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ANNUAL JUNIOR PROMENADE HELD AT SHERRY'S, OVER 110 COUPLES PRESENT AT GALA EVENT

Black And Silver Compacts And
Leather Wallets Presented
As Favors

HONOR MISS VREDENBURGH

Supper Served At Midnight; Dr.
And Mrs. Mullins Among Those
On Receiving Line

The annual Junior Promenade of Barnard College was held last Saturday evening in the ballroom of Sherry's, 300 Park Avenue. Over 110 members of the Class of 1932 and their escorts were present. Dancing to the music of Phil Romano's orchestra began at 10 and lasted till three in the morning. Miss Sally Vredenburg, President of the Undergraduate Body was student guest of honor. The list of Faculty invited included Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, who was unfortunately unable to attend, Acting Dean and Mrs. George Walker Mullins, Miss Mabel Foote Weeks, Miss Barbara Kruger, and Dr. G. Marshall Kay. The faculty, Miss Christianna Furse, Prom chairman, Miss Madeleine Gilmore, President of the Class, and Miss Vredenburg formed the receiving line.

Supper was served at midnight, between the seventh and eighth dances. On the table, each girl found a black and silver compact, with the initials '32' in raised silver upon it, while her escort was presented with a black leather wallet on which Barnard seal and '32' were also impressed.

Miss Furse was ably assisted in making the arrangements by the

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Growth Of Literature Traced By Thorndike

Present Day College Men And
Women Better Read Than
Shakespeare He Says

"The literature of the future, based upon new industrial society, will increase in quantity. In a great outgrowth, its possibilities for our grandchildren will become richer." Professor Ashley Thorndike substantiated this statement from readings of the manuscripts of his new book, in the first of a series of six lectures on the "Outgrowth of Literature," on Wednesday at Philosophy Hall.

Outlook is Encouraging

Tracing verbal material through the spoken word of drama, to the pamphlets and periodicals of an America in which only one-tenth of the population could read the declaration of independence, on to today when thousands of college men and women are far better read than Shakespeare, Professor Thorndike pronounced the outlook extremely encouraging. David Copperfield, a generation after the circulating libraries had been innovated under the influence of Scott, reached its high watermark at a publication of 25,000. Today a novel reaches five or six million people within a year after publication.

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FINAL SENIOR TEA
TO THE
SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY
TUESDAY, MARCH 10th
IN THE
COLLEGE PARLOR

DIRECTORS SPEAK ON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Misses Friedman and Smith Tell
Of Crying Need For Program
Extension

The Assembly held in the gymnasium this Tuesday at one, turned the attention of the student body to the small group comprising the Barnard Summer School for Women Workers in Industry.

Introduced by Miss Hutchinson

Professor Emilie J. Hutchinson of both the winter and summer session faculties, introduced Miss Ernestine Friedman, supervisor of the Barnard Summer School, and Miss Hilda Smith, director of the Summer School for Women Workers. The speakers treated of the crying need for an extended program of workers' education. "The worker who has felt the impact of experience resulting from coming to this country as an immigrant, acquiring the skill to make a garment, standing for long hours on picket in a bread line—such a worker feels the need of an educational program giving her the chance to speak and write about these vital matters."

Speaks of Subjects Taught

English, history, science and economics are taught as general cultural subjects, given special point by the workers' discussions of their own experiences in present-day industrial America. The healthful recreation offered the students provides for that physical ease so necessary and conducive to clear, orderly thinking. The whole project aims at a break in the rapid tempo of modern industrial life, to allow for intellectual consideration of the problems engendered by the system and to give the worker mental and spiritual weapons to cope with the problems of the future.

Fifty-one Students Attend

There were fifty-one students at Barnard during the summer of 1930. They were predominantly of Polish and Russian birth and some 50 per cent were engaged in various branches of the ladies' garment industry. Tuition at the school is free, but since the sacrifice of seven weeks' salary is a tremendous one, various scholarships and subsidies must be arranged for the students. Private endowments for scholarships of this kind are the best means of extending the invaluable service of the Workers' Educational Movement of which the Barnard, Bryn Mawr, and Wisconsin Summer Schools are the pioneer examples in America. Branches of the Labor

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Student Fellow Tells of Studies in Athens

Mary Goggin, '30, In Letter to Bulletin describes work in
Classics, Abroad

By Mary Goggin

Ed. Note: The following is a letter from Mary Goggin, Student Fellow from Barnard for 1930, who is continuing her classical studies at Athens. Miss Goggin was elected to Student Fellowship by the college last year.

On August 29th I sailed from New York for Cherbourg. Instead of going directly to Greece I planned the trip by way of Cherbourg and Marseilles. The crossing was delightful; every minute of the nine days was enjoyable. At least two-thirds of the passengers were students and teachers going to Europe for study and travel. We had excellent deck tennis. I was gratified for my teniquoit experience at Barnard.

Meets Mr. Venizelos

I had almost two weeks in Spain, not nearly so long as I should have liked, but my disappointment at having to leave so soon was lessened by the anticipation of getting to Athens and Greece. I sailed for Greece from Marseilles on the S. S. Andros—in a Greek ship from a Greek port, for Marseilles was founded by Greeks twenty-five hundred years ago. The Mediterranean trip of four days was even more interesting than the Atlantic crossing for familiar names were now beginning to come to life, Corsica and Sardinia, Stromboli, the Straits of Messina, Seylla and Charybdis where Odysseus lost six of his men; Sicily, the islands of Ithaca, Cephalonia and Zante, and finally the Gulf of Corinth, the canal, Salamis, and Athens. But the most interesting part of the trip was the presence of Mr. Venizelos, the prime minister of Greece, who was returning to Athens after a month in Europe. It was a great joy to see him for his appearance is in keeping with his genius and he looks every inch the great statesman that he is. I

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COMMITTEE COMPLETES WIDE HONOR'S SURVEY REPORT INCLUDES VARIED ARRAY OF OPINION

MR. BRUCE BLIVEN
Editor of the New Republic.
Will Address the
SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM
on
"LIBERALISM"
THURSDAY, MARCH 5th,
AT 4 P. M.

ELECTION SCHEDULES FOR TERM ANNOUNCED

Undergraduate President Will Be
Elected March 12th And 13th;
Close April 17th

The schedule of the nominations and elections of the undergraduate officers for the year 1931-1932, has been announced as follows by Student Council.

Nominations for the President of the Undergraduate Association will be made at an open meeting of the college, Monday, March 2nd in Room 304 Barnard Hall. The election of this officer will be held on March 12 and 13th.

The Editor-in-Chief of Bulletin will be elected at a joint meeting of the Bulletin Staff and Student Council on March 12th.

Honor Board Elections

On March 16th, nominations for Honor Board Chairman will be held. Election of a student to this office will be held on March 19th and 20th.

On March 23rd Nominations will be made for Undergraduate Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These will be elected on March 31st and April 1st.

On March 26th and 27th the presidents of the future Senior, Junior and Sophomore Classes will be elected.

Club elections will be held the week of April 7th.

On April 13th nominations for members of Representative Assembly from the college at large will be made. These elections will be held at the same time as the election

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Ten Faculty Departments Answer
Questionnaires; Suggest Many
Emendations

VOICE MANY ARGUMENTS

Six Main Disadvantages Set Forth
By Faculty And Students;
Some Favor Plan

The survey of the present status of the Honors course at Barnard, undertaken by the curricular committee early last term, has been completed and a report of the findings has been presented to the Faculty. Letters were sent to each department listed in the syllabus. Replies were received from ten departments.

Miss Bahouth's Report

Excerpts from the report as compiled by Miss Majorie Bahouth, 31, Chairman of the Curricular Committee, follow:

"Due to the fact that the comments and evaluations of these Departments was in the form of a letter rather than that of a questionnaire, it is difficult to classify the comments in a listed form." Miss Bahouth, however, has set down in summarized form the principal comments for and against the present system of reading for Honors, and the suggested changes and emendations.

Six Disadvantages

Adverse criticism included six main disadvantages of the system. Several departments pointed out the difficulties of administration. They feel that at present the personnel of the various departments

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First Frosh Dance Takes Place Tonight

Dr. and Mrs. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs.
Marshall and Dr. Moley
Among Guests

The class of 1934 will hold its first dance Friday, February 27, from 8:30 to 12:30 in the Gym. The Freshman Dance is an annual affair held during the second semester, and is the last college dance until the Senior Ball.

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Mullins, Miss Mabel Foote Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Marshall, Miss Barbara Kruger, and Professor Raymond Moley will be guests and they, with Miss Jane Martin, Class President, and Miss Kathleen McGinchy, Social Chairman will act on the receiving line.

The decoration committee, headed by Mary Dickinson, have arranged to have decorations in black and white checkers. Barnard College Seal, the class numerals, and the class mascot, a lion, will form the main decorative scheme.

The Carleton Club orchestra will play for the fourteen dances.

The Committee in charge of the dance consists of Kathleen McGinchy, Mary Dickinson, Marjorie Rainey, Helen Walker, and Jane Martin, ex-officio.

Pity The Poor Punster On A Day Like This When Vengeful Reporters Turn Puns To Boomerangs

By Hortense Calisher

Columbia Spectator quotes from the Bulletin Editorial which pleads for renovation of the Brinckerhoff stage, "an immediate help would be the plastering of the chimney in the rear of the stage" and then comments "And a wee drop of something for the girls out front."

We are pleased to announce that Comptroller Swan has promised to do something about that plastering on the stage. He has not been notified as yet about that little matter of the girls out front, but he is such a competent comptroller that we are sure he will be able to do something about that too.

We know of course that no completely sober piece of dramatic art

could ever please the Columbians. They are past masters in the fine art of inebriation. But, might we suggest, in the case of the pony ballets of future varsity Shows—a gentle orgy of calcimining, if only in the interests of pulchritude. As for plastering—we prefer to maintain our equilibrium. And so it is that our chorus girls out front are, as good little girls should be, "seen but not heard." Whereas—But you get the point.

As to that "plastering" idea again. No—no—we'll concede the point. As far as we can ascertain, our brother collegians across the car-tracks have always been plastered enough for both of us. Q. E. D.

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Editorial

An Appeal for Action

Much too frequently, ambitious organizations authorize the conducting of surveys, complacently listen to an analysis of their results, and then with a vote of thanks to those in charge dismiss the entire matter. The decisive action for which the study has paved the way, remains a figment of unreality. It is this inertia that is responsible to a large extent for governmental inefficiency.

An extensive investigation of the Honors system has just been completed. We have at our fingertips the opinions of the faculty and students concerned. We know what they consider to be the advantages and disadvantages of the course and we know that there is an equal amount of adverse and favorable criticism.

Our editorial policy this year has been consistent opposition to any measures which advocate specialization of the undergraduate student's interests. But in as much as many members of the faculty approve the Honors plan, and almost all the present Honor students feel that they are deriving advantages which they could not otherwise obtain, we cannot help but realize that the abolition of the system would prove unpopular. The results of the survey, however, show a unanimous agreement as to its potentialities for improvement. Specific and con-

Forum Column

To the Editor of Bulletin.

Dear Madam: We should like to call to the attention of the college the fact that an extra-mural committee functions at Barnard. The purpose of this committee is to bring matters of general interest, outside the college walls, to the notice of the students. Notices of N. S. F. A. (National Students' Federation of America) activities also come through this committee. A bulletin board in the main corridor of Barnard Hall, marked "Extra-mural" has been reserved for such material. It is therefore requested that no sign-up posters or club notices be placed on this board.

The committee would be very glad to hear from students of any matters which they might wish to bring to the attention of the college. We would also welcome any suggestions as to how the committee might extend or improve its activities.

Sincerely, Edith Gutman, Chairman of Extra-Mural Activities.

Honors Course Report Presented To Faculty

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is too limited to give adequate time to students doing Honors reading. Still others find flaws in the system of selecting Honors candidates. They believe that 75 per cent A and B grades in a total of 60 points of work is too low a standard. The present system stresses general ability whereas it should lay particular emphasis on the special ability of the student. Another criticism is that the Junior year is too late to begin reading for Honors, since it does not permit of sufficient differentiation between Honors and Major students and further tends to excessive congestion of subject during the last two years.

Prolonged Academic Infancy

One department consulted objected to the prolongation of academic infancy since the system extends the term of the exceptional student to the full four years, whereas it is this type of student who should be encouraged to complete her college course in a shorter time in order to proceed more quickly to graduate study.

Too Much Specialization

Three further disadvantages of the system that received consideration from the faculty were specialization at the expense of general education, lack of definite aim and purpose in the Honors course, and scholastic difficulties preparatory to specialization, particularly in the field of natural sciences. The trend of all the adverse comments seemed to indicate that the Honors course as it now exists is not adapted to the average A student but to the very exceptional one who is often not sufficiently considered by the present system of selection.

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structive suggestions have been offered. The question now is—will the suggested reforms be enacted, or will this survey go the way of most surveys and represent simply useless expenditure of energy?

With a program of reform so definitely outlined, a refusal to take steps to make of the Honors system a more perfect academic institution can be significant only of an inexcusable remissness and a deplorable indifference to the interests of the students.

In The World

Muscle Shoals

Nothing should be done about Muscle Shoals. As it stands, it will remain a perpetual and magnificent memorial to the various administrations that have made it what it is today.

Maligned Mussolini

Mussolini must be weakening. Or why are his henchmen so eager to defend his far name from slurs? Mere words should be nothing to a man of iron. The latest alleged mud-slinging comes from Mr. O'Brien, Assistant Attorney General of the United States. He declared, "Thank God, we do not live in a country such as Italy where the dictatorship of one man can make a horizontal slice in wages." Maybe this is only a comparison between the two countries. But if we were Mussolini, we wouldn't be angry, only terribly, terribly hurt.

The End of the World

The pride of the Pulitzers has hit the bottom with a bang. Paul Block and the voracious Scripps-Howard newspaper chain are haggling over its corpse. What is the world coming to these days.

Dying Navy

Representative Britten is deeply chagrined at the failure of the naval construction bill. He makes the peculiar statement that it means that the London Treaty is merely a scrap of paper. According to Mr. Britten one build up to limitation. We will be branded as a niggardly, cowardly nation that refused to build a couple of ships for the sake of international peace. It also means, says he, that the American Congress is dominated by Bolshevicks (Mr. Fish won't let them hurt you, Mr. Britten), Socialists and Pacifists. Furthermore, American commerce the world over will not be accorded the same protection as British commerce. If one cruiser, one airplane carrier and four submarines, called for under the defeated bill, can protect American commerce the world over, the United States might as well scrap its merchant marine and go out of business altogether. It's fortunate Mr. Britten landed in Congress. He might be dangerous anywhere else.

Law Observance

The Senate is asking for the data of the Wickerham Body on the wet states. It wants to know how the prohibition law is obeyed and observed in New York. "that great state of more than 10,000,000 people." Inquire at any private house in the fifties any hour of the day or night. You'll find most of the 10,000,000 people there and you'll certainly discover how they observe the prohibition law. They drink to it.

Let Them Eat Cake

The delegates of a dozen European countries recently met at Paris to discuss the oversupply of wheat due to Russia's dumping tactics. Mr. Coolidge could give the delegates a few pointers. He eats oatmeal for breakfast, a kernel of wheat surplus in America.

HERE AND THERE ABOUT TOWN

Second Balcony

In The Best Of Families

By Harriet and Maurice Braddell
Broad Theatre

In The Best of Families is one of the reasons why most theatre-goers are ashamed to admit they like farce. When Mrs. Fiske tripped through Ladies of the Jury they were not so sure, but such a piece as this being presented now at the Bijou can only make them rejoice that they did not declare themselves openly.

The action of the play arises from the fact that a baby, left at two o'clock on the door-step of a respectable and wealthy family, is something of an embarrassment—particularly when concealed on the baby's person is a note reading, "I want my child to be with its father." If you imagine this doesn't cause a commotion, you're wrong, because, you see, there are six active male members of the aforesaid respectable and wealthy household, counting of course, Edwards the Butler, and grandfather who is sick upstairs. At the end of the third act you can't help but be terribly surprised at grandfather.

The paraphernalia peculiar to bad farce is present in abundance: the eternally jangling telephone and doorbell; the spinster who knows more than she should about the wicked ways of men; the lady who calls for her smelling salts regularly every five minutes throughout the entire three acts; and the old family servant who mispronounces French words and speaks with an English accent such as was never heard on land or sea, except perhaps on other Broadway stages where similar farces have been played. The playwrights have assumed that two people sitting on the floor are infinitely more humorous than two people in chairs, or standing on the legs God gave them; that leaping up stairs three at a time is good for a laugh, whereas walking up them isn't; that red-haired women are always widows; that modern young men recall their indiscretions by looking them up in their diaries; and that all clergymen are conscienceless jackasses who condone occasional trespassing so long as it brings a sizable check for the support of their pet charity.

Not content with these ecstatically humorous ingredients of their play, the authors have pepped up the whole with sure-fire box-office appeal. For example, when a stout, blond play-agent is mistaken by the family for the mother of the baby, the audience is treated to fifteen successive minutes of the double entendre at its worst. That is always a convenient device for making raw cracks palatable, and the spectators giggled and tittered appreciatively.

If the above account doesn't convince you that In The Best of Families is a dull and tasteless play, then don't miss it. It certainly isn't any worse than that, and may be better. Indeed, it is only fair to report that the audience at the Bijou fairly shook its rafters with their mirth. Perhaps this reviewer wasn't in the mood for this type of humor, or possibly she didn't get the perpetually restated point. "Risqué," reads the advertisement, quoted from Anonymous, "but amusing." Well, maybe Anonymous is right.

E. D. T.

Topaze

Topaze, in French, is not a frame for the goings-on of it. Arnaudy playing the title role of the down-trodden professor blossoms like the rose into a vicious, impertinent crook. He is an actor who acts with his soul and his eyebrows. An Englishman with all his bellowings does not express as much as Mr. Arnaudy with a flick of his fingers. He shrugs frequently, runs around, flings himself violently into chairs, declaims with fervor on any and all topics, lets slip delicious witticisms with charming nonchalance. In fact, he convinces everyone that he gives his all. If there had been a chandelier, he probably would have swung from it to register something or other.

He is none of your stinging American actors who portray noble restraint and pretend that there are hidden fires beneath the calm exterior, for fear of bringing down the ceiling if they move a finger. He is a Latin, he has the fire, the verve. When he slams a door the walls totter. As the professor, he is so humble, so dismally honest, such an idiot although a sympathique idiot as the lady of the piece calls him, that we love and despair. How we rejoice when in the last act he is transformed into a shaven, domineering, wealthy and respected rogue. With what an air he wears his grey-cloth topped patent leather shoes with red laces. They must represent the height of sinful elegance in Paris.

Mr. Frank Morgan made a very good English Topaze but he did not approach the spirit of Mr. Arnaudy who is a delight to the eye and the ear. Only a Frenchman can appreciate Topaze.

Strange as it may seem, there are other characters in the play. The director of the Pension Muche is beautifully done by a gentleman who puts over the oiliest, suavest, most ingratiating flow of words we have ever heard. The ladies, alas, do not measure up to the standard set by the gentlemen. The ingenue minces about with the unquenchable coyness of fifty odd. Mme. Rissler, as the woman in the case does rather well.

The play is in four acts, one more than in the English version. In not having this extra act as well as in the production itself, the English play was better. But why stick at such trifles? The English version was like dough with the yeast left out. In French it is practically all yeast with just enough dough to hold it down. It bubbles. It is "spiritual" and clever and biting. The theme, that money buys everything, is not of the most novel but the irony of the humble little professor whose motto is *Le tout ne fait pas le bonheur* and who succumbs to the lure of money because it leads to power and respectability is brought out with incomparable sparkle and wit. Oh, those American comedies with their jokes dragged out of the morgue and their delicate blunders of the point until it is all dead and crooked. In other words, we like Topaze. In the original it is to laugh.

R.

RATCLIFFE DISCUSSES UNEMPLOYMENT

eminent British Journalist Urges Audience To Distinguish Dole And Insurance

You took your position too much for granted, and so did we," declared Mr. James Ratcliffe, the eminent British journalist, in his address last Friday evening in the Millin Theatre on "Britain's Greatest Problem—Unemployment." "We had assumed," he continued, "that those foundation conditions would remain unaltered. We took our long-continued success too easily."

World Depression

It was with a great shock that the world realized it was in a state of great financial depression. "But," continued the speaker, "the depression has been going on in England for ten years. Public opinion, as it always does, blamed the government for the situation. But no government can be said to be responsible for it. Governments have only a relative responsibility for industrial depression and unemployment."

English Insurance System

In speaking of the system of protective insurance for the workingman in England, Mr. Ratcliffe urged the audience to distinguish between the dole and "the established system of unemployment insurance, invariably miscalled the dole." "For about twenty years we have had in England a system of compulsory, national insurance against sickness. The employed, the employer and the Government are contributors to the fund. In the event of the loss of a job, the bearer of the insurance is entitled to relief for a period of three months. This is not a dole. Any aid additional to this three-month period is a dole." And Mr. Ratcliffe believes that "no future government will ever alter the system of national insurance."

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of officers of the Athletic Association, on April 16 and 17th. Miss Vredenburg outlines duties

Sally Vredenburg, present President of the Undergraduate Association describes the qualifications and duties of the undergraduate president in the following communication to Bulletin:

"In view of the approaching election of the Undergraduate President it would probably be of interest to the electorate to know some facts about the office. Dean Gildersleeve in the Opening Assembly spoke of the Undergraduate President as the first citizen. The President is then the leading representative of the Undergraduates on all occasions and particularly in those meetings with the faculty and with the alumnae when she is called upon to voice student opinion. It is her sworn duty to carry out the will of the Association as it is voiced by the members of Student Council acting upon the policy outlined by the Representative Assembly. The field of greatest accomplishment for the President lies in presenting to these two bodies suggestions which have been brought to her attention by various groups. For this reason she should have contacts with a large number of undergraduates so that individuals will feel free to come to her with suggestions and criticisms since it is only through constructive criticism of undergraduate life that the Association can justify its existence as a body."

Growth Of Literature Traced By Thorndike

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No Recreation Rivals Reading
"There is no stabilization, no lessening of the demand for printed matter," continued Professor Thorndike. "Unlike automobiles, some books never wear out and are always desirable."

Movies Closest Competitor
"Seeing pictures," Professor Thorndike confessed, "is probably the closest competitor." The evolution of the cinema may be traced from the churches of the middle ages. Human imagination, however, cannot get along without words. The cinema itself has become voiced. Through the radio, the literature of the future may often be heard rather than read. With the growth of popular assemblies, speech making has increased.

"Reading is less repetitive now. But reiterated reading is not necessarily a mark of intelligence. I doubt if there was ever more careful reading than now. The modern reading public is better informed and no less intelligent than its ancestors."

Reading Facilitated
"The conditions for easy reading have become more and more wide-

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was fortunate enough to be able to talk with him for a few minutes on deck one morning very early. He was simple and friendly. I was welcomed to Athens in impressive fashion, for the guns of the harbor boomed long and loudly in his honor as the boat came into the Peiræus.

Description Of School
The school is nicely situated somewhat outside the city, facing Hymettus, a high, beautiful mountain. From the main building the Acropolis and the Parthenon can be clearly seen. There are three buildings, Loring Hall, a new dormitory, completed only last spring and equipped with every modern convenience, the envy of all the Athenians; the main building which contains the director's home, the classrooms, and the working library; and the Gennadeion, a building in the classic style of Pentelic marble, containing the books of Mr. Gennadeios, a Greek bibliophile, who presented to the school a wonderful collection of rare old books and manuscripts pertaining to Greek and Byzantine history and literature.

Three Branches Of Study
The personnel consists of the director and his assistant, two visit-

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Beginning Friday, February 27, there will be three practices a week for both Freshmen and Sophomore Greek Games Athletics. The following program will be continued throughout the remainder of the practice season.

- Monday—5-6 Freshmen.
- Tuesday—5-6 Sophomores.
- Friday—4-5 Freshmen.
- Friday—5-6 Sophomores.
- Saturday—11-12 Sophomores.
- Saturday—12-1 Freshmen.

SILVER BAY GROUP TO HEAR DR. ALSOP

Dr. Alsop will address the Silver Bay Group in the Conference Room today, at four, on her experiences as a medical missionary in China. The college is invited.

William And Mary To Debate With Columbia

Columbia Will Affirm The Principles And Practises Of Democracy

A debate between representatives from William and Mary College and Columbia University will take place in the social room at John Jay Hall at 8:15 on Friday evening, February 27th. The subject of the debate is as follows: Resolved, that this house affirms the principles and practices of democracy. Columbia's representatives are Lamoyne A. Jones, '32, and Lloyd A. Seidman, '32.

Expostulation And Reply

First Student:
"Why the hurry, why the flurry;
Why the running and the scurry?
Life is restful, life is peaceful;
Give me now my daily sleep."
Second Student:
"Junior, Junior, leave that rut
now;
Don't you know it's time to strut
now?
Burst your shackles apathetic;
Rise to glory and your show."
Duo:
Dash and music stimulating,
Color, sparkle innervating,
Gaiety and jovous laughter
Beckon us to Junior Show.

Where will the two slanting lines meet if the shorter one is continued? Good eyes are needed for this one.

YOUR EYES MAY FOOL YOU BUT YOUR TASTE tells the Truth!

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Honors Course Report Presented to Faculty

Favorable Comment

There was, however, favorable comment on the system from many members of the faculty. Many believe that it adds greatly in the general application of specialized knowledge by giving the student intimate contact with at least one branch of work correlated with others. A further value of the Honor course, it is felt, is apparent in its helping towards a more sensitive adjustment of the student and her abilities to her work. This is notably true of the larger departments. The system is considered valuable preliminary training for those students who intend to pursue graduate study, to teach, or to enter post-graduate professional careers. Because of the opportunity for closer cultural contact with the faculty that the Honors system offers, many faculty members feel that its existence is sufficiently justified. Furthermore, it provides incentive and recognition for the better students. A well-developed Honors course is also a considerable addition to the prestige of the college, giving it a distinctive position.

Changes In Requirement

Several changes in the selection of candidates were suggested. A return to the original system of having the students picked by a Faculty committee on the recommendation of the various departments, was advocated. Others approved an increase from the present standard of 75 per cent A and B work to a higher one. Still another group would like to have the Honors work begun in the Sophomore year. It has also been suggested that the conditions of Eligibility to the Honors course be broadened to include a larger part of the student body at least at the beginning of the course.

Special Honor's Courses

Added suggestions were that special courses of an advanced nature should be open to Honors students only. In the second year of the course many thought that seminars or discussion groups should be available. Grades for the Honors students, tests of fitness from year to year, and a regular progression of courses were also suggested.

It is significant to note that the class of 1931, numbering 239 has 9 students taking the Honors course although 38 were offered the opportunity. In the class of 1932, num-

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Directors Speak On Industrial School

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movement, the union, and industrial clubs in the Young Women's Christian Association, furnish the majority of students.

Worker Addresses Assembly

The assembly was addressed by Sonia Rubach, a worker in the women's garment trades, who has attended the school for the past two summers. Miss Rubach's exuberant enthusiasm and declaration of her intense interest in the work of the school gave a very adequate sense of the thrilling experience an opportunity for learning is to these school-starved workers. The zeal for knowledge has carried many of them very far in reading and it is the lack of formal instruction that they feel.

In allowing the use of their buildings and facilities for the education of women workers, Barnard and Bryn Mawr have set an excellent example for colleges and schools in the industrially crowded Eastern seaboard district.

Growth of Literature Traced by Thorndike

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spread. People are more encouraged to spend their spare time reading. The excess of inexperience, sneered at by the veterans, is an inevitable and not very significant increment. Readers today, with their literary guilds and clubs are no more or less like sheep than when under the dictatorship of Dr. Johnson. In consideration of the great sale of standard books and reprints, we may conclude that the public reads old as well as new books."

Literature has in the past consisted largely in the recording of and commenting on news of the day. "The literature of the future," stated Professor Thorndike, "will be very much occupied with affairs of the moment."

"Diversity of interests is even more remarkable than the size of the reading public. The demand for further specialization will continue to increase. Writing will pay better, and the response will be more appreciative. The surplus of the commonplace will itself be a spur to originality."

Dr. Meiklejohn Recommends Closing Wisconsin College

Head Of Experimental Project Urges Respite In Order To Take Stock Of Results

The University of Wisconsin intends, upon the suggestion of Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, to recommend the discontinuance of the experimental college, according to an Associated Press release. Dr. Meiklejohn has directed the five-year experiment.

The closing of the college, Dr. Meiklejohn said, would enable the faculty of the university to make a study of the results obtained. After consideration of the practical aspects of the experiment, Dr. Meiklejohn suggested that the faculty either continue the college, modify its scope or abandon all formal experimentation.

The experimental college marked a radical departure in education. Dr. Meiklejohn set up the educational laboratory at the suggestion of Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the university, who induced him to join the faculty. He was president of Amherst College from 1912 until 1924.

In the experimental college Dr. Meiklejohn set up new lines of procedure for first and second year students. The students composed a separate unit at the university. They had their own classrooms and lived together in a dormitory. They thus were practically secluded from the academic life of the university as a whole.

After two years in the experimental college, the students became members of the junior class of the university. The college was founded on the tutorial system and instead of studying specific subjects, students devoted their time to learning of civilizations.—N. S. F. A.

Student Fellow Tells of Studies in Athens

ing professors and about twenty students. Those whose special fields are Archaeology are more numerous than the Greek history and literature students. The three branches, however, are closely associated and one must know tolerably well at least all three before one can be a professor. The civilization of ancient Greece. The majority of the students have had considerable graduate work. The social life is unusually pleasant and stimulating because all are enthusiastic about the same things and more than ordinarily well-informed.

Our school year is divided into three parts: the first is devoted to travel through Greece, the second to lectures and courses here at the school in Athens; we are free the last part of the year to do independent research or to travel again.

Trip To Northern Greece

The school opened officially October 1st and on October 15th the fall trips began. This gave us five days in which to read and study about the places we were to visit. Each student was assigned one site which he was expected to know very thoroughly and report on when we arrived there. We went first to northern Greece. Battlefields were numerous. We visited Thermopylae, Leucra, Plataea and Marathon. But the two places I enjoyed were Delphi and the monastery of Saint Luke. Delphi was the Vatican of ancient Greece, the seat of her religion. Here, from very early times, there was an oracle and shrine of the god, Apollo. It was the center of the Delphic Amphictyony, the most ancient confederation of Greek states. The mystery and grandeur of the scenery—Delphi is high on the mountains on the slopes of Parnassus beside the Castalian Spring overlooking a deep gorge—leaves little room for wonder that the Greeks believed it the dwelling-place of a god. The oracle influenced the history of noble houses and of whole nations from an early period. Not Greeks alone but barbarians, too, came here to ask advice from the god and were careful to follow his instructions. The oracle was consulted on all affairs of consequence such as the making of laws, the beginning of decisive wars, the despatch of colonies.

Visits St. Luke Monastery

The monastery of Saint Luke, in a lonely but beautiful valley in Beotia, was founded by this saint in the tenth century. We were hospitably received by the old abbot who gave us coffee and ouzo, a favorite Greek drink, and showed us about the buildings. The war church is a notable example of Byzantine architecture.—N. S. F. A. Bulletin

Student Fellowship Needs 600 Dollars By Next Week

The Student Fellowship Committee will make a special effort during the week of March 2nd to bring the pledges up to the required sum of \$2,000. At present only \$1,400 has been pledged, including faculty and trustee donations. Thus the student body must pledge during this week a minimum of \$600.

If you have not yet made a pledge or if you wish to add to your pledge, fill out the blank below and send through Student's Mail to Alpha Chapter or Margaret Martin, Name _____ Class _____ Have you made a previous pledge this year? _____ If so, how much? _____ Total amount you wish to pledge \$ _____ including previous pledges _____

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The newspaper further admits that various other difficulties would arise, especially that of completing the week's class scheduled. It suggests, therefore, that students attend classes in certain subjects each day until that course has been completed, and then take up work in other courses, studying in that every day until it is completed.—Hilfandette Collegian.

On Other College Campuses

The faculty of the University of Rochester recently voted to do away with all 8 a. m. classes, having decided it was better for the students to sleep in their own rooms instead of the classrooms.

After August 15, 1931, co-eds in the state of Ohio will have to return fraternity pins to their original owners or spend a month or so in jail, for a law on the Ohio statute books declares that "Whoever, not being entitled so to do under the rules and regulations thereof, wears the badge or button of a society or organization of ten years' standing in this state, shall be fined not more than \$20, or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both."

Last year there were more college students in the United States than in all the rest of the world combined. There were 1,237,000 students enrolled in colleges and universities in this country.

Eugene, Ore.—Wedded bliss and higher education can be combined successfully, at least, at University of Oregon. Out of a total of 3,095 students, 119 are married.

A course called "The Art of Making Love" has been instituted at Rollins College and gives credit for five hours a week. There is no laboratory work.—N. S. F. A. Bulletin.

Unhappy Freshman's Lot In 1734

Being a college student of Harvard University in 1734 was a stern and solemn business. Rules for freshmen included such as these: "No freshman shall wear his hat in the College yard except when it rains, or when he is on horseback, or with both hands full. No freshman shall use lying or equivocation to escape going on an errand. Freshmen may wear their hats at dinner and supper, except when they go to receive the Commons of bread and butter."—N. S. F. A. Bulletin.

Seniors Elect Foote To League Assembly

Class Votes To Reinstitute Senior Show Omitted By 1930 Class

At a meeting of the Senior Class held on Wednesday, Helen Foote was elected as a delegate to the Model League Assembly at Princeton, from a list of several candidates presented to the class by Ihan Auerbach, Chairman of an entire delegation from Barnard.

Ruth Abelson, chairman of Senior Week Activities announced the final schedule of events and urged the prompt cooperation of the members of the class. Marion Kalish, Senior Show Chairman, explained the advantages of reinstating the custom of a senior show. The class of 1930 had departed from the senior show tradition. The seniors voted their approval of presenting a straight play instead of a musical production.

Due to the many demands made on the class-treasury at this time, it was found impossible to donate any advertisement to Mortarboard.

College Verse Anthology Will Be Published Soon

Prizes Of \$25, 15 and 10 Will Be Awarded To Successful Competitors

Because of the splendid proportions to which American college and university poetry has grown, Henry Harrison, a New York publisher, will issue an anthology called American College Verse.

All students who write poetry are urged to communicate promptly with this publishing house, so that they may be sent full details. The anthology will be edited by Mr. Harrison himself, and illustrated by Charles Cullen.

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In writing for information, students should mention the name of their college. Address Henry Harrison, 27 East 7th Street, New York.

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Honors Course Report Presented to Faculty

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249. 17 declined Honors and are taking the course. Nineteen of the eighteen students who elected the Honors course of the class of 1931 withdrew voluntarily on the suggestion of their department. Numerous reasons were given to lead to refusal of Honors, and a questionnaire sent to members of the student body was filled to answer. Many felt a lack of interest in any one subject, preference for general rather than specialized study; others were discouraged by too heavy a program requirement, or by the department concerned. Unfulfilled group requirements was also cited as a reason.

Students See Advantages

Present Honors students, however, find many advantages in the system. They point out many of the advantages spoken of by the faculty. They also approve of the freedom to work in the student's own time, this being particularly helpful in creative work, such as English composition. The disadvantages they point out also tend to parallel those given by the faculty. It is interesting to note that where the faculty think specialization should begin earlier than the Junior year, the students feel that in some cases they are not ready for specialization by that time. They also point out inadequate library facilities, especially the fact that Barnard students are unwelcome at Columbia library, and the difficulties attendant on this situation.

Sophs To Send Anderson To Model League Parley

At a meeting of the Sophomore class held at noon on Wednesday, February 25th in the Conference Room, Lillian Auerbach, chairman of the Barnard Delegation to the League of Nations Assembly presented eleven nominees to the class. Of these Ruth Anderson was elected to represent the class at the Assembly.

After a talk by Dorothy Kramm, Editor of the 1931 Mortarboard, it was voted to appropriate fifty dollars for a full page advertisement in Mortarboard. Alida Fortier strongly urged those who had not yet done so to turn in their pledges for Student Fellowship. A vote of thanks was tendered Jean Waterman for her splendid work in connection with Sophomore Hop.

ONE-ACT PLAY GIVEN AT SPANISH CLUB TEA

Miss Castellano And Mrs. Del Rio Take Parts In Fete For Miss Dorado

The Spanish Club presented a play at the tea which they gave Friday in honor of the return of Miss Dorado from her eight months' sojourn in Spain. "Manana del Sol," a one-act comedy, written by the Quintero brothers, famous Spanish authors, was the selection. The principal roles, those of an old man and woman, youthful sweethearts, who meet by accident on a park bench, were taken by Miss Castellano and Mrs. Del Rio. Betty Despard and Rose Mogul played the other two parts.

After the play, the Spanish conversation class rendered songs, accompanied by Lucienne Congne at the piano.

Miss Dorado then entertained the audience with some of her observations on Spanish life today, stressing especially the political situation. Her talk was followed by tea, which was enjoyed by actors and audience alike.

Ratliffe Discusses Unemployment Problem

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3 Proposals For Improvement

There appear to be three proposals at this time in England for the general improvement of conditions and protection of the people. "We are a country of three powers," said the speaker. "During recent years the tendency has been to get back to two parties. But it looks as though there still be three parties permanently in England.

Conservative Program

"The Conservative party, nominally a free-trade party for some years, proposes a return to the tariff system. They would make Britain as highly taxed as Germany, France or the United States. They also advocate Empire free-trade. But there cannot be Empire free-trade in the British system.

"The Liberals are a party energetically if not harmoniously led. They produced a program of constructive unemployment measures. They believed that a great deal could be done by a program of public roads and works."

Labor Party Achievements

And as for the Labor Party now in power, "when they came into office," declared Mr. Ratcliffe, "people said, 'You cannot expect these men to be successful in imperialistic affairs. Their experience has been in national matters.' But a curious thing has happened. For no prime minister could have done so well at the India Conference as Ramsay MacDonald."

But of the three parties, Mr. Ratcliffe believes "that the Liberals have done the best. However, they are a small minority party, and are not able to carry out their plans.

"And the business of the world, as business, will never recover until the peoples of the world who are the workers are with peace in their hearts."

G. G. Committee Decides To Keep Programs Old Color

After an animated discussion, the Greek Games Central Committee decided to keep the Barnard Blue used last year for the Greek Games program covers. The committee further asked that a recommendation be made to future committees that the color be retained, only altering the lettering and the cut-

Schneider Emphasizes New Lenten Concept

Member of Philosophy Department Urges Spirit Appropriate To Depression

The first of a series of Lenten addresses was delivered in St. Paul's Chapel by Professor Schneider, of the Columbia Department of Philosophy, last Thursday. Recalling the solemnity with which the advent of the Lenten season was held in ancient times, Professor Schneider contrasted such observance with the spirit of gaiety now prevalent in this epoch, saying, "It seems useless to insist on the traditional observance."

"However, this year our customary sense of security has been rather rudely shocked. All of us are impressed by the terrible state of affairs. We are met on all sides by famine, drought, poverty, disease, war and threats of wars, and the worst kind of depravity." "I think it highly appropriate that we put aside our customary optimism and devote ourselves to concern for our sins. On all sides there is an odor of decay. Our own eyes are so corrupted by the corruption in which we are taking part that we seldom realize the seriousness of the situation."

In referring to the attempt on the part of all concerned to shift the responsibility to the shoulders of the other fellow, the speaker continued, "I urge you for a time to forget this childish business and to realize the profound fact that we are all taking part of a corrupt state of affairs. The difference between the child and the man is the difference between taking what comes and assuming responsibility. I therefore consider it urgent for us to face our collective responsibility at this time."

Sin, A State Of Affairs

Professor Schneider went on, "Sin is not a state of the soul. It is a state of affairs. There are very few of our works which we would be willing to hold up to God and to say, 'This represents me.' Nevertheless, our city and our country is ours and to cite an extreme case, our drought is ours. Therefore, it is our obligation to realize that we share in what is going on. It is precisely at this point that religion and Lenten observance come in. It is quite appropriate that this year, more than ever, we realize that our civilization is more of a mess than a civilization and that we publicly confess our public corruption. We have never had more appropriate occasion to pray, 'Lord, have mercy upon us,'" concluded Professor Schneider.

Some unification would thereby be attained without destroying the originality of each.

The committee also redistributed the number of points in connection with the dance music. As the dance music this year is to be competitive, points had to be taken from the entrance music and the idea of the dance, leaving ten points for entrance music, eight points for dance music, and four points for the dance idea. In future years, if the idea for the dance is original, it may be found desirable to divide the points more evenly between the dance idea and the music.

The possibility of introducing a frieze into the Games was discussed, but it was decided that it was too late in the year to make such a decided innovation.

The system of giving the points for attendance at entrance was also changed. The points will be given only for the number of girls who attend four out of five of the major rehearsals.

Columbia Will Found New Avukah Chapter

Announcement Of New Zionist Organization Comes From Rabbi Braunstein

A new chapter of Avukah, the American Student Zionist Federation, will be founded at Columbia University Wednesday, March 4, at 4:30, in the meeting room of John Jay Hall. Libbie Dunn and Estella Eisenberg, Barnard students, have been active on the committee in charge of the formation of the chapter. Dr. Louis E. Newman, noted rabbi, alumnus of Columbia, and member of the administrative committee of the Zionist Organization of America, will address the group. Rabbi Braunstein, adviser to the Jewish students at the University, will preside at this initial meeting.

Avukah is an organization of Jewish students, male and female, devoted to the Zionist ideal and to the furtherance of that ideal among Jewish student youth in America. At present there are twenty active campus and municipal chapters throughout the country.

The day of the meeting, Wednesday, March 4th, will be known as Einstein Day, in honor of the arrival of the great Jewish scientist in New York to address a Zionist meeting on the evening of the same day.

Barnard students who are interested in the aims and ideals of the organization are urged to be present at the organization meeting.

DR. CARDER ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE OF CHIMES

Program Of Religious Music Every Sunday At 12:15; Additional Recital At 3

Students at Barnard who are now enjoying the music of the chimes of the Riverside Church may be interested in the following data which have been received from Dr. Carder.

On Sundays, from 12:15 to about 12:55 there is a program of religious music. At 3:00 p.m. there is an additional recital. Daily the clock strikes the hour at 8:00 a.m. and chimes at the quarter, half-hour and three-quarter and strike at nine. At 1:00 p.m. the clock strikes the hour, and chimes at the quarter, half-hour and three-quarter and strikes at two o'clock. At 6:00 p.m. the clock strikes the hour, chimes at the quarter, half-hour and three-quarter and strikes at seven o'clock. At all other times the clock is silent.

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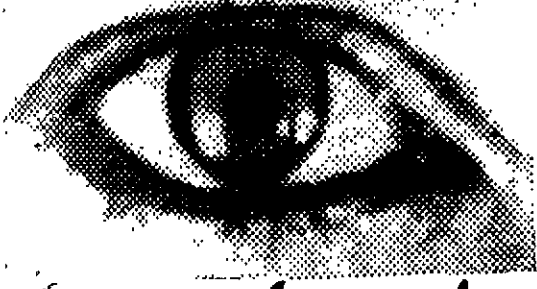
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zantine architecture. The chief treasures, however, are within, where one finds some of the most beautiful mosaics in the world. And the feeling comes that here surely is the East, not the West, the East with its love for color, its mystery and its jeweled richness.

When the northern trip was over, it seemed as if nothing could excel it, but there was no doubt in our minds a month later when we returned from the Peloponnesus that the days spent there had been even more thrilling. I shall tell you a little about this trip and also the one we made to Olympea, the site of the Olympic games, in my next report.

Annual Junior Prom Given at Sherry's

Misses Madeleine Gilmore, ex-officio, Lucienne Cognenc, Mathilde Rodger, Alice Fisher, Grace John, Olga Maurer, and Beatrice Serge, who formed her committee. Patrons and Patronesses of the event included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Appell, Mrs. James Furse, Mrs. Helen N. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick B. Gristede, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hastings, Reverend and Mrs. Carl Hirzel, Mrs. J. J. Lasalle, Mr. and Mrs. William Leuchtenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Modry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis L. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Belville Tomkins.

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4—Silver Bay: conference room. Model League Group, little parlor.
 3-5—Wigs and Cues: theatre.
 9—Freshman Dance: gym.

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10-12—Junior Show dancing: theatre.

Monday

12—Nominations for Undergraduate President, at open meeting of College, room 304 Barnard Hall.
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