Inter-Club Debate.

Ever since their organization in the fall, the Senior-Sophomore and the Junior-
Freshman divisions of the Debating Club have been holding bi-weekly meetings,
and working toward the inter-club debate, which was held in College Hall chapel, May
30, 1904, at three o' clock in the afternoon,
with Mr. MacDougall as chairman. A
good-sized audience was present and evinced a lively interest in the debate from
beginning to end. The question for dis-
cussion was: Resolved: That railway
pooling should be permitted in the United
States. The Senior-Sophomore division
held the affirmative, with Catherine Jones,
1906, Bonnie Abbott, 1906, and Marian
Kinney, 1904, as speakers, named in order
of their speeches and rebuttals. The order
of main speeches on the negative was
Blanche Wenner, 1907, Lucy Curtis, 1903,
and Florence Plummer, 1907. In rebuttals
Miss Curtis spoke first, then Miss Plummer
and Miss Wenner. The judges, Mr. Gross-
man and Mr. Foster of Harvard, and Miss
Perry, gave their decision in favor of the
negative; a decision which, in spite of the
good work done on both sides was perhaps
supported by most of the audience.
The work of the negative was very carefully
organized throughout and was made telling
by clever refutation and rebuttal. Miss
Wenner announced in her first speech that
the affirmative would do either one of two
things, either suggest practical methods
for bettering existing conditions or show
how pooling can be regulated under exist-
ing laws; and in her rebuttal she main-
tained that the affirmative in failing to
show how pooling could be regulated and
conditions bettered had only failed
where experts have not succeeded. The
affirmative brought up the argument
that pooling has been successful in the
past, and maintained that the present
bad conditions would be bettered if pooling
were now permitted. They said that
natural checks would prevent discrimina-
tions and rate wars, a position which the
negative objected to. On both sides evi-
dence was shown of careful work in prepara-
tion, and we have great need to be proud
of both teams, not only of the girls who
actually debated, but of the girls on the
working team and of the chairman of the
debating clubs. The girls have shown
that we can have a debating team who can
not only furnish good arguments but can
also present those arguments in excellent
form and hold their own in rebuttal. Es-
pecially good work in rebuttal was done by
Miss Wenner, Miss Abbott and Miss Plum-
mer.

While the judges were out, the audience
relieved their suspense by singing college
songs, and when the result was announced,
there was enthusiastic cheering for debaters and
judges resounded through the chapel and
College Hall Center. Altogether the pros-
pects for our debates next year are most
couraging.

Silver Bay an Opportunity.

The growth of student organizations has
put into the hands of some girls special
power. To accept office in these organiza-
tions means to assume a grave responsi-
bility for some of the large interests of the col-
lege life. No new officer is a person of
experience, and there is no girl who is
worthy of such a position but feels the need
of as much wisdom as she can get from the
experience of others. No one expects to
undertake the work without deliberation
and careful planning. Has the value of
the Silver Bay gathering as a "conference"
emphasized itself enough to these girls?
It is a place for "conferring" together on
vital college interests. In the rush of the
end of the year there is no leisure for plan-
ing new work, nor in the rush of the be-
ginning of the year. But here in restful
surroundings there is leisure. Each can
plan for her own work and view it in its
relation to all the wide interests of college
life. There is helpful contact with leaders
in other colleges. There is close connec-
tion with other leaders in our own college.
The Student Government and the Chris-
tian Association are the most inclusive of
all student organizations and the most in-
fluential. Before the first is set the great
task of making all the relations of student
life approach the ideal, and before the
second the equivalent task of making the
thoughts of Christ prevail in college rela-
tions. Who is sufficient for these things?
Not the officers alone. Every member
has her own responsibility. This sum-
mer's conference might help you to meet
yours. Persuade your best friend to go
with you. You will enjoy her more than
you could in any other place. You might visit together, and you and she may
find friends whom you would never have
discovered at college. Just the people to
lay hold upon and use to help you in carry-

ing out some work for the college which
you have at heart.

Ten days out of the precious summer
time are much to give. Are they too much
if there is real help and inspiration to be
had? "Public office is a public trust.
Do not responsible leaders owe as much as
this to those who have elected them from
among all the students to fulfill important
trusts?"

If it is not wholly clear what is to be
gained at Silver Bay remember that there
is a meeting to be held on Sunday after-
noon the fifth, by Longfellow Pond, to
explain more about it. All who have
any interest in the matter will be cordially
welcome.

E. H. Kendrick.

Suggestive Summer Days.

One of the girls from another college,
who was at Silver Bay last summer, in
speaking of the conference said that as she
sat there near the beautiful shores of Lake
George, a parallel picture of the disciples
sitting at the feet of Jesus on the shores of
Galilee constantly recurcd to her mind.
Just as they had come to be taught of Je-
sus, so were we gathered together to learn
the lessons which have come down through
all the intervening years with the same
truth and power as in the olden time. We
were taught, as were the disciples of old,
the value of the right life for ourselves, and
the necessity of bringing the light, which
has shone for us into the lives of others.
We were told of the work to be done in
college, at home and in the world at large,
and of methods for successfully accom-
plishing it. Few of us who were at Silver
Bay last year will soon forget Mr. Hicks'
address on the "Choice of Our Life Work."
He placed it so clearly before us, how, with
a sober estimate of our ability, and a clear
vision of the field before us, we must
thoughtfully and prayerfully choose for
ourselves that work in which we can use the
talents God has given us to the best advan-
tage. This problem is one which we all
must soon face, and the Silver Bay Con-
ference furnishes us a splendid opportunity
for considering it.

A. O. S., 1905.
There is an especially popular proverb to the effect that a genius may be an illegible writer, but while the errors of many pitiable scrawls of indiscutible identity may be laid upon this same adage, there is extant no like morsel of indiscriminate flattery which can account for the deplorable spelling prevalent in our institutions of higher learning. The high art of orthography has certainly advanced to the impressionistic stage, and the variads of Noah Webster seem known only that they may be disregarded. Our mothers and grandmothers were familiar with the laws of the spelling-book, but it was not the familiarity which breeds contempt. But the airy flappiness of our attitude toward so insignificant a thing as a rudiment of education which undoubtedly is done much for the spread of amateur phonetics; and bad spellers have come to view their mistakes as a mark more of distinction than of notoriety. We are capable of understanding philosophy even with two I's, and of appreciating Carlyle while we spell him Carly there we are not afraid of being underdressed. Yet those who know the most about Carly and philosophy seem always to spell them correctly. In fact, it is rather unusual to find a person possessed of exceptional ability to do the more complicated things who is willing to mis-spell a word. We may have poor memories, or

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

June 3, 7:30 P.M., mid-week prayer meeting of the Christian Association. Address by President Woolsey of Mt. Holyoke College.
June 5, Tree Day.
June 4, 7:30 to 9:30, P.M., Tau Zeta Epsilon Platform Dance.
7 P.M., vesper. Special organ music.
June 6, 3 to 6:30 P.M., at the Zeta Alpha House, cotillion.
7:40 to 9:30 P.M., at Tupelo, Phi Sigma Promenade Concert.
June 8, 9 A.M., examinations begin.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Leggitt, Miss Hazard’s cousin, who is visiting the College, read a very interesting paper on Japan, Wednesday evening, May 25, in Stone Hall Parlor. She spoke particularly of the strange customs of the Japanese.

Thursday afternoon, May 26, at the Shakespeare House, Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson gave an informal talk on his personal recollections of famous poets. He told some very interesting anecdotes about Holmes, Lowell, Whittier and Longfellow. Miss Berwick, who accompanied Colonel Higginson, gave one or two recitations which were received with great favor by the audience.

The Christian Association prayer meeting, Thursday evening, May 26, was led by Miss Florence Huttonpillar. The subject of the meeting was, “The Existence of God.”

Friday afternoon, May 27, instead of the regular meeting of the English 15 class, a mock trial was held. The form as far as possible was taken from the court room. Before a judge and jury, the lawyers for the prosecution and defense carried on an examination of various witnesses, and then each side made a plea before the jury. Miss Dowd was judge; Miss Camp, clerk of court; Miss Jones, crier; Miss Collier, sargeant-at-arms; Misses Halsey and Tarsi were prosecuting attorneys; Misses Batty and Mac Lehan defended the prisoner, Miss Daniels. The verdict rendered was “not guilty.”

The Philadelphia Club was entertained by the Misses Button Conway, Deak, Lape, McQueen and Scott, Friday evening, May 27, at Stone Hall.

Mr. Stuart, superintendent of the New Britain schools, father of Miss Teresa C. Stuart, 1907, visited Wellesley last week.

Just inside the gateway by the East Lodge, and between the path through the orchard and Washington street, the foundations of Bullard’s Tavern are being excavated. Here on the 18th of April, 1775, the Wellesley Minute Men met and started for Concord. The original stones of the tavern foundation are to be kept and the place marked by a memorial of some kind. Mrs. Durant is to appoint a day soon for a formal celebration. All Wellesley girls may not know that the high hill was once called Bullard’s Hill and Lake Waban Bullard’s Pond, and that on our own campus is the most historic spot in the town of Wellesley.

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The valuable collection of Italian books presented to the College by Mr. George A. Plimpton of New York, in memory of his wife, Frances Taylor Parsons Plimpton of the class of '84, reached us recently. It is designed to illustrate the development of Italian literature and is especially rich in the works of authors of the sixteenth century, the golden age of the Italian Renaissance. Among its treasures are illuminated manuscripts, incunabula, first and early editions, in which appear the works of Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Villani, Lorenzo the Magnificent, Savanarola, Machiavelli, Boiardo, Ariosto, Tasso, Galileo and many others.

Mr. Theodore Koch closes a long article on the collection in "Library of Congress," by saying, "With the interest in things Italian growing thus rapidly in this country, Wellesley College is to be congratulated on the fact that the Plimpton Collection is destined to its care. The books will not only help out the resources enjoyed by students of Italian literature and history in and around Boston, but will serve to illustrate many points in the early history of printing, will show a few examples of Renaissance illumination, and might well serve for the basis of special study of the Italian romances of chivalry."

We are indeed proud to be the custodians of this rare memorial to one of Wellesley's daughters.

It will be announced in a later issue of the News when they will be on view.

ART NOTES.

The Art Department is most fortunate in having recently received from Miss Hannah Parker Kimball of Boston the gift of a copy of Berenson's book, "Drawings of the Florentine Painters of the Renaissance." Only a few copies of this valuable collection of reproductions have been printed, and the College is therefore particularly favored in having in its possession a book whose worth can not fail to be recognized by art students as well as by authorities on art subjects.

Mr. Berenson, whose visit to the College will be pleasantly remembered by many, is already inseparably associated with art history and criticism, and the years of painstaking study and research he has expended in collecting his material for his masterpiece warrant us in accepting it as a reliable as well as extremely interesting and attractive work. The book includes besides two volumes of text, one hundred and eighty plates reproducing in facsimile the size, coloring and method of the original drawings and studies of the Florentine masters and minor artists. Michelangelo, Andrea del Sarto, Leonardo, Botticelli are well represented, while many plates are devoted to the work of their contemporaries and followers. Through the generosity of Miss Kimball, these plates have been separately mounted, which makes them more accessible for general use.

It will be remembered that Miss Kimball was the donor of $2,000 last year, to be spent for originals for the Art Collection, and that the interesting antique head and torso in the Art Gallery was her gift to the College the previous year.

Out-of-door Life at Silver Bay.

Part at least of the joy of a few days at Silver Bay is contributed by the outdoor life of the place. I am not referring to the whole of the time spent in the fresh mountain air, but only to the more active hours of it, the long walks and the boat rides.

Then at the end of the Conference came two days of great interest to all the preparatory schools and colleges—Field Day and College Day. College Day is more like our own Tree Day than anything else I have ever known. The various college representatives clad in light gowns trimmed with their college colors, gather in a procession which marches around by the Hotels. The Vassar girls, with their gray and pink banners, the Smith girls with their yellow and white, all fill us with enthusiasm; but when the Wellesley girls are called upon, then our own college spirit rises proudly, as we join in singing our own musical cheer.

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In so large a community as this college of ours, where so many girls are gathered together from all parts of the country, the necessity for strict chaperon laws is too evident to require discussion. Personally, the writer most heartily approves of the rules which the Student Government Association has passed on this subject, but she is heartily wishes that there might be some method of making it not quite so difficult to obey these rules.

To attend any evening entertainment outside of Wellesley, one must make one of a party of not more than five under an approved chaperon. Well and good—but please furnish the chaperon!

Recently, to the certain knowledge of the writer, a college girl asked seventeen members of the Faculty in turn, to act as chaperon to a Symphony party, before she was able to secure one. The names of all those whom she asked were on the approved list, and they may therefore be supposed to have satisfied their willingness to act as chaperons when requested. On another occasion, also recently, a party of four students was obliged to remain away from a very fine concert given in Boston, because, after an all-day's search, no chaperon could be found. These are but two examples of the difficulties involved in securing a chaperon.

And does it seem quite fair that girls who wish to enjoy a lecture or concert in Boston should be obliged to waste so much time and energy in a frequently vain attempt to obey so obviously sane a law?

The writer must not be understood to insist that members of the Faculty should be forced, willy-nilly, to act as chaperons, but she does respectfully suggest that some method be employed of proving suitable chaperons who have both time and inclination to fulfill this kindly office when occasion demands.

M. W.

The plea for new bulletin boards is one that will doubtless be seconded by many who have found the present system inadequate; yet there is nothing to be said on the other side of the question. Some of us who have made morning trips from one end of the building to the other and up and down stairs in search of notices for which we must be held responsible, are not especially enthusiastic over the plan of adding another bulletin board to the present number. Moreover, the writer of the last number of College News speaks of the "added expense of mail" to the various organizations as strengthening their claim to a new index bulletin. On investigation, it seems that, as a matter of fact, it costs nothing to send mail through the boxes in Room 7; to the Elhot, the Fiske, or the Nonnett Title, then, removes the number of boxes to eight. Packages of mail may now be sent to the students living in any one dormitory for two-thirds of a cent. Supposing that such packages must be sent as often as once in two weeks, the greatest expense for sending to all the houses would then be two and two-thirds cents a week, an amount which the organizations need hardly consider worth their attention under ordinary circumstances.

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When my exams are through.
Within these walls my Freshie tears,
Those brinest were shed;
Entombed in funke notes, gone to waste,
How many a hope lies dead!
My faithful, long-chafed chafing-dish,
Burnt offerings served me well.
My flask for alcohol, how oft
Your spirits rose and fell.
A broken chin, a splinter here,
A leg 'neath table found.
Alas! a ruined chair, the crush
Of room-mate's weighty mind.
Farewell, farewell, my downy couch!
The only down you've seen
Was when you fell 'neath fifteen girls,
Yet rose again I ween.
For every pin-mark on the wall,
Repentant conscience pricks.
And every loosened board has creaked,
'Neath our "Nach Zehn Uhr" tricks.
But ah, the darkness hides the dust,
'Tis chill, 'tis growing late.
Farewell, farewell my college room,
Be good to nineteen-eight.

J. M. N., 1907.

LIMERICKS.

There was a distinguished Duranier
Who wore a bright red tam o' shanter,
When asked, "Is this wise?"
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ALUMNAE NOTES.

The Wellesley Club of St. Louis has sent invitations to all graduates and former students of Wellesley who expect to attend the meeting of the National Education Association to be present at a breakfast to be given July second at eleven, A.M., at the Missouri Building. Those expecting to attend are asked to send their names to Miss Louise McNair, 1886, 2444 McPherson avenue, St. Louis, by June thirteenth.

On May 16, Professor Whiting lectured on "New Radiations" before Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Connecticut. Five Wellesley people are now in the Faculty of this school: Miss Vauxtine, formerly a member of the French Department; Miss McDonald, 1888; Miss Blauvelt, 1889, Miss Marot, 1890-1891; Miss Louise Brown, 1893.

Miss Louise M. Hodgkins, formerly Professor of English Literature, with Professor Whiting and her sister, has recently bought a summer home in Wilbraham. The house is charmingly situated, commanding a beautiful view, and they will be among pleasant neighbors and old friends connected with the Academy.

By the death of Professor Stockbridge, father of Mrs. Anna Stockbridge Tuttle, 1885, formerly President of the Alumnae Association, the Amherst Agricultural College and the agricultural interests of New England have lost a man who for many years has labored for their advantage. He early recognized the fact that the agriculture of New England to achieve any measure of success must be conducted on scientific principles and so while others were content to raise good crops he made a study of seeds and soils and fertilizers which produced them.

He was thus among the first to engage in agricultural experiments in a systematic and scientific manner and the results of his investigations were of vast importance to the agriculture of New England and the nation. To the general public he was perhaps best known as the inventor and patentee of the "Stockbridge Hammers" which in a sense revolutionized agriculture in New England. The first $1,000 received by him as royalties on these was presented to the Agricultural College to be used in conducting agricultural experiments. Aside from his investigations in soil chemistry, Mr. Stockbridge made extensive researches in the line of plant life and growth, conducted experiments on percolation, evaporation and dew, employing instruments of his own invention, and formulated a new theory of the deposition of dew. He was active and influential in securing the location of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, and was for two years its President. He served also on the State Board of Agriculture and as a member of the Legislature was largely instrumental in securing the enactment of legislation in the interests of the farmers.

Miss Mary Barrows, 1900, has severed her connection with the Home Science Publishing Company of Boston, and has formed a partnership with Mr. Frank H. Whitcomb, formerly of the same company, as publishers and booksellers. They are sole publishers of "Chemistry of Cooking and Cleaning," "Food Materials and Their Adulterations," "Home Sanitation," and the "Rumford Leaflet," by Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, and of the "Home Science Cook Book," by Mrs. Mary J. Lincoln and Miss Anna Barrows. After May 30 their office will be in Huntington Chambers. Their present address is Box 146, Back Bay.

MARRIAGES.

MAGNAN-FRENCH. In Fremont, Nebraska, May 17, 1904, Miss Georgie B. French to Mr. William Magnan.

DEATHS.

At Lake City, Florida, May 2, 1904, Levi Stockbridge, father of Mrs. Anna Stockbridge Tuttle, 1885.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, General Andrew Hickenlooper, father of Amelia S. Hickenlooper, 1893-1894, and Mrs. Sarah Hickenlooper Withrow, 1889-1891.

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SOCIETY NOTES

The Society Alpha Kappa Chi held its May program meeting on Wednesday evening, the twenty-fifth. A study of Roman Gardens was presented by Daisy G. Dutcher. Illustrative readings from Pliny the Younger and Pliny the Elder were given by Mabel Emerson. Ethel Jordan read selections which described the various forms of gardening in private families.

NOTICE.

In addition to the new courses offered for next year, course 9, in Higher Analysis, will be given by Associate Professor Merrill of the Mathematics Department, and course 13, a comparative study of Morphology, Embryology and Histology will be presented by Associate Professor Ferguson of the Botany Department.

Student's Recital at Stone Hall.

On Friday, May 27, and Tuesday, May 31, at 4:30, recitals were given in the Stone Hall Parlor by students in the Department of Music. The first recital consisted of twelve numbers, mostly of violin and pianoforte music. Misses Lallie Moody, Jessie Glenn Phelps, Pauline Egleston, Margaret Dungan, Harriet Hyde, Katharine von Ach, Jessie Buchanan, and Ethel Jordan rendered the pianoforte numbers and Misses Marie Bidwell and Sophie Brown, played the violin. Miss Isabelle Chandler, sang "An bow's la fontaine," and "A Song of Four Seasons." Miss Margaret Allen, pianoforte, with the assistance of Miss Sara Corbett of Boston, Violinist, played Schumann's Fantasie-Stucke. The recital was very successful both as an expression of the students' work, and in the pleasure it gave to the audience.

On Tuesday, the Song Recital was given. Misses Chandler, Perkins, Wells, Nevin, Snow, Wheeler, Bowen, Daniels and Gibbs sang with much beauty and power the various selections of the carefully arranged program. German, Italian, French, Irish, Scotch and English songs pleasantly varied the delightful entertainment of the afternoon. The Department of Music is to be both congratulated and thanked for making these two recitals possible at the close of the year's work.

ESSAY PRIZE.

The Woman's Trade Union League of Massachusetts offers a prize of $50.00 for an essay on the subject of "The Advantages of Trade Unionism for Women Workers."

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