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The Freshman Elections.

Tuesday afternoon, December 10, the Freshman Elections were held in College Hall Chapel. It was a most model occasion. The few Sophomores who came to offer their assistance were courteously carried out of the room, and business began at once. There was no discussion of candidates for president; the class was evenly divided between Olive Hunter and Alice Ames. A slight interruption occurred upon the discovery of a certain Sophomore, cleverly disguised in a Gym suit, but immediately upon her detection she was passed up a hastily constructed ladder of chairs into the gallery, and assisted out through the transom above one of the doors, tightly locked against further Sophomore intrusion.

When the final ballot resulted in the election of Olive Hunter as president, these exemplary Freshmen gave way to a little restrained yelling, but soon returned seriously to the matter in hand. The complete list of officers was not elected until after seven o'clock, when the class descended triumphant, but hungry, and after a little more cheering, went to the Students' Parlor, where the Sophomores gave a reception, with many refreshments, to the new officers.

1906 was, however, spared the ignominy of having its Freshman elections without any broken glass. The transom in the Faculty Gallery was thoroughly smashed.

It has been impossible to obtain pictures of the President and Vice-president for this issue, but the first number of the News after the holidays will contain both.

The complete list of officers is as follows:

1906 Class Officers.
President, Olive Hunter.
Vice-President, Alice Ames.
Recording Secretary, Ellen Cope.
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Executive Committee, Emalie Calloway, Nettie Kellie, Caroline Singleton.
Advisory Committee of Student Government, Conrie Guion, Julia Long.
Facultums, Eleanor Stimson, Louise Curtiss.

The Junior Play.

The annual Junior play given to the Freshmen came off on Monday afternoon, December fifteenth. The play chosen was "A Glimpse of Paradise" by Joseph J. Dilley. The cast was as follows:

Adolphins Dove (a Local Poet)  
Eleanor W. Macdonald

Henri Beaudesert  
Sylph Baker

Frank Bellamy  
Clark S. More

Tates, from Thacker's Costumier, Drury

Lane  
Zora P. Wilkins

Constable Pope  
Sarah F. Marsh

Laura Bellamy  
Eleanor M. Bennett

Euphemia Speckley  
Mary L. Nye

Susan  
Tusandella Nusickel

The play, though giving opportunity for clever characterization, was not so elaborately a production structurally or scenically as some of the dramas of the past. We are glad to see a tendency towards simplicity.

The parts were all extremely well taken. Clara More was very good as the happy-go-lucky ingenious spenshift, giving the necessary touch of amused sang-froid. Eleanor Macdonald played the sentimental part, brave in song, but exceedingly trenchant in bloody warfare, to the life. Miss Macdonald's work was all admirable, but best in the duel scene in Act II, where she portrayed naive cowardice very cleverly. Miss Baker was splendid as the gallant Frenchman. Her love making in the last part of the act was the best we have ever seen in the Barn. We actually lived in our editorial heart, in striking contrast to the spinal chills the frosty love-making of Wellesley heroes usually gives us.

The grouping all through and the weakness of the last act showed the lack of long drill with a professional trainer, but, on the whole, the play was remarkably well staged and we heartily congratulate 1904 that they did so well without the usual outside training.

The Segenda—1903.

Undoubtedly anybody could write about the 1903 Segenda with more propriety than a Senior; indeed Senior sentiment on the subject can hardly be transcribed in gloomy black and white—it needs purple and yellow and carmine! But, judging from the unstrained comments of the rest of the College, we trust that anything we may say through so palpitating medium will gain its proper coloring in the opinions of our readers.

The Senior Class makes its bow to the College as it picks up the bouquets thrown since Saturday! It owns that it really quite approves of the new 'Segenda' itself, and only hopes not to seem too complacent over similar utterances from its revered Faculty, its loving friends, and its admiring enemies. Seriously—if you may speak seriously of 1903's 'Segenda'—it is a good annual, as readers of moderate perspicacity may have detected from previous remarks. To follow the precedent set by the Seniors we should dash first to the "Grinds" in our criticism, they seem always to hold more interest for their victims than all the rest of the book. But in justice to the Editors thereof we must note other features first. The general scheme of the book—"every good 'Segenda' must have a central scheme" (cf. Editorial Board)—is that of a student's cyclopedia of universal knowledge with particular reference to Wellesley, published in seven books and covering his every conceivable need. In it we find "Board's English Poets," a Biographical Dictionary, a pocket cyclopedia, a book of "Home Culture" and the like. The first contains the class history in hexameter a la "Esmeil," and a dozen or more original poems following, interspersed with clever alphabet rhymes. An "Art Catalogue" shows College views and individual pictures of the members of 1903—this item being a brave plume in the Senior cap! "Home Culture" has a complete Letter-Writer, Don't's, "Healthy Exercise," and the like. "Life at Wellesley" forms a comic supplement, full of choice bits of College humor and bright drawings. Too much cannot be said of the general finish of the book, it has not been surpassed in years. And we note with sensation satisfaction—last, but not least—that 1903's Segenda has no odor! The rapid sale of the book is showing with what general approval the College reads it.
It was with great sorrow that the College learned of the sudden death in Paris of their former President, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer. Few girls in College now knew Mrs. Palmer save by name; some of us met her three years ago when she gave a lecture at Wellesley, and we carry still the remembrance of her gracious, cordial manner and the warm affection she felt still—and has always felt—for the Wellesley girls. In her death many of the Faculty lose a personal friend; and in one sense, no less do we students. Mrs. Palmer had the interests of our College at heart just as much after she left its presidency as when she was here; as trustee and counselor she continued to be invaluable. In all these capacities will this wise and lovable woman be missed by everyone connected with the College for which she has done so much.

The Prize Contest.

It is with great regret that the editors announce the result of the short story prize contest. Readers of College News will remember that when the terms were published in the last issue about a prize for a short story, there was great interest among the various sections and the contest was advertised to be a very good opportunity. It was stated that certain stills of excellence was necessary in every story offered and unless three were submitted which met this standard, no prizes could be given. This is exactly what has happened; only one story of decided merit has been received, and as a result the prize contest must be declared "null and void." This one story will be published in the January Magazine. It is

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

Tuesday, December 9, 7.30, P. M., meeting of the Division A of the Debating Club in College Hall Chapel.

Friday, December 12, 7.30, P. M., lecture to the Philosophy Club by Professor Hugo Münsterberg of Harvard on "Systems of Knowledge," in College Hall Chapel.

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

4.00, P. M., In the Gymnasium, a farce, "The Greatest Nuisance in the World."

7.30, P. M., Barnswallows Christmas Dance.

Sunday, December 14, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by President Angell of the University of Michigan.

7.00, P. M., Christmas Vespers.


7.30, P. M., organ concert in Houghton Memorial Chapel by Mr. Edwin H. Lemare.

Tuesday, December 16, 7.30, P. M., meeting of Division B of the Debating Club in College Hall Chapel.

Thursday, December 18, 12.30, P. M., college opens for the Christmas vacation.

Thursday, January 8, 12.30, P. M., college opens after the Christmas vacation.

THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB.

Professor Münsterberg's lecture on Friday night was attended by so many more people than were expected that the place of meeting was changed to the chapel, and people's expectations were fully satisfied. The lecturer took an informal tone in treating his subject, discussing it so deliberately and clearly that all kept his line of argument logically to the end. He began by telling of the project of certain New York men to call together in two years a world-congress of savants prominent in all lines of scientific research, the promoters of the plan having called on Dr. Münsterberg to suggest the most advisable scheme for carrying it out. Dr. Münsterberg's comment on it, as he explained in his lecture, was that there had been enough such congresses where the representatives of each science set forth the recent accomplishments of their sciences in an isolated fashion that made no attempt to correlate them, to find and discuss any commonality of purpose, end, and so the immediately desirable thing is to get together these men to inquire into the elements of the whole "system of knowledge," to establish the fundamental unity of all branches of science. And then, said the lecturer, he was "disarmed" by the question whether there is any such unity. From this point the lecturer started, analyzing the "system of knowledge" into its dependent parts and differentiating them subjectively. To students of philosophy such a discussion awakens innumerable lines of inquiry, and some, possibly, of dissent. An interesting and scholarly lecture such as this is an invaluable contribution to our philosophical studies here.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

THE DEBATING CLUB.

Division A of the Debating Club met on Tuesday evening, December 9, with Jessie Marvin as chairman. The subject of discussion was "Would the Present English Educational Bill be Expedient?" The speakers on the affirmative were Louise Adams, Marian Kinney, and Mary Follett; on the negative, Emily Mills, Sophie Brown, and Mabel Scagrev. The critics were Elizabeth Taylor and Laura Daniels; the judges, Grace Clark, Ethel Dixon, Gertrude Thomas. The decision was given to the affirmative. The debate showed marked improvement in both the handling of evidence and the ease of manner shown by the speakers.

On Tuesday evening, December 9, Miss Grace Langford, of the Physics Department, gave a talk to the Science Club on the new Heating Plant.

On Saturday, December 13th, the first class social was held in the Barn from 4 to 6, P.M. The College Orchestra played for the dancing.

On Saturday evening, December 15, the Barnswallows held their Christmas dance in the Barn. The decorations were in true Christmas red and green, and these, together with the realization that this was the last Saturday night the Barnswallows before the holidays, gave an air of Christmas festivity to the whole evening.

On Friday evening, after the choir rehearsal, President Hazard entertained the choir at her house for the rest of the evening. A very clever musical charade was given, after which Miss McClure and Miss Simpson sang several songs. The event of the evening, however, was President Hazard's presentation of the choir pins to the new members. Every year, just before the Christmas vesper service, these pins are given out to all the members who have joined the choir within the year; for the first year they are merely worn as loans; after a year's membership they became the personal property of the wearer.

The supper which followed this little ceremony was made very "Christmasy" by the pies of true German Lebkuchen which were found on the table among the other good things.

At the vesper service, on Sunday evening, December 7, President Hopkins of Williams College spoke on Prison Reform. He emphasized the duty of the public to inform itself in regard to prison management, and spoke of the necessity of making organized provision for released prisoners. Educated people, he said, should carry on the prison work, if the best results are to be obtained.

THE HARTFORD WELLESLEY CLUB.

The Hartford Wellesley Club has been taking an active interest in the work of "The National Consumers' League." At the May meeting, "The Aim and Function of the Consumers' League" was the subject of a paper by Miss Clara May Denison, '95-98. In November the chairman of the Consumers' League Committee of the Club called a preliminary meeting, to which all the women's clubs of Hartford were invited to send interested delegates. At that time a constitution was drawn up, and a nominating committee appointed to present a list of officers to the local Consumers' League, which was to be organized on December sixth.

On that day Miss Mary Whitton Calkins, of the Republican Party, Wellesley, gave an address on "The Work of the National Consumers' League." At the annual November meeting, the Hartford Wellesley Club re-elected the following officers:

President, Miss Florence S. M. Crofut, '97; Vice-president, Miss Catherine Eloe Horton, '96; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Jennie Loomis, '92.

Executive Committee: Mrs. Frances S. B. Williams, '96, Chairman; Mrs. Grace Bernard Warner, '91-92; Miss Florence Bell, '91; Musical Committee: Mrs. Edith Sawyer Pettee, '95, Chairman.

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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

The engagement is announced of Miss Alice Claire Morrison, 1902, to Mr. Christopher Clinton Case of Andover, Connecticut.

Miss Ellen and Miss Enice Smith, '98, are taking a trip to Japan, China, India, Egypt, Palestine and Turkey.

Miss Margaret Young Henry, '97, is teaching Latin in the Girls' High School of New York City.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude M. Fawe, formerly of 1902, to Mr. Vernon W. Dodge of Minneapolis.

Miss Grace Godfrey, '96, is teaching at Simmons' College in Boston.

Miss Charlotte W. Hazelwood, '01, is making a series of public addresses, on Home Mission subjects in Cuba and Mexico.

Miss Ethel A. Pennell, '98, is librarian in the Architectural Department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Miss Mary F. Noyes, '86, and Miss Jessie B. Noyes, '82, are joint principals of the Madura Girl's Training School, in Madura, India.

Miss Mary Noyes is now in this country on leave of absence.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marion Pike Ross, 1901, to Mr. George Richardson Humphrey of Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Florence W. Smith, 1900, is an assistant in the library of the Agassiz Museum, Cambridge.

Miss Blanche L. Clay, '92, who has been city editor of the Marlboro (Mass.) Daily Enterprise, has recently accepted the position of editor of the "Breakfast Hour" on the Boston Daily Advertiser.

The officers of the Boston Wellesley Club for 1902-1903 are: Mrs. Alice Van't George, '87, President; Mrs. Alice Upton Peirce, '85, Vice-president; Miss Frances H. Ronsmuiere, '97, Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Ada E. Woods, '93, is assistant at Harvard Observatory.

Miss Sarah M. Bock, '99, is Registrar of the Associated Charities of Boston.

Miss Clara T. King, 1901, is teaching at Kent Place School, Summit, New Jersey.

BIRTHS.

September, 1902, a second son, Robert Wilson Lewis, Jr., to Mrs. Frances Hoyt Lewis, '98.

November 3, 1902, at Ahmednagar, India, to Mrs. Alice Harding Churchill, 1899, a son, the class baby of 1900.

November 22, 1902, at Madison, New Jersey, a daughter, Susanne, to Mrs. Augusta Johnson Stoddard, '80-'88.

November 26, 1902, a son to Mrs. Anne Bixby Chamberlain, '98.

A son to Mrs. Agnes Damon Wellington, '03.

MARRIAGES.

OLIVER-HOLBROOK.—October 2, 1902, Miss Joanna Blessing Oliver, '99, to Mr. Evans Holbrook, Jr., and Mrs. Holbrook will live in Chicago.

NUXENMACHER-SAWYER.—November 26, 1902, Miss Pauline Nuxenmacher, a student at Wellesley in 1900, to Mr. William Darwin Sawyer.

DEATHS.

November 17, 1902, at Belleville, Illinois, Blanche Wilderman, sister of Augusta A. Wilderman, 1902.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Ellen Warren Holmes Beckwith, a student in College 1875-77.

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Sweet Phyllis, clad in simple frock,
And Strephon, steadfast as a rock,
Walked hand in hand down the lane,
While the mild kine their necks did crave.

Did crane their necks? 2 the sight to see
Of such divine fidelity;
Just as the love which Hero bore
To her Leander, doth heavenly soar. 3

And now when Phoebus calleth home
His fiery darts, on earth did roam,
The happy flock goes to its rest,
Phyllis and Strephon to their nest. 4

1 Alliteration. 2 Trick with words. 3 Classical Allusion. 4 Conventional ending of Pastoral.

Overheard in the Elevator. Senior: Yes, I take Philosophy 9; that's where you have Descartes, Spinoza and Tauschnitz, you know.

Mothinks I'll go to Boston town,
I'm pining for a hat!
I don't possess one decent gown,
My pile of money's getting down,
My cutting makes my teachers frown,
—But what care I for that? 5
Mothinks I'll go to Boston town,
I'm pining for a hat!

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When with diet like that
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Just a line in addition to the article by 1906 on "Sunday Travelling." One of the chief attractions of Wellesley, as set forth in the College catalogue, is Sunday. Many of the girls say that this is the greatest benefit they receive from their college work, and all the opportunities for culture which that affords. Surely there are no greater opportunities for culture than some of the churches and their services and sermons.

Cold! Cold! Cold! It brings us back to the elemental animalism of ourselves, too. Just as our ancestors, perhaps, huddled together and rubbed noses, to keep warm, we gather consciously around fire and radiator and register in high good fellowship. It brings back, too, the good animal virtues—it makes us believe that we are naturally good. Thanks be to it, for showing us the true loveliness of our friends, which no amount of warm and comfortable weather would have disclosed. Then if our faces freeze, let them freeze with a smile, while our hearts are warm and running over with good good.

The Free Press Editor notices with alarm a change in her once sunny disposition. She has come to rejoice in evils, for they—after a good deal of moral discussion—bring forth articles for this column, nay, she even tries to "fear evil" that she may see them rate impartially remedied! Can not something be done to remedy this distressing state of affairs? There are unappreciated blessings here, as well as unappreciated evils. Let us speak of them sometimes.

There certainly are unappreciated blessings here at Wellesley, and one of them is our music. Do we ever stop to think, I wonder, how much good music each of us can hear during our four years in college? What with the Monday night concerts, the musical vespers services, the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, the College Orchestra, the choir, the Keller a week goes by without some attractive musical event. But there is one element in all this music that we do not notice enough, and that is Professor MacLongland's beautiful improving on the organ. He does this, not only on Sunday evenings, but before and after chapel every day in the week. The melodies which he weaves around the hymns used in the service, add inexpressibly to the general beauty, and sometimes we find ourselves wondering why the air of a certain hymn haunts us with such sweetness without realizing why. If this improving were suddenly taken away from our organ music, there is hardly a girl in college who would not miss it, perhaps without consciously knowing what it was that had gone.

There are a lot of odd moments in college when we come to count them up, and so many ways of using them, that hesitating between richnesses, we find the moments gone. Here's a little plea for spending some of those moments in the library. To how many of us the library is a place of reference books, a place where we must do a certain amount of work in hot haste, and usually under difficulties, being as apt to be perched upon a window sill as a chair. Why not find out some of its delights, not by working there when it is over-heated and filled with lifeless air, and when we are tired, but by pressing in it sometimes, finding the books we've always wanted to read, but in the "rush" have forgotten, finding books we've never heard of before, and that make us joyful now.

Perhaps then, we won't have time to read them, but it's better to finger them wistfully, and remember them for future days than never see them at all.

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BOOK NOTICES.

Macmillan is getting out the second edition of Jacob Riis's new book, "The Battle with the Shums," which bears a dedication to President Roosevelt.

Some twenty essays and lectures, written during the latter years of the author's life, are collected in the two volumes entitled Essays: Historical and Literary by John Fiske (Macmillan's). Of these papers a few deal with scientific or philosophical questions, to wit, those entitled, "Evolution and the Present Age," "John Tyndall," and "Herbert Spencer's Service to Religion," with which may be grouped the "Reminiscences of Huxley." One essay, that on "John Milton," is purely literary, and another is a discussion of folklore, which has for its text the Russian legend of "Marya Moreva," in which figures Koshelet, the Deathless. It is the thirteenth historical essays that constitute the bulk of the two volumes, and it is to some of these that we shall here invite attention, beginning with the discussion of "Old and New Ways of Treading History." We should point out that much of this historical material was intended to be incorporated in a comprehensive "History of the American People," which, unfortunately for his countrymen, the author did not live to complete, although many and large contributions to our knowledge of the subject are of imperishable value.

Macmillan publishes "How to Sing" by Mme. Lilli Lehmann. Mme. Lehmann has been on the stage thirty-four years and should be able to tell other people how to sing.

EXCHANGES.

The Harvard Monthly for December contains an article entitled "Make-Believe" which will especially interest our Senior Pedagogues.

There is in the same number a descriptive article, "Rothenburg ob der Tauber" which is worth reading because it shows the possibility of being definite and detailed without being prosy.

We infer from the last number of the Monthly Mirror that the University of Chicago also offers a daily-themed course. English 6 please observe some of the evidence contained in this periodical.

The Columbia Lit. is uniformly good this month and is a refreshing rain in the midst of severe drought among the exchanges.

At a regular meeting of the Shakespeare Society, held in the Shakespeare House, Saturday evening, December 13, the following program was presented:

Paper, "Shakespeare News"............................Ida Ellison
   Act I of "Twelfth Night"..........................Henrietta Page

DRAMATIC REPRESENTATIONS.

Act I. Scene I. Malvolio..............................Crete Kimball
Sir Toby...........................................Florence Hicks
Sir Andrew........................................Mand Arnold
Clown............................................Helen Norton
Maria............................................Edith Moore

Act II. Scene V. Duke....................................Mary Riley
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