College News


COLLEGE SETTLEMENT WORK AT DENISON HOUSE.

At the vesper service on Sunday, January twentieth, Miss Dudley of Denison House gave an account of her work there. By way of introduction Miss Dudley gave a brief resume of the conditions under which the Denison House started fourteen years ago, with one house and a very few residents in a neighborhood of Syriacs, Irish and Italians, entirely unaccustomed to refinement and the higher standards of living. Now there are fourteen residents and about fifty outside helpers working in the four houses which open conveniently to each other. A first is the cooperative home for working girls conducted by Miss Bertha Hazard, and some years a summer cottage is opened during the vacation season.

The classics are many, accommodating six hundred persons a week; they range from the "Sunshine Club" for little children to the "College Extension Clubs" and the work with the Italians in connection with the "Good Government Association." In the summer time vacation schools are opened. Not long ago a nurse took up her residence at Denison House. Besides doing house-to-house visiting, this nurse has charge of the modified milk station.

With this growth of working material what has been the effect of the Settlement upon the community and how far has its aim been accomplished? Through the clubs and the resulting closer connection with the residents, the children have been given a little industrial education, but what is more important, gentler and more obliging manners are rapidly being cultivated. Their standard of conduct may be judged from the fact that none of the boys who have gone to the Denison House have ever been in court. Perhaps the greatest change to be seen is in the men who are now taking a keen interest in the causes affecting poverty, and all measures tending toward more scientific and practical adjustment of these matters.

The intelligent and lively discussions about the Beveridge bill and the recent exhibition of child labor held in Philadelphia are good examples of their awakening. As may be inferred from the articles in the standards of the people in the immediate neighborhood, the whole community has been proportionately benefited and the ideal of the workers—to show the foregivers, more truly, our American ideals, has to a gratifying extent been realized.

R. C.

SAN FRANCISCO RELIEF WORK.

On Friday evening, January 25, Mr. Moore of Boston talked to the Economics Club about the relief work which has been done in San Francisco. Mr. Moore, who went with three others from Boston to help the officers from the Red Cross, arrived in Oakland a week after the disaster. There crowds of homeless people roamed the streets, for San Francisco is in such an isolated position that it is hundreds of miles from any large cities which might offer. Mr. Moore had to find accommodations for the families of those in his care and to list others who were able but unwilling to work, and were receiving work unworthily. In an incredibly short time all the ablebodied in Dr. Gunn's district were self-supporting.

Another of the directors, Dr. Howard, had a hard district and was not able to show results very quickly. He was misunderstood and blamed by those in authority, but in the end he was pronounced very competent. All these men lost their homes and incomes through the disaster, but nobly worked hard, day in and day out, in giving relief to others, and asked for no pay for their services.

Mr. Moore said that instead of the wickedness and graft which the newspapers report, he found many such deeds of heroism and noble self-sacrifice. Special care was taken of the relief funds sent from other cities. The salaries of the men who carried out this work were paid out of funds from San Francisco's own fund, and all checks were countersigned by four men, so that squandering and misuse of the relief funds was practically impossible.

Edward A. MacDowell.

Many of the readers of College News are aware of the fact that our beloved composer, MacDowell, has lost his mind through over-work. James Huneker says, "Admirers of Edward MacDowell's Sonata Tragedia may recall the last movement, in which, after a triumphant climax, the curtain comes down on tragic misery, overwhelming, unmitigable. It was the very Greek-like belief of MacDowell that nothing is so sublime as to heighten the darkness of tragedy by making it follow closely on the heels of triumph. This he has accomplished in his first sonata, and fame has ironically transposed to the life of its composer the cried and tragic drama.'"

The Mendelssohn Glee Club of New York, through a very strong committee, has made an appeal to all musicians, to all lovers of music, to all patrons of art, to the American people, for a sum of money to be devoted to the support of MacDowell and his family. Men like Joseph H. Choate, Grover Cleveland, George B. Coblawn, Hamlin Garland, Henry L. Higginson, William Travers Jerome, Reh Low, J. Pierpont Morgan and Bishop Victor have endorsed the plan and Henry van Dyke has written most eloquently of the effort to raise a fund.

Harvard and Smith are both interesting themselves in the project and the Wellesley Department of Music has arranged an interesting concert for Wednesday, February 12, at 3:30, P.M., in Billings Hall, particulars of which will be announced in next week's College News.

I hope we may have hearty support from the college in this undertaking. Tickets will be fifty cents. Advance subscriptions for this concert (to be held under the fund, independent of the concert) will be gladly received by the department.

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peared beforehand to be a threatening nightmare is remembered only vaguely as a more or less unpleasant dream.

To you, Freshmen, who have never before taken college examinations we would offer the consolation that mid-years will not be half so formidable as you have imagined for examinations so terrifying can exist only in the minds of Freshmen, never in reality. It may seem incredible, but students have been known to find the good times indulged in at mid-years, a more than just compensation for all the less pleasant features they admit to at this time of the year. It is quite "the thing" in the minds of some people to give way to one's doleful feelings at mid-years. We hear the woes of our friends and match their accounts with tales of our own troubles—more examinations and longer paper, in far more difficult subjects, coming at a much more inconvenient time. And so the misery grows.

Much of this unnecessary misery arises from the fact that we look at examinations in a wholly false light. They are not, and never were intended to be, instruments of torture devised by the Faculty for use upon the students. If this were their purpose, the faculty might sometimes consider themselves equally tortured in having to read the piles upon piles of blue books which we fill.

Under ideal conditions there would be no need of examinations. All students would be doing their best and most conscientious work all the time and if a general review of the work would be valuable, they would make it of their own accord. If there are any students of this ideal kind, they will have to be examined with the vast majority. The vast majority of students, as we all know, falls far short of this ideal; they need a stimulus and must be examined to prove to their instructors that they have at least the required knowledge of the subjects which they are taking. This is the primary purpose of our examinations.

Those who have done their work faithfully and well each day do not need to worry; those who have not cannot afford to waste their time in worrying, for here is the great opportunity for atoning for all deficiencies in the past.

NOTICE.

Copy for College News should be in the hands of the editors by Friday noon of each week. It is desirable that all communications be written in ink, rather than in pencil, and on one side of the sheet only. The departments are in charge of the following editors:

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, January 31, at 7:30, P.M., in College Hall Chapel, regular mid-week prayer meeting of the Christian Association.


Communion service, 7, P.M., vespers with address by Mrs. Labaree, Traveling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Band.

Monday, February 4, at 7, 30, P.M., in Billings Hall, Violin Recital by Mr. Foster, Mr. Hamilton accompanist.

Tuesday, February 5, mid-year examinations begin.

Wednesday, February 6, at 4, 20, P.M., in Billings Hall, Symphony Lecture by Professor Macdougall.

COLLEGE NOTES.

At a service held in Billings Hall, on Sunday afternoon, January twentieth, Mr. Joseph Eliot on gave an address upon "Mysticism," and Mr. Alfred Garret upon "Silence."

Miss Locke's normal class met on Tuesday evening, January 22. The subject discussed was "Confucianism."

Miss Willye Anderson, 1908, has resigned from the office of Vice-President of the Barnswallow Society, as she will not return to college this year.

A reception was given at the Observatory on Wednesday afternoon, January twenty-third, by Professor Whiting in honor of Mrs. Dorethia Klumpke Roberts, a distinguished astronomer from England. Among outside guests present were Mrs. Whitin, Miss Julie Klumpke, Mrs. Fleming and Miss Cannon from Harvard Observatory, Mrs. Elinu Thompson of Lynn, Rev. and Mrs. George Cutter.

Miss Scudder led the Christian Association meeting of January 24, and chose for her subject "The Fine Art of Christian Living." Miss Scudder said that the secret of the Christian life was the consciousness of God, which, she showed, is revealed in different ways to different people. The middle ages believed that this consciousness was best attained through abstraction from life, but we believe that to live most nobly is to live with one's fellowmen. To remember that our time is precious, to choose that which will bring us nearest God, both in our inner and outer life, and to let His spirit be in all our work and play, is to live a Christian life.

On Friday evening, January 25, in the Faculty Parlor at College Hall, Mr. John F. Moore of Boston, spoke upon the "Relief Work Done in San Francisco." Mr. Moore went out to San Francisco immediately after the disaster to represent the Massachusetts contributors. During his stay of several months there he worked hard himself at the most practical details. Mr. Moore spoke at the invitation of the Economics Club.

Miss Elizabeth Perry, formerly of 1908, visited college last week.

A meeting of the Graduate Club was held on Tuesday evening, January 29.

A Conference on Child Labor is to be held, by the courtesy of the Twentieth Century Club, at 3 Joy street, Boston, on Wednesday evening, January 30, at 8, P.M. Addresses will be made by the following: Governor Guild, (official engagements permitting), Professor Samuel McCune Landay, Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, upon "The Federal Control of Child Labor," Mr. John Golden, President of the United Textile Workers of America; and Miss Florence Marshall of the Boston Trade School for Girls.

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MUSIC NOTES.

On Sunday evening, January 27, 1907, a vesper service with special music was held in the Memorial Chapel. Following is the service list:

**Processional** 788

**Service Anthem:** "The Strain Upraise" D. Buck

**Organ:** Andante in F—Beethoven

**Choir:** "Abide With Me"—Barnby

**Organ:** Waltzer's Preliad from "Die Meistersinger.

**Prayer from "Rienzi"—Wagner

**Recessional** 537.

- The Wellesley College Choir
- Solos by Miss Whitney, Miss McIntosh and Miss Wheeler.
- Professor MacDougall, Organist.

On Tuesday afternoon, January 29, 1907, a recital was given in Billings Hall, at 4.20, P.M., by students in the Department of Music.

**Program.**

**Piano:** Nocturne in B major—Chopin

"Au Ruisseau"—Schubert Miss Ethel M. Hall, 1907

**Voice:** "Love's Madrigal"—Kenneth Rae

"Adoration"—Miss Elizabeth A. Judkins, Special

**Violin:** "Spinning Song"—Mendelssohn

Miss Katherine von Ahn, 1907

**Piano:** Gavotte in B minor—Bach—Saint Saens

Miss Whitaker, 1917

**Voice:** "Deep in a Rose's Glowing Heart"—E. Nevin

Miss Jessie D. Buchanan, Special

**Organ:** Overture in C minor—Hollins

There will be no Symphony Program January 30, 1907.

**Mid-Year Music, 1907.**

**Tuesday, February 5.**

"Rondo"—Morandi

"Wellesley March"—E. Corinne Locke (1906)

**Wednesday, February 6.**

"Festal March"—Smart

Overture, "Carmen"—Bizet

**Thursday, February 7.**

"Humoreske"—Dvorak

"Saint Cecilia Offertoire"—Batiste

**Friday, February 8.**

First movement from the "American" Symphony—Dvorak

"Marche Militaire"—Schubert

**Saturday, February 9.**

Impromptu on themes from "Faust"—Gounod

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MID-YEAR MUSIC, 1907—Continued.

Tuesday, February 12.

"Evening Star" March from "Tannhäuser" ............... Wagner

Wednesday, February 13.

"Berceuse" ........................................ Kinder

Overture "Rosamunde" .............................. Schubert

Thursday, February 14.

Humorous variations on a German Air in the styles of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Johann Strauss, Verdi,

Gounod and Wagner .................................. S. Ochs

Friday, February 15.

Variations on the Austrian Hymn ....................... J. Haydn

March from "Le Prophète" .......................... Meyerbeer

Saturday, February 16.

Request program. Requests may be sent through the resident mail.

FREE PRESS.

I.

May I advise the members of the College, through the Free Press, to "look up and not down" these winter evenings, and see a combination in the sky which will not be again witnessed for twelve years.

The brilliant planet Jupiter occupies nearly the center of the finest constellations in the heavens. Around it are at least eleven bright stars with names. Get some of the astronomy girls to point them out: Sirius, Procyon, Castor and Pollux, Capella, Betelgeuse, Bellatrix, Rigel, Saiph, Aldebaran.

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SARAH F. WHITING.

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Mlle. Puthod has recently won distinction in the field of letters. From time to time papers written by her have appeared in French periodicals and been judged most favorably. Everyone will rejoice in her success.

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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

This column will contain items concerning Alumni, former students, and past and present members of the Faculty. Other items will occasionally be added which are thought to be of special interest to the readers of the Alumna Notes.

On December 3, 1906, a lecture was given before the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club by Professor Kendall of the History Department. Her subject was "Burma," and her lecture was illustrated by stereopticon slides made from photographs taken during her recent visit to that country.

Earlier in the year before this same club Miss Caroline J. Cook, 1884, lectured on "Everyday Contracts."

Miss Grace B. Townsend, 1896, is teaching this year in Wilmington, Delaware.

Miss Mary B. Pratt, 1889-1891, is teaching in a Model Kindergarten in Washington, D. C.

Miss Ruth L. Eager, 1902, is doing graduate work in history at Wellesley.

Miss Olive C. Ambler, 1901, is teaching in Gardner, Massachusetts.

Miss Viola Shearon, 1906, is teaching history in the High School at Le Mars, Iowa.

Miss L. Gertrude Loker, 1906, is studying this year at Simmons College, Boston, and recently received the first prize in a college poster competition.

The Boston Wellesley College Club will hold a luncheon at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, on Saturday, February 9th, at 1 P.M. Speeches will be made by officers and alumni of the College.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all former students of the College, not already identified with the club, to become members, and all wishing to join are asked to send their names to the secretary, Miss M. Louise Stockwell, 23 Orkney Road, Brookline, before February 4th. In addition to the annual dues of one dollar, a charge of fifty cents will be made for all who wish to attend the luncheon.

The Minneapolis Wellesley Association held their annual banquet on January 3, 1907, at which thirty members were present. Mrs. Alice Ames Winter, 1886, was toast mistress, and the following toasts were given:

"The Under Graduates"..........................Beata Werdenhoff, 1906
"Just Out of College"............................Carolyn Dayton, 1906
"The Graduates"..................................Blanche Wells, 1902
Mrs. Brook and Miss Evers also spoke.

On Wednesday, January 10, several members of the class of 1906, living in and about New York City, held an informal reunion, consisting of a luncheon at the Hotel Regent, followed by a Peter Pan theater party. Those present were Sallie Ennis, Sadie Samuel, Marion Carlisle, Emilie Colloway, Elsie Goddard, Alice Amos, Helen Segar, Ethel Smalley, Helen Porter, Marion Stephenson, Edna Moore.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES.

Miss Beatrice Stepanek, 1895, 419 West 118 street, New York City.

Mrs. Mary Belk Truusdale Bradley, 1893-94, 17 Holland avenue, Westfield, Massachusetts.

Miss Leta Eaton Farleigh, 1903, 200 Van Houten avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

Miss Helen E. Lucas, 1903, East Carter, Mass.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Miss Elsie Van Frie Roberts, 1903, to Rev. Frederick H. Steenstra, of Grace Church, New York City.

Miss Grace E. Stilwell, 1902, to Mr. Louis Radcliffe Boswell, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, 1904, to Mr. Milhauser of Fairport, New York.

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DEATHS.

January 10, 1927, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mrs. Mary Lauderburn Rhodes, 1869.

October 28, 1906, at Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, Mr. William O. Robson, father of Mrs. Marion Robson Travis, formerly of 1903 and Miss Olive R. Robson, 1893-95, 1896-97.

October 12, 1906, the mother of Helen E. Lucas, 1903.

January 15, 1906, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Emily Stewart Howard, 1892.
SOCIETY NOTES.

Society Zeta Alpha held its monthly program meeting at the society house, Saturday evening, January 26, 1907. The following program was given:

Introduction of Pastoral Elements into English Literature ............................ Marion Waugh
Shepherd's Calendar ............................ Mary McDougall
Pastoral Lyrics ............................ Maude C. Bradfield
Pastoral Elegies ............................ Margaret Jones

The regular monthly program meeting of the Shakespeare Society was held in the society house, Saturday evening, January 26, 1907. The following program was given:

PAPERS:
L. Pleasant Types in "A Winter's Tale" ............................ Carol Sawyer
Nature in the "Winter's Tale" ............................ Gladys Brown

SHRINE:
"The Taming of the Shrew." Act III, Scene I
Katherine ............................ Dorothea Lockwood
Bianca ............................ Margaret Seccombe
Baptista ............................ Margaret Erwin
Gremio ............................ Helen Rustis
Lucentio ............................ Florence Bease
Petruchio ............................ Dorothy Storey
Hortensio ............................ Helen Knowles
Prano ............................ Betty More
Servant ............................ Ruth Stephenson

The Alpha Kappa Chi Society held its regular monthly program meeting in the society house, January 26, 1907, at 7:30 P.M. The following program was given:

The Wandering of Odysseus,
Odeysey Books IX-XIII ............................ Hattie Brown
Reading—"The Lotus-Eaters" ............................ Tennyson
Art Representations in the Books Studied ............................ Elizabeth Gordon
Classical News ............................ Jean Aiken

At a regular meeting of the Phi Sigma Fraternity held January 26, 1907, at the Chapter House, the following program was presented:

Summary of the Second Period of Provencal History ............................ Isabel Rawn
The Origin and Significance of the Provencal Court of Love ............................ Helen Goddard
Representation of a Court of Love:
Queen ............................ Laura Kimball
Attendants ............................ Wmifred Reed, Emily Shonk
Troubadours, Genevieve Pfeiffer, Dorothy Fuller, Katherine Scott Chevaliers, Genevieve Waskburn, Leah Curtis, Helen Curtis

On Saturday evening, January 26, 1907, the regular monthly program meeting of the Tau Zeta Epsilon Society was held in the society house. Following is the program:

Current Art Topics ............................ Miss Douglas
Music Bulletin Notes ............................ Miss Condit
The Impressionistic School in France ............................ Miss Plummer
French Mural Decorations ............................ Miss Doten

PICTURES GIVEN:
Breton Peasants ............................ Collet
Models: Miss Peterson, Miss Mitchell, Miss Douglas.
Jean D'arc ............................ Bastien Lepage
Model: Miss McClary.
Portrait ............................ Manet
Model: Miss Pope.

At a formal meeting of the Agora Society held Saturday evening, January 26, 1907, the following program was given:

Impromptu Speeches:
"The New Independence of France" ............................ Eleanor Little
"The Earthquake in Jamaica" ............................ Ruth French
"Beginning of a New Era in Persia" ............................ Clara Griffin

PARLIAMENT OF FOOLS.

(From "Bit of Ancient History" is a true story sent to us by an English friend, who remembers the visit of Sir Richard Temple to Wellesley. This was in the early days of the College, when Miss Freeman was the president.)

A BIT OF ANCIENT HISTORY.

Conversation between Miss Freeman (Lady Principal) and Sir Richard Temple.

"Does it increase their chances?
I do not understand;
Explain yourself, great Gov'nor,
From India's coral strand."

"Does it increase their chances?
Of Matrimony sweet,
To wear a bright blue stocking
Upon their charming feet?"

"I do not know, great Gov'nor,
I have not ask'd them, Sir.
I've never called a lassie,
And prying questioned her.
Perhaps if you should ask them,
They'd soon make bare their hearts,
And show to you, great Gov'nor,
Fair Cupid's piercing darts."

CONCLUSION.

But there the matter ended,
Sir Richard had his fears,
And would not ask the lassies
"What are your chances, dears?"

A DOGGEREL.

Sigard said, "I think its hard
That we are muzzled so!"
"I tell you we are strapped for sure,"
Said jocund Bobby Lowe.

Sigard said, with bitterness,
His muzzled nose alert,
"I feel ridiculous;—in fact
My dignity is hurt."

But Bobby said, "I think it does
Our beauty much enhance;
Beside, a muzzle acts, you know,
As suspenders to our pants."