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The Opening of The College Year.

WELLESLEY College entered upon its twenty-seventh academic year on Tuesday, September the twenty-fourth, with the largest number of students in its history. Although as yet no official statement has been given out as to actual figures, it is known that there are over 800 students enrolled.

During the summer holiday many improvements in our old buildings have been made and several new buildings have been erected. The new boat-house is completed and ready for use, and we trust will have a longer and happier life than did the former one.

The Agora House, on the path to Tupelo, is Grecian in its style of architecture. Its interior arrangement is similar to the Phi Sigma and Zeta Alpha houses. One enters a charming Reception Hall, on the left of which is the cozy den, on the right the library. The large Assembly Hall is across the whole back of the building. The dressing room and kitchen are in the basement.

The library in the Shakespeare House has been completed. Simpson has had the long felt want of electric lighting supplied. The granite walk from Stone Hall extending beyond Music Hall presents itself as a most commendable improvement. Music Hall itself has been attractively decorated, and the organ loft more adequately furnished.

In College Hall, a room on the first floor has been tastefully decorated and furnished by the class of 1902, to be used as a Senior Parlor. A new lecture room has been added on the third floor over Lecture Room III. The College Hall Dining Room now boasts of many paintings.

A very accurate Sidereal clock has been placed in the Astronomical Observatory.

Student Government at Wellesley.

THE ambitious dream of Wellesley students half a decade ago, the tentative experiments of cottagers for the last few years, the beginnings of last June, have found at last an actual realization, and the great student body of Wellesley College is today self-governing.

The venture became more than that name implies during the last college term when mass meetings, hard committee work, conferences, and clerical toil succeeded in obtaining for the students their constitution and by-laws. The head of the Association, Miss Hughes '92, was elected and all was ready for practical work this fall. Already this fall a mass meeting has been held to appoint the new students with the laws of the Association of which they became members when they joined the student body. A member of the Association has been appointed in charge of village residents, and the various College Houses have each elected a Head. These Heads of Houses serve with two officers of the Association as an Executive Board and are assisted in their voluntary labors by Presidents of Floors, who in their turn are aided by Proctors.

So the executive branch of the government is seen to be simply constructed and effectively centralized. The legislative branch is the student body assembled, while the Association finds its judicial seat in the breast of every girl in Wellesley.

The Academic Council will doubtless provide the sine qua non of an efficient constitutional check on radicalism.

Every Wellesley student past or present, must rejoice in this evidence of real progress at her Alma Mater; must realize the growth in character and conceptions of the students, the faculty and the trustees who have made this Association a reality. The College News is glad to acknowledge in its first issue the beginning of a new and potent factor for the strength and power of Wellesley College.

Wellesley Tea Room Corporation.

UNTIL four years ago there was no place in Wellesley village where the Faculty and Undergraduates of Wellesley College could meet for relaxation and social intercourse. The Wellesley Tea Room has for four years filled this place under private ownership. The College girls became so interested in the success and development of The Tea Room that during the past summer a plan of incorporation was suggested by its owner, Miss Chase, and set in motion by Miss Claire Conklin, 1902, Miss Elizabeth Newkirk, 1900, Miss Alice Dana Knox, 1900, and Miss Caroline Wright Rogers, 1900.

The shares, which were offered to undergraduates, alumnae, faculty and trustees, are now all gone, and the suggestion has taken so well that there is talk of building a club house before another year.

The object of the incorporation is to provide an attractive club for the use of the undergraduates, alumnae, faculty, trustees and their friends, wholly within the control of the faculty and student body.

There is a graduate student who plays the part of "Hostess" and who edits the sheet of College News. The Kitchken and Tea Room itself are under the management of a competent housekeeper.

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The College Chorus, one of the essentially pleasant features of Chapel functions, has begun its work for the coming year with Miss Hetty Wheeler, 1902, appointed Head Chorister, by Professor MacDougall.

Miss Caroline Cook, formerly of Dana Hall, is giving a business course at the College.

Miss Franc Poole, ’99 who has been studying at Columbia during the past year, has been appointed Instructor in Biology.

Miss Martha Shackford, ’96, has been appointed Instructor in English.

Miss Roxanna Vivian, ’94, has been appointed Instructor in Mathematics.

Miss Amy Whitney, ’01, is Assistant in the General office.

The initiation of new members into the Shakespeare Society took place on Saturday evening, October 6th. The following members were initiated: Elvira Slack, 1902; Florence Hicks and Mary Marston, 1903; Nathalie Gilbs, Louise Hunter, Bonnie Hunter, Ruth Huntington, Ruth Hart, Jeannette Kelly, Mary Holmes, Mani Arnold and Bessie Allen of 1904.

Phi Sigma held its initiation Saturday evening, October 5th. The following members were initiated: Saidee Barrett, 1903; Annie Bruce McClure, Sarah Anderson, Eleanor Bennett, Corn Butler, Maude Dewar, Gertrude Lukens, Juliette Poynter and Sue Schofield, 1904.

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