A New Employment for Women.

"A new employment for women"—the subject will always arouse curiosity and interest, and both were stirred in Mrs. Wheeler's audience last Friday evening. Mrs. Wheeler was the guest of the Economics Club and spoke informally and in detail of the character and field of her own work, the work of a "Social Secretary."

The title of office is not self-explanatory. What is a "Social Secretary"? Briefly, she is the intermediary between the employer and the employee, who in the present organization of the large industrial establishment have lost the old personal relationship of master and servant and are become as strangers to each other, neither of whom is in a position to understand or appreciate the other's point of view. It is this fact of separation that is largely responsible for constant misunderstandings, irritation and antagonisms, for undesirable conditions of labor of which the head of a firm is often ignorant, for the apparent indifference of employees to efforts made by employers to furnish them special comforts or opportunities. The institution of a Social Secretarieship is an attempt to bridge this gulf. To the general management she represents the worker, conditions, needs, desires, point of view; to the worker she shows the employer interested in his social and economic well being.

The work of a Social Secretary, therefore, takes on much the aspects of that of a social settlement worker. Her task is to study actual conditions, to learn needs, and to become personally acquainted; then to recommend such improvements or measures as seem necessary or desirable and not economically disadvantageous, for it must be remembered that the office has been established upon the sound economic theory that friction in the labor element is as wasteful as friction in any other part of the industrial machine.

Her actual work may be indicated if not defined. She will have charge of the lunch room, reading room, rest room or other provision for the comfort of employees. Their condition of health will be a chief concern, and she must secure sanitary conditions of work and medical attendance for those who fall ill. Illness furnishes also an opportunity of visiting a girl in her home and of coming into more personal and friendly relations. Again the Social Secretary will form classes of clubs among the women as a means of indirect instruction and of creating the desired social atmosphere. As she gains more and more the confidence and friendship of her little community, her opportunity for helpfulness becomes indefinitely great.

Tact and sympathy, a versatility that can meet emergencies and take advantage of every opening offered, sound judgment and good common sense are the rare combination of virtues demanded by this "new employment for women."

Mrs. Wheeler, the pioneer in this field, has already been followed by others in several large stores in New York and elsewhere, and their success has been so marked in its economic as well as its social advantages that there seems no question of the future of the office.

S. S. W.

Senior Elections.

At 4.15 on Wednesday, May 6, the class of 1904 held a class meeting for the election of their senior president, and for the election of a member from the class for the Executive Board of the Student Government Association about 5 o'clock the other classes began to assemble in Centre and on the second and third floor, eagerly waiting to cheer for the senior president.

We waited a long time for the results of this election. We went to dinner and came back again; we sang songs, and did all we could to pass the weary time of waiting, and finally we were rewarded. About 8 o'clock the whole junior class rushed to the railing on the third floor and yelled "Steele." Then everybody else clapped, and yelled "Steele" and the classes in turn cheered for "Madeline Steele, 1904 Senior President." The class of 1904 then ranged up on either side the stairs, and Madeline Steele, Florence Hutsinpillar, and Louise Hunter, marched down the steps.

This double line moved out of College Hall, still keeping the President in their midst, and ran across the campus to their class tree, beyond the chapel. Here they formed in a circle, and sang and danced around the class tree, winding up with lusty cheers for 1904 and 1905's Senior President. Then once more the triumphal procession started on its way, and conducted Miss Steele to Stone Hall. In the cheering for the Senior President, Miss Faith Talcott, the executive member from the class, was not forgotten.

A Japanese Girl.

One of the prettiest and most finished of Barnswallow entertainments was a two-act operetta, "A Japanese Girl," presented by members of the Sophomore Class, Saturday night.

One of the great events in the life of a Japanese girl is her coming of age on her eighteenth birthday, and this festival,—the preparations for it and its celebration,—formed the background for many pretty scenes. Those especially worthy of praise were the opening chorus, "Sing O-hay-o,—a joyous salutation,—"Lullaby," where the bodies of the singers swayed in perfect rhythm, and "Tip-toe Chorus."

Though the operetta is not essentially comic, there are some amusing incidents, notably the sad plight of an English gowerness, Miss Know-all, when the dainty Japanese ladies find her asleep. Miss Daniels as Miss Know-all, did some excellent acting.

Just before the Finale, "All Hail," there was a wonderfully graceful little dance. The music of the operetta is light and delicate with many suggestions of the Oriental. Both solo and chorus work were remarkably well done and gave evidence of faithful practice.

After the curtain was dropped, the cast cheered for Rachel Pflaum, who is indeed to be congratulated on her very successful management, and then followed considerable complimentary cheering between 1903 and 1905. After an evening so thoroughly enjoyable, we are sorrier than ever to realize that the Barnswallow entertainments are nearly over for another year.
There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some members of the College in regard to the appearance of the last issue of the College News on Wednesday.

The editors wish to state that Wednesday is the regular day for the delivery of the News. During the past year it has been somewhat irregular, coming out sometimes on Wednesday, sometimes on Thursday. Owing to complications arising from a change in the term, the News has, since the Easter vacation, been late, until the last number. The editors hope that in the future it may always come out on time.

"There shall be no disturbing noise during recitation hours in halls of recitation."

"In accordance with this rule all loud talking, laughing and stamping of feet in corridors of College Hall or other halls of recitation, during hours of recitation, shall be considered a deliberate violation of the rule and shall be dealt with accordingly."

Evidently this notice has not been fully digested, for the racket in College Hall corridors does not seem to diminish. We ought to be ashamed to have our attention called to a thing like this by a Student Government rule. It is something which mere courtesy to our instructors and fellow students should compel us to. Of course it is not a malicious spirit which induces a girl to whistle or sing in her way past a recitation room. It is only carelessness.

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Christian Associations Elections.

The results of the Christian Association elections for next year are as follows:

President, Mary Eaten.

Vice-President, Adèle Ogden.

Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Taylor.

Treasurer, Mabel Emerson.

Chairman General Aid Committee, Edith Moore.

Chairman Missionary Committee, Miss Breckfogle.

Chairman Religious Meetings Committee, Miss Moffett.

Chairman Social Committee, Anne Orr.

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Saturday, May 16, 3.30 P.M., Teachers' Registry Meeting. Address by Miss McKern.
7.30 P.M., Tau Zeta Epsilon Studio Reception.

7.30 P.M., address by Dr. Newman of South End House of Boston.

7.30 P.M., vespers with special music.

Monday, May 25, 7.30 P.M., in College Hall chapel, lecture by Mr. Curtis Guild under auspices of the History Department.
4-6 P.M., a play at the Barn by the Wellesley College Settlement Association for the benefit of Miss Stone's work in Kentucky.

Friday, May 29, 4.15 P.M., presentation of "Every Man" on the College Campus.
8.30 P.M., presentation of "The Sad Shepherd" on the College campus.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Elva Young, president of the Alumni Association, spent a few days at the college last week.

Tickets for "Every Man" and "The Sad Shepherd," which are to be given May 30, on the college grounds, are on sale at the College Bookstore. There are no reserved seats. The price for students is one dollar, for outsiders, one dollar and a half.

Miss Helen Abbot Merrill, Associate Professor of Mathematics, who was studying last year in Germany, and is this year studying at Yale, visited here last week.

Miss Laura Reed, '03, has left the Philippines and will be here in time for Commencement.

THE HONORARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

On Saturday, May 6, the honorary scholarships for 1902-1903 were read in Chapel.

Class of 1903: Durant Scholars: Grace Edwards, Helen Lucas.

Graduate Scholarship:


FREE PRESS.

That there was an unusual amount of electioneering previous to the late Student Government elections few students on the campus or off it are likely to question. That much of this electioneering was of an indirect and undisguised character many of the most ardent candidates may themselves, in cold blood, be willing to admit. Personal affection for a candidate, of course, not the primary reason that should prompt one in working to secure her election; nor should it in any way be permitted to color one's presentation of her executive attributes to a person whose sole interest in her is as a prospective head of the Student Government Association—even when, as occasionally happens, such personal affection is grounded on the very quality that one believes pre-eminent to distinguish her as fittest for the presidency of that body.

An unprejudiced observer must admit that electioneering, by its conspicuousness, and its marked display of enthusiasm of a

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personal nature, overstepped the bounds of good sense and good taste. But because a number of students go to somewhat foolish extremes in their actions and expressions in following out their desire for the election of a candidate who is their friend, it will hardly do to say, that all personal considerations removed, these same girls do not reasonably and conscientiously believe that candidate the most deserving of election. It is easy to agree with a statement that the electioneering done by such girls was "open" and "systematic"—and it must furthermore be acknowledged that while openness and system are to be condemned in clean electioneering for a national or state government political campaign, they are, even in legitimate electioneering, of questionable value in our smaller and necessarily more personal community. Electioneering of the personal tone described above should undoubtedly be condemned, but indiscriminately to term it "shameless" is to make a somewhat dangerously unjustifiable statement.

It is true that the writer of a Free Press article that appeared in the College News for last week evidently had in mind, in her condemnation of illegitimate electioneering, another element of the last "campaign" besides that of the existence of personal bias toward candidates. This element we are unable to discuss because we have not the data for doing so. Unlike the unwisely extreme of personal enthusiasm which was evident to a disinterested observer who walked the campus or the corridors on the day of election, the other objectionable feature, so strongly emphasized by the Free Press correspondent, was not evident. The statement that there was a "deliberate campaign with the object to accomplish elections not to the good of Wellesley College, but to the glory of private organizations, in other words, society electioneering" is a charge of so serious a nature that the writer could scarcely have been willing to make it public or "representative members of the Faculty and Student Body" to approve it without the most substantial and convincing evidence to back it. It could only be understood that this evidence might have been of so personal a character as to make its publication a matter to be deplored, and it may have been supposed that certain general allusions to "substantiated particular facts" and to "repeated testimony verifying sufficient" would be sufficient to bring to the mind of the individual voter definite specific instances that came within her own personal observation. If this has been accomplished we could only welcome the veil thrown over the charges. But as a matter of fact these charges, as stated in the article referred to, convey absolutely no definite or specific suggestions to a large number of earnest, thoughtful, and totally disinterested participants in the election. That statements of so grave and comprehensive a character can be received by impartial and intelligent persons with content and without misgivings should be a matter of concern to those who made such statements. The advisability of publishing an explanation sufficiently explicit to elucidate and render convincing to the unprejudiced these vague statements may seem, under the circumstances, very questionable. Yet it is to be hoped that for the sake of candidates, societies and fair-minded members of the Student Body the writer of the article referred to and the individuals who examined, discussed, and approved it will consider their responsibility in the matter.

Anna Price Tatum, '03

II.

The charges of open and intentional electioneering in the recent elections of the Student Government Association have raised several questions in our minds. One which has not yet been voiced in the Free Press is whether the Freshman class should have so much influence in choosing the student heads of the college. It is perhaps worth while to consider the advisability of excluding or restricting the Freshman vote.

In the course of her first year at college a student, and especially a village student, has small chance of becoming acquainted with members of the Junior class who are eligible for the offices of president and vice-president of the Student Government Asso-

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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

The Day will occur on Friday, June 5. The Day Exercises are not open to the public. Admission to the grounds on Tree Day will be by ticket issued only to former members of the College. Any former member of the College, who wishes a ticket should apply to the Registrar, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope. These tickets are not transferable.

Miss Marion L. Taylor, '95, teacher of German at the Girls' Academy, Albany, N. Y., visits on June 6 for Naples. After travel in Italy, Miss Taylor will devote some weeks to study in Germany, returning in October to resume her duties at the Academy.

Miss Grace Loomis Hammon, '98, is teaching German and Literature at Casenova Seminary, Casenova, N. Y.

Miss Capps, formerly of '95, is traveling in Europe.

Miss Mary Esther Chase, '96, who has been ill with nervous prostration, is much improved in health.

Miss Lydia Willkins, '96, is teaching in Filipino, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. She spent her vacation, last summer, in Japan, and plans to visit China this summer.

Miss Edith Whitehead, '96, holds a position in the Eye and Ear Infirmary, at Portland, Maine.

Miss Charlotte Burnett, '96, is general understudy in Miss Marlowe's Company.

Miss Amelia A. Hall, '85, has a poem "In Lighter Vein" in the May Century.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bertha L. Sisson, '95, to Mr. Alex Harper, Yale Sheffield School, '98, of Bristol, Connecticut.

The engagement is announced of Miss Grace L. Hammon, '98, to the Reverend Arthur Cleveland Clarke.

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SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. Sarah Bixby Smith, '91, Elva Young, '96, Mrs. Anne Bixby Chamberlain, '97, Mary Copen, '98, Mary Leavens, '91 and Mary Hall, '92, were present at the regular meeting of the Agora on May 2d. The following program was presented:

IMPROPTU SPEECHES.
1. Affairs in Manchuria, Ethel B. Dook
2. State of Affairs in Africa, Fanny Field
3. Latest Developments in Turkey, Louise W. Allen
4. The Development of Organized Labor.
5. England from the Norman Conquest to the Beginning of the Nineteenth Century, Helen Brown
6. England from the Nineteenth Century to the Present, Elizabeth Bass
7. Nineteenth Century Conditions in Europe, Elizabeth E. Miller
8. America from the Sixteenth Century to the Present, Elizabeth C. Torrey

At a regular meeting of the Phi Sigma Society held May 2, the following program was rendered:

SOCIALISM: OF WILLIAM MORRIS.
1. Life of William Morris, Socialist, Sarah Barrett
2. Recitations from "Poems by the Way.
3. "A Dead Song," Ruth Young
4. The Ethics of Work, Evangeline Lukens
5. "Art and Socialism," Evangeline Lukens

Recitation from "Poems by the Way."
6. "The Day is Coming," Eliza Metague
7. Morris's "Utopia," "News from Nowhere."
8. "Dream of John Ball," Annie B. Malcolm
10. Reading of the "Rebound," Blanche Werner

At a meeting of Society Zeta Alpha held May 2, the following program was given:
1. The Influence of the Church on Russian Life and Letters, Miss Menrov
2. Educational Movements in Russia, Miss Clifford
3. The Development of Russian Architecture, Painting, and Sculpture, Miss Emmons
4. The Musicians of Russia, Miss Duchy
5. Russian Poets and Poetry, Miss Hires

Theatrical Notes.

TREMONT THEATRE—"Peggy from Paris."
COLONIAL THEATRE—"A Chinese Honeycomb."
BOSTON MUSEUM—Charles Francis's "The Unforeseen."
PARK THEATRE—"A Rose o' Plymouth Town."
BOSTON THEATRE—"Sherlock Holmes."
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