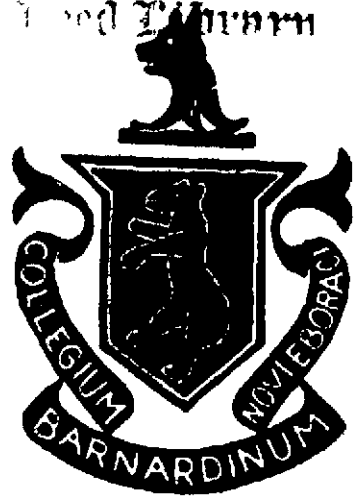


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LUCILLE KOHN SPEAKS ON LABOR SITUATION

"Whither Labor?" was the subject of Miss Lucille Kohn's address to the Social Science Forum, Tuesday, December 18 in the Conference Room. Miss Kohn, who is a Barnard graduate, spoke in place of Tom Tippet who was unable to come. While at Barnard Miss Kohn majored in Latin, and later wrote her doctor's dissertation entirely in Latin, on a Greek subject. Six or seven years ago she became interested in workers' education, and since then has been very active in that field. She teaches history at the Women's Trade Union League, and for a number of years has taught history at the Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women in Industry. For the two years that the Barnard Summer School for Women Workers has been in existence Miss Kohn has taught classes in history.

Hopes For Future

Labor's hope for a better future, Miss Kohn believes, lies, not in the American Federation of Labor which is "just as interested in preserving the capitalist system as the captains of industry," but in the rise of strong, progressive unions both within and outside the A. F. of L. The A. F. of L., judged by its past promises to organize the South and the automobile industry, has accomplished nothing. The automobile industry is still in its open shop stage. The only action in the South has been taken by the Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers, a progressive, live union within the A. F. of L. through its organizer Alfred Hoffman. He has formed the Piedmont Organizing Council which functions in the Carolinas, Kentucky, etc., and which is spreading

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NOTED MEN TO SPEAK FOR CULTURAL SOCIETY

The American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia will hold a dinner on "The New Agriculture in America and Russia" at International House, Saturday evening, December 29th, at 7 o'clock. The speakers will be Dr. O. S. Morgan, head of Agricultural Department at Columbia, Dr. A. A. Johnson, former head of N. Y. State Institute of Applied Agriculture; Professor J. A. Mirioff, head of the Russian Bureau of Agricultural Information in America; Professor N. E. Hanson, professor of Horticulture in South Dakota College; and Albert Rhys Williams, author of "The Russian Land." Dr. Jacob, Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station will be chairman.

Tickets are \$2.50, student tickets \$2.00. For the speeches following the dinner, tickets are \$1.00, student tickets \$.50. For student members of the society, admission to the speeches are free.

Tickets may be procured at the office of the Society, 22 E. 55 St.

COMMITTEE APPROVES OF NOVEL PROPOSAL

Acting on a petition sent recently by the Student Committee on Curriculum of which Loretta Donovan is Chairman, to the Faculty Committee on Instruction, several innovations will be introduced next year.

In a letter to Miss Donovan, Dean Gildersleeve said:—

"We have decided to experiment next year in organizing and allowing a small amount of credit for applied music,—that is, choral singing and ensemble playing, to be taken in connection with courses in the history, appreciation, or theory of music. This work may be regarded as a kind of laboratory work. It seems to us likely that the Faculty would approve of our undertaking a similar experiment in connection with the courses in our Fine Arts Department, if we had studios and money to provide instruction. This laboratory work in drawing, sculpture, and painting would have as its purpose the better understanding of the fine arts and not the training of sculptors and painters.

At the moment we have neither studios nor money to enable us to organize this kind of work, nor, so far as I know, is there anywhere else in the University this particular kind of instruction.

We do not think that a college of liberal arts and sciences should ever compete with an art school in giving courses intended to train painters and sculptors. There are a great many excellent professional and vocational courses which can never be included in a college curriculum.

We agree that our granting of credit for courses in the theory and practise of education is somewhat at variance with the general policy we have laid down, but education has this favored position as a result of circumstances in the past. The situation is not satisfactory and I hope that at some time we can improve it."

SEE DEPARTMENT STORE DURING XMAS HOLIDAYS

College girls who are interested in the possibilities of department store work will be taken in groups on a sight-seeing tour by the arrangement of Miss Shannon of the Training Department of R. H. Macy and Company. If ten or twelve Barnard girls apply, a special group could be arranged, preferably during the latter part of the holidays, perhaps even after Christmas.

If you would be interested in joining such a group, will you please leave your name at the Occupation Bureau, immediately so that arrangements may be made.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCES

By recent vote of the editorial staff of Bulletin, three elections were made. Barnard Bulletin takes pleasure in announcing that the following students have been added to our staff:

Ruth Jeanne Bellamy, '32
Anita Jones, '32
Bettina Peterson, '31

Glee Club Entertains With Varied Program

The Barnard Glee Club gave its big concert of the season at the Casa Italiana, Tuesday evening, December 18th, notwithstanding the fact that the club had performed earlier in the day at the annual Christmas Assembly.

The program, varied and interesting, was well received. The numbers which had been presented at the Christmas assembly were repeated and several others were added.

Mme. Lydia Savitzkaya played two harp solos between the song groups. Two songs of the second group were accompanied by Mme. Savitzkaya and also by two French horns.

Of the three groups the last, which consisted of folk songs, was perhaps the best received. The program was as follows:

- I Christmas Carols
 - Virgin by the Manager-Cesar-Franck
 - Noel of the Bressan Waits—Francisque Darcieux
 - Sleep, Gentle Dove—Alsatian Carol
 - Holy Night
 - Two Harp Solos—Mme. Savitzkaya
- II Serious Selections
 - O Bone Gesu—Palestrina
 - If Florindo Be Faithful—Scarloti
 - Two Songs by Brahms—(accompanied by harp and two French horns.)
 - Two Harp Solos
- III Folk Songs
 - Deep River
 - May Day Carol
 - English Folk Song
 - Rantin Rovin Robin—Scotch Folk Song
 - My Johnny Was A Shoemaker

Dancer Pleases Audience With Unusual Recital

On Tuesday, December 18, at 4 o'clock, Miss Ruth Meister presented a program of dances in Brinckerhoff Theatre. The occasion was made possible through the efforts of the Italian Club of which Vinchenza Savoia is president. Miss Meister is one of the most promising pupils of Michio Ito. The program consisted of four dances. Ecclesiastic by Schumann, Javanese, Renaissance, and a Tango in D by Albeniz. The dancer was accompanied on the piano by Miss Jenny Andiman.

GLEE CLUB CAROLS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Bits of holly, the singing of Christmas carols and songs by the Barnard Glee Club and all of the students together, as well as the Christmas Greetings from the Dean, at the assembly on Tuesday, December 18, brought a pleasant atmosphere of Christmas to the college. The Glee Club sang four numbers alone, and joined with the undergraduate body in singing five familiar Christmas carols. All of the singing was led by Mr. C. H. Doersam.

The program of songs and carols were as follows:

- By the Glee Club:
- a) The Virgin by the Manger
Cesar Franck
 - b) Sleep, Gentle Dove—
Alsatian Carol
 - c) O Bone Gesu—Palestrina
 - d) Noel of the Bressan Waits—
Francisque Darcieux

By the students and the Glee Club:—

- a) Adeste Fideles
- b) We Three Kings of Orient Are
- c) The First Nowell
- d) God Rest You Merry, Gentle men
- e) Silent Night (M. Haydn)

Dean Gildersleeve, who presided, extended Christmas Greetings to the students and faculty as is her custom. She hoped that this year when Congress is considering the ratification of the Pact of Paris, the Christmas spirit might enter into the hearts of the Congressmen to a special degree, influencing a certain approval of the Pact. Miss Gildersleeve urged that we not only remember our families and friends with the Christmas spirit of goodwill, but also all the people of the world, in every nation—"even those whom we do not know," in order to further international peace. The Dean then wished everyone a "Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

FRESHMEN ELECT

IMPORTANT OFFICERS

In the Freshman meeting of Wednesday, December 19, the offices of Poster Chairman, Song Leader and Assembly Representative were filled. Vivien Kimber was elected Poster Chairman; Rachel Holman, Song Leader; and Dorothy Kramm and Ruth Wheller, Assembly Representatives.

Elaine Hargrove, Freshman Greek Games Chairman conducted the remainder of the meeting. Miss Hargrove read an explanation of the way Greek Games are conducted and urged the class members to cooperate to make the Freshman end of the affair a success. After the Spirit of Greek Games was explained, and the Eligibility System was defined, the meeting was brought to a close.

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Editorial

VACATION RESOLUTIONS

Amid the hustle and bustle of Christmas crowds, the seasonal holly, and the general excitement of forthcoming events, we inadvertently turn our minds towards the two weeks' vacation. It comes at a time when all are in dire need of relaxation from the strain of college activities. At the moment, two weeks seem an interminable length of time. In two weeks, they will appear preposterously short. The weeks are obviously intended for rest, enjoyment, and a general cessation of academic interests, to the end that relieved of college burdens for two weeks the student will return with renewed fervor and enthusiasm. The "raison d'être" of the vacation is too often lost sight of by over zealous students and by those whose work has lagged for the past weeks. Christmas vacation is not the time for intensive study, and scholarly activity. Study should be relegated to a position of minor importance, but to return home for what is intended as a vacation, laden with books, is to reverse the natural procedure of college. The only value to be derived from such a leave of absence is the rest and diversion that it affords. Christmas vacation is not a cram period.

Bulletin, then, extends to its readers its sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and two weeks replete with rest and pleasure.

THE ELIGIBILITY PROBLEM

Recently there have been many well-founded complaints against the eligibility system in operation at

college. They arise as a direct result of the recent language examinations the failure of which incapacitated many members of the Senior Class from extra-curricular activities. Whether they are entirely justified as to the particular complaint is hard to say, but they do point to the fact that there may be something fundamentally wrong with the workings of our present system.

Eligibility, at present, is based on the arbitrary fact that one F or six points of D indicates that the student is unable to find a happy combination of outside activities, and class work, and must naturally drop the former. We take issue with the established fact that one F shows that any student is well below the standard set for scholarship at college. One F may mean a great deal when coupled with four C's. When, however, it is accompanied by A's and B's, its significance is obviously minimized. One F may indicate lack of effort and study, while it may only show a special inaptitude for one subject.

Barnard would do well to reconsider carefully the basic faults and inherent disadvantages of our eligibility system. It is our belief that eligibility, in colleges, throughout the country, is for the most part based on a point system. A certain amount of points are assigned to a grade of A, a smaller amount to B and so on. A required number of points thus becomes the standard for eligibility. A carefully worked-out plan, depending on such a system presents itself as a more just basis of academic eligibility. Such a system provides for the special and unusual cases, when one F appears among otherwise very commendable grades, as well as providing for the needs of the poorer students.

Eligibility, as we understand it, is to help and not to chastise the student. The good student who fails in one subject throughout the 4 years at college, does not need the eligibility system to aid her to bolster up her grades. It needs no very unusual discernment to see that it is silly to continue under a system so arbitrary that the individual case cannot be given a just decision. At least as regards eligibility Barnard would do well to follow the examples of other colleges.

Forum Column

To the Editor of Bulletin:—

Much as I dislike making large fusses over inconsiderable matters, and much as I detest writing letters of complaint to college editors, or any editors, I feel bound in the interests of the Health which is so vaunted here to draw attention to the poor ventilation in the library. To one entering the Barnard library for the first time, the atmosphere reeks of withered minds or perhaps decayed books. It is hard to believe that either minds or books can exist in a large room in which two or three windows are meagerly opened from the top. I suggest that more air is needed in proportion to the number of students inhabiting the library. If there is some secret method of ventilation of which I know nothing, I should be glad of the information for at present I have been wondering whether in our avid struggle for an A, B, we will not emerge with a F, B, instead.

G. T.

Outside The Walls

A Modern Thoreau

College students have frequently become converted to various philosophic ideas and ideals by reading the works of great thinkers, and one of the most recent of these converts is a Dartmouth student, and his adventures are related in a recent issue of the *Adelphi College Fornightly*.

"The *Year Student* tells us that a Dartmouth student has done what almost everyone who has read *Walden* yearns to do at one time or another. Curtis H. Glover, twenty, and a junior, has bid goodbye to college and civilized life to begin anew in the woods, far away from the painful pressures of organized society."

In a letter in *The Dartmouth*, entitled "Goodbye Dartmouth," he writes:

"By the time you read this I shall be aboard a train speeding to northern wilds, where I intend to prepare myself for a higher life than college leads to; the life described by Thoreau in *Walden*."

"I have existed in your civilization now for twenty years. I have existed merely as a spectator. You have forced me to do certain things, and I have done them—reluctantly, always inwardly rebelling. Now I have decided to give expression to my wild nature, and to find out whether it is possible to live humanly."

The new *Walden* is located in the White Mountains on the estate of Mr. Glover, senior, who is a wealthy Boston architect."

How Much Sleep

Statistics on the relation of sleep to scholastic efficiency have been conducted at Antioch and the results published in the *Antiochan* seem to be of unusual interest.

"A definite correlation between academic grades and the amount of sleep a student obtains is indicated in a report by Dr. Lester W. Sontag, college physician, on a research project conducted here last year. Graphs included in the annual report of the medical department show that maximum efficiency for studying in this experiment is reached when 8.7 hours of sleep are obtained in every 24. Grades average slightly better than 2.5 at that point.

"The grade curve is fairly regular and consistent with the amount of sleep obtained in spite of several sources of probable error. Dr. Sontag said. There is no assurance of the accuracy of sleep records, and there is no way of considering outside interests students have, which may be taking of their time and vitality. Also the length of time over which the records were kept vary to a large extent, he said.

"Students whose hours of sleep average only 6.3 are at the low end of the curve with grades averaging a little over 1.4. The graph shows. There is a rapid advance to a shade better than 2.2 when 6.7 hours of sleep are obtained. A slight decrease in grade points comes between 6.7 and 7.2 hours and regular increase is noticed up to the maximum of 8.7 hours. A rapid falling off in efficiency is seen between 8.7 and 9.2 hours.

A chart showing the relation of sleep obtained to the grade point average is as follows:

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LIBRARY NOTICE

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The members of this committee for this year are Marion Churchill, Jean Macalister, Ruth Hoyt, Katherine Brehme and Elizabeth Bauman. I believe the Freshman Class has not yet elected its officers and therefore I do not know who this member of the committee will be.

Bertha L. Rockwell,
Librarian.

PEDANTIC PARROTS

The League for the Prevention of Illiteracy in Parrots is quietly raising the intellectual standards of the more advanced parrot. No longer does one go to a pet shop to purchase a polly. The bird now comes straight from college, bearing their diplomas in their beaks!

The College for Parrots, Brownsville, Texas, is not to be scorned. There are more than fifteen hundred birds all over the world enrolled. Pity the poor Polly! He learns to speak French, German, English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese; he takes singing lessons; he practices the subtle art of whistling; he learns to hum and to coo; he has lessons in "expression," he learns to modulate his voice; he cultivates a gentle laugh, and the soprano trills of the ingenue! Examinations come once a week and are strictly graded. The course usually is three months long. The parrots enter the school at the tender age of five to eight months!

Change Will Unite Students of the World

This is one of a series of articles appearing in college newspapers in eleven different countries through the International Intercollegiate News Exchange during the last four years there have been developed in the colleges and universities of Southern California a plan for a Movement to form a World Student Union, designed as "an educational movement to forward a better understanding between nations." Since its inception in the colleges it intended to include its efforts to only the colleges and universities. Numerous METHODS OF ACTION were proposed for furthering the educational process, such as: moving pictures, articles in college newspapers, designation of certain weeks or "months" during which each phase of college life contributes something toward a study of and effort to understand a particular country, and the formation of a 'Campus International Committee' on each campus to correlate, stimulate and secure cooperation between the various international activities - foster new groups and focus interest of the whole upon competitive cooperation with other colleges and act through its chairman as a definite, responsible contact with outside students and other organizations. Thus ONE of the methods of action is by news articles in the college newspapers.

The plan called for the establishment of a Central Office, under the charge of an Executive Secretary, to which the news items would be sent, and from which they would be distributed to the various newspapers. But since the Movement was insufficiently financed, the exchange of news was begun merely on a small scale in Southern California in the spring of 1928. Then six representatives of the Movement were sent to the World Youth Peace Congress at Berde, Holland, in August, 1923, and there completed the arrangement which is now in force. An informal committee of twenty-five students from various countries met several times and agreed "as between friends" on the following plan of action:

Aims Of Student Union

1. To promote interest of college students in international affairs and other peoples by the printing of articles in college newspapers and magazines written by students in all parts of the world.

2. To give student journalists an opportunity to write for a world student public, and thus inspire an exchange of viewpoint.

3. To stimulate action by college students in building up a peace psychology, and scientific thinking on international problems.

Method Of Work

News articles may be expected on each country where a "center" has been established, namely, Scotland, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Japan, and the United States.

Because of its size, the United States has four "centers" which are located in the University of California at Los Angeles, North Carolina, Ohio, and in the east at Harvard Law School at Cambridge. Mr. Arthur White is acting as the chairman of the eastern center

in the United States or abroad has two duties: (1) to have articles of interest written by local journalists and distribute them to the other centers, twice a month if possible, and (2) to receive all articles sent by other centers and get them printed in as many college publications in his region as is possible. Each center must "reach out" by friends and by correspondence. Dispatching and receiving of articles by college Editors is done through this center of the particular region. This is a simple and transitory method, in lieu of the establishment of the eventual Central Office.

Types Of Articles

1. Accounts of any method or methods of action utilized by a college or university for increasing international understanding among the students, especially when novel and particularly effective.

2. Accounts of interesting general student activities in a country or locality, which help to describe STUDENT LIFE and interest.

3. Articles on the political and economic situation in a country, or the life of a people, written from a non-partisan and academic point of view.

4. Solicited articles from AUTHORITIES on international subjects.

5. Accounts of local and national services and activities of students in so far as they relate to the international—such as a student-erected local monument to peace.

It is very probable that the Movement toward a World Student Union, and its News Exchange, will soon be amalgamated with the N. S. F. A. or National Student Federation of America, which embraces most of the American colleges and universities as members. If so, the News Exchange will be continued without change, and further provision made for distribution of regular national N. S. F. A. news.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT Representative Assembly

A delegation of South African students will visit New York January 5-9 and will be guests at a luncheon at Barnard, on January 8, according to the decision of Representative Assembly last Monday.

The delegation is from the white states of South Africa, and includes about thirty women, who are to be the guests at the luncheon. Plans for the occasion as passed by Representative Assembly are that the lunch shall be held in the South Dining Room of the dormitories, with members of Representative Assembly as active hostesses and all other students to be invited as far as the seating capacity of the dining room allows. Guides are also to be appointed to help show the visitors around the city.

Matters pertaining to the selection of an exchange student this year were also passed on by Representative Assembly. It was decided that the first choice should be from Russia, if practicable, and the second from Turkey.

Questions of routine in respect to the introduction of petitions and resolutions were also settled. After considerable discussions and amending, a motion was passed to the effect that all petitions and resolutions pertaining to outside affairs read in Representative Assembly, printed in Bulletin, are to be posted a week beforehand, unless by a majority vote the representatives decide to waive this rule. This applies strictly to petitions and resolutions on external affairs, but at the discretion of Student Council those pertaining to internal affairs may be posted.

The appointment of Katherine Brehme as chairman of eligibility was confirmed by the Assembly.

HOW MUCH SLEEP

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entire student body shows that the largest single group obtained between 7.5 and 7.9 hours of sleep. This group is made up of 142 students. The graph also shows that four students averaged less than 6.5 hours and that eight obtained between 9 and 9.5 hours.

"The research project was started by Dr. J. Rosslyn Earp, former college physician, with a group of 53 volunteers. Dr. Sontag continued the work and enlarged its scope to include almost the entire student body. Records were kept and tabulated with the aid of the community service system in both semesters. All classes, both men and women, cooperated in obtaining the data."

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Friday, December 21
Silver Bay Club
Conference Room at 4:00
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Saturday, December 22
Vacation begins

Monday, January 7
Vacation ends

Friday, January 11
Chaucer Plays
Theatre at 6:00

BARNARD GRADUATE OUTLINES LABOR PROBLEM

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the ideas of unionism and collective bargaining among Southern labor. The Council is also sponsoring classes in economics and labor problems, given by Tom Tippet, instructor at Brookwood Labor College.

"The supreme conservation of the A. F. of L." was shown at its recent New Orleans convention. Brookwood was denounced as Communist and favoring anti-A. F. of L. teaching, and official A. F. of L. support was withdrawn from the college. At the same time a tribute to Professor Dewey as a great educator was expunged from the record because it was stated that Professor Dewey favored Soviet Russia and was instigating Communist propaganda in the United States. This motion was made by Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L. and acting president of the American Civic Federation, an organization of bankers and corporation heads, most of whom are strongly anti-union and open shop in their belief. The weakness of the A. F. of L. in its leadership and policies is seen in its dependence on Brookwood graduates to carry out important work. Both Alfred Hoffman, who organized the Piedmont Organizing Council and Tim Tippet who teaches its classes are Brookwood graduates.

The American labor movement is complicated by the split between the left and right wings, the Communists and Socialists respectively. That split has played havoc in the needle workers' union, and will have important results in the future.

Conservatism Explained

The conservatism of the A. F. of L. may be explained largely in the same way as the recent election of Hoover. A belief in prosperity naturally causes dislike and fear of radical change. That prosperity is far from being so widespread as is generally thought, Miss Kohn instanced by reference to the disastrous conditions in the textile and mining industries. The numerous strikes in the textile industry,—New Bedford, Passaic, Paterson, and the recent long-fought coal strike which combined with the installation of improved machinery, has resulted in the permanent displacement of 200,000 men—point to economic stringency rather than prosperity.

The traditional policy of the A. F. of L. has been non-partisanship in politics. It has not been in favor of "carrying the question of labor into politics." The A. F. of L. does not welcome intellectuals into its ranks as does the English Labor Party. Such cooperation said Miss Kohn, is necessary to establish a strong Labor Party in this country.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB PLANS LIVELY PROGRAM

The Intercollegiate Conference of the League for Industrial Democracy is being held in cooperation with the Barnard Social Science Forum at Brinkerhoff Theatre, December 26-28. The subject of the Conference is Methods and Limits of Social Control.

The program presents interesting events and speakers. On Wednesday afternoon Stacy May and Norman Thomas will speak on "This Decaying Individualism." A buffet supper and an informal reception to the delegates will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thomas. Reports will be presented from College Chapters and from students who have been in industry. The topic for Thursday morning will be "Problems of Public Ownership and Operation," and will be discussed by Vladimir Karapetoff and H. S. Rausenbush. In the afternoon Walter Hedden and George Soule will speak on "Problems of Distribution and Social Marketing."

Thursday evening the delegates will join a theater party to see "Singing Jailbirds," by Upton Sinclair at the Provincetown Playhouse. The discussion groups continue on Friday and close at last with a skit and dance given by the Columbia Social Problems Club and the Barnard Social Science Forum in honor of the visiting delegates.

Tickets for the Thursday evening Theatre Party should be secured at once from the office of the LL.D. Reservations for the Skit and Dance should also be made as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Some time ago the library started a collection of books and articles written and published by former Barnard students. This collection at present is not very large. If any of the Barnard Alumnae who have published anything feel inclined to contribute books or articles for this Alumnae Library, the library will be very glad to receive such contributions. These books will all be kept together in one place and ought in time to make an interesting collection.

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