The Unveiling of the Portrait of Miss Shafer.

A portrait of Miss Helen Almira Shafer, L. L. D., third president of Wellesley College, will be unveiled on December third, at three o’clock, in the Farnsworth Art Building. This portrait, the work of Mr. Konyon Cox, is presented to the College by the Alumnae Association. Invitations have been issued to all Alumnae, to the officers of the College, to the senior class and to the executive board of the Student Government Association. Certainly no more appropriate memorial could have been chosen to keep Miss Shafer’s relation to the College in constant remembrance. To those who have known Miss Shafer, this portrait will need no introduction. It is hoped that the following extracts from certain memorials, written at the time of Miss Shafer’s death, will bring to those who will never know her a fuller sense of her great service to the College and of her character.

Miss Shafer was a graduate of Oberlin College, in the class of 1883. For ten years she was a teacher in the St. Louis High School, and in 1887 came to Wellesley as Professor of Mathematics. In 1888 Miss Shafer assumed the duties of President of Wellesley College and continued to hold that office until her death, January 20, 1894. Miss Shafer’s administration was marked by a complete devotion to the interests of scholarship, and her effort was rewarded by the unwavering loyalty of faculty and students.

No student ever came from an interview without enthusiastic praise of Miss Shafer’s “fairness” in dealing with vexing questions, and her death brought to the students a sense of personal loss which was not quickly forgotten.

“President Shafer wrought nobly to extend the range of scholarship at Wellesley. Under her fostering care sixty-seven new courses were opened to the students, and many of these marked new departures of special significance. The great subject of English composition and rhetoric, so strangely neglected in most of our colleges was placed upon an entirely fresh footing. The important work in pedagogy, which was started towards the end of the previous administration, was encouraged and increased. A department of philosophy was established. Recent progress in philosophy was illustrated in the interesting course in physiological psychology. The widening application of the laboratory method to subjects which formerly were not supposed to admit of it, was shown in a popular course in the history of art. A most valuable course in domestic science was pursued with marked success. The difficult question of Bible study, which takes such rightful precedence at Wellesley, received much thought and care and took its place as a solution in the opening of elective courses, and of the appointment of an associate professor of Hebrew and Old Testament. Graduate work was widely stimulated and regulated.

“The crowning achievement of President Shafer’s administration was the adoption by the trustees of the new curriculum, which she presented to them as the result of three years’ earnest discussion in the Academic Council. This curriculum differed radically from the former one. It gave the students a much greater opportunity for elective work, made an important change in the requirements for admission, and simplified the matter of degrees. It maintains for Wellesley her place in the front rank of progressive American colleges.

“President Shafer showed an unfailing interest in the physical training of the students, as the basis of all intellectual success. Over and over again she urged them to plan for a new gymnasium. In the meantime she co-operated with the zealous director of the present gymnasium in her efforts to utilize every possible means of excelling her insufficient equipment. The new and valuable work in anthropometry which has been done at Wellesley received Miss Shafer’s enthusiastic support.

“In the social life of the institution she has shown strong sympathy with the young women. It has been her policy to increase their freedom of action by throwing upon them more and more the responsibility of their own government, and the result has amply justified the wisdom of this method. She aided them cordially in the re-establishment of the Greek-letter societies and the evolution of the Wellesley Magazine, and in many ways showed them that her heart was with them.

“She cherished a steadfast attachment for the Alumnae. In her report presented in June, 1892, she earnestly recommended that they be represented upon the board of trustees. This representation, which was destined to affect the College so powerfully in years to come, is now secured; and Miss Shafer’s name should always be gratefully associated with its history.

“Those whose privilege it had been to know her in the class-room and in the friendships growing out of that contact never on their part ceased to regret that the students of the later day could never know, except as a tradition, that supreme power of instructing and stimulating other minds which made her the ideal teacher, nor come much into that personal relation in which was revealed the unfaltering loyalty of nature which made her the truest of friends. Change was impossible to her steadfast soul. ‘Once your friend, always your friend,’ was true of her in a degree few are able to attain to. Nor was she subject to those changes of mood which so often mar the hard gained satisfaction of friendship. She possessed a singular power of forgetfulness of self, of being always the same, the source of which lay in a greatness of soul which made itself felt in all relations. To her all pettiness, narrowness, self-seeking were utterly foreign, but a ready sympathy with all that is noble, an unfailing charitableness towards the shortcomings of others and in interpreting their motives, and a generous appreciation of all that was best in them was the ever-present atmosphere of her life. She read character with an exact and kindly discrimination, and was quick to see the possibilities in her friends and pupils. Many a one of those who were so fortunate as to come under her influence owes to her guidance and inspiration life-long in its enduring power. Those who have been associated with her in the work of teaching or of administration have felt in her, always animating the business relation, a friendliness of spirit, a reaching out after the true human touch, that gave unerring evidence of her womanly nature.”
Several weeks have passed since President Eliot spoke to us here at Wellesley; and with the perspective thus gained we may well stop a moment to consider thoughtfully the significance of that address, and the meaning which underlies the much unfavorable comment passed upon it.

To begin with, COLLEGE News states frankly that it was seriously wrong in its estimate. The brief notice which it published of the event was written by one who was not present, from an account given by one who was; and this account agreed with the general opinion in College at the time that President Eliot's subject was "Woman's Sphere," and a subject already overworked in America. The indignation at the speaker for his supposed conclusion, that the only place for woman was her own kitchen, was immediate and widespread.

In the light of a later and more mature opinion, we have come to realize that President Eliot's subject was not "Woman's Sphere," but that he was chiefly concerned in discussing wherein lay the fullest and highest living; and that his conclusion was that such living can come only through service. He used several illustrations to prove this, but it was the one that applied the point particularly to us as women that aroused our resentment. President Eliot said that the life of women, with all it implied, offered more and higher opportunities for service than that of men; and that thus the very nature of things offered to a woman the possibility of the most complete life. And on the assumption that we were being told that woman's work lay entirely in the home, we rebelled.

It is a simple matter to acknowledge ourselves in the wrong, and beg pardon. But there is something far more serious to be considered here: a question to be asked frankly and answered honestly. Why is it that the very words "Woman's Sphere," are to the American college girl as a red rag to a bull? Are we ashamed of being women? Are we trying to cast off the heritage of womanhood and become as men? Indeed, no; there is scarcely a student in any of our colleges who would not indignantly deny such an assertion.

It is something of a much more superficial nature; something owing entirely, let us hope, to our youthfulness, and the youthfulness of our higher education. Colleges for women are too new a thing to be universally recognized and commended; they are at best an experiment, whose success or failure the physical and mental health of the next few generations of college women must prove. And while we are in this period of trial, of uncertainty, we have the sensitiveness of conscious weakness. Nobody minds criticism unless it is in some degree deserved, and while we all know in our inmost hearts, that this cause of our higher education is not yet won, we nevertheless indignantly deny any such treasonable assertion, especially if made by a man, with a promptness that at once reveals how sore a spot has been touched.

But there is a better way to look at it; a wiser, broader, more mature method of treating scepticism and criticism; a method which in itself may do untold things for our cause. We believe honestly in the equal education of men and women. Then let us use all our strength to prove that we are right, and waste none in childish resentment at the criticism which must come. Such criticism is often ignorant and unjust, but there are times when it is true and entirely deserved; and in such cases we should believe that it is given to us to be used as a step in the ladder by which we are slowly, with many false steps, trying to climb.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, November 25, 7.30, P.M., meeting of Division A of the Debating Club, in College Hall Chapel.

Wednesday, November 26, 12.30, P.M., college closed for the Thanksgiving recess.

Friday, November 28, 1, P.M., college opened after Thanksgiving recess.

Sunday, November 30, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel.

Sermon by Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of Yale.

Monday, December 1, 7.30, P.M., concert in College Hall Chapel.

Tuesday, December 2, 7.30, P.M., meeting of Division B of the Debating Club in College Hall Chapel.

Sunday, December 7, 11, A.M., services in Houghton Memorial Chapel.

Sermon by President Henry Hopkins of Williams College.

Monday, December 8, lecture by Professor Ritchie of Yerkes Observatory on the subject, "Astronomical Observatory."

Saturday, December 13, Doll Show, in the interest of the College Settlement Chapter.

Sunday, December 14, Christmas vespers.

Monday, December 15, a concert.

The Senior Tree Planting.

The unfortunate senior tree was one of the many adornments of Wellesley to be sacrificed this annum to the evil spirit of the planting, and a new tree, as well as a new site, became necessary. By Tuesday, November twenty-fifth, both had been secured, and after morning chapel, the Seniors, in caps and gowns, marched up to the chosen spot, at the east end of the campus, and formally started upon its Wellesley career the new tree, a lusty specimen, which really does tower above the heads of every individual member of 1903.

The ceremony was very simple: On the loose earth around the tree were scattered various note-books and other insignia of learning, and the Seniors joined hands and formed a wide ring about it, while they sang their class song. Then they gathered closely about it, and gave the 1903 musical cheer:

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which has now once for all, by its beauty and appropriateness, proved its long-disputed right to live. The class yell, in rough, hoarse contrast with the cheer, finished the ceremony, and in 1903, once more possessing a "towering amber tree," went on its way rejoicing.

Senior Parlor, Thursday, December 4.

The members of the Magazine Board will be "At Home" to their friends in the Senior Parlor, next Thursday afternoon and evening.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

The first meeting of Division A of the Debating Club was held Tuesday, November 25, in College Hall Chapel. After calling the meeting to order, Miss Emily Mills, 1903, the chairman for the evening, announced the question—"Should the Recognition of the Miners' Union be included in the arbitration terms between the operators and miners?"

The speakers were appointed as follows: Affirmative, Paulette Eggleston, 1904, introductory speaker; Martha Clarke, 1903, main speaker; Harriet Willcox, 1903, summary speaker. negative, Elizabeth Taylor, 1904, introductory speaker; Mary Hall, 1905, main speaker; Natalie Smith, 1904, summary speaker. The debaters were given two minutes to outline their arguments. In the debate itself, the intercollegiate rules of order were observed. After an opportunity for floor speeches had been given, the judges, Jean G. Connors, Junior Hammond, and Rev. W. S. Halsell, retired for consultation, and the critics, Marian Kinney, Mary Follett and Louise Adams gave their opinions of the debate. The decision of the judges was rendered for the negative.

The weaknesses of the debate were mainly due to the principle of impromptu discussion adopted by the club. The most salient faults were lack of evidence and a tendency to discuss the broader issues of the strike question, instead of sticking closely to the matter in hand. It must be remembered, however, that this was the first trial of an experiment, and as such, the debate as a whole was encouraging.

The Economics Club invites the attention of the college to the bulletin in the Economics Library. Articles and notices of economic interest are posted on this bulletin daily, and the club would be glad to have the college enjoy them.

Miss Margaret Sweeney, formerly of the English Department of Wellesley, spent Thanksgiving in Boston with Miss Hart. Miss Sweeney returned with Miss Hart to Wellesley, leaving on Monday for Berkeley, where she is vice-principal of the Berkeley Institute. A reception was given for her at the Shakespeare House on Saturday afternoon, at which a number of her former pupils gladly availed themselves of the opportunity to meet her.

FREE PRESS.

1. Last week a free press article appeared in College News complaining of the telegraph service here at Wellesley. This week one of the writers of that article wishes to contribute another, which is just as vigorous a complaint against the Western Union Telegraph Company as the one which places the blame where it is due, and corrects the mistaken information used last week.

There seems to be a very general misapprehension in College as to the true state of affairs in regard to telegraph accommodations. It was stated in College News, and believed by many of us at least, that the College had no direct telegraph connection with Boston, and that all messages came to us by way of the village office. As a matter of fact, the village office has nothing whatever to do with our messages; the college is directly connected with Boston, and the Wellesley College telegraph office in College Hall has the regular Western Union accommodations, with such hours as are given to any community of the size of Wellesley. Thus in any delay in the receipt of a telegram, the fault belongs to the receiving office, and not to the transmitting office at College; the telegraph which was delivered to Miss Halsey last week came direct to the College and was delivered immediately. The delay was caused somewhere before the telegraph entered the precincts of Wellesley at all, and it is hoped that the fault lies with that company.

There is also a general uneasiness among the students who feel that an urgent message may at any time be delayed in reaching them, owing to the poor accommodations at the College. Such uneasiness is reasonable considering the general unreliability of the Western Union service, but if we consider that we are just as well served by the telegraph here as we should be anywhere except in a large city, there is no cause for especial uneasiness being attached to Wellesley. Of course the only way out of it is for each student to make her friends understand that the safe thing to do in an emergency is to telephone, for in doing that one can always tell immediately whether or not a message has gone through.

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II.

Perhaps there was last year, no more fertile subject for Free Press comment than the noise in the first floor corridor east and the consequences thereof. The readers in the Economics Library. It is not just live a subject now as it ever was and criticism cannot begin too early in the year. We have remonstrated long enough with the girls who do the writing and laughing in that corridor, with those who read the bulletin board, and with those who live or visit in the neighboring rooms; the fault is not with them. People must walk in that corridor and live it, and no moral law is broken, when they read the board. The fault lies in the fact that they can’t do anything without seriously disturbing the girls who are studying Economics, since a swinging door and a untransom transom-hole let every sound in. We can’t very well blame the transom—or rather the untransom, but in the cause of undisturbed study something ought to be done. Couldn’t we take a little hit from the Rockefeller money to buy a transom for the Economics Library?

III.

"How fascinating Miss Q. is! O, there are so many fine girls here whom I don’t know yet," bewailed a senior the other day, and is it not true that we do not take the best possible advantage of our opportunities here to know many girls? When we have time to spend in visiting, we do not too often confine our calls to a particular little circle of friends, not so much because they are especially congenial, but because we habitually “fall in” with them,—drift, as it were, into their company?

It is a good thing to become interested in a number of girls for the sake of “the other girl” as well as for ourselves. The persons whom we are gladdest to meet in the corridors are not those who speak to us as abstract members of the college, on general principles, but who recognize us as individuals with whom they have some associations.

Let us then, for the broadening of our own interests, and still more for deepening the significance of the social life of the college, enlarge our circles of associates, not to the exclusion of friends, but to the extension of acquaintances.

IV.

Have you ever tried, upon coming out of the post-office at 5 o’clock or 4, with your hands full of keys, letters and fountain pens, to pass down the corridor toward the elevator? If you have, I appeal to you—was it an easy task or was your path beset with difficulties? Perhaps it is to you as one of the difficulties I should appeal, instead. At its emptiest the post-office corridor is narrow, and when there is a double line passing into the office, the walls seem to shrunk together. Inevitably, then, when there is a line of girls opposite the office, waiting for their friends to bring their mail, the walls might as well have shrunk together entirely, as far as passage way between them is concerned, I know it is a tendency of civilized people to congregate in small spaces, leaving vast areas around them uninhabited. Here at least we can counteract that tendency, not only without inconvenience but with a marked increase of comfort to all. Around the statue—except on its elevator side,—near the dining-room doors on the stairs, on the second floor, everywhere there is more room than between the post-office and bookstore doors. Won’t you tell your mail carrying friends that you will wait for them in some one of these at least less crowded places, and thus save yourself and others great inconvenience? 1903.

V.

For years past the campus in front of College Hall has been the pride of students, alumni and faculty, in fact, of everybody who was in any way connected with the college. This fall we seem to think that because the grounds are torn up with the heating-plant, there is no longer any need of going around by the path. Instead, we cut across the grass and climb the hill, thus saving a few seconds, perhaps minutes. Could we not spare these from some idle gossiping, and allow our campus to become, as it days gone by, an untrodden lawn?

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I want to sing to Tupelo
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That's where the Wellesley maidens go
And wander gently two by two
And sit awhile and talk.
I want to sing to Tupelo
That softly shaded walk!

(The "divine a Ratti" demands in the fifth line a slight deviation
from the accepted vulgar pronunciation.)

THE AUTHORS.

We have come upon a Senior who is the soul of propriety; she al-
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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

Miss Annie Bigelow Stowe, '02, is teaching, for the present, at Monson, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Helen Wilder Harte, '06, is at present in Lexington, Kentucky.

The following Alumnae are taking graduate courses at Wellesley College this year: Miss M. L. Brown, '03; Miss M. C. Ellis, '00, Miss H. M. Cady, '09; Mrs. Isabella Thompson Macban, '87; Miss J. A. Marks, '08; Miss Bertha March, '05; Miss R. G. Squires, '99, Miss H. E. Wales, '97; Miss M. C. Smith, 1900; Miss M. F. Woodbury, '92, and Miss Harriet R. Pierce, '88.

The Alumnae editors wish to correct the statement that Miss Lilian Brandt, '06, is studying at the Teachers' College in New York City. Miss Brandt has the position of Statistician of the Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the charity organizations of the City of New York, and has published various articles in the weekly review "Charities."

Miss Latherbee, '05, and Miss Voorhees, '05, were visitors at the college during the past week.

BIRTHS.

On November 4th, 1902, a daughter to Grace Nutter Brann, '06.

MARRIAGES.


Amelia—Kent. February 28, 1902, at Eyota Minnesota, Miss Maudie E. Aniba, 1900-1901, to Mr. Frederick C. Kent.

DEATHS.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in October, 1902, Miss Jennie C. Merrill, a member of the class of 1885.

NOTICE.

Miss Olive Cook, assisted by Miss Jessie Downer Eaton, will give a song recital in small Chickering Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 9, at 8 o'clock. Tickets, $1.00. For sale at Schirmer's, or by Miss Cook, 9 Pinckney Street, Boston.

PROGRAM.

SONGS

*Bid me adieu* (Shakespeare) Bishop
The Knotting Song (Sir Charles Sedley) Purcell
Fairest Isle (Dryden) Purcell
Bettler-Liebe (Theo. Storm) Bangert
Schlummere holds Lieben Rimsk-Korsakov
Aria from Hora Novissima
Country bright and fair H. W. Parker
Piano forte solos
Tocata
Song without words Mendelssohn
Thème Varié et Fugato Schült
Valse à la bien aimée Schült
songs

April Weather (J. W. Reese) Margaret Ruthven Lang
My Lassie (Burns) Mrs. H. H. A Beach
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SOCIETY NOTES.

At a regular meeting of the Shakespeare Society, held in the Shakespeare House on Saturday evening, November 29, the following program was presented:

Shakespeare News

Jessie Hall

The Plot Development in "The Taming of the Shrew"

Eugenia Foster

A Synopsis of Acts II and V of "The Taming of the Shrew"

Bessie Allen

Dramatic Representations.

The Taming of the Shrew, Act IV, Scenes 1, 3, 5,

Petruchio: Mary Jenkins

Katharina: Carolyn Nelson

Grumio: Cresta Kimball

Curts: Mand Arnold

Hortensio: Florence Hicks

Vincentio: Emma Miller

Tailor: Ruth Huntington

Servants: Ruth Hart, Sarah Woodward

A Character Study of "Katharina, the Shrew".

Fannie Bixby

A Character Study of Petruchio.

Louise Hunter

A program meeting of Tau Zeta Epsilon was held Saturday evening, November 29. The program for the evening was as follows:

1. Music: Alice Chase
2. The Theory of the Psychological Expression of Dramatic Emotion: Miss Puffer
5. Moeinpur: Gertrude Schoppele

A program meeting of Phi Sigma was held Saturday, November 29, in the Chapper House. The program was as follows:

1. Life of William Morris, "The Brotherhood!": Annie V. Luff
2. Dante Gabriel Rossetti: His life, work, personality, and relation to Morris: Blanche Warnor
3. Morris's Lyric Poetry: Theodora McCutcheon

Recitation of Lyrics.

"Eve of Crecy": Cora Butler

"The Sailing of the Sword": Maud Darw

from "Golden Wings" by Golden Annie Bruce McClure

4. The Arturanian Poems, "Defense of Guenevere," etc.: Clare S. Raymond

5. Tableaux and Reading, "The Blue Closet."

Society Alpha Kappa Chi held a program meeting Saturday evening, November 29, with the following program:

1. Reading of Alcestis: Leah Friend

2. Browning's translation: Lucretia Rudolph

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Society Zeta Alpha held a program meeting, Saturday November 29. The program was as follows:

1. Historical Sketch of Russian Literature: Grace Clark

2. Life of Turgenev: Mary Tate

3. "The Attitude of Turgenev toward Slavery." As Shown in the Novel, "Siberia" by Marion Kenney

4. "Fathers and Sons," A critical study: Gladys Gladding

A regular meeting of the Agora was held November 29. The program was as follows:

Impromptu speeches:

1. Present Prospects of Reciprocity Treaty with Cuba: Harriet Wilcox, Louise Allen

2. The Situation at the Isthmus of Panama: Adele Ogden, Louise Allen

3. Present Conditions in Venezuela: Adele Ogden, Louise Allen

The society then resolved itself into the United States Senate and, on motion, discussed Senate Bill 235 for the voluntary incorporation of Trade Unions under Federal Law.

Senator DePew (for the bill):... Nena D. Gage

Senator Fairbanks (against the bill):... Ann Rebecca Torrence

Senator Tiller (against the bill):... Estelle C. M. Kramer

Senator Vest (for the bill):... Elizabeth E. Miller

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