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Report of the Committee On Employment

At the meeting of Barnard Alumnae on October 27th the following report was submitted. For the Undergraduates it holds particular interest by reason of the surprisingly high figure for undergraduate employment and of the frank, clear statement of conditions in the business world as regards college women.

During the last 12 months the committee has received 822 requests for recommendation and has made 439 appointments, 355 of the requests and 100 of the appointments were for permanent full-time positions, the other for part-time or temporary ones.

Two hundred and ten of the appointments were of the Alumnae, 229 of Undergraduates. In 157 cases no recommendation could be made, or the candidates notified did not apply; in 61 cases the positions were definitely offered to the candidates and refused; a considerable number of cases are still pending. As nearly as can be estimated, the earnings represented by the year's appointments amount to \$88,000.

These figures show the unprecedented increase in the number of positions which have come to the office during this year of war and of labor shortage. There has been an increase of 89 per cent. in the requests for recommendations, of 77 per cent. in the appointments. The supply of candidates has naturally not grown as rapidly as the demand for women workers. But the largest class of the college happened fortunately to be graduating this year and most of its members are already at work. The most conspicuous development has been in the line of non-stenographic business openings in the large banks and public service corporations which are trying women out in positions heretofore filled by men. Mathematicians are especially in demand. One public service corporation has, within the last five months, engaged 14 Barnard graduates as computers or statisticians, and keeps clamoring for more. One bank has employed 11 of the Barnard candidates as clerks. Since these are new fields and since the companies are admittedly experimenting it is hard to say just what the chances of advancement will be or how the women will take to the work. Some of the bank clerks are already feeling that they would prefer the types of positions open through stenography. In laboratory positions the

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Shall We Debate?

Do you want an Intercollegiate Debate?

Will you work for it?

Whether you can debate or not come to room 139 at 4 on Monday and show by your presence that you do want Barnard in it. Professor Baldwin will be there as arbiter of our fate. Make him decide there are enough of us to compete with Vassar, Smith and Holyoke.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke at Chapel.

On Monday, November 19th, Barnard College will combine its Chapel with that of Columbia, in order that our students may enjoy the rare privilege of hearing Dr. Henry VanDyke, the noted author and at the time of the outbreak of the war United States Minister to the Netherlands. Dr. VanDyke will speak in St. Paul's Chapel, at 12 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for Barnard students, and every one is urged to attend. This arrangement will necessitate the postponement of the regular Student Forum for one week.

At Chapel To-day

Today (Thursday) Miss Theodora Dunham, who has returned from the front in France after many interesting experiences, the driving of a motor-truck, among others, will speak at Chapel.

Next Thursday we hope to have another "Barnard brother" who has been doing his bit in France at the wheel of an ambulance, Mr. Robert Lorenz. These are the men whom Barnard College delights to honor.

The Intercollegiate Conference.

Our delegates to the Intercollegiate Conference leave for Syracuse to-day. We anticipate their return with especially great interest this year. For many reasons we need more than ever before to keep in touch with our sister colleges and to exchange with them whatever helpful ideas are to be had. We await eagerly the message of encouragement, inspiration and good cheer that our delegates are soon to bring us.

Stop a Moment—and Consider!

To the average undergrad, before the war, one question presented itself with increasing frequency. "When my college days are over, of what use can I be to the world, and to myself?" In those calm and comparatively uneventful hours there was time for thought and discussion, there was a place for an active Vocational Committee.

But in the heat and the glow of the past two years we have well nigh forgotten to look ahead. The world has been living in a seeming pause, and we have stopped and lingered busily with it.

Fortunately for all women, but most particularly for the college trained woman, there are those who have not ceased to gaze into the future, who have realized that in its seeming pause, our world has in truth been rushing on with a rapidity never before equalled. The League for Business Opportunities for Women has banded itself together at its headquarters, 19 West 44th St., and within the past three years has been industriously occupied in furthering the interests of the Woman Workers in every conceivable direction.

The purposes of the League, briefly outlined, are given as follows:

(1) To explore the field of Opportunity open to women.

(2) To formulate methods of entrance.

(3) To gather information as to desirability, standardization of pecuniary reward, and possibility of advancement in various occupations.

(4) To discover and open new fields.

And most successful have been the League's experiments, up to date.

Although the League's headquarters are in New York City and although the Editor-in-Chief of the society's official Bulletin is Eva von Baur Hahsl, a Barnard graduate from our very midst, the scope of the League work is nation-wide. Through conferences of one kind and another representatives from all over the land are enabled to get together, to compare notes, and to draw conclusions. And through the League BULLETIN, these notes and conclusions carry a message to women in business all over the country.

To a mind unacquainted with the change in the business world of to-day, the information which the League BULLETIN offers is perfectly astounding, and incredibly fascinating. Gate after gate that for centuries has been barred against feminine ambition and

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NEW YORK, THURSDAY, NOV. 15, 1917

If there is any one thing guaranteed to put an all pervading drop of bitterness in the joy of victory it is to have a slacker pound one on the back and shout, "Isn't it glorious?" We are particularly subject to such occurrences here at Barnard. When the race is over every one cheerfully beams on her neighbor quite unabashed though the neighbor may be that erstwhile pestiferous person who begged in vain for a little help in the running.

None have received a more acid proof of this phenomenon than those who asked for a few spare hours that November the 6th might not leave New York State in outer darkness on the suffrage map. It was pitiful, the response that came. Every one believed in suffrage for women, every

one believed that our country should be a democracy in fact as well as in name; but now when we were fighting for democracy abroad it was hardly fitting to spend time getting it at home. We compared this reply with those desperate appeals from the War Relief Committee, and questioned miserably what there was fitting on which to spend time when neither democracy nor humanity were suitable.

All day Tuesday while we besought Italians and Irish, Russians and ex-subjects of the Kaiser not to forget the place for the cross mark, we wondered, if by some miracle they should all remember it, just what those discriminating New Yorkers at Barnard would do. A prostrating hand shake Wednesday morning was the answer. To work for suffrage was one thing, to exercise it another. "We can take off our yellow buttons now," came from every side and with it came by degrees the sickening realization that this great victory for the east merely spelled an end to any prickings of conscience from which Barnard suffragists might have suffered. Most speedily the vision of energy released for work on the Federal amendment, of renewed enthusiasm in the campaign to make our whole country white faded. We would not urge any member of Barnard to trot down to Washington for forcible feeding, neither would we ask that a delegation block the halls of the Capitol. What we do ask, all of us who are not fortunate enough to be New Yorkers, is that the women of this State shall not fail to see to it that no Representative goes from here to Congress who does not believe firmly that for the honor of our country every State on the map must be white. What we ask of the voters, actual and prospective, at Barnard, is that they shall not grudge a few hours for clerical work now and at campaign time. It is sufficient disgrace to know that in the victory of last Tuesday Barnard's right to rejoice was approximately zero. Surely in this our final chance to prove that we believe in a government "of the people, for the people, by the people" we are not going to be slackers.

Thanks to Miss Boyd, the weather, the workmen, and all other kindly cooperating factors, the unbelievable has happened. We are in the new building! No one within a fairly large radius and gifted with anything like normal hearing could have long remained in ignorance of our advent last Monday noon. It was good to hear some of the real, old-fashioned, enjoyable senseless rivalry of yells and howls and songs (?) between-odds and evens. Such concentrated raucousness has been sadly lacking this year, and we hail its re-appearance gladly and gratefully.

We must admit that we felt a certain shyness and timidity—which we more or less successfully concealed—in the presence of so much cleanness and newness and spaciousness; but all sides are agreed that there never could have been, and doubtless never will be, another building so admirable as this one, or one so well adapted to our needs. From the most unexpected and the most mysterious cubby-hole of the many delightfully unexpected and mysterious drawers in the Mortarboard desks to the shiniest pot-cover in the lunch-room, from the gay and beautiful chintz in senior study to the remotest corner of the swimming pool, the new building is a complete and overwhelming success. We venture to prophesy that it will not be long before the study walls will cease to be lined with orderly rows of chairs, arranged as if for the comfort of wall flowers at a dance. The one remaining feature needed to complete the perfection of Students' Hall was the presence of a few hundred noisy, happy and grateful enthusiasts. We begin to grasp anew the extent of our debt to Mr. Schiff and to all those other friends of Barnard whose dreams have at last been realized. There is only one drop of bitterness in our cup: *Who wants to go to classes?*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN:

Student Council has passed a ruling that there shall be no knitting in class. In this ruling they have considered three groups of people—the faculty, the knitters and the students who complain that they are disturbed by the knitters near them. Several of the faculty have stated definitely that they have no objections whatever to knitting in class. If any member of the faculty does object and asks the students not to knit, his wishes will be unquestionably respected. As for the knitters, it is undoubtedly a problem for the individual to decide upon. May we not assume that the students who knit in class are able to attend to the lecture and take all necessary notes? Otherwise as a policy of wisdom they would not knit. As for the complaining students, if they gave their undivided attention to the instructor, they would not be distracted by the silent and harmless and profitable pursuit

It is hard enough at the present time to give many hours a day to discussing remote subjects without being forbidden to use our hands to turn out the knitted articles for which there is such an immediate need. It seems a question first for the instructors to decide and second for the knitters to decide. At worst if we must be dictated to on the subject, let the Undergraduate Association decide it at a special meeting by a majority vote.

(Signed)

DOROTHY E. HARRIS }
JULIA M. P. TREACY } Knitters
GERTRUDE M. GEER }

GERTRUDE A. MILLER, Non-Knitter

Trustees and Faculty.

The BULLETIN has the pleasure of announcing the marriage of Mr. George A. Plimpton, trustee of Barnard College since its founding, and Treasurer since 1893, to Miss Fanny Hastings, a graduate of Smith College, of the class of 1903.

On November 26-28 Professor Knapp is to be in Syracuse, at the meeting of The Classical Section of The New York State Teacher's Association. He is to read a paper on the Saalburg Camp, an important point in the Limes Romanus, or fortified boundary between Roman power and the German tribes. On the day after Thanksgiving he is to be guest of honor at the annual meeting of The Classical Association of Virginia, at Roanoke, and to read a paper there. The following day, Saturday, December 1, he is to read a paper at Vassar College, at the Classical Conference in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland.

The Start of the Big Drive.

When classes are dismissed early at Barnard, we know that there's a Reason with a capital R. Now the mass meeting of Wednesday, the 7th, was a Reason—we almost said a capital Reason—for missing fifteen minutes of valuable instruction. Having as "our aim \$5,000," we needed a fitting start for the race, and we had it.

Capt. Williams of the "Princess Pat's" (we suspect even the Dean of liking the popular title better than the official one) was the guest and speaker of the occasion. With earnestness and a simplicity that arrested attention, he made us realize that the greatest enemy our men are facing in this war is the loneliness, the dullness, the endless struggle just to keep "hanging on." He brought home to us the fact that our remoteness cannot excuse us from taking an active and vital interest in finding ways to let the men "over there" know that we are standing behind them.

The Dean then reminded us that the men have done their share by extending the ballot to the women of New York and that we must now demonstrate our citizenship in the best way we can.

Professor Braun very kindly kept the discussion of money matters "in the family" and told us himself of the purpose of the Student Friendship Fund. He also read the news of the success of the fund in our sister colleges and urged us to do our best. "Watch the race track for news of the Big Drive."

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increase is also marked. A new type of physics laboratory work is offered by a public service corporation; for chemists in industrial plants the demand long ago exhausted the Barnard supply. Unfortunately, these plants are usually located in inconvenient suburbs, the hours are sometimes long, and the college girls are apt to want their positions around the corner from home.

In spite of the demand for women, the appointment office still has difficulty in working out many of its problems. One especially perplexing one is presented by the unwillingness of a large proportion of the employers to engage—often even to interview—Jewish candidates. In many country schools and in occasional business offices there seems also to be an objection to Catholics. Perhaps the present situation will help to break down both of these prejudices.

Although most of the new positions being open to women are those at the bottom—since employers are of course likely to fill the vacancies higher up through promotions whenever possible—a number of really good positions come in for which the committee has no available candidate of sufficient maturity or the right kind of experience. The committee would be glad to have more of the older graduates register with it. Even if they are already fairly well placed they might care to investigate more advantageous openings. No doubt a good position often goes begging because the office cannot guess from its own alumnae list just who might be interested.

Since the appointment work began

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Math Club Dance.

Some forty-odd couples, three most accommodating musicians, a well-waxed floor, (?) a chaperone and plenty of punch combined to make Math Club Dance, held on Monday, November 5th, a great success. Brinkerhoff Theater was a very pretty ballroom and a very proper setting for a dainty, congenial club dance. We have but one fault to find with the committee in charge. By 11 P. M. all the punch was gone and no more forthcoming. Between dances we strolled through our gaily lighted halls. Many of us stopped in our ramblings to point out with all due pride the splendid pictures that grace the main corridor—pictures which we had never noticed before. We were grateful for the few cosy corners which we have so little time to occupy during the day. Two soldiers and two sailors were among our guests. There were Alumnae a-plenty and Seniors in awful preponderance. We could find but one lone Freshman, but she did not appear noticeably timid. And best of all, our smiling Annie was on hand to minister to our needs. In the wee hours of the morning, I believe it was 12:45 A. M., we dispersed, a jolly company. Here's hoping for another Math Club Dance.

The BULLETIN staff hereby extends its sincerest thanks to the English department, and especially to Miss Latham, for the use of Room 137 during these "troublesome times."

The BULLETIN wants to apologize to the Brooks Hall girls for failure to deliver their papers promptly last week. Moving into the new building upset not only our equilibrium but also our card index systems!

Enlist Your Family.

In printing the following notice we would like to emphasize the fact that the appeal is to the *family* and *not* to any of the *students*. Furthermore the request is for three consecutive hours.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN:

I am herewith enclosing a Red Cross appeal which I will thank you to publish in an early issue of the BULLETIN. While I realize that the students are busy with the Barnard Chapter of the Red Cross still I feel that this plea should be of interest to their friends and members of their families. I trust that each girl will personally interest at least one friend or relative and so make this Hospital Garment Workroom a success. Rhoda Hessburg, '21, has kindly consented to take charge of the pledge cards and will be able to give any necessary information.

Very truly yours,
MARION NEWMAN HESS, '13.

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The Workroom will open without fail on Wednesday, November 7, and work will be carried on here daily from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, until June 1st.

Please sign and mail the pledge-card today, and help render this great service to your country. You do not have to be an expert sewer. Your willingness to help will make your services valuable and bring comfort to thousands of unfortunates, who are giving their lives for their ideals.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Mrs. Edwin C. Vogel, Secretary.

Father Officer's Address.

On Monday, November 12th, at Chapel, the Rev. Harvey Officer, of the Order of the Holy Cross, made the address. During the Mexican trouble he was with our troops at the border, and now he is stationed at the camp at Allentown, Penn. With this experience as a background he spoke of the life of Abraham and interpreted the story in the terms of the present situation. These two points were particularly impressive—first, it is the tent which makes the city precious. Abraham lived in a tent, but he dreamed of a great city. Only when one has really experienced living in a tent can one realize what the city means and all it means. The important thing is not what we live in, but what we look for. The tent of sickness makes us understand the treasure of health and only the tent of death can teach us to appreciate true life. And finally, only because we live in an age when life is so insecure, do we love so devotedly life and liberty.

His second thought was: The city explains the tent. The monk lives in the monastery because he is looking for the City of God. The soldiers in tents are impatiently waiting for and looking for a city. Some at Allentown are living in huts labelled "Poultry and chickens," and others in hovels for "Horses and mules." What for? Looking for a city. Our soldiers are fighting not because they love to fight, but for democracy, that city we want to see in this land and the world round. What makes this life happy is looking for the city beyond. The man or woman who believes only in this world is a dangerous curse among the people with whom he dwells.

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Will there be any stars in my cast?

High Gene: You musn't put your shoulders back like that.

Low Gene: Well, what else is there to do with them?

In a certain class the members were requested to hand in the numbers of their seats. The following young ladies were discovered to be theoretically occupying the same seat: Miss Graffe and Miss Greenbaum; Miss Le Vino and Miss Milliken; Miss Bauman and Miss V. Williams (they could); Miss Gibb and Miss Mayer.

In economics the professor asked why the Literacy Test had been passed. An otherwise intelligent student replied: "It was passed to exclude men without families because they are the most illiterate."

We have received a letter from an old lady who has made her first trip from home. She visited Washington, D. C., and saw the Congressional Library. She writes: "It is something worth seeing; not a speck of dust anywhere in it."

We want to know if, according to the new Brooks Hall rule of having the Proctor shoo visitors out of rooms at 11 P. M. The Proctor is also supposed to put out any mice that might be around.

From politics we learn that the interstate trader in whiskey favored no tariff, for in that way he could carry—externally, of course—a larger amount of trade.

Mr. Trent suggests a pleasant mental movie of a prize fight between Shakespeare and Milton. He thinks Kid John was a powerful slugger; and if he could have landed one in the right place, they would have had to carry Bill out. But Bill never was present when the blow landed. Hence the contest is undecided.

We note with deep regret that Prof. Montague has really turned over a new leaf and seems bent on reaching class no later than 9:05. Another beloved and useful tradition swept ruthlessly away!

Now that we are moving into Student Hall, Miss Gildersleeve will no longer need a Beadle to precede her through the halls at noon, crying, "Make way for the Lady Dean!"

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energy has swung back under the stress of this economic transformation, and revealed fields of richness and beauty almost unbelievable. Through the aid of war conditions themselves, opportunity upon opportunity has been and is being presented to the trained woman worker.

It would be impossible to outline in one article the many openings for women, particularly for college women, which are showing themselves today. But the BARNARD BULLETIN feels that Barnard girls should not miss the many hints that are so efficiently being put forth in the manner above described. On the other hand it realizes that the average undergrad just now has little time to search out such facts for herself. Therefore, with kindly intent, and with a generous sacrifice of one column monthly, it is going to present these hints to you on its own pages. In one article each month the BULLETIN will review the doings of the League for Business Opportunities for Women. Our next subject (and a big one it is!) will be, "War, Work, and Women." And in the midst of your bandage rolling, sweater knitting, and benefit rehearsing, undergrads, for your own sake, we ask you, stop a moment with us, and consider.

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War Relief Benefit.

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The program opened with Frances Brown's delightful rendition of "Crouquis et Silhouettes" by Shutte and a love-song by Nevin. Edith Lindemann was graceful in an Egyptian dance. Then Marion Thompson did a song and dance which made us think that we had wandered into Keith's. We do not know the name of the playlet that followed, but one that suggested itself was "Can a Ford Run Over Fifi." For sheer acting this play was a marvel. We will never forget the heave with which Ted Skinner, the chauffeur, lifted Harriette White (plus several pillows) up a purely imaginary step. As for the frog—well we have immortalized it in our suggested title.

The cream of the performance—or shall we say the "egg among eggs"—was "Food," so well presented by Sally Faxon, Adele Stuckney, and Marcella Henry. Words fail us to describe the pathos of this masterpiece, especially of that final line, "They gave it to me when I was a child."

R. P. O. Tea.

The first R. P. O. tea of the year took place on Wednesday, November 7th, on the green party rug in Brinckhoff Theater. Our old acquaintance, College Settlements Association, who has of late changed her name to Community Service Association, poured tea and acted the part of a very charming and hospitable hostess.

The guest of the afternoon introduced by Dean Gildersleeve, was Mrs. M. K. Simkovitch, of Greenwich House. Mrs. Simkovitch gave those present a most entertaining description of Settlement Work in general, and of her own experiences among the Greenwich Village artists and their families, in particular. The party broke up after an interesting all-round discussion of Community Service Work.

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at the college in 1911-12 with a total of 73 places, it has grown steadily each year. This last year's exceptional increase represents of course a temporary condition which will change when the war is over. But the committee is glad that it has been able to help alumnae and students to use this opportunity for trying new lines of work. It is even more glad that it has been able to help them to make themselves of use to the community in this emergency.

1919 Class Meeting.

The Junior class held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, November 10th. After the reports of the various officers and committees had been read and accepted, the class voted to undertake the production of its share of the Red Cross Auxiliary's benefit performances, and donated \$100 from the class treasury to the Y. M. C. A. fund.

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To the Seniors.

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