

LIBERALS ALL

Last Saturday noon you would have seen the quiet halls of Harvard Union thronged with an inspiring group of 250 students, representing about 45 colleges in the Intercollegiate Liberal Conference. As President McCracken of Vassar, in his closing address said "It was very unusual that a conference trying to accomplish two different aims should have been so successful." A conference is usually all constructive organizing work, or it is an inspirational, mutual admiration party. This conference was both. At luncheon and dinner we listened to a thrilling list of speakers and heard ourselves congratulated. President Elliot, of Harvard, and Dean Briggs, of Radcliffe, Walter Lippman on the New Republic's staff, Senator Todd, of North Dakota, and John Haynes Holmes are a few of America's famous men who held forth.

For the constructive work of the conference, Barnard will feel a personal interest, when it hears that Donald Mazer, of Columbia, was elected chairman. The Intercollegiate Liberal League has a constitution (finished at 3 A. M. Sunday morning) which provides for local autonomous chapters in all the eastern colleges, with a central organization, 2 paid graduate secretaries and a bulletin to furnish a medium of exchange for liberal ideas.

In Cambridge, England, one delegate tells us they have Liberal clubrooms where famous men speak to the students for fifteen minutes and then answer questions (handed in by the students).

A Czecho-Slovakian student told us about their Student Renaissance Clubs in her native university.

Here in Barnard, we will start next year with an interested nucleus and there is no reason why Columbia and Barnard can't cooperate as Harvard and Radcliffe have done. They each started unpretentious Liberal Clubs a few years ago, and now 500 strong, they were the moving spirits back of this conference.

Next Tuesday at 4 o'clock, room 610 Kent Hall, all the particulars will be related, and plans laid out for a Barnard Liberal Group.

Ruth Boardman.

SONG BOOK FINANCES.

The song committee wishes to thank those organizations which have advanced money to pay the printers' bill for the college song books. \$400 has already been paid.

Junior Show	\$170
Undergraduate Association	50
Class of 1923	75
Class of 1921	25

Alumnae Give Vocational Advice

The Vocational Conference, arranged for under the auspices of Miss Doty and the Undergraduate Association in co-operation, and held on the evening of April 4th, proved, to even a greater extent than hitherto, the value of some connecting link between the theoretical training of college and the commercial field of activity into which many of us expect to enter. The ten alumnae who spoke represented nearly all of the major fields of activity open to women. Furthermore they possessed to a remarkable extent the ability of talking clearly and interesting about their own work, without any unnecessary personal references, so that we were able to obtain a fairly unbiased viewpoint of the particular fields they are going into. We cannot be too grateful to them for this.

The fields covered can be summarized under three headings: finance, writing, and work (usually of a specialized kind) in connection with the middleman and two unclassifiable positions, those of Egyptologist and social worker.

Miss Helen Bradbeer and Miss Elsa Becker, both of the class of 1914, discussed, for the most part, bond salesmanship and underwriting. These positions, in a field only recently opened to women, have a minimum of routine, bring the worker into contact with the most executive sort of people, and pay from \$950 up, with a limit of the executives' salaries determined solely by the policy of the particular company. Requirements are an analytical mind, a fondness and understanding of figures, and training in economics, money and bank, English and letter-writing. The prejudice against women workers is slight, and the opportunities for the woman with ability are infinite.

Miss Mary Barber, 1918, and Miss Babette Deutsch, 1917, discussed two fields of writing, editorial work and free lance writing. The former, as found at The MacMillan Company, consisted largely in routine work such as proof-reading, copy-editing, etc., with an occasional spicy manuscript. The pay was almost a minimum, and though the associations were for the most part attractive, there seemed little chance for advancement. So Miss Barber obtained a more remunerative position with the Equitable Life Insurance where she writes miscellaneous articles upon such roomy subjects as "The Dissipation of Wealth," and does research work. Miss Deutsch had the sound advice to give us that the "way

to begin was to begin." Write what pleases one, and if it is really good it will be recognized. Do not be afraid to submit work to periodicals; and do not be discouraged by rejection slips. The only objective training she suggested is journalism, which, she remarked, was a good thing to have behind one. And the salary is a problematic matter . . . usually a compromise between what you think your work is worth, what the editor thinks your work is worth, and what a mythical public may think about it.

The last group consists of a great variety of fields. Miss Marjorie Eggleston, 1910, told of the care-free joys of being a stenographer. A good stenographer can always get a position, and can often get the opportunity to travel. A minimum salary of \$25 is almost guaranteed, and often one may advance through this channel to the position of secretary, and eventually to that of executive. Miss Hedwig Koenig, 1918, who is in the Chemical Research Department of the U. S. Rubber Co. told of the four departments open to women there: Analytical, research, organic, library. The type of work differs from the college chemical research, in that only research that will bring in financial returns is supported. Beginning salaries of \$1800 are practically assured to college trained girls. Vera Klopman, 1919, after finding that the future, both financial and otherwise on a small paper is difficult for women, has gone into the mail order house of Schweitzer Importers. There she finds that there is much opportunity for the college girl with no especial talent or genius. The work consists mainly in dictating correspondence to the various mail agents in small towns, who have their silks on sale. There are three departments: correspondent department, adjusting department, and circular-writing department. The workers in these branches get from \$25-35. Heads of departments get from \$35-\$50. Miss Klopman emphasized the fact that there is a big opening for college girls who are not too "uppish." Helen Hicks told of her entrance into the famous field of personnel work, via bundle wrapping. Department stores offer a big opportunity to the girl who can exert a subtle influence upon her "juniors," and can advise them on everything from washing their faces to getting married. In her particular case, she found that little attention was paid to her by her employers, but

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CONCERNING MISSIONARIES

This is not Y.W. propaganda . . . nor a plea for uplifting our more distant and romantic brethen. We patronize domestic organizations, as befits a college weekly, and would speak of missionary-ing at Barnard.

The general field divides itself into four units. First there are the Freshmen, who are proverbially full of undirected enthusiasm. They form a nucleus of vitality which it is the legitimate custom for various groups to exploit. In fact the Freshmen enjoy being exploited, and as a rule, consider appointment to minor routine positions an honor. The Sophomore year is much like the Freshmen year in this respect, differing only in greater particularity in acceptance of positions. The Junior year, for the most part, witnesses a reaction from the high tension of extra-curricular activities and enthusiasm. Academic work in many cases assumes a greater importance. Extra-curricular work is usually

specialized. Finally, in one's Senior year one has become fairly well identified as to her interest, and a definite specialization, founded upon ability or choice, has evolved. The student is ready, often, to make her work in those clubs where her interest lies, the foundation for her life work.

Where, in such a scheme as this is the place for the signs which are characteristic, not only of Barnard, but of college life in general?—Such calls, founded upon a conventional sense of duty, as "Come out to cheer your team," "The XYZ Club needs your help," "Gala meeting of the ABC's. Refreshments Served. Everybody should come" . . . Why should everybody come? (unless lured by an epicurean craving for tea). If a girl is really interested, she will come without the inspiration of a more or less artistic poster, and the missionary spirit of which this is an evidence. If she is not interested, what possible value can her presence have, either for herself or for the meeting? Obviously to those of us whose interests are fairly defined, these notices have little more appeal than the daily calendar posted on the Students Hall blackboard. It is a question whether this sort of missionary work among most Freshmen and some Sophomores is worth the amount of energy now expended by persons who are interested in any given organization. Could not these casual, unattached students be trusted to make their own choice among a number of clubs composed entirely of active members?

The opinion of the college on this matter would be enlightening.

L.A.

LETTERS

Contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Upon request, initials only, will be printed but names will not be treated as confidential.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions and statements which appear in this column.

To the Editor of the Bulletin:

Dear Madam:

In justice to the industry of the Barnard Debating Club during the twelve weeks preceding the Intercollegiate Debate, recently lost to Wellesley, the statement which appeared in the Bulletin two weeks ago: "If as much work had been put on preparation by the Barnard debaters as Wellesley, for instance, put on theirs; the results might have been different" warrants at least some comment. Although it is true that the college as a whole does not take as much interest in debating or contribute as much to the preparation as other colleges do for the annual event, still can it be fairly said that the "results" were entirely due to the lack of preparation? The facts as far as I have been able to

gather them don't seem to justify such a statement.

The Materials Committee was especially enterprising in collecting and sifting a large amount of valuable material and its members worked continually for approximately three months. Through the foresight of the chairman, Barnard alone, apparently, obtained from Washington pertinent extracts of the January Congressional Record and the January hearings before the Senate Committee. The elaborate detail, the excellent authorities quoted, and the amount of recent facts used, show that the debaters studied arduously and profited by the work of the Materials Committee.

In debating, however, adequate presentation plays almost as important a part as good preparation and the former demands either much experience at debating or a mastery of its mechanics. A general familiarity with the technique of debate proved inadequate in rearranging the affirmative's detailed mass of material to adjust it to the exigencies of the debate at Barnard. It is on this point that we might indeed do well to follow Wellesley—not induce our debaters to exert themselves more; but to devote a larger share of their energy to study the art of debate and to adapt their material to whatever emergencies may arise, by a longer series of trial debates. I have also heard that some colleges put their debaters in training just as they do their athletes.

If we look at the "results" in this light there is a real basis in talking of "winning both sides next year"—a goal to be obtained by Barnard's mastering their technique so that the fruits of diligent study shall not again be sacrificed.

Sincerely,

Orrilla Anne Holden.

COLLEGE WOMEN MEET IN WASHINGTON

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae met in Washington, March 25 to April 1, 1921. Barnard College was represented by Professor M. E. Maltby. The Councillor of the Associate Alumnae was Mrs. P. S. Achilles; delegates were Mrs. Robert M. Yerkes, Miss La Rue Brown, Miss Rhoda Milliken and Miss Frieda Kenyon.

The name of the society has been changed and henceforth will be known as the American Association of University Women. The retiring president was Mrs. Marvin Rosenberry of Michigan. The newly elected president is Miss Ada Comstock, Dean of Smith College.

It has been decided to hold annual meetings. During the convention a conference of the affiliated Alumnae Association takes place. The Barnard alumnae representative at the next conference has been asked to preside.

BASEBALL

1921 vs. 1922

The baseball game last Monday afternoon started off auspiciously for the Juniors with a score of 7-0 in the first inning. From then on, the Seniors fought hard to maintain a fairly balanced score, but for all their efforts the game ended 33 to 9 in favor of 1922. There was heavy batting on both sides but the Seniors were unable to prevail against this in the field. On the other hand, '22 gained a big advantage by grabbing every ball that came within reach—and sometimes holding on to it! Both sides fumbled a good deal, but "Pat" Wetterer surprised herself by catching two conspicuous flies. The game was interesting and highly amusing to watch. "Take your base" was often interpreted too literally, for the sand bag several times found itself carried many feet beyond the black square on the gym floor.

Seniors: Carter, Hessburg, Butler, Tiemann, Ehrich, Mauch, Peterson, Andrews, Lind.

Juniors: Holden, Wilder, Mack, Cauldwell, Coops, Phelps, Nason, Gaarder, Wetterer.

1923 vs. 1924

On Thursday, March 31, the Sophomores met the Freshmen in the first inter-class baseball game of the season. The final score was 27-11 in 1923's favor, but '24, playing without a short-stop, died game. Both teams played good ball, but the Sophomores had the edge on batting and fielding, which, with consistent pitching and fair base throwing, won for them a deserved victory.

R. S. O. DANCE

R. S. O. dance distinguished itself this year by being an April Fool's event, which gave the committee, headed by Louise Byrne, the opportunity to arrange various novel stunts. The gym was just comfortably filled and everything went off so pleasantly that the only fault to be found with it was that the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home" at 12:25, which we felt to be a decided calamity since it is the one big college dance of the year.

LUTHERAN DINNER

Members and friends of the Lutheran Association of Columbia University are invited to take dinner together at The Stockton, 306 W. 109 Street, on Wednesday, April 13, at 7 o'clock. Dinner will be followed by dancing and other entertainment. Tickets at \$1.50 may be secured from Katherine Schaefer, at Earl Hall, or in the R.O.R. office at Teachers' College. Reservations must be made before April 12.

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This examination is open to ALL UNDERGRADUATES.

Candidates should hand their names as soon as possible to Miss Goodale, Professor Knapp, or Professor Hirst.

CHAPEL

An informal chapel service is being held in the Conference Room every Friday from twelve o'clock until twelve-fifteen. It is not a denominational service and consists of reading some short story, poem or essay with a particular message, as Alice Freeman Palmer's "The Worth of a Girl," and special music. We are not urging people to come unless they want to but we should like you to at least find out whether or not you want to. Everyone is invited.
D. McGrayne.

FURTHER STAFF ADDITIONS

The business staff of Bulletin takes pleasure in announcing that Margaret Talley, '22, has been promoted to the new position of Circulation Manager, and that Elsie Albansoder, '24, has been appointed to the staff.

"IF I WERE KING"

Editor of Barnard Bulletin.

Dear Madam:

May I not take this opportunity to reply to your questionnaire demanding how I would conduct myself were the powers of monarch thrust upon my unwilling hands, I find myself strangely embarrassed as to exact details. Permit me to mention, from the point of view of mere practicability how impossible this were for one of my staunch Democratic principles.

However, assuming your utopian hypothesis, one plan stands out foremost in my mind: The segregation of the intellectuals. I have found throughout my experience, that no other class is as bothersome, (for further details see my collected works, soon to be published by Harper Brothers.) Among other reforms that I would inaugurate are: (1) absolute veto power of the monarch, (2) life term of office, (3) creation of the office of political chum.

I would enjoy presenting a more detailed account of my ideals, but I observe your limitations of space, and I have always made it my custom as far as possible to obey all restrictions placed upon my natural propensity toward desultory verbosity.

Faithfully yours,

Puddin' Head-Wilson,

Per W. & C. (dictated but not read)

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Am the Joke Column.
I label myself because
I am feeling poorly and you
Might not recognize me.
And they say even a
Tombstone
Will say good things about a man—
When he's down.
I have been hearing some terrible
Things about myself lately,
But I don't mind
Because there are always two opinions
About everything.
You know there'd be two opinions
About a cracked bell—
If it could hear itself and
That's how I feel.

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Philosophy is like a man with a
candle searching in a dark room for
something that isn't there and occa-
sionally muttering "I have found it."

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Psychology is something that every-
body knows, written in a way that no-
body understands.

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Last week we were low brow.
This week we are not.
Tell me can high brow
Be funny or not?

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Since we dare not a noise stir—
Quote Mark Twain we'll have to,
"Twas a brave man indeed who,
Ate the first oyster."

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High Brow Conversation

Dot: "I was out last night with a
man I haven't seen in two years."
Billy: "Did he like you?"
Dot: "I don't know, I didn't have a
chance to find out."

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that she was allowed to organize her
work as she pleased, without any com-
ment from her superiors, but that on
the other hand when she wanted "a
raise" she had to fight for it. She
seemed to think that belligerence was
a good quality to have if properly con-
cealed. Personnel work gives oppor-
tunity, in many cases for travel, to
study educational and executive work
in other companies. The Prince School
in Boston is the best training place for
work of this sort, but the actual work
done depends upon the ideas and en-
ergy of the worker herself.

Alice Judson, 1919, who is working
on Egyptology enlightened us that her
subject does not deal exclusively with
"Cleo and those dear mummies," but
included everything from stringing
beads to looking up the Russian past-
of said mummies, in original research
in the libraries. Probably the chief
job is arranging exhibits. Every sort
of information is valuable for the work.
But there is the drawback of a low
salary, offset only by the advantage of
doing original and varied work.

Svea Nelson, 1915, represented the
field of social work. She impressed
upon us the growing scientific attitude
toward social work, the necessity of
disciplining the indignant. There are
two main problems: raising and ex-
pending money. Both must be done
efficiently. The salaries used to be
small, but are growing better. Now a
worker starts at \$1080, and can hope
for advancement. The interest is
mainly human and social, and one
looks forward to becoming impersonal.

The point of greatest interest seemed
to be the opportunity of women against
men. The college girls' means of self
defense is that she can always leave if
she is not being treated as an individ-
ual, for there are some concerns that
recognize her ability, apart from any
consideration of her sex. But in most
places there is a limit beyond which it
is difficult for a girl to advance, chiefly
because girls rarely have advanced be-

yond it before. In general the voca-
tions may be summarized as follows:

- (1) Women preferred: social work.
- (2) Opportunity equal: secretarial,
mail order work.
- (3) Dubious: Editorial, Egyptol-
ogy, free lance writing, person-
nel work.
- (4) Men preferred to women: Ad-
vertisement management.

Leonora Andrews.

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