

## THE BARNARD BULLETIN

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**Weekly Bulletin of the Committee on Womens War Work**

Not long ago the Government asked us to secure women as foreign language readers. We are pleased to be able to state that, of those notified, seventy-five applied for positions in this necessary field. Now, we are informed, the Government needs bacteriologists and will pay them salaries ranging from \$1200 to \$2100. As with all positions for the Government, it is necessary to pass a Civil Service examination. For this one, applications must be filed by December 27th.

As France is the goal of every war worker's ambition, we are glad to be able to announce that it is not an unattainable one. A woman must have an income which permits her to give volunteer service; she should be between 30 and 50 years of age, and have no near relative serving under the colors. She must be willing to sign for six months or a year of service, and during that time be ready to obey the organization to which she stands pledged—even to the extent of returning home to America if so ordered.

The women of the University are to have another opportunity of displaying both their social and their patriotic sides upon one and the same occasion. Mrs. E. H. Harriman, in cooperation with the National Service Commission and other patriotic organizations, is undertaking a vast New Year's celebration for the benefit of the men in uniform. They are to be welcomed both afternoon and evening, and it is hoped that some of the lonesomeness incident to holidays away from home may there be dispelled—for a time at least. We should like to be able to send a goodly number of women, who in their kindly efforts to make the men happy and at home, would surely find themselves entering upon the new year with gay hearts. Any who are interested in this matter, as well as those mentioned above, should apply to Miss Newcomb, Secretary to the Committee, for greater detail.

The Committee has had a most busy week, having received seventeen calls, varying in their demands from one worker to as many as could be supplied. Among the latter kind was the call for volunteers for the Red Cross Drive.

The work of the Committee is continually being linked up with that of other war work agencies. In pursuance of this purpose, our secretary has during the past week represented

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**Social Calendar**

(Tentative.)

January 8—College opens; Socialist Club meeting.

January 9—Interclass debates.

January 10—French Society meeting; Geology Club meeting.

January 11—1918 Benefit for Red Cross.

**The Faculty Discusses Political Education**

At an informal conference held last Monday (December 10), the faculty of Barnard College voted that a committee should be appointed by the Dean to consider the political education of women and to make recommendations as to how Barnard can be helpful in this field at the present time. Such a committee is now being appointed, with Miss Maude A. Huttman, assistant professor of history, as chairman. It will investigate the situation in New York City, the demand for instruction of this sort, and ascertain whether it would be desirable for Barnard to offer for outside students a special course in politics during the second semester. It will also consider what courses in politics should be added to the regular curriculum.

Seventy-three students are already taking the course in federal, state and municipal government given by Professor Howard I. McBain, and are, as a part of their regular work, visiting various governmental departments with offices here in the city. Three other students are taking advanced courses in politics at Columbia.

**Meeting of Barnard Trustees**

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Barnard College, held December 14th, the following officers were elected for 1918:

Mr. John G. Milburn, Chairman.

Mrs. A. A. Anderson, Vice-chairman.

Mr. Frederic B. Jennings, Clerk.

Mr. George A. Plimpton, Treasurer.

A resolution was adopted expressing appreciation of the services of Dr. Silas B. Brownell, who had been Chairman of the Board since 1904, but who was, on account of his health, obliged to decline re-election.

The Trustees approved a plan for a special course of lectures on government and citizenship as Barnard's contribution to the political education of women at the present critical time.

**Are You Doing Anything?**

Did you know that out of five thousand military hospitals in France, 3,423 are being supplied with surgical dressings by the American Red Cross? This means the women of America. It ought to mean *you!* But does it? *No!* About ten per cent. of the Barnard students are making surgical dressings. Now, what we're getting at is this, if only ten per cent. of the women of America socially and financially situated the way the majority of Barnard students are, gave a similar proportion of their time to the making of surgical dressings, where would the 3,423 hospitals get their supplies? And if the college women, America's white hope and all that, will not co-operate with the only official recognized relief organization in the country, what, we ask you, can you expect of the women who look to us to act as leaders?

There are five thousand military hospitals in France *now*. How many do you suppose there will be in the spring, when our men take over part of the line? Do you know that at the beginning of the war, English, French and German women stood in line waiting for the opportunity to work in their respective Red Cross work-rooms? Did you know that? And yet you let us urge and exhort and plead and beg you to come and give an hour to the biggest humanitarian work that is at present being undertaken?

Every one of you goes about saying how dreadful the war is, and how your brother writes that it's unbelievably cold in camp, and you think it's a shame that he has to do it, but, to get distinctly personal, just what are you doing to help the situation? When the trains of wounded come in from the field hospitals, and the doctors have to pick the cases that look most promising and let the others go, because of the shortage of dressings, do you want this brother of yours to be one of the men for whom there are no dressings? That is how urgent the need is. Now will you help?

**Chapel Notices**

We will welcome Professor Erskine at Chapel again today and hear his Christmas message. Those who have heard him in former years will not need urging to come.

On January 7, Chaplain Knox will address us, and on Thursday, January 10, Dean Gildersleeve will speak at Academic Chapel.

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Some weeks ago the following sentences occurred in an editorial printed in this column concerning the Red Cross: "Hour after hour goes by and the work room stands empty, week after week we print urgent appeals for help of some kind it does not matter what. The only answer is, 'There are so many calls. \* \* \* Must we come to admit that caught in a mad whirlpool of emotion, we accepted lightly great burdens, that because there was no conviction, there is no will to do?' A wrathful undergraduate met us in the hall before the door of the Red Cross room. "It is quite evident that that editorial was written before we moved into this new room on the first floor. The place is crowded all the time now." Our answer was that we trusted for the honor of Barnard that such a condition would continue. It has not continued. For a few weeks the support remained steady, then began to dwindle rapidly.

We have now to face as a fact not a probability, the dishonorable failure of the college to live up to its promises. Last fall the classes one after the other voted almost unanimously for the Auxiliary. It was naturally assumed at the time that those who voted for it would support it in its work. Of that great majority a pitiful handful have carried on the work, the rest on the plea of "no time" or "outside work" have done practically nothing. That neither of those pleas is valid is proved only too conclusively by the fact that those who give most time to the Barnard Red Cross are the people who in the majority of cases are doing the most outside of college in social service and war work. Such a condition admits of but one explanation, the college woman in the hour of most need has failed to do what the world has a right to expect of her, to think clearly and act accordingly.

That the same state of affairs exists in all the other women's col-

leges, far from being a consolation, is but stronger proof of the failure. It is not a pleasant situation to contemplate. It becomes even worse when we consider that we have demonstrated beyond question our inability to live up to a responsibility voluntarily accepted. Because of that fact there remain but two courses, the institution of a draft or the abolition of Red Cross Auxiliary 203. It will do no good to talk heatedly about either democracy or the service of humanity. We misused the privileges of the first in a wave of what now shows itself to have been unalloyed sentimentality by the very fact that it failed to uphold us in that much talked of service. We deserve to lose our rights as citizens of our student state because we have been guilty of letting democracy fail in war time. As yet it is not known what course the War Relief Committee will advise but whatever that course may be we can in "plain United States" have no kick coming.



**Your Red Cross Needs You**

**All you need—a Heart and a Dollar**

The demands of your Red Cross are constantly growing. Where we have been sending abroad pounds of food and hospital supplies—we must send *tons*. Where we have been sending hundreds of warm articles of clothing and dressings—we must now send *thousands*.

We can all help. We all *want* help. It is not only each person's duty to join the Red Cross and send a membership dollar on its errand of mercy—it is every one's right.

Perhaps a dollar won't seem very much to you. Most of us waste that much every week in careless "bookkeeping"—trifles and knick-knacks. Yet, a dollar invested in Red Cross membership will help *Your RED CROSS, Your ARMY, Your NAVY, Your ALLIES*

**Who is Behind Your Red Cross**

President Wilson heads it—

Congress authorizes it—

The War Department audits its accounts—

General Pershing in France approves it—

And every one of us—man, woman and child,—must support it with at least our membership if the Red Cross is to lighten the hardships, guard the health and bind the wounds of our Boys and our Allies.

Go to your nearest Chapter, join the Red Cross today! \$1.00 Membership—It entitles you to display a Red Cross Service Flag in your window.

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**"Ten Million New Members by Christmas"**

President Woodrow Wilson writes:—Our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas Season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action

**A. A. News**

A. A.'s debut in the theatre was a great and glorious success. The party commenced with a show which was greeted by the audience with wild enthusiasm. Fifi Carr announced short and pointed titles which were picturesquely illustrated by A. A.'s tumbling stars. (This is not meant to have a double meaning!) The program then proceeded in the way that most of Barnard's programs do—with dancing—but it ended with that rare bird in these times—ice cream cones!

**Evens—Take Heed!**

Although various methods have been used to lure prospective Basket Ball players from their lessons, nothing has succeeded in bringing forth many seniors or sophomores. We wish to announce now that there is a ruling, which will be enforced, to the effect that no class may compete for points in the class series unless all the players have been out to the requisite number of practices. Of course any class debarred from competition for these points will be seriously handicapped on Field Day.

Take warning while there is yet time and be on hand for practices after the Christmas holidays. Two practices must be attended weekly. The days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

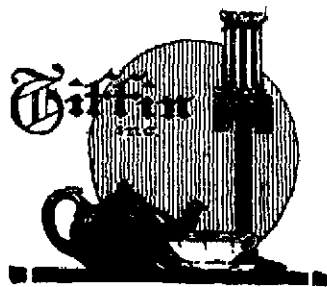
MYRRHA WESENDONCK,  
*Chairman of Basket Ball.*

**Debating Club Puts on Steam.**

At a meeting of the Debating Club last Friday it was decided to hold informal debates every week and inter-class debates in January. Nominees for the highly important office of chairman of the Materials Committee were discussed, to be voted on at the meeting this week. As a result of the tryouts, Debating Club now numbers between forty and fifty enthusiastic members, all determined that in March Barnard will not make a spectacle of herself when pitted against Holyoke and Vassar.

**Don't Forget the Theatre This Afternoon!**

Come at four o'clock and hear the Orchestra and Glee Club give a Christmas concert. There's an added attraction, too. A one act Christmas play by Marguerite Bernard, '19, will follow, with French carols and a splendid cast, Gladys Cripps, Elsie Oscherin, Susanne Payton and Betty Smith. Can you resist?



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**Occupation Conference January 11.**

It will be remembered that at the Undergraduate meeting of November 27th the Undergraduates voted to have an "experience meeting" in the near future at which the grads would return and tell about their experiences in lines of work other than teaching. It has been arranged definitely that this meeting shall be held on the evening of Friday, January the 11th. The speakers will be the more recent grads. If possible supper will be served before the meeting in Student's Hall. Watch the bulletin boards for further information.

**Socialist Club Meeting.**

At a meeting of the Socialist Club on Friday, S. Amson was elected delegate to the Intercollegiate Conference. An increase in membership was reported and ways and means were discussed to wipe out misunderstanding as to the purpose of the Club. It was announced that Freda Kirchway, Undergraduate President, 1915, is to speak on the "Socialistic Forces in the Russian Revolution," on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, in the Brooks Hall Reading Room. She has been working on the subject lately and the meeting promises to be a corking one. Members and those interested in the Club are invited.

**Death of Professor Botsford.**

Professor George Willis Botsford, of the department of history, died suddenly on December 13. He had been connected with Barnard, as lecturer, instructor, and professor, since 1901.

**Student Council Report.**

Student Council held a regular meeting in its office on Dec. 12. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, Miss Alleman reported for the War Relief Committee as follows: Mrs. Charles Sears Baldwin has consented to act as faculty chairman of the committee of five in charge of the Y. M. C. A. hut. The number of workers in the Red Cross room has diminished during the past week. More steady support by the college is a pressing need.

The motion was carried that a committee consisting of Millie Griffiths, Marion Alleman and Mildred Blout be appointed to investigate the war work organization at Barnard and to report at Student Council's next session on a new, more carefully designed plan for said organization.

Miss Liander, who had been appointed instructor of a class of the sub-treasurers of Barnard, reported on her program for the course. It will comprise three half-hour meetings to be held in the noon recess. At these meetings sub-treasurers will receive instruction in (1) the proper usage of the check book (2) all necessary transactions at the bank (3) the correct keeping of the ledger. Miss Liander's report was accepted and her plan of work heartily endorsed.

Miss Brockway made a report for the committee appointed to investigate the Barnard financial system. In her opinion the present system, inaugurated last year, is proving to be a very effective one. To assist the Undergraduate Treasurer, particularly in the collection of dues, Miss

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### The Latest Style.

YOUR COUNTRY IS AT WAR. Yes, sometimes it seems necessary to remind the girls of this fact—the boys, too, although conscription has forced the realization upon most of them. The men are making the supreme sacrifice, abandoning remunerative industry, parting from homes and offering their limbs and lives. The girls can not do as much. But they should be willing in their loyalty to do all they can—more than knitting. They can help in the CONSERVATION IN EXPENDITURES, as there is no item more vital to our success in this war than our ECONOMY. If you thought a personal saving or sacrifice would save the life of a soldier—perhaps your friend or brother—you would not hesitate regarding your course of action, would you?

The extravagance of many girls to-day is most unpatriotic and, to say the least, in extraordinary BAD TASTE. Look at our theaters and such places as the Plaza and the Knickerbocker Grills! Every day and night these places are crowded with young people, and especially over the holidays when those from college and prep school come home. You would not think we were in a terrible war except for the fact that many of the Boys are in uniform. Do the girls realize the expense of it all—taxi, theater and grilling? Can't they moderate their desire to go out and be seen at these places, not wishing to "miss a trick," as in other years? It is up to the GIRLS to take a stand against such costly entertainment and such an enormous waste. We believe in pleasures and should always like to see Gloomy Gus a wall flower, but in war times a little restraint to keep from overdoing it is in good taste. How much more a young man respects and likes a girl if she would say: "Well, I'm not going out much these days on account of the war, but if I make this a special occasion we shall not overdo it, and I won't let you spend a 'young fortune' on me. My pleasure is not the most important thing at this time."

This is going to be the latest style, so get into it early, and remember you have a fine chance to practice when Christmas vacation arrives.

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### C. S. A. Student Forum.

"Service, the Larger Conception" was the topic of C. S. A.'s first Student Forum. Marion Alleman, '18, spoke tersely on how the glamor of Red Cross work has made people give up Settlement Work. No one is justified in doing Red Cross work who is able to do constructive work. Money should be given to the settlements as part of war work. Claire Patterson, '17, emphasized the great need of the settlements and their importance as a permanent place of war efficiency. What we call constructive war work is what the settlement was originally founded for. The Government has recognized the American Settlement as the pioneer by turning to it to organize in the Neighborhoods, the Patriotic Service League, Red Cross, Food Conservation Districts and Employment agencies for women's war work. The causes for the present lack of interest in Settlements Miss Patterson analyzed as the counter-attractions of faddist movements, the excessive modesty of the Settlements—publicity managers are foreign to the Settlement House—and the big mis-conception of what the Settlement stands for.

### Announcement to 1918 and 1919.

A dance club is being organized for those interested in classical and interpretive dancing. The object of the club is to further dancing as a "form of dramatic art" and to co-operate with other clubs for this end. Membership is limited to Juniors and Seniors and is by application only. If you wish to join the club put your name and class in the box at the head of the stairs or in locker 283.

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BERTHA L. ROCKWELL,  
Librarian.

### Doll Day.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 12th, in Brinckerhoff Theatre, the traditional doll day was held under the auspices of R. P. O. As some of the dolls arrived too late to be dressed for the "Show," we had a number of human dolls to add to the general festivity. The vote for the "best dressed" doll went to Edith Willman, '19. Gayly attired in a green frock, bonnet with streamers, pantelettes and curls this little Irish maid joined in the fun with Little Lord Fauntleroy, the Campbell Kid, the Colonial Doll Baby and the plain Old-Fashioned Doll as some of the others were known.

Dancing was interrupted by dashes for more stuffed dates and glances at the attractive articles of the Japanese collection for sale. Financially, the affair was very successful, considering the number of benefits and campaigns that have been going on. But some of those stunning and awfully cheap Japanese things are still looking for owners among Barnardites. They will be waiting all this week in Room 106, Students Hall.

CATHERINE COOKSEY,  
Chairman of Doll Day.

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us at eight meetings, thereby continuing to keep us in touch with various sub-committees of the Mayor's Committee, with the National Service Commission and with the Red Cross Institute.

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## Under The Clock

### Crackerwocky.

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Did crumb and crackle in the box;  
All saltine were the arrow roots,  
Sunshiny the hydrox.

Beware the fig newtons, my son!  
The crisps so dry and stale;  
Beware the animals and shun  
The firecrackers' trail.

He took his graham sword in hand;  
Long time the albert foe he sought—  
So rested he by the matzah tree  
And choked a while in thought.

And as in zwieback thought he stood,  
The fig newtons with eyes of flame  
Post toasted through the biscuitwood  
And tokened as they came.

One, two! one, two! and through and  
through  
The hard tack blade went chew and  
smack!

He left it dead, and with its head  
He five o'clock tead back.

And hast thou slain the fig newtons?  
Come to my arms, my wafering boy!  
Unneeda day! (Don't take the tray!)  
He bit his tongue in joy.

'Twas zu zu and the gingersnaps  
Did crumb and crackle in the box;  
All saltine were the arrowroots,  
Sunshiny the hydrox.

—M

When a new political party comes  
into office we learn that all subordi-  
nate officers are removed—even the  
scrubwomen—to make a clean sweep.

An enthusiastic little group, mostly  
of upper classmen, have resolved to  
meet the wool emergency at Barnard  
by raising sheep on the uplands of  
the campus. We would also suggest  
as a money-making scheme for funds  
dear to our hearts, a lifeline from the  
119th street gate to Student's Hall, 1  
cent a turn; and, again, a ferry-boat,  
when the snow thaws, to ply between  
Students' Hall and the Brooks Hall  
uplands.

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### Alumnae News.

At the reunion of the Class of '16 held on Saturday, December 8, the following business was transacted: Mary Powell Tibbets was elected Assistant Treasurer, as Evelyn Haring, treasurer, will be away from New York during this year. The class voted to give 100 dollars to the Barnard Red Cross.

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**News From Other Colleges.**

**RADCLIFFE.**

Mr. Norman Angell addressed an open meeting of the Radcliffe and Harvard Chapters of the International Polity League. Mr. Angell emphasized the necessity for intelligent public opinion on the possibilities of the Peace Conference to be held at the close of the war, in order to avoid an ignorance of real issues and a lack of policy such as Russia is suffering from now.

**SMITH.**

Council Suggestion Meetings are to be held for the four classes in order to discuss various questions which the Council has been considering and to give an opportunity for offering suggestions as to new ways of dealing with them or as to new problems to be considered.

**WELLESLEY.**

The Senior Class has voted to hold the regular commencement week events, all very much simplified. There will be no printed announcements, lists of events or Garden Party invitations. Senior Play alone is to be eliminated from the program. We understand, however, that there is always a Tree Day play, which is not to be given up.

The Wellesley rehabilitation unit, similar to the one sent by Smith, is to be ready for service in the spring. A minimum of \$30,000 yearly must be guaranteed for the work of a group of eight.

The Debating Club held a discussion on the question of Academic Freedom. "The majority of opinion seemed to favor the plan of an Association of Professors which shall act as judge in the case of a member of the faculty whose actions seem to the trustees undesirable—rather than that the trustees themselves, who very probably have only the business man's point of view, should summarily dismiss one whom they only nominally engage in the first place."

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Brockway suggested that an assistant treasurer be elected next year. Letters of inquiry as to the workings of the "blanket tax" system, newly adopted at Columbia, have been sent to Western Reserve, Wellesley and Voucher colleges. This report was accepted and the motion was passed that the present financial system be continued during this college year, and that the treasurer keep Student Council informed on the result of her inquiries in regard to the use of the "blanket tax" system in other colleges (Anyone interested in this system may read an account thereof in the Spectator for December 12th).

Miss Griffiths announced that the Bulletin board opposite the lunch room will be for the use of all organizations except the Undergraduate Association, the BULLETIN and Bear, and the Mortarboard. A motion was carried that Miss Boyd be requested to purchase a bulletin board for the Undergraduate Association and the publications from the cash set aside for the furnishing of the Student Council offices.

The Chairman of the committee appointed to draw up rules for the Students Hall commenced to give her report. Due to lack of time, the motion to lay said report on the table was carried. On motion the meeting adjourned.

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