall by Alfred Noyes, professor of English at Princeton.

## Chicago.

The new medical school of the University of Chicago starts with an endowment of \$11,000,000, the largest possessed by any school in the country. The school will be conducted by a staff of professors and assistants who have no private practice and who will give all their time to teaching.

## Smith.

Owing to the fact that only 806 of the 1,880 students of Smith College can be accommodated in the eighteen campus houses, a fund for the building of dormitories has been started. Collection and pledges up to November 7, have netted \$3,684.57. The largest pledge, \$3,500, is that of the class of 1916.

## Massachusetts Agricultural College.

The M. A. C. officials, in an attempt to enable college seniors who are with the State Guard on the Mexican border, to graduate with their class next June, have sent books to all students with detailed instructions as to courses of study, written work, and examinations.

## Johns Hopkins

A dormitory for Hopkins students will be erected at Homewood within the year, to meet the urgent need for housing. Since Hopkins has moved from the city, out of town students have faced the problem of finding suitable boarding houses near the university.

Since the dormitory will be self-supporting the \$12,000 needed for the building is to be taken from the trust funds of the university.

## Harvard

Harvard University is to extend its instruction to police officers. The first instructor, Raymond B. Fosdick of New York, will deal largely with the matter of organization, the keeping of records, identification systems and psychology as it relates to the interrogation of arrested persons.

## French Society Tea

Judging from the rapidity with which the tea and cakes seemed to vanish off the face of the earth, the French Club Tea, last Monday, was a success. Still, that could be said of all food-supplying gatherings. This tea was different in that it was obviously given by the French Society. Striking announcements were circulated, telling of the club's rebirth and of the good times anticipated. Professor Loiseau and Mlle. Le Duc were present. In the extremely business-like announcement issued, the French Society announces that membership is now limited: "No person can become a member without the sanction of the French Department (which sanction will be based on ability to speak the language regardless of the courses taken in Barnard)."

## Princeton

The students have presented President Wilson with a bound copy of *The Princeton* for 1878-'9, when he was managing editor.

Princeton University is considering the establishment of an architectural school whose establishment would involve the outlay of \$250,000, of which \$50,000 has been provided.

Under the will of William Watson Lawrence, an alumnus of Princeton, Princeton University will receive \$750,000.

Each member of the graduating class at Princeton has agreed to take out an insurance policy in favor of the college. It is expected that the university will realize approximately \$60,000 from the policies.

## University of Pennsylvania

The University of Pennsylvania Scientific School has established a "Rogues Gallery" in which a photograph of every student is hung in order to augment the university registry.

## Debating Club

The Debating Club will hold a debate on Tuesday, December 5, on the merits of the Thomas Mott Osborne Prison Reform Versus the Elmira Reform. The college is invited.

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 Has two!  
 Hanging at various conspicuous  
 points  
 Throughout the college.  
 And the other day we went  
 In a spirit of vulgar curiosity  
 To see whose names were there.  
 (Never, never, never, expecting to  
 see our own!)

But lo! close by the top  
 Of the first list  
 On which appear only the choice  
 and select few,  
 In large type Remington  
 Our name glared forth!  
 We were surprised but not chag-  
 rned.

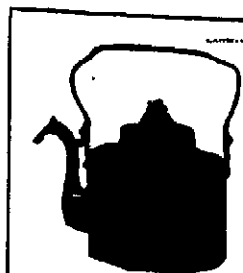
"Kindly convene with the Provost  
 At your earliest convenience."  
 That was a pleasant invitation  
 And we were well pleased.  
 For now, we cried, has come  
 Our golden opportunity  
 To make the acquaintance  
 Of that formidable person  
 Whom all our friends for three  
 years past  
 Have in a spirit of great comrade-  
 ship,  
 Familiarly and proudly  
 Hailed as Billy!

**The Old Familiar Words**

Chopping rocks like prisoners  
 Aids geologic knowledge,  
 But I can hear my mother say,  
 "For that you go to college!"  
 —JINGLES.

Backward, turn backward, O time in  
 thy flight,  
 Teach me to write again, just for to-  
 night;  
 Ideas come back and inspire once  
 more,  
 Teach me to write again themes as of  
 yore.  
 Carry me back to my old High School  
 days,  
 When from my teachers my stories  
 won praise;  
 Let my professor upon me once beam,  
 Give me an idea for my daily theme.

Backward, flow backward, O tide of  
 the years,  
 I am so weary of doubts and of fears;  
 Toil without recompense, themes with-  
 out praise,  
 Take them, and give me my old High  
 School days.  
 I have grown weary of "F's" and of  
 "D's"  
 Weary of working and trying to  
 please;  
 Weary of writing when I long to  
 dream;  
 Give me an idea for my daily theme!  
 C. DICKSON, '18.  
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## Alumnæ Department

1907 gave its spread, as announced, last Saturday in the lunch-room. About fifteen enthusiastic members of the class attended, and the party was pronounced a great success in every way. Those present included a New York lawyer (Irene Adams), an editor (Evangeline Cole, of the *World's Outlook*), several wives and other ladies of leisure, and teachers of high and low degree. Sandwiches and the recent election were simultaneously disposed of, and the lengthy discussion that followed was mainly devoted to the plans for the class decennial in June. Mrs. Frank Altschul (Helen Goodhart), presided. As a class reunion is always a hot-bed of gossip, much information was gleaned about various members of 1907, which we take pleasure in communicating to our subscribers.

Mary Lipe of Nashville, Tenn, is again doing graduate work at Columbia.

Fannie McLane is assisting Professor Charles Sears Baldwin in his work at Teachers' College.

Margaret Bailey, who has been for four years at St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, is back in the United States on furlough. She is taking courses in elementary education at Teachers' College, and is making many addresses on the very interesting educational work being carried on in China.

Luetta Johnson is doing volunteer work in the "demonstration school" of St. Michael's on Amsterdam Avenue. This school follows the Gary plan of week-day religious instruction for public school children. It is an educational venture that is "different," and it is of especial interest to Barnard because several of our alumnæ are working there. The school is in charge of Abby Leland, '05, and Dorothy Blondel, '16, is a paid worker in the parish.

Katherine Smith is on the "My Government and I" page of the *Ladies' Home Journal*. She answers all manner of questions from correspondents all over the world, and distributes government bulletins on foods, crops, etc., from offices in Washington.

Louise Odenrantz is in charge of the woman's department of the Public Employment Bureau in Brooklyn. She places houseworkers and factory hands.

Josephine Pratt of the Bacteriological Laboratory at Albany prepared the typhoid anti-toxin which was given to the New York troops on their departure for the border, and also inspected food-handlers at Camp Whitman. This is an example of the extremely valuable services that many of our alumnæ are rendering to the community.

This ends our budget of news for 1907. We hope they will have another reunion soon, and that they will

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meeting, to which Mount Holyoke faculty and students, turned out. The topic: "Possibilities for the Future Expansion of Student Government." was discussed by the senior representative from each college, who gave a five-minute talk. The development of this topic was very varied and the vision and possibilities opened up were very valuable. Friday night a performance of "Green Stockings" was very well given in the splendid auditorium of the new building. At the second last closed meeting, Saturday morning the discussions continued on:

- I. Practise and Success of Honor Systems.
- II. Social Life.
  1. Extent of faculty supervision.
  2. Treatment of freshmen.
  3. Day students.
  4. Graduate students.
  5. Entertainment of alumnæ.
  6. Entertainment of men and methods of maintaining high standard of conduct.
  7. Simplification or increasing of social schedule.

After a splendid luncheon in honor of the delegates, opportunity for informal discussion and conferences was given. Holyoke, South Hadley and Amherst were visited and much enjoyed. The majority of the delegates left Saturday night, but we were cordially suppered, breakfasted and dined until Sunday afternoon. The great charm and cordiality of the Holyoke girls will never be forgotten.

We are planning a discussion of specific details discussed at the conference in future issues. The Undergraduate President hopes to meet the various presidents and give them many valuable suggestions she received. On Fridays, from 12-1, she will be glad to talk over any of the above topics with any one interested.

BEATRICE LOWNDES,

Undergraduate President

## Field Day

We are all very much excited over the possibility of having field day on South Field. If we get the field, Barnard will have a chance to show what she can do in athletics and class singing and cheering. We want more class spirit, more college spirit, more people out for practice than ever before. Even if we don't get South Field we will have a splendid big Field Day somewhere. It is never too early to begin thinking and working for it

tell us a great deal more about themselves.

'09—Elfrida Harder is in charge of the Engineering Library at Columbia.

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stances, they did not follow their parents, their associates in the underworld, into crime. Yet so ineffective is the retaliation method that not a single man goes to prison who doesn't feel an injustice because another got off easier. It's the old story of Shylock. Prison thus does not even retaliate effectively. In the last analysis, a prison sentence is a big chance of society for reform and education.

Prison sentences do not deter a man from committing a crime. We decry capital punishment and yet only 3½ per cent. of the murderers are executed. A vast amount of crime goes unpunished. The criminal gambles on his luck and he usually wins out. The appeal to fear is the greatest fallacy in history. It has never been successful, wholesale or retail.

Reform, then, is the only method that stands the test. This diagnosis is not new. Mr. Osborne depicted vividly the old penology, with its artificial system of silence, which encouraged sneaking and hypocrisy, and with its other unnatural horrors. In contrast the reform system stands out, with its Mutual Welfare League, with its self-government in which the strong help the weak. Here we have the same conditions inside of the prison as outside in the world. This prepares men to *come out*. Mr. Osborne brought his speech to a dramatic close by reading a letter from "Jimmie." This man, though "dead broke" had resisted the strongest temptation of stealing several thousands of dollars on election night in order to keep his promise to Mr. Osborn. ("Jimmie" now has a \$1,500 job.) It is not upon idle talk, but on such results that prison reform puts its faith.

## Geology Club

The Geology Club held its first business meeting on Friday, November 25, at 12 o'clock in Room 135. It is planning big things for the coming year.

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