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I. S. S. Convention

If you ever were smugly complacent that your college owned the map, if you ever felt ignorant and wanted to get educated "quick," if you ever felt wise and knew it might be wholesome for you, to be meekly humble, we should recommend as the best antidote to provincialism, ignorance, and cocksureness your attendance at a three-day session of the Intercollegiate Convention of Socialist Societies. There is something wholesomely inspiring about rubbing shoulders with people from the south, west and far east. It gives you a new slant on things, a sense of proportion and a realization of your place under the sun.

The first session of the convention was held in Miss Helen Phelps Stokes' beautiful studio, on Thursday afternoon, December 27th. There the delegates of the various chapters began to discuss their chapter problems and to unload their weals and woes. (The discussion was continued the next morning at the College of the City of New York, where the C. C. N. Y. men proved themselves royal hosts.) The biggest point of interest was to discover how Socialism and social problems are received in various colleges in different parts of the country. Our vote as to the most liberal spot on the map goes to Radcliffe and Harvard. These two colleges co-operate in serious study work. Under the leadership of the Rev. W. Harris Crook, of whom the Radcliffe delegates spoke with a great deal of enthusiasm, Radcliffe and Harvard meet once a month. The subjects for study are planned well in advance and follow a logical line of development. The first report, five minutes in length, if taken by a Harvard man, is followed by a three-minute criticism by a Radcliffe girl and then by a two-minute discussion from the floor. Besides the co-operation between the Radcliffe and Harvard chapters there exists some co-operation among the colleges in and around Boston. The newly organized and enthusiastic chapter at Wellesley, the chapters at Tufts, Simmons, Boston University, Radcliffe and Harvard form the league of Greater Boston, which co-operate for large meetings and prominent speakers. The possibility of such co-operation among the colleges of Greater New York was discussed. Vassar has an interesting line-up of clubs. There the College Settlement, the Consumer's League and the Socialist Club jointly form the Civic Club. The membership at Vassar (about 80) is still largely non

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Faculty News from Abroad

Professor Gerig has kindly given the following news of Professor Müller and Professor Bigongiari. Professor Bigongiari has had a very interesting career in the service. He enlisted originally as a private in the infantry, passed the examination in equitation for the cavalry, and shortly afterward received a lieutenant's commission in the artillery where he distinguished himself. He then volunteered as a grenadier, probably the most dangerous service in the whole army. His duty consisted in rushing forward and hurling hand grenades into the Austrian trenches after the Italians had bombarded them. The duty of the grenadier is to drive out machine gunners. During the summer of 1917 he was transferred to the staff of a general. He wrote then that he was "afraid of dying the death of a scribe", and was preparing to enlist in the aviation corps. A short time before the recent Austrian offensive he was appointed naval observer at Venice, where he is still on duty.

Professor Gerig has recently heard from Professor Weeks who seems to be stationed near Verdun.

Here is part of Professor Müller's letter.

"I am an interpreter with the American army, but at present I am at the Center of Instruction as Instructor. Here is my new address: H. Müller, Maréchal des Logis (Sergeant in the Engineering Corps), Mission française près l'Armée américaine, Centre d'Instruction, Secteur Postal 10.

That makes a good many changes, for two before this last change I was transferred to the Engineering Corps. But c'est la guerre, and if it does not do any good, it does not do any harm."

25,000 By Mid-Year

Up to Christmas the Barnard Auxiliary of the Red Cross made 18,000 surgical dressings. We want 25,000 by mid-year. Help us in the big spurt! Give us two hours or even one every single day! If even two hundred will give us an hour a day we can reach our goal. Please help us!

Don't Forget

The "experience meeting" will be held this Friday evening. See the bulletin boards for further information.

Weekly Bulletin of the Committee on Women's War Work

The Department of Extension Teaching, in co-operation with the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense, is initiating a course for the training of volunteer social workers, to begin on January 15th. As there is no limit to the need for such workers, we urge all who are interested to come to the office and get a descriptive leaflet.

Since the last bulletin was printed our greatest activity has been in the direction of securing volunteer workers for Exemption Boards. Over thirty such boards have applied to us for aid and we have been able to send some workers to most of them. At the present moment this is a very pressing war service.

Those women who attended the entertainments for uniformed men, held at the Grand Central Palace during the holidays, reported them a huge success. Such will be interested in knowing that similar entertainments are being projected for each Saturday evening. The first of these would probably take place on January 19th. Definite information will be available at this office on and after the 14th.

An unusual request came to us recently. We were asked to find a woman willing to run an auto passenger line from the station at Tenafly to Camp Merritt and the Hostess Houses, and to supply her own motor car for the purpose. The prospect is excellent that our search is to be rewarded with success.

Although we have supplied a good many foreign language readers, there is a demand for more of those able to translate Spanish or Portuguese. The position is a full time one; the salary attractive. We shall be glad to give more detailed information upon request.

There is a form of war service which should especially appeal to the women of the University, because of their love for books and their inbred conviction that no one can get along well for any length of time without books. This is the assembling and wrapping of packages of books for camps. The New York Public Library, at 42nd Street, has devoted space to this work and welcomes workers daily between the hours of 9 and 5, also on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Time given to this work, even if only a little time, will be usefully spent.

Columbia University Committee on Women's War Work.

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It is generally agreed that one of the most wholesome occupations in the world, provided it is not indulged in to excess, is that form of mental gymnastics which consists in "laying low" and watching the other fellow struggle. There is something at once disconcerting and encouraging in the thought that one's own troubles are after all not so exclusively one's own as is commonly supposed. "The nature of the beast" necessitates a certain amount of similarity, both of cause and of effect. That this is true of the group perhaps even more strikingly than of the individual has recently been brought to our notice by a fairly careful examination of other college weeklies.

We rejoice in the knowledge that Barnard is not alone in its failure to attend practices, cheer basketball games, refrain from inappropriate conversation and generally disregard its obligations, self-imposed and otherwise; although at the same time

we grieve to think that all public-spirited chairmen of hard-working committees should be doomed to the same cruel fate. Aside from these basic similarities, one may glean much really valuable information from a study of the ways in which various colleges deal with their problems. As far as one can judge from the brief accounts given in the weeklies, we at Barnard escape the need of having a number of clubs, such as those devoted to the study of poetry and of current events, through having courses that satisfy those interests fairly well. And it would seem that wherever the work of a club can be covered by one or more courses along the same lines, the courses are by far the more practical and helpful way out of the matter; that is, one is more likely to find an ideally conducted course than an ideally conducted club.

One of the most surprising discoveries that we have made is that many activities popularly considered "radical" and therefore beneath the notice of the majority at Barnard flourish quite as a matter of course at Radcliffe, Vassar and other colleges no less eminently respectable. It may be that good reporters know how to make something out of nothing; but we are prone to agree with the old Latin proverb, and to hold that in at least one or two respects we have been outdone. The Debating Clubs at several colleges seem to be very much alive, and one cannot help wondering why in the world it has taken us so long to begin to profit by their example. The Dramatic and Musical Clubs are also well worth our attention. Very often it is not so much that the plan is better than ours or entirely applicable to our situation as that it offers something new and different, which may in turn suggest still further improvements. In any case, we can promise a profitable half hour to anyone who cares to examine our batch of clippings. We hope and believe that Student Council will soon establish an Information Bureau to which harassed workers may turn for a fresh viewpoint or a new method.

R. L. V.

Just by the way, now that we have all that can be desired in the way of a gym of our own, it does seem as if we might show a small part of our appreciation of the opportunities it offers by turning out for captain ball and basketball games. Remember, even when a small proportion of the students at Wellesley or Holyoke or Vassar or Smith turns out, they make a much larger showing than we can hope to have; so we mustn't rest easy in the thought that we're not the only guilty ones. Besides, we really are interested in the results of the games, so why not encourage our teams by backing them up in the best possible way?

R. L. V.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN:

May I take this occasion to thank various organizations for the efforts they have expended in the interest of the Barnard Red Cross Auxiliary; the cast of "David Garrick," Wigs and Cues Board of Directors, members of the Glee Club, the orchestra, members of Professor Baldwin's English class, and various individuals who though not affiliated with any organization have nevertheless given assistance in many ways.

May I also acknowledge the following gifts:

A fifty dollar Liberty Bond from the Athletic Association.

Five dollars from the Italian Club.

One hundred dollars from the Class of 1916.

Fifty dollars from Rae Levi Weiss, 1915.

Two hundred dollars from Wigs and Cues, proceeds of "David Garrick."

Five dollars from the Y. W. C. A.

Due to these generous gifts, it has been possible to keep up the activities of the Auxiliary.

Yours very truly,

MILDRED BLOUT,

Chairman Auxiliary No. 203.

**News From Other Colleges.
Wellesley.**

Wellesley has added a course in wireless telegraphy to its list of war emergency courses. Students who have taken it can substantially reduce the time usually required for training wireless operators. There are now 234 students enrolled in the various war courses.

At a recent student mass-meeting plans for a Wellesley War Farm were discussed and approved. The farm will be modelled on those undertaken last summer by Barnard and other colleges, with the difference that it is to be "an all-college and an only-college enterprise in every phase of supervision, labor and perhaps even of finance." It is expected that the trustees will grant the use of the necessary land and of one of the college dormitories.

Mount Holyoke.

The dramatic club has adopted a scheme similar to the one recently put in practice at Vassar. Every member of the club was asked to hand in a criticism of the recent performance of "Pomander Walk," and these criticisms were read at a club meeting. The experiment proved to be very satisfactory.

Smith.

Two interesting new courses are to be given during the next semester. Both deal with present-day problems and are directly connected with the war. One is on Individual and Abnormal Psychology in Relation to Mental Reconstruction. It includes out-

ALUMNAE NEWS.

Engaged.

We take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Beatrice Lowndes, Undergraduate President, 1916-17, to Edward Earle, Columbia Undergraduate President, 1916-17.

Married.

Mary Mulqueen, 1912, to Edward Q. Carr, United States Naval Reserve Force. Mr. Carr is a graduate of Columbia Law School, 1913, and a brother of Margaret Carr, 1915, and Elecia Carr, 1919. He has been called for active service at Fort Pelham.

Girl Scout Fellowship for Graduate Study in New York University.

National Headquarters Girl Scouts offers a fellowship of five hundred dollars available for graduate study in the Social Sciences in New York University. This fellowship will be open for the second term of the school year beginning February 4, 1918, and continues for a year.

Further details may be obtained from the Bulletin Board or in the Secretary's office.

Wigs and Cues.

Report of the Chairman of Finance:
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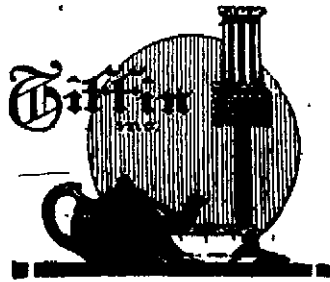
HELENA SHINE, 1918,
 Chairman of Finance.

The Halifax Clothing.

Immediately after the Halifax disaster, the Barnard Auxiliary of the Red Cross made a collection of warm clothing for the homeless people of that city. One box had been shipped when word came that no more old clothing was wanted. We had already a great deal on hand and more was coming in steadily. The Auxiliary took the liberty therefore of donating this clothing to various local charities which, always needy, have suffered especially this year due to the amount of clothing that is being shipped to Belgium and France. It was impossible to consult every donor and it was assumed that anyone willing to give to Halifax would also be willing to give to the needy in our midst.

MILDRED BLOUT,
 Chairman.

An Afternoon "Stay-Bit"



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Those of us whom the impressive name had terrified beyond expression were especially relieved by and delighted with the pleasant and wholly unterrifying atmosphere that pervaded the—eh—room on the great occasion. The undergrads in cap and gown somehow lent the impression of dignity without frigidity, as they were no doubt supposed to do; and those of the faculty who found it possible to attend were very welcome guests. Miss Boyd's ever-faithful Rags paid his respects but was promptly ejected. Almost the nicest part of the afternoon came at the end, when the lights were low and the few remaining people gathered around the fire.

All in all, it was one of the nicest teas we remember having at Barnard. Here's hoping we have another like it in the near future.

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lines of mental pathology, mental tests, mental hygiene and the psychology of skill, treated with special reference to training for the re-education of disabled soldiers. The second course is on Economic Aspects of the War.

Vassar.

The long heralded Workshop Plays, written by Vassar students, were produced on December 14th before a large and enthusiastic audience.

War Savings.

"War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life."—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone but of the Nation.

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the War Savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous benefit to millions of citizens, it is going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the Nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense and patriotism.

Thrift Stamps.

It is pointed out by the Treasury Department that Thrift Stamps are not made redeemable in cash for the reason that these stamps are simply intended as a convenient method for the small savers to accumulate enough to purchase War Savings Stamps,

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At the Greenwich Theatre.

There were the sweet, spicy smell of incense and the melodious chant of distant voices. Through a green and crimson stained glass window a single shaft of light filtered, staining with crimson the white altar cloth and the white flowers. On the altar stood two massive candelabra, holding lighted tapers; and farther out on either side of the altar steps was a single tall candle. Nothing but the solemn chant disturbed the high-hushed peace that brooded over the altar; and in the dim candle light even that far-off singing became and was a part of the sanctuary there.

With such a setting three Chester miracle plays were produced last week at the Greenwich village theatre. It was no wonder that the audience, sophisticated New Yorkers though they were, threw off for a time their superiority and went back to Merrie Englands and the simple peasant folk. The plays were the "Shepherd's Play," the "Adoration of the Shepherds" and the "Worship of the Three Kings." One flowed into the next with no abruptness, simply and naturally, so that to us, to whom the story is old, a new beauty and freshness came, that was as delicate, graceful and intangible as the plays themselves.

We are not very apt, in this day and generation, to know or care about the beautiful things around us which are obvious. But we can hardly escape the significance of these plays—not significant so much as plays—but significant because they are produced in New York at this time, and are successful. We especially take the attitude that the public must have what it wants, and how it wants it, and when it wants it, and such an attitude usually turns into an effort to produce something worthless—so that the public may be pleased. And for this reason it is that the Greenwich village production is noteworthy—not only for its finished perfection, but for the fact that it proves that bringing forth something worth while is not fraught with fearful dangers, but, on the contrary, is practically assured of success.

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or anti-social. City College prides itself on having the star chapter, with 200 members. The Faculty display great interest in the club. This chapter's advertising methods are markedly efficient.

At the dinner in the evening, at which four to five hundred people were present, a brilliant galaxy of speakers, including Frederick C. Howe, Frank Bohn, Norman Angell, Louis Boudin and Charlotte Perkins Gilman, held forth on the next development in our national policy.

The meeting on Friday evening at the Civic Club was even more stimulating, when different types of Socialists had a verbal "free for all," but it was done in good spirit with a liberal recognition of and respect for the other fellow's point of view. Algeron Lee, recently elected Socialist alderman, came down to brass tacks and told what he thought the party could and could not do with the limited power it now has. Frank Bohn said he had resigned from the party because Socialism was a much bigger thing than the party. Scott Nearing gave a vivid analysis of the future of the Socialist movement in this country. Mr. Craig said he had heard more straight Socialism talked in the Republican party than in the Socialist party, that he couldn't feel the intensity of the Marxian class struggle and that there was a lot of room to get at Socialism from the upper classes down. Mr. Gobel gave a very fiery description of what happened at the St. Louis convention when part of the Socialist party seceded on the war issue.

On Saturday morning there took place at the People's House an innovation in the form of a prize oratorical contest. A man from Harvard took first prize for his scholarly speech on conscription of wealth, and Mr. Reed of Clark University took second place. The prizes were \$25 and \$15, respectively, and it was politely suggested that the newly enfranchised sex, who were not heard from at all, might be represented next year. Evans Clark and Ordway Tead led the question box on Socialism, and questions were hurled at them with lightning speed, especially by the delegate from Cornell, who had his Marx and Engel by heart.

In the afternoon the New York Alumnae chapter acted as hostess at its tea and comradeship at the Civic Club. A group of highly interesting people gave five-minute talks, among whom was Lapat Rai, the Indian Nationalist. He accused the American Socialists of provincialism. Mr. Sexton charmed with story telling, and with his recital of Lord Dunsaney's satires and fables.

At the last meeting of the convention, on Saturday evening, at the People's House, the future of the city was discussed by Henry Bruere, former city chamberlain, and by Dr. Laidler. (Mr. Hillquit was unable to be present.) It was evident that the non-Socialist and the Socialist were not very far afield in what they thought the ideal city of the future ought to be like. Mr. Bruere was alive to the practical difficulties and Dr. Laidler to the fact that any municipal ownership meant to the Socialist thorough democratization from the bottom up.

The application of the conference to Barnard's particular problems will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Socialist Club this Friday.

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I count, yes count unto the end
And there a sleeve is hung!

O, memories that bless and burn
Of ravelling out at bitter loss.
I drop a purl, yet strive at last to learn
To knit across!
Sweet art—
To knit across!

ANON.

Our gratitude to E. Cabana, '18, for
the loan of the above bijou.

The Composition Class had been dis-
cussing words with sounds suggestive
of their meanings. By way of exam-
ple one would-be word artist offered:
'The gargling brook.' Can't you just
hear it?

Since the recent appearance of time
pieces in the lunch room, the gym and
Miss Boyd's office, we are meditating
on the propriety of altering the title
of the colyumn to "Under Three
Clocks"

Heroines every child should know:

Hitta Haard, the girl who does all
the reading she planned for the holi-
days.

Treye Dantrew, the girl who rises
early and closes her friends' windows
these balmy mornings.

Osayne Otso, the girl who knits
while doing her hair and *does* not get
her hair in the knitting or vicey-vesey.

Wonna Minutt, the girl who having
no muff used rubbers and walked on
her hands.

Ella Kuter, the hot air artist, who
patriotically offered her services to the
city during the recent coal shortage.

THE LOST THO'T.

Seated one day in Logic
I was weary and ill at ease.
My brain cells scurried wildly
To grasp on the premises.
I know not how it happened
Or from whence the tho't had come,
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My professor went on talking
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Which entered my cranial organ
Then flew upon the wind.
It may be the Goddess of Wisdom
Will help me fill the void,
Or maybe by paying a ransom
I shall get it from Miss Boyd.
G. M., '19.

Happy New Year, little playmates!
Who scan perchance this line
To search for vagrant humor
In these poor squibs of mine!
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Socialist Club Meeting.

On Thursday, December 20th, the Socialist Club, with Freda Kirchwey, '15, leading the discussion, tried to disentangle the enigma of the Russian revolution. Freda commenced by analyzing the different parties in Russia. After interviewing all the available authorities on the Russian situation, she had come to the conclusion that the aims of the various parties in Russia were essentially alike. The Kerensky group and the Bolsheviki both want peace, on the Russian formula of no annexations or indemnities, and the complete socialization of the land and industries. The difference between Kerensky and the Bolsheviki was one of tactics. Kerensky had tried diplomatic opportunist tactics and had failed. The Bolsheviki were trying a new kind of diplomacy—blunt, outspoken tactics.

With a prophetic accuracy, which was verified by the only native Russian in the room, and has been borne out by subsequent events, Freda expressed belief in the absolute sincerity of the Bolsheviki and that they would not stand for any monkeying on the part of the Germans. Contrary to the impression given by our daily press, the Russian people seem to be at present almost unanimously behind the Bolsheviki, as shown by the overwhelming returns in their favor at the recent elections. The reasons for this support is that the Bolsheviki, like the other parties, stand for a complete reorganization of society and are trying new tactics, not yet proven unsuccessful, to satisfy the crying demand of the Russian people for peace. In determining our policy toward Russia it would be folly to blind ourselves to these facts, viz., the desire of the Russian people for peace and their support of the Bolsheviki. If the Bolsheviki tactics are unsuccessful in obtaining peace they will probably follow Kerensky on the road to oblivion and a new party will come into power.

The interest in the meeting was in inverse proportion to the knowledge of the members on the question and in direct proportion to the fascination of the subject and the leader.



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Come and see what's to happen. Moreover, absentees will be fined!

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which bear interest and are redeemable in cash.

In addition, to provide for redemption for these Thrift Stamps would involve such an amount of detailed accounting and labor and expense as to impair the practicability of their use. In fact, they would be more trouble and expense to the Government possibly than they are worth.

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