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Madame Breshkovskaya's Address.

In response to the invitation of the Professor of Economics, Madame Breshkovskaya addressed the students of French Courses 11 and 12, members of the Faculty and their friends on Thursday, at 3:30 in College Hall chapel. Lecture Room 1 was found too small to accommodate those eager to hear the great leader of peasant education and enlightenment in Russia, the woman whose zeal in behalf of those humble masses brought upon her years of lonely exile and hard labor in the mines of Siberia. She is a woman aged but not bowed by hardships, of noble birth, of a broad education, of universal sympathies and indefatigable in her purpose.

Americans became greatly interested in her life of expiation for a lofty ideal through Kennan's recital of her sufferings on her return from a visit to Siberia. On every side she has been asked to relate her life, around which cluster so many of the most interesting problems concerning the development of the former serf, the passive being ever ready to say Nichtevo (no matter) and who had been freed only to fall into greater isolation and intellectual darkness. She showed how her misunderstanding of the Czar as their spiritual father was being gradually corrected by books written to that end, by socialist apostles, then circulated at imminent risk by the young self-appointed missionaries—boys and girls of sixteen, seventeen and eighteen years of age, early associates of Madame Breshkovskaya, who was somewhat their senior when, impelled by a sense of duty to these peasants of her father's and of her husband's estates, she left her home to devote herself to this noble cause, this uplifting of a resigned, suffering mass of eighty million peasants.

The first attempt of the little band and one to which success responded beyond their most sanguine expectation, was to teach reading throughout the ranks of these unfortunate, to train them to seek information, to awaken in them a sense of responsibility as to their isolated position, and to promote a desire for collective action on the part of villages scattered over the great rural districts of Russia. In ten years such a change has been wrought as to make owners of landed estates and the peasantry living together urge local organization by which their economic conditions, often disastrous to their material welfare, might be altered, so as to enable them to accumulate reserve funds for various local improvements. This has been achieved. Now the peasants are petitioning the Czar for a representative government which shall give the producing classes a voice in Parliaments. Madame Breshkovskaya explained the enormous inequality brought about by the anomaly of the "bureaucratic," a world of officials, along with the Czar's enormous family, (its members number two hundred of the nobles), the army and clergymen, one and all drawing their incomes from the agricultural and merchant class. She laid especial stress on the crying need for a radical change in the form of government. It is not a charter that she favors—Russian Socialists (social nihilists) will accept nothing short of a republic.

At four o'clock Madame B. was followed to the Faculty parlor by a large party to whom a resume of the address was, on request, given in English by Associate Professor Coln. Then, to numerous questions, answers most delightfully clear and immediate were given by the distinguished speaker, who expressed her appreciation of the kind greeting she had received at the hands of Faculty and students of Wellesley College and bade them farewell in a most charming expression, in Russian, of her keen sympathy for them and for youth in general. F. F. C.

DEUTSCHER VERIEN.

The Deutscher Verein held its third regular meeting in T. Z. E. House on Monday, December 19. The evening was devoted to a Christmas celebration and the invitation of the committee to meet Nikolaus was enthusiastically responded to. In the early part of the evening, a Weihnachts festivals was presented, the scene of which was laid in the land of Knecht Ruprecht and his gnomes. The antics of the truant gnomes and the attempts of the jolliest Weihnachts man to be severe and add much amusement. The cast was as follows: 

Moosbach Claire Graefe
Alk Gratz
Marie Titus
Haugluch
Emma Miller
Hertel
Nicholas
Cantieny
Engel
Sage
Engel
Charlotte Gerhardt
Engel
Christkind, Choir of unseen angels.

A well laden Christmas tree and the distribution of the contents of Ruprecht's belting sack filled with gifts accompanied by most original German verses, took up the second part of the evening's program. The tree was quite correct historically and with all its mythological decoration, was a creation such as only the Teutonic mind could invent. Greetings from friends of the Verein as far away as the Fatherland and as near as our last year's alumna added not a little to the joy of the evening.

Everybody's enthusiasm reached a climax when Nikolaus, with appropriate ceremony took from the top branch of the tree a gift for the Verein itself—a magic book bearing the name of the Wellesley National Bank on its cover.

The entertainment closed with the cutting of many kinds of Deutsche cookies, and the singing of Deutsche songs. When at last we had to realize that the ten o'clock hour could reach us even in Deutschland, we separated feeling that we had had a real taste of Deutsche Gemutlichkeit.

THE STUDENT CONFERENCE.

At the conference of the Student Government Association held at Wellesley, December third to fifth, the question of holding a meeting next year to consider the formation of a permanent organization of Student Government Associations in Women's Colleges was eagerly discussed. The representatives of the different colleges voted to make this recommendation to their Associations and agreed to use their influence to bring about a second conference. It was thought that if the meeting were held in a more central place—New York State, for instance—it would bring together a greater number of representatives, not only from Eastern States, but from the Southern Colleges and those in the West, and so awaken greater interest and enthusiasm in the growth of Student Government in all sections of the country.
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CHRISTMAS VESPERS, December 18, 1904.
Service Prelude.
Processional, "Waken Shepherds"...........................H. C. M. (Words by President Hazard.)
Invocation.
Antiphon..................................................Polestrina
Hymn 197.
Psalms 96.
Scripture.
Address by the President.
Prayer.
Choir, "Sleep, Holy Babe".................................H. C. M.
"The Story of Bethlehem"............................ John E. West
(Words by Shapcott Wensley)
Prayers
Recessional: Wellesley College Choir.
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One day when lessons weighed me down,
My spirits to beguile;
I took a current magazine
And read a little while.
The story that I glanced at first
Started right cheerfully,
The heroine and hero both
Seemed likely to agree.
But trouble waited for the pair
Not two full pages over—
For while she dotted on him still,
Her lover loved another.

But strenuous will the hero had,
He overcame his wish
And manfully returned—but he
Had ceased to care for him.

At their sad lot I felt depressed
Then thought. Real life, I'm sure
Is not so pleasant to review
As tales of adventure.

And so I started in to read
Of shipwreck on the main,
But all the nicest men were drowned,
The rest but one were slain.

And he lived on in Solitude
He would have died, but he
Was needed by the authoress.
To prove a theory.

His fate was sad, I felt the tears
Well up into my eyes.
"I'll read one more, a happier one,"
I said, "where no one dies."

A beautiful young girl, I thought,
Seemed hopeful, but alas,
I was not long ere I found she was
A kleptomaniac.

Her aged father pined with grief,
So did her fiancée.
To save them from more keen disgrace
She nobly ran away.

All things which made life livable
This brave young soul forsook.
I read, and bitter floods of tears
Rained down upon my book.

A few more stories still I scanned
But all the people there
Were more unhappy than I,
And I was in despair.

Some lived for fame, and found that fame
Was nothing after all.
And those who followed pleasure mourned
To see their pleasure pall.

Some married, and their after years
Were lamentably sad.
While others didn't, and spent their time
In wishing that they had.

A jovial humorist told a tale
But he was bitter, too.
And pathos recited from every word
And turned the pages blue.

Two innocents at least I found
Whose lives ran joyously—
I came upon them in a field
Where they played carelessly.

But ah, alas, their joy was short.
For I was weeping so
I drenched them with my flood of tears,
I drowned them in my woe.

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THE POMEROY RECEPTION.

Tuesday afternoon, December thirteenth, our new hall Pomeroy, was formally opened by a reception to the Trustees and Faculty of the college and outside guests from the Wellesleys, Newton and Boston. President Hazard opened the house to the family, informally, a few weeks ago, by lighting the fires in the reception room and the dining room. Tuesday, however, was the formal opening at which the fire in the drawing room was lighted. Mrs. Whittin received together with President Hazard and Miss Davis. It was an especial pleasure to have Mrs. Whittin present as it was her interest in the College that caused Mrs. Pomeroy to give the hall, so that our gratitude is due to her as much as to the giver whose name the hall bears.

The "family" assisted in extending the hospitality of the house by conducting the guests about the dormitory, and many favorable comments were made. The Pomeroy Orchestra, exclusively "house-talent," played throughout the reception. All assembled in the drawing room for the fire lighting which Mrs. Whittin performed, speaking a few words to the family that gathers about this hearth during its first winter. Appropriate "thoughts" were then read by Miss Davis and by a number of the girls. Miss Davis' "thought" was very pretty and meant so much to all of us because we know our comfort and happy life at Pomeroy is due so largely to her. Professor Jewett had written for the occasion an exquisite little poem, expressing the various ways in which the fire ministers to human needs, but she was unable to be present, so the poem was read by Professor Calcines. All of these sentiments were cast upon the fire and were taken up by the flames, as if to shape the spirit that will gather about this hearth in years to come. The girls then sang Alma Mater and gave the College Chorus.

At the close of the ceremony the guests were served with refreshments in the dining room. Here the decoration of flowers and candelabra added to the beauty of the room itself. (Concluded on Page 5)
THE POMEROY RECEPTION—Continued.

The flowers, Mrs. Durant thoughtfully, in expression of her regret that she too could not be with us at this time. Miss Snow and Miss Lyman were the hostesses of the dining room assisted by the younger heads of the house, Misses Southard, Kurt, Philbrick and Breed who presided at the tables.

The entire reception was so hospitably and informally conducted that this first welcoming of the trustees and faculty to Pomeroy was indeed a pleasant event.

WELLESLEY'S NOTABLE ESKER.

Miss Fisher, of the Geology Department, has recently been examining, with her class, the well-developed esker in Wellesley, which marks the course of a glacial stream and presents exceptional opportunity for study. The esker is reached most readily by way of Grove street, turning into Benvenue on the left, and thence taking the first turn to the right—a winding road which ends at the starting-point of interest.

The esker—known locally as "Ridge Hill"—is nearly a mile in length. It has the usual characteristic features, of level top, sloping sides and wining contour. Its beginning is in moraine deposit, on the northwest, an irregular accumulation of boulders, sand, clay, unstratified drift. This broad, irregular moraine area narrows into a winding ridge which immediately exhibits characteristic features. The esker ridge has a level top with an average width of about six feet, the sides slope away from the crest with the same angle of slope—about thirty-seven and a-half degrees—on each side. The average height of the esker is fifteen to twenty feet, although it falls in some places to five or six feet. This Wellesley esker is of especial note because of its extreme winding. At one point the esker almost doubles on itself, with a near approach to an ox-low condition.

The esker material consists of water-worn pebbles, gravel, and sand. Toward the southern end the elevation diminishes and finally disappears in a series of modified drift deposits. It thus apparently merges into a low-lying field. Several hundred yards from this nominal ending, and directly to the southward, the esker is again continued for a short distance, and merges into an extensive sand plain in the direction of Dover. The lack of continuity between the southern end of the esker and the material at the head of the plain would seem to show, in Miss Fisher's opinion, that the stream was superglacial, and that as the water flowed over the surface it ceased to deposit for a time. Stretching southeast is morainal material, and this, when followed, narrows again to a perfect esker, nearly a half-mile long and leading directly into the Neoham sand plain. This sand plain has distinctive ice-contact margin and distinct lobate southern margin, overlooking the meadow which extends to the Charles River.

It is interesting to call to mind, also, that those formations, so perfect to-day, accomplished during the closing stage of the iceage, when the ice was melting,—the age preceding the present geologic era. Aside from the scientific interest attached to this region, it is of itself a remarkably beautiful area of country. Splendid pine trees, first growth timber, stately oaks and luxuriant masses of scrub oak follow the sides of the esker; and the extreme winding of the path along the level top of the esker ridge gives charming glimpses of the region round about.

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Now in point of fact, universities in France have never been closed to women. Government with a lavish hand has provided, and goes on providing, gratuitous courses in countless branches of learning, no distinction being made as to sex, no restriction as to nationality. Foreign students are admitted on the same conditions as are Frenchmen or Frenchwomen. They pay no higher fees for examinations leading to the various degrees. In Paris eminent professors, such as Deschanel, Brunetiere, Larroumet, Faguet, Gaston Paris, Paul Meyer, have counted among their hearers both men and women; the latter middle-aged or young, accompanied or alone, equally attentive to the subject presented. In their number have been at various times scores of Frenchwomen; the 'mordaine,' who is often a dilettante in the best sense of that trite term, the young women, and hitherto, members of teaching sisterhoods, who must pass rigorous examinations before university juries, if they propose entering the field of public or private instruction; foreign students from well nigh every civilized nation—all have thronged and do yet throng to the various university schools scattered through the Latin quarter, some, as the Ecole des Chartes, beyond its precincts.

But American and British students will immediately notice the absence among women students of associations, clubs, meetings, etc.; really there has been no call for them. the Frenchwomen choosing to remain under the guardianship of the faculty, but of good tradition—of her immediate kinsmen or of chosen representatives of their families. Hence they are not to be found living together in numbers away from their families.

For undergraduate work, leading to the B. A., the State provides Lycees. Colleges and Courses for girls as well as for boys. In Paris these schools do not have resident students, although elsewhere throughout France the intimate prevails but is not compulsory. At Sevres, the Ecole Normale Superieure (for women) receives yearly on competitive examination ten students in science, twelve in letters. These hold state scholarships. This school, long under the direction of Madame Favre, is perhaps what most resembles on a small scale the American or English College. It has somewhat their dormitory system, their freedom of self government and as much of social life as is consistent with their severe course of study. Its graduates stand first in line of appointment and promotion to grade positions in the secondary institutions, Lycees, College, Courses, etc.

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Miss Florence Wilkinson's (1852) book, "Two Plays of Israel. David of Bethlehem: Mary Magdeline," has been advertised in the Publisher's Weekly by McClure, Phillips & Co.

Miss Mary Seaver Hewitt, 1890, has just returned from a fifteen-months' trip abroad, spent in study and travel.

Miss Jessie Cameron, 1902, is in the Public Library at Worcester.

Miss Pearl Randall, 1901, is teaching English and History of Art at the Commonwealth Avenue School for Girls, 392 Commonwealth avenue, Boston.

Miss Florence M. Osborne, 1901, is assistant librarian in the Wellesley Free Library.

Miss Mabel F. Champlin, 1903, is teaching at the Bryant and Stratton Business College, 357 Westminster street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Miss Harriet Goddard, 1902, is going to spend the winter in Mexico.

Miss Sue Ainslee, 1901, took charge this summer of a class of New York City East Side children, in connection with the Henry Street Nurses' Settlement. Her home address is changed to 166 Marlborough road, Prospect Park South, Brooklyn, New York.

Miss Christine Brinkman, 1903, is to spend the winter in Germany instead of returning to this country this fall.

Miss Florence Hicks, 1903, is at the Pratt Institute Library School, Brooklyn, New York.

Miss Elsa Greene, 1903, is in Europe for the winter.

Miss Marie A. Goddard, 1903, has returned home from the City Hospital, Boston. Miss Goddard was taken ill with typhoid fever while teaching in a high school on the Cape.

Miss Katharine Sheridan, 1904, is teaching in the High School, Gladstone, Michigan.

Miss Helen Rollins, 1904, is teaching in Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss Alice Chapman, 1904, has a position in the Public Library at Buffalo, New York.

Miss Helen Wales, 1904, has accepted a position in the Chemical Laboratory at Maywood, New Jersey. Miss Gertrude M. Ware, 1904, is also there.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Coleman, 1904, has been teaching in place of her sister this fall at Stockbridge Hall, Yarmouth, Maine.

Miss Faith Talbot, 1904, is teaching in the Windsor, Connecticut, High School.

Miss Florence Hutspaniller, 1904, is to spend the vacation at the Wellesley Inn. She will arrive December twenty-first.

BIRTHS.

December 5, 1904, at Rockford, Illinois, a son to Mrs. Harriet Emerson Hinshliffe, 1882.

DEATHS.

At Poland, Maine, December 10, 1904, Mrs. Abbie Hart Chapman, mother of Frances Chapman Champlin, 1897.

Mr. Mollin, Mrs. Mollin, December 13, 1904, Rev. William H. Wilcox, D. D., father of Professor Mary Alice Wilcox, and for many years a Trustee of Wellesley College.

MARRIAGES.

GILSON—EMERY. In the Houghton Chapel, July 6, 1904, Miss Sara Summer Emery, 1898, to Mr. Claude Ulms Gilson.

SOCIETY NOTES.


A program meeting of the Alpha Kappa Chi Society was held Saturday evening, December 19, at the home of Beatul Johnson, at 58 West Central street, Natick. Among those present were, Miss Walton, Miss Fletcher, Mademoiselle Berthe Caron, Mademoiselle Lydie Caron, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Emid Johnson.

THEATER NOTES.

SYMPHONY HALL—Tuesday, the twentieth—Un沉重 Handel and Haydn Society. Monday the twenty-sixth—The Messiah.


TRENTON—"The County Chairman."

MAJESTIC—"3uff, Puff, Pே."

PARK—Amelia Bingham in "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson."

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