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MAY-DAY.

We have always thought of "Harriet" as one of those serenely conservative ladies who is never swayed by the dictates of fashion, and therefore all of us who saw her on May-day morning fairly gasped with amazement at the transformation in her appearance. A wonderful display of the much-affected puffs were "sitting" on her smoothly brushed locks, a gorgeous yellow necklace and elbow-bows to match, added a dressy touch to her toilet, which was made complete by one of those fetching frills down the front of her waist, and 1907's banner draped at her feet gave an effective finish to the color scheme of yellow and white.

How fortunate that so many of 1907 have hair that they can lend on such occasions, and of a shade so nicely matching their class color!

But 1907's zeal did not give out even after all these extra delicate little attentions to Harriet, for Niobe and her daughters, and even Venus and Diana were adorned according to the latest fashion, with richish big hats, feather plumes, and Philadelphia collars; to say nothing of a very stylish pump on Niobe's daughter's one available foot. Never, surely, did these celebrated ladies appear to greater advantage, which is saying a good deal for 1907's supply of skillful lady's maids.

After the rest and refreshment of breakfast the Seniors were ready for the fray again, and at eight o'clock sharp the hoop-rolling began from College Hall. Staid and dignified in their caps and gowns, they struck the first whack, and then tore breathlessly down the hill in a vain attempt to catch up to their hoops, or to make them roll in the way they should go. Panting but victorious they lined up before the chapel door and made an arch of their hoops for the other classes to walk through.

After chapel came the run across the meadow, many of the Seniors eager to strengthen their reputation as hoop-rollers repeating their stunts on the way back to where the photographer was waiting to take the class picture. The Sophomores first formed a circle around them, cheering and singing for their sister class and May-day; and then they ran for the hill where they formed the Senior's numeral. After a cheer for "one-nine-nought-seven!" everybody made panting dashes for nine o'clock.

The afternoon part of May-day was even more festive for it brought out such a crowd of gayly-dressed children as no other occasion could possibly get together.

Children ranging through every degree of age and naughtiness came out to play: Some dainty maids with neat nurses in attendance, who smoothed down their curls and doled out pennies to buy jump-rope or candy; others, more dressed for a wild good time, who had to be scolded and watched by their negro mamnities. Boys were not wanting: there were Bussler Browns in profusion, who pulled the girls' hair and caused trouble and amusement generally.

The party was not at all limited to Americans either; we had Chinese and Scotch, in costumes fearfully and wonderfully made; as well as a Spanish girl or two, and some captivating clowns whose nationality was quite concealed by their paint.

Everybody joined in playing games—London-bridge, drop-the-handkerchief, and tag were perhaps the favorite amusements, until at five o'clock the crowning of the May Queen drew the crowds toward the throne and the May-pole.

Here, amid much cheering, which sounded peculiarly loud and deep coming from such an infantile crowd, the Freshmen president, Elizabeth Blish, was crowned Queen-o'-the-May with a crown of 1907's yellow daisies and then the May-pole dance began, the children all dancing in a circle and twirling the colored ribbons in and out.

A sudden dash up the hill by a large number of the Sophomores announced the fact that 1909 was up to something; and the few who could tear themselves away from their play saw the Sophomores forming in a big circle around their tree to cheer the new stone which had been placed there that morning to mark it. Not that it needed marking—far from it—it stood straight and firm, and has grown almost an inch since last Tree Day!

Meanwhile, the sun was getting low, as was also the supply of candy and ice-cream at the booths; so gradually the games were broken up, and the children went back to long dresses and years of discretion. But the day was not yet over; after dinner came the first singing on the chapel steps, where the Seniors proudly took possession of the top rows, and 1908 took their more humble, but not less enviable seats lower down, and we sang all the old songs, that we love just the same even if we don't know the words.

May Day is lots of fun, but it seems the beginning of the end for the Seniors; it is such a short time now before June comes, and they must "leave the steps alone at last to memory."

SUN-DIALS OLD AND NEW.

The occasion for the lecture by Professor Whiting on Monday evening, April 29, was the setting up on the Wellesley campus of a third sun-dial—two were already on Observatory Hill. The lecture was pre-faced by a statement that it was not going to be an astronomical talk, though there would be some astronomy in it; nor a mathematical talk, though there might be a formula or two; nor a literary talk—though there would be quotations from poets and essayists; but an appreciation of sun-dials with their wealth of sentiment and association.

A paragraph from Charles Lamb's essay on "The Old Benchers of the Inner Temple," which was read, perhaps gives the keynote of the hour's talk:

"While an antique air had the now almost effaced sun-dials with their moral inscriptions, seeming coeval with that time which they measured... what a dead thing is a clock, with its ponderous embellishments of lead and brass, its pert... run dullness of common utility, compared with the simple altar-like structure, and silent heart-language of the old dial. It stood as the garden-god of Christian gardens. Why is it almost everywhere vanished? If its business use is suspended by more elaborate inventions, its moral uses, its beauty might have pleased for its continuance. It spoke of moderate labors, of pleasures not prostrated after sunset, of temperance and good hours. It was the primitive clock, the horologe of the first world. Adam could scarce have missed it in Paradise. It was the measure appropriate for sweet plants and flowers to spring by, for the birds to apportion their silver warblings by, for flocks to pasture and be led to the fold by. The shepherd 'carved it out quaintly in the sun' and turning philosopher by the very occupation, provided it with mottoes more touching than tombstones."

Something was said of the history of dialing, of the construction of a simple dial, of the pocket dials, of the curious dials of the seventeenth century, notably of the Horologium Aehazi which could turn back the shadow as in the miracle of the Old Testament.

The dial-inscription or motto which "gives it a voice and makes it a friend" was illustrated by many examples.

For the pictures from which the lantern slides were made, the lecturer stated her indebtedness to the books of Mrs. Alice Morse Earle.
EDITORIAL.

These are the days of excavations and researches. Old arts are being studied anew; old cities, rediscovered; buried treasure, surpassing even that of Captain Kidd, is being unearthed and studied. Cannot this movement be made to extend a little farther; cannot something be done to revive the lost art of conversation? In olden times salons and coffee-houses were hot beds of discussion; even as recently as within the memories of our grandmothers, people conversed and were proud to be renowned as conversationists. Now the word itself has an old-fashioned note and is rapidly falling into disuse. We chat, we talk, but, in very truth, we do not converse. As our letters have lost the charm and graciousness of a more leisurely epoch, so has our speech deteriorated not alone in form but also in substance.

Nowhere is this more evident than at College. Formerly students in the great continental universities used to spend days and nights in heated argumentation. All the isms and schisms known to men were discussed and re-discussed. We, on the other hand, indulge in a little harmless gossip, bewail our fate as to the old school, brilliant if conservative, protested vehemently against sending his granddaughter to college. "She will come back to us educated to stupidity," he moaned, "with her brain all muscle-bound and not a word to say for herself." Of course that is an extreme point of view. Many of us, however, do find ourselves at a loss for something to say—that is something really worth saying—when we go home, not because our minds are "muscle-bound" but because our tongues are stiff from disuse; and we have lost track of everything outside of our own very limited world. Let us keep in mind what Stevenson says, "The first duty of a man is to speak; that is his chief business in this world; and talk, which is the harmonious speech of two or more, is by far the most accessible of pleasures."

GLOVES

may be right and not be Fownes, but they can't be Fownes and not be right.

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quizzes and papers—and then we have quite finished. A great many girls seem to feel that their minds are taxed to their utmost by the preparation and recitation of each day's lessons, and must be given a complete rest all the rest of the time. So that instead of gaining inspiration and an intellectual impetus from their work, their intellect becomes stultified.

And yet the conditions here at Wellesley are almost perfect for fostering real conversation. There are girls here from every corner of our country, representing scores of different environments and ideals; many have already seen "active service" in the world; many more are resolutely setting one toward as some definite goal; all of us, by our very presence here, proclaim ourselves interested in culture and things of the intellect. The fault must be with us ourselves. It is not that we are mentally incapable of conversation, but that, consciously or unconsciously, we are neglecting an important, though not scheduled part of the curriculum. To be sure most of us are busy. Deliberately to sit down for a talk seems a waste of time and yet it behooves us to remember that time so "wasted" is what John Henry Newman considered among the highest benefits a university afforded.

However, even if papers, committee meetings, and rehearsals are to consume our afternoons and evenings, nothing can rob us of our dinner-hour; and it is here that most of all, we are not avoiding ourselves of our opportunities. We indulge in a low-voiced chat with our neighbor, concerning that plate on the ambulacral system of the star-fish, or Mary's spring suit as the case may be. That finished, we hold a silent dissertation with the inner man. If we could only regard each evening's meal as a dinner party where courtesy alone would demand an effort at contributing to the diversion of the entire table, might a reform be effected? From the wide range of personal experience, incident, conduct, science, history, and art there would be no dearth of subject matter to draw from. And with cash and every girl willing to do her share, the sport should not lag. With dinner-time synonymous with a good talk, we might come to welcome the "last bell" for reasons opposite to all the rest. The cultivation of table-talk and conversation in general would be a help in raising the academic standard of Wellesley of which so much has justly been said and written. It would be also of service to every individual. A certain gentleman of
COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 P.M., Bible Study Rally in College Hall.
Friday, May 10, at 7:30 P.M., address by Mr. John F. Moors, secretary of the Immigration Restriction League. Place announced later.
Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 P.M., Dr. Endicott Peabody of Groton Mass., will speak in College Hall Chapel, on "The Function of the School in Developing Character."

7:30 P.M., Barnswallows.
Sunday, May 12, at 11 A.M., services at Houghton Memorial Chapel.
4 P.M., Silver Ray Rally.
7 P.M., vespers with special music.
Monday, May 13, at 8:15 P.M., concert by the Choral Society of Dennison House at Billings Hall.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Ruth Carpenter and Harriet Robertson attended the annual spring meeting of College Settlements Association in New York, last week.

The regular Thursday-evening meeting of the Christian Association was held on May 2, by Miss Pauline Sage, General Secretary of the Association. Her subject was "The Three Principles of Right Living," as found in Micah 6:8.

Miss Genevieve Wheeler, 1906, has been back at College this past week.

Professor and Mrs. Archenhold, from the Observatory of Treptow, Germany, were entertained, together with several of the astronomers from Harvard, at the Observatory House this week. Professor Archenhold was one of the savants invited to the opening of the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg.

At a business meeting of the History Club held on the afternoon of May 1, it was decided to appropriate ten dollars to the Famine Relief Fund.

The refreshments sold on May Day, were in charge of the Christian Association. For the benefit of the College at large it is announced that over $125.00 was taken in and between $50.00 and $90.00 was clear profit for the Famine Relief Fund. The money that was given beforehand by various members of the College, goes, as then stated, to swell the Silver Ray Fund.

At a meeting of the Class of 1908 held on the afternoon of May 2, Sue Barrow was elected Senior President, and Henrietta Roberts, business manager of the Legenda. In the evening the Class of 1907 tendered 1908 an informal reception at College Hall in honor of the newly-elected president.

The Choral Club of the "Hemingway" will give a concert at Billings Hall, on the evening of May 13, at the invitation of the College Settlements Association of Wellesley.

Miss Larabee, daughter of ex-Governor Larabee of Ohio is visiting Mime, Mottet and Mlle. L'Aigle at their home on Midland Row.

The Board of Directors of the Christian Association for 1907-1908 is as follows:
President, Dorothy Fuller, 1908.
Vice President, Marian Durell, 1908.
Recording Secretary, Kate Cashman, 1910.
Corresponding Secretary, Grace Kilbourne, 1910.
Treasurer, Grace Allen, 1908.
Chairman of Bible Study Committee, Martha Cecil, 1909.
Chairman of Mission Study Committee, Frances Taft, 1909.
Chairman of Religious Meetings Committee, Miss Mabel M. Young.
Chairman of General Aid Committee, Anna Brown, 1909.
Chairman of Social Committee, Ruth Pinney, 1909.
Instead of meeting on Tuesday, April 30, Dr. Denison's Class met Thursday evening, May 2.

The Bible Study Rally which was announced for Sunday, May 5, has been postponed to Thursday evening, May 9, when Miss Mary Bentley, a former Secretary at the Leland Stanford University will speak in College Hall on the "Wider Aspects of Bible Study."

A story by Associate Professor Sherwood, "The Gentle Robber," appears in the May issue of McClure's.

Professor and Mrs. MacDougall entertained the members of the Music Department and Mr. MacDougall's pupils in both Practical Music and Musical Theory, at their home, Thursday P.M., May 2. Refreshments were served and some delightful piano solos given by Miss Madden of Woonsocket, R. I., a former pupil of Mr. MacDougall's.

On Tuesday evening, April 30, and again on Monday, May 6, trials were held at the Debating Club for the inter-class debate. The subjects discussed were: Resolved that the giving of flowers at Barnswallow Plays should be prohibited, and Resolved that college girls should take a keener interest in social study.

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Exhibition of the Work of Lucy Scarborough Conant in the Farnsworth Art Building.

The work of Lucy Scarborough Conant now to be seen in the Exhibition Room of the Farnsworth Art Building is of great interest and charm. Miss Conant has shown in this collection her skill in the choice of method and medium of expression, considering first, in each case, the subject to be represented, and working in charcoal, water colors or oil on white paper, brown paper or canvas as that subject demands. Such adaptability and range should be a part of the equipment of every artist—it is the only way in which that pitfall of the artist specialist may be avoided, the fad in art. Miss Conant’s best pictures in this exhibition are undoubtedly the three oils in which she has painted trees in landscapes with an appreciation of color and a feeling for decorative line. There is a sureness in the drawing and brush work and a brilliancy of execution in these canvases. To the rest of the exhibition the term “finished sketches” might be applied without any contradiction of terms—for while the clever treatment is slight, the effect is most satisfactory.

Boston should be proud to claim such a facile and brilliant artist, and Wellesley College is happy in being able to study some of her interesting work at close range.

Fellowship for Social Study Offered to Wellesley Graduates.

The Women’s Educational and Industrial Union offers a Fellowship for work in social investigation to Wellesley graduates. The income is $500 and the fellow would have the opportunity to continue her economic studies at Wellesley while doing a piece of research work under the training of Miss Parton, research director of the Women’s Educational and Industrial Union. All interested are invited to consult with Professor Coman or Miss Balch.

SETTLEMENT FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Anyone interested in applying for a Settlement Fellowship or Scholarship should do so at once. A circular with the full information will be found posted in the Economics Library.

Professor Coman or Miss Balch will be glad to consult.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL SERVICE.

Any students who might care to give some time this summer to co-operation in a piece of social investigation in Pittsburgh, to settlement work in Newark or in Hartford or to other unpaid social work are asked to confer with Miss Balch.

LARGE PRIZES FOR ECONOMIC ESSAYS.

For the best essays on certain Economic subjects prizes of $1,500 and $500 are offered to graduate students and $500 and $150 to undergraduate students. As the essays must be presented June first the offer is not now of practical interest, but when the subjects set for next year are announced they will be given notice.

SOCIETY NOTES.

A program meeting of the Phi Sigma Fraternity was held in the Chapter House, on Wednesday evening, April 24. Its subject was the “Literary Revival Movement in Provence.” Katherine Hazeltine talked to the society about the place of the Troubadour and the Spirit of Provence. The poem, “Mireio,” written by Frederic Mistral was adapted for presentation in the society by Isabel Rawn. The following took part: Ramoun, a rich freedholder, Genevieve Pfeiffer, Mistress Ramoun, his wife, Marion Edwards, Ambrose, a peasant neighbor, Dorothy Fuller, Vinca, his son, in love with Mireio, Katherine Scott, Mireio, daughter of Ramoun, Margarette MacKellar, Boy, Edith Wise, Lucille D’urmond, Natalie Lydecker, Louise Kinsell, Helen Curtis, Leah Curtis, Arabelle Robinson, Alice Rossin-ton.

Three Manus.

Reapers.

Music Notes.

Student Recital, Billings Hall, 7 May, 1907.

Two Piano Fortes:

Epithalamium

Miss Theresa Levy, 1907, and Mr. Hamilton.

Piano:

Dialogue -------------------------- Meyer-Helmund

Miss Margaret L. Williams, 1908.

Two Piano Fortes:

Invocation et Bacchanales from Ballet “Polyovecte,” Gounod

Miss Hilda K. Carson, 1907, and Mr. Hamilton.

Voice:

The Last Chord ------------------------ Sullivan

Miss Hattie Luddow, 1907.

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Miss M. Josephine Bowden, 1908.

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FACTORY LABOR IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Mr. Charles E. Persons of the Harvard Economics Department, who is to take the course in Industrial History next year, gave an interesting lecture on Friday night, before the Economics Club. He spoke of factory conditions and legislation in Massachusetts, choosing Lowell as a typical town. He traced the phenomenal development of the cotton weaving mills in Lowell from their introduction in 1812. In four years there were thirty-three mills with a capitalization of $25,000,000, employing eighty thousand five hundred operatives of whom six thousand five hundred were women. Lowell was far from being, however, the typical mill town of the present day; for these operatives were all Americans; they were working for some definite purpose. They lived in company boarding houses, kept by respectable agents, with strict rules for closing at 10 P.M., and such general good conduct as regular attendance at "divine service and close observance of the Sabbath." They had long work days, averaging from eleven to thirteen hours, during the summer from 5 A.M. to 7 P.M. In spite of this they managed to evening schools and lectures, eager for education and development. These rather ideal conditions continued until 1834, when there was a depression in cotton—a 12 1/2% reduction in wages—and the first strike. It failed because of poor organization, but it was the beginning of the end for the old regime. By this time the machines were being speeded up, the number of looms per girl doubled, wages cut, and rates for board raised. At the same time that conditions in factories were deteriorating, other opportunities for women were being developed. The natural result was that they gradually left the mills, whose labor problem became pressing. Many agents were sent up into Canada, and to foreign countries with the result to-day that our mill towns have a chiefly foreign population. Mr. Persons pointed out, however, that the whole situation was a distinct advance. An advance for the New England mill hands of the thirties and forties, who are now prosperous ranchers and merchants, all over the West, and an advance for the emigrant French Canadians, Greeks, and many others nationalities who have taken their places. It is perhaps hard on the mill cities during the transition times. But if the old-fashioned notion of America's mission, teaching liberty to the world, is to be adhered to at all, we must recognize that this is one of the most effective possible methods of reaching them through the bands of emigrants who come to this country, receive its benefits, and hand them on in turn to succeeding arrivals.

M R. I R L A N D ' S LECTURE.

On May 3rd, at Billings Hall, Mr. Ireland addressed the History and English classes on "The Study of Comparative Colonization." Mr. Ireland's approach to his subject from the standpoint of those who govern colonies, a colony being used in its narrower sense of a dependent country in which the native is governed by a foreigner. A nation builds up colonies for two reasons, because it is small and thinly populated and its national life is largely in its colonies—and also for reasons commercial. An intelligent nation does not treat a colony like a sponge to be squeezed and thrown away; it realizes that from a contented, prosperous people it is possible to get more dollars. But it is hard to make the native happy because of his very different point of view. He does not want innovations that are obviously for his advantage—simply because he doesn't. Have we a right to impose our point of view on him? Mr. Ireland says that this study of Comparative Colonization is difficult because most of the literature on the subject is dry, encyclopedia details or dillentante sketches from different points of view that it is impossible to compare like with like in the different colonies. There is, however, a little good fiction of colonization, notably Kipling's. Mr. Ireland closed with the exhortation that we remember that this question of race domination is one of flesh and blood, not of philosophical abstraction, that all men whatsoever their color are much alike, that they think of their friends and neighbors, their clothes and small concerns "even as you and I."

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

Boston Wellesley College Club.
The spring meeting of the Boston Wellesley College Club will be held at Wellesley, on Saturday afternoon, May 11, 1907. The business meeting will be held in the Whitin Observatory, after which the Club will be entertained in the new Observatory House by President Whiting, who will give an informal talk on the equipment of the Observatory. Mrs. John C. Whitin of 170 P. Fleming of Harvard Observatory will be the guests of honor.

The American School for Girls at Constantinople, Turkey, will need for the coming year a teacher of experience to carry on the work in biology and chemistry. It is hoped that some one may be found who will be willing to remain in the school long enough to build up a department of science which has just been started. Traveling expenses both ways are offered for a three years' engagement, together with a salary of $600.00 and living expenses during the academic year. Any teacher of science who wishes her name placed on the list of applicants is asked to address a request to Miss Mary Caswell, 130 College Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Miss Grace O. Edwards, 1894, has spent the year abroad with her mother and sister. She plans to be at Wellesley for Commencement.

Miss Marion Wharton Anderson, 1894, announces the opening in September, 1907, of a Travel School for young ladies. Her plan is to spend eight months abroad, the first four in Paris and London, the second four in Florence and Rome. Daily instruction in French forms part of the program for the fall months and in Italian art and history for the winter and spring. Miss Fredrika Moore, 1898, has this year begun her work for the doctor's degree in medicine, at Boston University. Her address is 21 Frost St., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Miss Marion F. Cooke, 1901, is temporarily engaged as secretary to Mrs. John Crosby Brown, of Orange, New Jersey.

Miss Grace M. Dean, 1903, has accepted a position as teacher of Latin in Brownell Hall, Omaha, Nebraska.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.
Miss Mary S. Young, 1895, 545 E. 57th St., Chicago, Illinois.
Mrs. W. W. Ranney (Helen L. Street, 1896-97), 45 Niles St., Hartford, Connecticut.

MARRIAGE.
EMILY HALLMAN—REDFIELD, April 27, 1907, in Chicago, Illinois.
Miss Josephine Redfield, 1891, to Mr. Charles Thomas Hallman.
At home after July first, at 100 E. 53rd St., Chicago, Illinois.

DEATHS.
April 5, 1907, in Wheaton, Connecticut, a daughter, Elizabeth McClean, to Mrs. Christopher C. Carse (Alice Clair Morrison, 1902).

April 28, 1907, in Dover, New Hampshire, Mrs. Charles Tufts, mother of Edith Tufts, 1884.
April 28, 1907, in Wellesley, Massachusetts, Captain John A. Beebe, father of Alice G. Beebe, 1866.

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THE MASS MEETING.

All of us have heard much lately of the distress caused by famine in Russia and in China. In order that every girl might have an opportunity to learn the facts about these great disasters to the suffering people, and to show her Wellesley spirit by giving intelligently, a mass meeting was held in College Hall Chapel, on Tuesday afternoon, April the thirtieth. The meeting was opened by Miss Pendleton, who introduced Dr. Wrinstein, a Russian refugee. Dr. Wrinstein gave a very graphic account of the causes of the famine, and made terribly real the sufferings of the starving people. After speaking briefly of the extent of the suffering, she told of the condition of the peasants. The Russian peasants eat meat only on very rare occasions; their daily food consists of coarse black bread, cucumbers and cabbage. Now starvation is forcing millions of them to live on "hunger bread," a mixture of weeds, sand and bark from trees, all baked together into a very hard cake. She hardly needed to tell us that this "hunger bread"—often poisonous to adults—is a deadly food for the thousands of little babies who are now without milk.

While the long continued drought is an immediate cause of famine, there are many more sinister conditions which are the autocracy toward the peasants. It is these conditions that Dr. Wrinstein hopes to remedy, going down to fundamental causes rather than merely riding of the disaster seemed to be. Since 1861, when the peasants were freed, they have had to live on what they raise on the small plot of ground apportioned to each man. Ever since 1861, the taxes, however, have been much heavier, and hence the plots alone will not sustain them. As for his farm is seized by the tax collector. Consequently, the lack of implements, and especially the lack of necessary farm animals, means it quite impossible, even in ordinary seasons, for the peasant to feed himself and his family. The lack of any proper irrigating system is another cause of the famine for which the government is responsible.

The very large number of men killed in the recent war has done much to bring on famine conditions, since there are few able bodied men left to tend the crops. Dr. Wrinstein said that there are many villages in which there are only women, children and old, or disabled men.

Since we must see that help is necessary to save these millions of lives from death, we should know that if we help to save them, we are working not only for Russia, but for the whole world. Dr. Wrinstein believes that her country will soon be the great nation of the world. If Russia is to hold this place, she needs all the resources that we can supply to form the peasants of the next generation. Dr. Wrinstein assures us that there is fine material in the Russian peasants, who, in spite of all ignorance and degradation superstitions, are eager to see things righted in their country, and willing to endure much to bring about the right.

Dr. Wrinstein asked us, then, to let our sympathies and our enthusiasm overcome the great differences between us and these famine-stricken people, and to realize that, while we have never known what it means to want food, millions there are actually dying, and hence the trouble that has been caused by the horrible death of starvation. The Russian government, she said, is doing what it can to prevent the suffering. As we can all readily understand, the long winter has left very little in the nation's treasury. She spoke very beautifully of the noble work which Russian girls and women are doing in the towns where epidemics have accompanied famine. Since one dollar may save a life, if we cannot go to Russia and help should we not at least give freely?

Miss Pendleton next asked Katherine Hall, 1900, who has just returned from China, to tell us of the famine conditions as she had seen them there. Miss Hall gave a very vivid picture of the suffering in the famine camps where small-pox is killing so many starving people. She said that the suffering seemed most pitiable among the babies, thousands of whom are dying for lack of milk. She emphasized the fact that if food could be gotten to the Chinese, most of those dying of starvation could be saved, since they have hardy constitutions.

Miss Pendleton reminded us that both Russia and China have especial claims on us,—Russia, because she, like this country is struggling for independence from revolution, China, because of all she has endured at the hands of western nations. She urged us to give up some of our luxuries and to let our contributions represent real sacrifices. She spoke again of our responsibility and of how much a little money can accomplish. We need not fear that our help may arrive too late, for in two weeks, at the most, we can be providing food for some starving Russian or Chinese.

Miss Besse said that Wellesley hoped to raise at least $1,000 and that if we succeed, we shall have the right to ask the other women's colleges to join in our contributions. Each girl was asked to write a pledge for her gift, and these pledges were collected as the meeting closed.

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to send a statement of her account to each member of the college

whose pledge has not been paid in full. This is done in order

to try to prevent misunderstandings in regard to amounts due

at the end of the year. If any mistakes have been made, the

chairman of the committee would be glad to be interviewed.

It will be remembered that the pledges were made on the

basis of a year of thirty-four weeks, altho' no offering was taken

up on the first three Sundays of the fall term. It would be a

great help to the committee if all arrears could be paid imme-

diately, and as there will probably be no offering on Baccalaure-

ate Sunday, all payments should be made before that date.

MIRIAM HATHAWAY,

Chairman Missionary Committee.
A SUGGESTION FOR MONDAY AFTERNOONS.

Just at present an unusual number of demands for our money are being brought to our attention. Among the claims for Russia and China, the college in Spain, Silver Bay, and the ever present Library Fund, one more dares to assert itself. Yet it is not only for money, but more important still, for thought, sympathy and interest that this plea is made. The Frances E. Willard Settlement in Boston hopes to take possession of the large Trinity Church Settlement, known as the St. Andrews, by the last of this month. This will mean moving from the small, crowded and inadequate quarters now held, to a large, well lighted, sanitary building in the same neighborhood. It will also mean the raising of $7,000 in thirty days, to complete the $33,000 of the first payment. The settlement workers have proved by their progress under present conditions, that their knowledge of the needs of that part of Boston, and their ability to meet those needs are worthy of hearty co-operation. If you could know the results of the work done in a small hall, and three cellar rooms, at 24 S. Russell street, damp and poorly ventilated, you would wonder that nearly six hundred children could come to them for club work; and you would see the possibilities of St. Andrews.

From our knowledge of the Denison House we can imagine the work of the children's clubs, but there is another phase which should interest us still more. Here, girls, most of them about our own age, coming to the city to live, and at least earning less than $8 a week, are given board, lodging and laundry for $5. When, as so often happens the rooms are all taken, safe lodging houses are recommended, temporary help is given, or some special plan is made to tide over urgent need. All of us know at least something of conditions in our own city; and realize that this work is a great preventative step, which would be worth while if it saved one girl, instead of many. All this in the abstract may sound very familiar. But why, instead of being satisfied with merely hearing and reading, shouldn't we go and see for ourselves? From an educational standpoint it would be worth while. Some Monday or Saturday, visit the house at 24 S. Russell street and compare it with the St. Andrews Settlement, 28-36 Chamber street, only a block away. You will gladly be shown around and cannot help being interested. Perhaps you will see a minuet class of little Jewish girls, dancing with artless charm. If you like, you may help some twenty small children dress dolls for the city hospital, a class conducted by two Wellesley girls every Monday afternoon from 4:30-5:00.

On Saturday afternoon, May 15th, at 2:15 these children with over a hundred more are going to give "The House that Jack Built" in Jordan Hall. Tickets are 50 cents, 75 cents and $1.00. You will be helping the settlement by going.

It is worth while to know about such work as this, if we ever hope to do our share of thinking on the social problems of our civilization. Just now the pressing demand for our money is from the famine sufferers, but we can give our sympathy and interest to the methods and work of this phase of social experiment, which is worthy of our highest respect.

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PSYCHOLOGY EXHIBITION.

On Friday evening, the students of the Psychology Department who are doing independent work gave a most instructive exhibition, reporting on their several problems and showing their apparatus. Miss Helen Cook is doing a most exhaustive piece of investigation on Terminal Illusions and Miss Young's is of Visual Illusions. Miss Crawford is finding the factors in the Binocular perception of Depth, and Miss Helen M. Wood, the Relation of Colors to Depth Perception.

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