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## Noel Guests Greeted

Phi Sigma Presents Its Masque to three Audiences

Phi Sigma, decked with holly and evergreen, received the guests for the Christmas masque Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15. Just before the performance the lights were turned low, and the strains of the Christmas carols were heard as the singers proceeded from Tupelo to the windows of the library.

The Phi Sigma masque was written by Dorothy Onthank, assisted by Marian Winstead. The scene is laid in Provence, in the cottage of Father and Mother Laurin, who are making ready for the Noel cheer. Calendal, a stranger who has come from beyond the mountains in his journeys, has stopped at their hearth, and has been cheered by their hospitality and kindness. He has learned, moreover, to love Berthon, the young daughter, and he has just this evening won her consent for their marriage. Majali, the older sister of Berthon, loves Calendal passionately, and her heart is broken when she realizes that this great gift of Noel happiness cannot be hers. In the wilderness of her sorrow, she seeks the help of the witch Taven, an evil woman whose charms of love and hate are unailing in their potency.

At the crossroads, in the shade of forest pines, Majali awaits the coming of the witch. Her heart is heavy with sorrow, and she is overcome with yearning for Calendal's love. As she waits, she sees a desolate figure draw near to the Cross—a heggarwoman, who places there her burden of a little child. Majali rebukes her for her cruelty in thus abandoning her baby to the winter cold, but the woman explains that she is too poor to keep the child any longer, and is leaving it at the Cross to God's mercy. Her faith and supreme trust move Majali to tell the story of her own unhappiness, her unrequited love for Calendal, and her determination to win him by the spells of the witch. The heggarwoman shows her the evil of her desire, and the great wrong she would do her sister. Majali begins to understand that her greatest happiness cannot come from such a desire, and that she must find her Noel joy in purer service. She kneels at the Cross, takes the child in her arms, and promises to provide for it and for the mother; to cherish this as her Noel gift. The voice of the witch is heard, calling her to her cave, but Majali is beyond her power, and has found a greater happiness than her charms can provide.

The last scene is again in the cottage. The Noel rites have begun; the Yule log is lighted, and the candles around the creche of the Christ Child. Calendal tells Father and Mother Laurin of his love for Berthon, and receives their blessing. When the hymns and Christmas songs are finished, Majali comes in with her Noel child, and the mother whom she has brought to her own warm hearth. Now at last she realizes that in her journey to the crossroads she has found the true happiness of Noel—the joy of working for others, and of loving them in the true spirit of the Christ Child.

The masque was presented with great simplicity; the staging and the costumes were, however, striking and beautiful. The cottage scene, with the bright fire, the little curtained bed, and the Noel holly and mistletoe, was cheerful and homey, and the scene at the crossroads, with the real evergreens and the real snow on the cross, was most effective. The customs of Provence were brought out in the burning of the Yule log, with the libation offered to the Trinity, and the light-

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MARGARET HADDOCK, 1921's PRESIDENT.

## ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

Academic Freedom was the subject of the Freshman-Sophomore debate, held in Billings Hall Friday, December 14. Although not a particularly close debate, it was interesting, for the subject under discussion, being an aspect of the larger question of Free Speech, is a vital one today.

The freshmen upheld the question: Resolved: That no college instructor should be dismissed for the advocacy of views that provoke complaint, until a committee of the American Association of College Professors has adjudged him either to have discredited his competency as a thinker in his own field, or to have subordinated his function as a teacher to his partisanship for the view in question. The issues of the affirmative, as stated by the first two speakers respectively were, that the committee they favored, was the most desirable, since (1) it was just to the professors themselves, (2) the trustees were unfit to serve on such an impartial board.

In refutation, the sophomores showed that the proposed board was not adequate for justice, since it did not meet the requirements of such a board in being sufficiently representative to avoid prejudice, and having the legal right of interrogation. As a remedy, the negative side proposed a substitute board on which representation would be given both the local faculty and trustees as well as those already included on the board in question.

The judges,—Miss MacDowell, Miss Perkins, and Mrs. Hodder,—rendered a unanimous decision in favor of the sophomores. There was no doubt in the mind of the audience as to which side would be the winner, for although the freshmen showed keen thinking, their side as a whole lacked organization. Even a few months' experience in debating for English 3 gave the sophomores an advantage in this direction, as well as in the use of authoritative evidence for almost all of the statements made. The rebuttals of both sides brought up good points, but here again the freshmen failed to indicate the connection between the points made and their stand. The delivery of the affirmative speakers was unusually good, and we may well look to 1921 for good material for our intercollegiate debate in the spring.

## To Farms, Ye Braves

Plan For War Garden Welcomed At a Mass Meeting

A patriotic call, to farms not to arms, was the occasion of the rather mysterious mass-meeting held Thursday afternoon, December 13, in the Barn. And it was a call, which with its opportunity for active service, challenged the co-operation of every girl who prides herself on being a Wellesley student and an American.

The mass-meeting itself was to bring before the student body the plans for a Wellesley War Farm which, if approved, should then be presented to the Trustees. These plans had been arranged by a committee consisting of Miss Gibbons, head of Beebe, and Miss Davis, Dr. Snow and Miss Stone of the Botany Department, with Professor Ferguson as chairman. The farm will be modelled after those held last summer at Vassar, Mt. Holyoke, Bryn Mawr and Barnard. Wellesley, however, is going one step farther and will make theirs an all-college and an *only-college* enterprise in every phase of supervision, labor, and perhaps even of finance. The extent of the garden will be from eighteen to thirty acres, depending on the number of girls who apply for the work, and on the amount of money which can be raised to finance it. The aim is solely to produce food and to afford the girls opportunity of war service, not to make money for individuals or for the college.

In carrying out the project, there will be two definite divisions of the work. First the planting in the spring and the late gathering and disposing of the crops in the fall will be done by volunteers, who will give unpaid two consecutive hours a week. Then from June 15 to September 15, the work will be carried on by three successive squads of from twelve to twenty girls who will remain an entire month in Wellesley. They will work eight hours a day, at twenty cents an hour, with Saturday afternoons off on pay. Board will be supplied at cost and it is hoped that a college dormitory will be given over free for room.

The squads are to be organized into three main classes: "Privates" or the ordinary untrained workers, "non-coms" or those who have taken the emergency course in gardening or the regular horticultural or landscape gardening courses, and the foreman and her associates, all members of the faculty. There is to be a variety of work beside real gardening, as, for instance, picking, drying, canning and even housekeeping. Applications for any of this summer work should be made on or before January 25.

Those girls who are in sympathy with the plan and yet perhaps have not the time or the strength to put in actual labor, can be of vital assistance in financing the Farm. Money is of course necessary in starting such an enterprise, although the crops will eventually bring in good returns. It is understood that all profits shall be either set aside to finance the War Farm of 1919 or else devoted to some other definite phase of war relief or reconstruction work.

The enthusiasm at the mass-meeting was evident. Hardly a girl failed to respond to the rising vote of approval. Surely no one, realizing the present problem of producing food and the opportunities for land and labor in Wellesley, could disapprove. Wellesley girls are healthy, they are capable, they have spare time during the summer and the desire to turn this time to a good purpose. And what better purpose than the War Farm of 1919?

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### BLUE OVERALLS.

Blue overalls and red suspenders bid fair to be the vogue with the Wellesley girl this spring at the time when she is usually turning her attention to the shade and style of her garden party dress,—at least this is the conclusion to which the enthusiastic reception of the plan for a Wellesley farm would lead us. Wellesley, as always conventional and conservative, emphasizing the cultural rather than the practical, has not been among the first of the women's colleges to call upon the student body for volunteer farmers, but, having observed Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Barnard and Mt. Holyoke as they successfully embarked upon agricultural enterprises, she is not slow to follow their example.

Well filled shelves of pickles and jam, and bins of potatoes, carrots and turnips are but the most obvious of the profitable results to be expected from the institution of a college farm. Clearly, if college girls are able by their own labor and on their own campus to produce sufficient food stuff to practically take their college out of the market at this critical time, it is to the advantage not only of the college but also of the country, that they should do so. However, a second result, if less tangible still wide-reaching in influence, may be hoped to follow the college-farm movement.

While the interest of college women in those scientific courses of study which lead to industrial occupation has constantly increased, still the natural preference of the student for cultural courses, such as literature and art, and for intellectual work after college, is evident. Until very recently the college woman has scorned manual labor and without the stress of the present situation to urge its practicability, the idea of a farm completely managed and developed by women students would appear to her most incongruous. However, war has made the student realize as never before that physical work means noble service for humanity and she now proposes to undertake plowing and reaping with a new respect for these humble tasks. This new attitude on her part should not be without its influence upon other classes of American women. In helping to wipe away the stigma which attaches to manual labor and in stimulating other American women to engage therein, the college farm movement may perform a second practical service for our country.

A third advantage which may be expected is a change in the student's social point of view. Life on the Wellesley Farm promises to be good solid hard work, yet we cannot for a moment suppose that it will be without the pleasures of an occasional good book, or concert and of constant intellectual comradeship. Under the influence of Dr. Margaret Clay Ferguson's forceful personality the student farmers will become acquainted with a life which combines the joy of hard work with delight in the intellectual. Besides stimulating respect for manual labor, the farm may point out to us the part which intellectual pleasure should play in the life of our laboring class.

Thus the donning of overalls by the college girl promises to promote in two ways the cause of democracy; first, materially through the production of needed supplies, and, second, spiritually

through the development of a truly democratic point of view as regards labor. "Democratic Wellesley" could make no more appropriate New Year's resolution than that of support for the proposed college farm.

### CHRISTMAS, 1917—AN OPPORTUNITY.

The Christmas holidays to which we are all looking forward with such eagerness will prove for many of us the most serious holidays that we have ever spent. Not only will the obligation of war work be heavier, but also the absence of many friends and the discontinuing of much of the social life which in other years has meant gaiety and recreation, will throw us more on our own resources and give us an opportunity for more thoughtful living.

It is ludicrous to say that here in college we are keenly alive to the issues and significance of the war. We are decidedly not awake to the profound seriousness of it. We may engage in desultory sewing, in sporadic surgical dressing, or in incidental reading, but while we accomplish much good collectively, we do not individually sustain a high standard of service. We will be impressed with the difference in our own attitude and the attitude of the people at home. We will be brought face to face with issues which do not touch us here; problems in house management, in organization of relief work, in providing entertainment for the soldiers in local camps, or for those who are already across the water. We will find, almost without exception, that our own people are taking these matters far more seriously than we are. This is, of course, only natural, since we are in a sense isolated from many of these concerns.

It is not necessary to remind ourselves of our duty during these holidays. We will have ample opportunity to work, and we will do it gladly and freely. The important point is, that we do not fail to bring back with us a renewed energy and earnestness to continue in the same spirit when we are back at college. This does not mean that we are to neglect our particular work here, but rather that we should concentrate all the more firmly in order to have more time to give for War Relief. While we are home, it will be easy for us, in our leisure, to find new ideas for further efficiency and thoroughness. We will receive new suggestions and means of improvement in our methods; we will have the opportunity of seeing experienced and capable workers. We will hear striking appeals from many fields, and speakers who represent all phases of the conflict. This is our opportunity, this Christmas; to seek every possible stimulus for further service, and to bring back to college every possible suggestion that we can use.

It is our privilege not alone to remember the practical service which we can render on our return, but also to sustain the energy and enthusiasm and unflagging spirit which our Christmas work will stimulate. It will be harder to keep this ideal when we are away from home, because we will have many distractions and imperative duties. But if we cannot expect to accomplish the same amount of work, we can try to give as much of our time in proportion, and give it generously and gladly.

This Christmas is our great opportunity. Let us enjoy it, and use it well, and renew its lessons when we return.

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The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements which appear in this column. Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 9 A. M. on Monday.

#### I.

##### WHEN DO YOU KNIT?

A vigorous New Hampshire farmer complained last summer that he could not go anywhere but he saw women knitting. "I can't go to the Post office, I can't go to the Highlands, I can't come back to my own front porch but I find every woman knitting. Of course I realize that the sweaters and helmets and mufflers are going to be needed next winter, but I don't for the life of me see why they have to keep at it all the time." When he said it made him nervous to see those bright needles going ceaselessly some one suggested that he thought knitting was the best method women had found for using the surplus nervous energy that was theirs.

At college the situation is quite different from the summer vacation. We do not have the chance to knit all the time but have to use our spare minutes. From such a situation has developed the custom of knitting during lectures—and even occasionally in classes. We cannot deny that it is essentially very discourteous to the speaker not to give him our undivided attention when he is so kind as to spend his time and thought for us. It has become so firmly established a custom—for the period of the war at least—that students forget the lapse of courtesy and lecturers ignore it. There is one time, however, when knitting becomes not only discourteous but absolutely unnecessary—that is during religious services. Is it not possible to relax once or twice during the week—to forget one's self and give up to things mental and spiritual? One of the greatest criticisms made against our college life is that we have no time that is quiet to ourselves. We complain of it continually. If we do not take the time individually why not use Christian Association and Sunday services in that way. What shall we suppose Dr. Fosdick thought—and felt—when he saw himself confronted with a row of industrious knitters in the gallery a week ago? Besides, is there not a regular time for knitting in each house during the week?

M. W. C.

#### II.

##### OUR WAR GARDEN.

Let's not forget when we drop college affairs for the Christmas holidays that when we return we are to be asked, "What are you as an individual going to do to support the Wellesley College War Farm?" We have voted to do our share in increasing the amount of farm products. We have accepted gladly the work which Miss Ferguson and other members of the Botany Department have done on the proposed plan. The trustees of the college will undoubtedly grant us the land we asked for and probably one of the college houses for summer use. The rest of it, to make it a success or a failure, rests with us. Upon our loyalty, our generosity, and our "stick-to-it-iveness," depends the achievement of our farm.

All of us can't give a month's time this summer to weed and hoe eight hours a day, but some of us can give an hour or two a week this spring-time to help prepare the land and do the seeding. This very vital part of the process must be performed by the volunteer workers before the middle of June. Perhaps some of us feel even that we cannot give time; but we can, all of us, con-

tribute money, which, no matter how small the amount, will bring the prospect of success so much nearer to us. And it isn't a one-sided affair, where we give everything and get no returns. We're going to be able to see the returns—the exact amount of vegetables produced, our own stronger physical conditions, the valuable asset of practical experience, and firm friendships. Friends made in play-time are delightful, those in work-time are splendid and lasting.

Now, when we are moved with the Christmas spirit of giving, let us decide to give so wisely and so thoughtfully that we shall not be carried away with enthusiasm today and forget about it tomorrow, but so give that we shall be proud of our work, as the farmer-girls of Vassar, Mt. Holyoke and Barnard are proud, of a worthy task well done. It is in this way that we can show our appreciation to Professor Ferguson and her helpers who believe us capable of such success.

F. M. B., '18.

III.

TEMPUS FUGIT.

Has the Veiled Lady been stealing clocks too? At any rate, there is a blank stupid expression on the wall of the intelligent Administration Building, where once Old Faithful was hung.

And the demorabzation among the rest of the college clocks! Some are too slow, some too fast, some go backward. Worse things could happen, but many people are mathematically upset to find that they take minus two minutes to walk from the Library to a class room.

Can't we have our remaining timepieces at least running together?

'LEVENTH HOUR LOU.

IV.

SNIFF! KERCHOO!

Another aspect of our flaunting the "college girl type" in the face of all common sense, seems to be our pride in doing without rubbers when the snow is heavy, and leaving hats at home when a sleety rain makes us all look like drowned rats. Go up to the infirmary any morning at 8.30, and the long line of red-nosed, sniffing girls will testify to the fact that we are not of the race of Esquimaux.

S. O. S.

UNSOLVED PROBLEMS OF ELEMENTARY GEOMETRY.

On Tuesday evening, December 11, Professor J. L. Coolidge of Harvard University lectured on *Some Unsolved Problems of Elementary Geometry* to an audience which taxed the capacity of the Barn. In opening his lecture, Professor Coolidge spoke of the limitation which the ancient Greeks put on geometry, in allowing the use of no instruments except the rule and compass in geometric constructions. The questions as to what constructions are possible with ruler alone, with compass alone, or with other instruments have been proposed in more recent times. The first unsolved problem suggested for the consideration of the student was: "Given, some one instrument, as a sheet of paper which can be folded, determine all the geometric constructions which it makes possible." Other problems suggested were in the line of extending to three dimensions certain theorems of plane geometry, some of which are of very recent origin. Among these are the so-called nine-point circle; certain chains of points and circles; and the problem of Steiner which is the construction of a system of circles tangent to each other and to two given circles, one of which lies within the other.

The speaker appealed to all teachers of geometry to make the subject alive to their pupils by taking some part themselves in the effort to add to the sum total of geometrical knowledge. In closing he said that it had been suggested that he should talk on *Mathematics of the War*; but the only mathematics he knew were the kind that make for peace.

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NOEL GUESTS GREETED.

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ing of the candle around the little crib of the Christ Child. The music of the Christmas hymns and the Yule log song was written by Katherine Davis, 1914.

The acting was extremely well done, and in keeping with the simple and beautiful lines of the play. Throughout the masque, the spirit of the Noel was sustained; the poetic beauty of the old French customs, and the religious devotion and warm charm of the people.

The cast of the masque is as follows:

- Majali . . . . . Louise Hunter, 1919
- Berthon . . . . . Miriam Towl, 1918
- Calendal . . . . . Mildred Faris, 1918
- Mother Laurin . . . . . Florence Goodrich, 1919
- Father Laurin . . . . . Josephine Cooper, 1918
- Esperit . . . . . Dorothy Faris, 1919
- Grandfather . . . . . Anna Nock, 1918
- Beggarwoman . . . . . Kathleen Murphy, 1919
- Witch . . . . . Christene Breingan, 1919

The chairmen of committees:

- Properties—Helen Broe, Mary Edwards.
- Costumes—Stanley Partridge.
- House—Lillian Barr.
- Decoration—Gisela Haslett.
- Invitations—Beatrice Douglas.

THE WEATHER FACTOR IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

How important climate and weather are in determining the conduct of this war, many of us had not realized until Professor Ward discussed it for the Geology students on the evening of December 11. A successful general, the lecturer said, must know what the climate of the territory in which he is operating is; how cold the winter and how hot the summer are likely to be; how much rain usually falls and how much snow. On the Western front the climate is similar to that on the Pacific, with a temperature in summer like Portland, Maine, and in winter like Baltimore, Maryland. The mud about which we hear so much is due not so much to the amount of rain that falls as to the character of the soil. In planning an attack an officer chooses the time of year that the meteorologists have found to be generally the driest—late spring and summer—so that the troops may be hindered as little as possible by the mud, and for the safety of the heavy guns. Thus the plans at headquarters are always subject to interference from weather; and much more is this true in the present war than ever before, because it is being carried on so much in the air.

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## DR. FOSDICK.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who is widely known through his practical books on Christianity, at Christian Association on December 12, explained "The Problem of Evil." He said that "evil is faith's greatest obstacle," for it is difficult to believe in a merciful and loving God in great disaster. It is a mystery in life, but it can be borne and life made beautiful by it if only there is a reason. Now although we cannot understand the universe, there is a reason—to make character, for trouble builds in men "fortitude, courage, sympathy and self-sacrifice." We must not be embittered by it: it is the foundation of happiness, for "happiness is the expression of overcoming power." We would not take its causes—natural law, free will, progress, and society—out of the world, so although it seems unfair at times, we should have faith in God, in suffering as well as joy, and, said Dr. Fosdick "this faith will not only explain suffering but heal it."

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOCIAL SETTLEMENT WORK?

And are you going to be in New York or Boston during vacation? The New York College Settlement at 84 First Street extends a most cordial invitation to you to a luncheon, Friday, December 28, after which there will be interesting speakers. There will be an opportunity to tour the neighborhood and see the activities of the house.

And Denison House asks you to the same kind of a festivity December 27. If you want to spend vacation there, the Settlement will provide hospitality as far as possible at the rate of \$1.00 per day.

## MILWAUKEE GIRLS.

The Milwaukee Wellesley Club extends a cordial invitation to all Wellesley girls who may be spending their vacation in Milwaukee to be the guests of the Club at a Wellesley luncheon to be given at the City Club, at one o'clock, Thursday, December 27.

If you can be with us, will you kindly respond by Christmas Day to Esther Berlowitz, 589 Farwell Ave., Lakeside 2535.

## RECENT WAR POEMS.

*Memorial Day, and Other Verses*, by Helen Leah Reed, contains a number of poems dedicated to the young men engaged in the present conflict. Enthusiasm for youth and beauty, love of home and the simple virtues of humble people, are the various subjects of the other verses. The book is sold for the benefit of work for blinded soldiers.

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## GYMNASTIC COMPETITION FOR SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN.

This year Sophomores and Freshmen who are in regular gymnastic classes are to have some form of competition for their year's work, as those in advanced gymnastics have had each year. The plan as worked out gives each member of 1920 and 1921 who are in either Hygiene 22 or 21 a chance to score for her own class. Obviously that cannot be done in a meet, for it would be impossible to have all sections of either class on the floor. The solution is to be three competition days: one this semester and two in the second semester, when each girl will have a chance to score by coming up to stated standards in four events: broad jump, rope climbing, Indian club race, and balance beams. There will also be tests for good carriage in standing, marching, and while doing a few gymnastic exercises.

At the end of the year's work there will be a meet between (1) the best Sophomore and Freshman divisions, which will compete in marching and floor work; (2) apparatus teams selected at large from all members of each class except Sophomores in advanced gymnastics; (3) selected groups which shall compete in dancing.

To explain further the individual competition: squads will be assigned to some event instead of apparatus work; on that day each girl gets only one chance to score. She scores by equalling or surpassing these standards:

Carriage—3 parts of test, 20 pts; 2 parts, 12 pts; 1 part, 6 pts.

Broad jump—6 ft. or more, 10 pts.; 5 ft., 4 in.-6 ft., 6 pts.; 4 ft., 6 in.-5 ft., 4 in., 3 pts.

Balance beams—3 parts of test, 10 pts.; 2 parts, 6 pts.; 1 part, 3 points.

Indian club race—less than 10 2/5 sec., 10 pts.; 11 3/5-10 2/5, 6 pts.; 13 3/5-10 2/5, 3 pts.

Ropes—Climbing to top, 10 pts.; climbing 2/3, 6 pts.; climbing 1/3, 3 pts.

A captain will be elected by each division. She will appoint squad captains, who are to keep the individual records of their squads. The division captain of the division chosen to represent the class in the meet will be class captain, and will have the responsibility of totalling and averaging all individual scores, to make the class average.

This average will count as two-thirds of the class score, the other third being the score made in the final meet. When the final scores are decided, a cup will be presented to the winning class.

## BATTALION—ATTEN-SHUN.

You are called upon now to lend your forces to the greatest effort you have made yet. You must aid your Red Cross in bearing the ever-increasing burden of supplies for our boys at the front. All you need is "a heart and a dollar," and you will be promoting one of the most urgent campaigns which you have yet supported—the Red Cross Christmas Drive. In order to meet the enormous demands, it is absolutely necessary to have 10,000,000 new members by Christmas. Are you going to be among those members—those of you who do not already belong—or are you going to let a dollar stand between you and the Christmas cheer of your brothers, who are giving their lives for you? Do you know that in addition to maintaining dispensaries for civilian residents in the war zone, distributing supplies to nearly half a million French hospitals, caring for refugees, and operating hospitals and canteens for our soldiers, the Red Cross this year will be the only Christmas cheer that thousands of fighting men and destitute civilians will know? There are any number of instances which we could cite to show how universal is the work which this great organization is doing. But there is no need of this; you all know what the Red Cross stands for. You realize that by supporting it you are giving vital assistance to your country and to your army. This campaign—the Christmas Membership Drive—began on Monday to enlist 10,000,000 new members. The need is vast, and the cry for aid, which is growing ever louder, will by mid-winter exceed all supplication known to history. Are you going to wait until it reaches that point? Then join the Red Cross today. Pay that dollar to your chapter as soon as yet get home, if it is the last cent you have in the world. It ought never to be said of any Wellesley girl that she did not belong to the Red Cross in times such as these. Display the service flags in your windows, every one of you, to show that in this great cause of humanity, Wellesley was not found wanting.

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KEYS.

The freshmen and the sophomores  
Have keys they hate to lose,  
They open up the lockers  
For their bloomers and their shoes.  
These keys are thrust upon them  
And they cause unending woe,  
But no mortal can escape them,  
As the best of us must know.

In junior and in senior year  
There is another kind  
Which comes not for the asking,  
As the best of us may find,  
And they will open doors that lead  
To friends and firelight,  
And the proud possessors of them  
Wear them gladly, day and night.

In senior year some wear a sort  
Not made for you and me,  
It's gold, and doesn't open doors  
That you can touch and see,  
And yet it opens many things,  
At least, so we are told,  
But wise and worthy are the few  
Who wear the key of gold!

K., '20.

"AND THEN I KNEW—"

One I love, two I love,  
Came to call today,  
But I asked my room-mate down,  
One she stole away.

Two I used to love the best,  
One I jilted sadly;  
Wasn't I a little fool?  
Oh! I feel so badly!

Sure, I never can exist  
In a world so gloomy;  
I must go and buy some nice  
Poison for my roomie!

"SAID A RESIGNED FRESHMAN—"

"When I came to college  
My heart was set on knowledge  
I planned to study Chemistry,  
Botany, Astrology,  
French and Archæology  
AND Art 12!

"But now I've seen my duty,  
I've dropped my dream of beauty,  
I study Trigonometry,  
Algebra, Gymnaseii,  
And wait for C's Philosophy—  
The Dean advised me to."

JOTTINGS FROM JERRY.

CHAPTER II.  
On Proposing.

X.

Drifting under the willows,  
(Great Scott, her dark lashes!)  
She leaned on the pillows  
Drifting under the willows.

I longed for fierce billows,  
Or wild lightning flashes!  
Drifting under the willows,  
(Great Scott, her dark lashes!)

XI.

"I love you, my Honey!"  
(By Jupiter, 'twas scary!)  
It sure wasn't funny—  
"I love you, my Honey!"  
And then, hang it, Dunny!  
She whispered, "No, Jerry!"  
"I love you, my Honey!"  
(By Jupiter, 'twas scary!)

XII.

Despair!

She gave me the mitten!  
(What's the object in living?)  
My lifesong's all written—  
She gave me the mitten!  
I was sure stung and bitten—  
And next week's Thanksgiving!  
She gave me the mitten!  
(What's the object in living?)

XIII.

Me for the monastery,  
(Ye gods, my heart's broken!)  
Don't look so bloomin' merry—  
Me for the monastery.  
It's chants and cowl for Jerry,  
Of sirens no token!  
Me for the monastery,  
(Ye gods, my heart's broken!)

XIV.

"Joy cometh in the morning."  
I've just met a charmer!  
(Hurray, I feel dippy!)  
Her eyes pierced my armor—  
I've just met a charmer!  
Her dad's a rich farmer  
On the old Mississippi.  
I've just met a charmer!  
(Hurray, I feel dippy!)

XV.

Hair rich and goldish,  
(Believe me, a daisy!)  
Eyes a bit coldish,  
Hair rich and goldish,  
Makes one feel boldish,  
First name is Maizie.  
Hair rich and goldish,  
(Believe me, a daisy!)

XVI.

Should order some candy?  
(By jinks, you're right, Dunny!)  
Schraft's boxes are dandy—  
Should order some candy?  
My hat must be handy—  
Say, lend me some money?  
Should order some candy?  
(By jinks, you're right, Dunny!)

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#### WINTER IN BELGIUM.

The College will remember its contribution last year of five hundred dollars in response to Mme. Dupriez's heart-moving appeal for cups of cocoa for the half-famished Belgian children. Since then, one hundred and fifty dollars more have drifted in to Miss Bates, one hundred coming from our ever generous alumna, Eunice Cole Smith, '98, and five cents from her little niece, Baby Octavia. This money has now been sent to Mme. Dupriez, to do its bit in helping the people of that heroic, martyred country endure the winter cold. Mme. Dupriez, now a member of the Executive Committee of the New England Belgian Relief, writes:

"The number of destitute is increasing every day and the charitable organizations have no money left to help. Tuberculosis is making a frightful progress. Food prices are beyond imagination,—20 francs for two pounds of rice, 16 and 18 francs for two pounds of peas or beans, and the buying of coal is for the small purses out of the question. If the necessary money can be found, a few large rooms will be heated, where the poor will go to warm themselves, two or three hours a day."

Without urging this one sore need above the many other needs of this terrible and noble time, Miss Bates will still be glad to entertain any Belgian gifts that may be looking for her and to pass them on to Mme. Dupriez.

#### THE APPOINTMENT BUREAU.

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13. Positions for Mechanical Draftsmen: Work consisting of tracing, plant-lay-out, piping, and other work. Position would pay at the start \$75 per month with increase of \$15 at the end of six months or whenever justified. Graduates of colleges for women who have had some physics, chemistry, or mathematics along with some mechanical drawing are desired.

Any one who would like to become an applicant for one of these positions is asked to address Miss Mary Caswell, 58 Administration Building, or to call in office hours, quoting the number prefixed. Fuller details can then be given.

#### THE CHINESE ENTERTAINMENT.

In order to raise money for the great flood caused by the rise of the Hwang Ho River in Northern China, the Chinese students of Radcliffe, Wellesley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, and the New England Conservatory of Music, gave a most successful vaudeville in the Barn on Saturday evening, December 15. It was an entertainment unlike anything Wellesley is accustomed to having and was altogether novel and enjoyable. The program commenced with an instrumental solo by K. L. Hsuek. The second event was a clever dialogue and mock-ventriloquist "stunt" by Messrs. Kwan and Wei. A piano solo was then rendered by Miss Wong of the New England Conservatory. Dr. New and Mr. Yeh gave an interesting dialogue in which many of the differences between Chinese and American customs were brought out. This was followed by a quartette composed of the Misses Tong and Chin and Messrs. Chin and Ling. They sang "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," and then a "Little Jack Horner" song which was most enthusiastically applauded and encored. A unique Chinese sword dance was given by Mr. Hsuek. Mr. Yeh gave two instrumental solos, one of which was the familiar "Yankee Doodle," and Mr. Ki Chin executed a shuttlecock dance with marvelous agility. After two pleasing songs by Miss Chin, came "Chinese Magic," Mr. Yeh performed several remarkable sleight-of-hand tricks which delighted as much as they puzzled the audience.

Miss Doen Ting Chang, who was in charge of the affair, then thanked the audience for their attention. She also spoke of the cause for which they were working—the flood which had made thousands homeless and without food or protection from the cold.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

##### DORMITORIES.

Tuesday evening, December 18, was the date of the annual Christmas parties on the campus and in the village.

Although the parties in the dormitories were simplified so as to be less expensive, yet the enjoyment was in no way diminished. There was plenty of scope to originality and "home talent" and the results proved conclusively that neither was lacking. Some of the parties were particularly unique. Cazenove carried out the idea of going home for vacation, and everybody was invited to attend dressed in traveling suits. Registration slips served as place cards. Upon leaving the dining room signs pointing "to the street"

and "to trains," guided the travelers into the living room where a train, composed of rows of chairs, awaited them. Claffin held an old-fashioned "Sunday-School party" and the guests were entertained with humorous speeches and "pieces." Stone, which was especially original in holding their party on December 12, had the tables decorated with tiny snow houses and miniature Santa Clauses. Upon pulling a gaily colored ribbon each guest discovered a present hidden in the snow. After dinner Santa himself appeared with a huge snowball that was found to contain a quantity of small ones all numbered. After matching numbers for partners, an elimination dance followed. Shafer innovated a "candle-light" party, and Wilder followed out the old English idea of Christmas celebration. Tower Court also adopted the old English custom and everyone wore 13th century costumes. The dinner was followed by a masque which was full of the spirit of the Yule-Tide.

#### SOCIETIES.

Z. A. held its Christmas party on the evening of Wednesday, December 12. Two pages carried in the Yule log and when that was blazing brightly the presents were distributed and all gathered around the fire to open them. Dancing and a general good time followed.

On Wednesday evening, December 19, T. Z. E. held its customary Christmas festivities. Presents were distributed and then came the dancing and informal merrymaking.

Agora has this year instituted a new kind of Christmas entertainment. Children from the public school were invited for Wednesday afternoon, December 19, and the party was given for them. Needless to say, true Christmas cheer and Yule-Tide spirit were prevalent.

On Saturday evening, December 15, A. K. X. gave an unusual presentation. Elizabeth Pickett read aloud the story of *Caroline's Christmas* by Stephen Leacock as it was acted by five of the members who were chosen for their extraordinary histrionic ability. Dancing and Christmas carols followed this successful production.



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### WANTED.

FOR THE ALUMNAE REGISTER.

the present correct addresses of the following people. Will anyone who has such information kindly send it as soon as possible to the Alumnae Secretary, Mary B. Jenkins, Wellesley (College), Mass.?

- 1883—Mrs. Willis A. Anderson (Clarimond E. Potter).  
 1885—Mrs. Charles E. Curtis (Emma F. Purington).  
 Mrs. Robert S. Seibert (Gertrude A. Woodcock).  
 1887—Miss Mabel Stevens.  
 1889—Miss Mary A. Winston.  
 1893—Miss Maude E. Severance.  
 Mrs. Vincent E. L. Verley (Eliza O. Foster).  
 1894—Miss Laura I. Mattoon.  
 1895—Mrs. Charles H. Ebert (Mary Roberts).  
 Miss Ada Kreecker.  
 1896—Miss Eva Loudon.  
 1898—Mrs. Horace F. King (Ella E. Snow).  
 Miss Alice R. Callaway.  
 Mrs. Harry R. Lee (Emma C. Watt).  
 Mrs. A. Edward Allen (Elizabeth E. Jones).  
 1899—Miss Clara W. Brown.  
 Miss Mabel L. Bishop.  
 Miss Faith L. Young.  
 Mrs. Herbert B. Brougham (Nettie I. Hill).  
 Mrs. Arthur E. Post (Elizabeth Hitchcock).  
 900—Miss Charlotte B. Herr.  
 Miss Mary S. Ayres.  
 1901—Mrs. Henry Schott (Frances Lathrop).  
 1904—Mrs. James R. Coutts (M. Louise Parlin).  
 Miss Marion E. Fenton.  
 Mrs. Edwin H. Vincent (Lilian A. McDonald).  
 1905—Mrs. Kent Bender (Maud Honeyman).  
 Mrs. Herbert V. Olds (Mary E. Lovejoy).  
 Miss Kate G. Wilson.  
 Mrs. Herbert French (Myrtle Goodman).  
 Miss Zella Wentz.  
 1906—Mrs. William A. Schick, Jr. (Lotta R. Bradburn).  
 1907—Miss Elizabeth M. Alexander.  
 1908—Miss Elizabeth Niles.  
 Miss Roma I. Love.  
 Mrs. Harry B. Bean (Grace Wagner).  
 1909—Miss Elizabeth P. Vose.  
 Mrs. Russell U. Bleecker (Hester Perry).  
 Mrs. Charles C. Pinneo (Elizabeth A. Quimby).  
 Mrs. Charles L. Wagner (Fridoline V. Zimmerman).  
 Miss Harriett A. Dunn.  
 1910—Miss Beatrice L. Stevens.  
 Miss Eva E. Jeffs.  
 Mrs. William Daly (Elizabeth Snyder).  
 Mrs. Arthur G. Wonall (Genieve Hodgman).  
 1911—Mrs. David C. Churchill (A. Eleanor Franzen).  
 Mrs. Harry Shedd (Bernardine Kielty).  
 Miss Edith L. Koon.  
 Miss Viola C. White.  
 Miss Emily T. Goding.  
 Miss Kate S. Parsons.  
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 1917—Miss Mary H. Comstock.

### ENGAGEMENTS.

- '14. Elizabeth Lane Fanning to Charles Holloway Crennan, University of Indiana, '13.  
 '14. Lillian G. Macdonald to J. Francis Boland, Holy Cross, '12.  
 '16. Norah L. Robinson to Lieutenant Alvah E. Moody, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '17.

### MARRIAGE.

- '14. Howard-Kuehne. On December 11, Lydia Belle Kuehne to Lieutenant Eugene Addison Howard, Jr. Address: Plattsburg, N. Y.

### BIRTHS.

- '05. On December 7, at Greensburg, Pa., a third daughter, Catharine May, to Mrs. Paul S. Barnhart (M. Alice Breck).  
 '16. On December 7, at Orient Heights, Mass., a son, Robert Lincoln, to Mrs. Charles W. Bra-shares (Julia Merrill).

### DEATHS.

- '92. Mrs. Anna Belden Homer ('87-'90).  
 '97. On December 15, at Beverly, Mass., Mrs. Elizabeth Fiske Edgett, mother of Grace I. Edgett.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- '17. Mary Stotsburg to 84 First St., New York City (Until July 1, 1917).

### KILLED IN ACTION.

News has come to us of the death of Paul Cody Bentley, who fell in action September 13, 1917, on the Chemin des Dames front, while bringing in wounded from the scene of battle. He was the son of Josephine Cody Bentley, a special student at Wellesley ('95-'96).

In April, 1917, he left Harvard College without waiting to take his degree, which was conferred in June, *in absentia*, and volunteered in the American Ambulance Field Service, where his splendid work resulted in his receiving honors with his section, and later the Croix de la Guerre and the Palm for continuing in action after injury. His body now rests in St. Gilles' Churchyard in France where it was accorded military burial. Paul Bentley was the first Chicagoan to lay down his life for America and for France, and it seems as though Wellesley could not be too proud of the association which she had with this young patriot.

### WELLESLEY WAR WORK.

#### MISS MAY IN AMERICA.

Among Wellesley's first workers in the war zone was Edith May ('97).

Last winter while in this country for a brief stay, Miss May talked at Tower Court of her activity abroad where it has been her privilege to bring some meager comforts into the hastily constructed and inadequately equipped hospitals. She is now returning to America once more for rest after a period of splendid foreign service. Her mother has met her in New York and will accompany her south for the winter.

#### IN IRELAND.

Grace Ewing McComb (1914-1917) writes that she has changed her address "from somewhere in England to 'Fir Hill,' Monkstown, County Cork,

## COLLEGE CALENDAR.

- Wednesday, January 9. Christmas recess closes at 12.30 P. M.
- Friday, January 11. 8 P. M. At Billings Hall. Second All College Lecture—Mr. A. J. Sack, Director of Russian Information Bureau. Subject: *The New Russia*.
- Sunday, January 13. Houghton Memorial Chapel. 11 A. M. The Right Rev. William Lawrence of Boston, Mass. 7 P. M. Vespers.
- Monday, January 14. 8 P. M. At the Barn. Mr. Skelton of Dartmouth College will speak on *Efficiency*.
- Tuesday, January 15. 8 P. M. At the Barn. Mr. Skelton will repeat his lecture.
- Wednesday, January 16. 8 P. M. Pres. Elmer E. Brown of New York University will speak on *The Art of the Teacher*. This will be one of the lectures appointed by the Vocational Guidance Committee.

## WELLESLEY WAR WORK.

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Ireland, an address which, for the time at least, seems to bid fair to be permanent." That Mrs. McComb heartily approves of the definite organization of college relief work is evidenced by the following excerpt from her letter.

"Wellesley is certainly beating all of Ireland in her mobilization plans. I think your extra-curriculum courses are a very valuable innovation. It seems to me that, by June, 1918, Wellesley ought to be sending over a corps of workers, a unit in themselves. Why don't you do it? Smith did it this summer. Perhaps you *are* doing something. I know that it was much talked about among the Alumnae at commencement time this year. . . . I hope to see by the News very soon that a number of the Alumnae and of the coming graduates are planning definitely on a volunteer corps for service at home and abroad."

## ITALIAN LETTERS.

The following are personal letters which have been loaned for publication in the NEWS by a member of the faculty:

Rev. David Bosio, Protestant chaplain of the 4th Army Corps (stationed in the Cadose Mountains) writes the following:

"There are several hundred Waldensians (Italian protestants) in the zone of which I am chaplain. I have some of my young men at more than three thousand feet (above sea level) and they are living in the snow from June to September, literally in the snow, for their dugouts are like the polar region. Of course they are all so happy when they see their pastor coming to tell them of their families and church. I have had some services but of course it is difficult as there are no days of rest at the front. . . . Lately I had a beautiful communion service with a Colonel and some officers in a trench two hundred—three hundred yards from the enemy and we enjoyed it greatly spiritually. Of course I sleep usually in the trench, and am very thankful when I find a blanket—especially in winter."

The following letter is from a young sub-lieutenant, only twenty-one who describes the same service, which took place in his dugout, in a letter to his home minister. He lost his life in the late Austrian drive.

"Yesterday we had a visit from our dear chaplain, David Bosio. He found the following of our number gathered to meet him, word having been sent to them: Colonel H—, Lieut. M—, Sub-Lieut. N—, and myself. I cannot describe the happiness we felt in being thus met together, a happiness all the greater because we were to observe the sacrament of the Supper. This simple and deeply-moving service took place in a hut hurried in the

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snow at an altitude of 6,900 feet. The hut was lit by four candles; icicles hung from the roof and the floor was covered by a goodly layer of ice; on a small table in one corner was the Bible and the cup, and round it a bench and some rickety chairs. Every few minutes the storm that was howling outside drove a puff of snow in upon us; but we gave slight heed to the snow and the intense cold; absorbed in our devotional service and in the observance of the communion, we rose above the things of this world, our thoughts were of God and of His Christ.

"When the service had closed we returned to the Command of — through a dark tunnel out through the snow, where we gathered round the stove and spoke of our holy faith and of our dear ones. The memory of this service on one of the summits of Cadore, a few hundred yards from the enemy, amidst snow and ice, will remain graven for ever on our hearts and we shall always be able to say that whenever we truly wish it, neither the presence of the enemy, nor any other obstacle whatever can hinder us from uniting to meditate on the Word and to pray to our God.

"I have written Miss Kelso about the deputa- tion to the United States. How glad we would be if some one of us were able to leave for America! Unhappily we do not see our way to do it and it is for me even more difficult than for others. I cannot explain through what circumstances we are passing, but these are such that my presence is needed here and that I would not be faithful to my duty were I to leave Italy in this moment. So we must rely more than ever on our American friends and content ourselves with hoping that the time will soon come when we shall be able to cross the Ocean and to give you a most dutiful help in the work you are accomplishing on our behalf.

"With my kindest regards to you and to all your dear ones, believe me

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Ernesto Giampiccoli."

## OTHER CAMPUSES.

## SMITH.

Smith College has adopted a system of Council Suggestion Meetings, where the four classes meet on the same evening to discuss various questions which the Council has been considering, and thus obtain the opinion of the individual classes. At the last meeting, December 14, the 10 o'clock rule was the topic under consideration.

The Council has decided to give up the Glee Club dance this year, because it is a needless expense inappropriate to the spirit of the year.

## BARNARD.

The University Committee on Religious and Social Welfare has approved of a plan for opening a reading room and cafeteria tea-room for soldiers and sailors, in the Columbia boat house, to be supported and run by the Barnard College War Relief Association.

## FRESHMAN OFFICERS.

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## COLLEGE NOTES.

(This column is confined to personal items concerning students, faculty, and others on our campus or closely associated with the college. Please send notes of interest to the Editor at the News Office, Chapel basement, or drop in the contribution box on the News bulletin before 9.00 A. M. Monday.)

Dr. Percy Long, formerly of the Department of English Composition, has recently received a commission as captain and is at present in charge of the academic work of the Harvard R. O. T. C.

On December 15, Valeria Sherrard, '19, was married to Alfred Coleman, M. I. T., at her home at Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. After the 15th of January, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman will be at home to friends at 19 Martin Avenue, Franklin, Mass.

In the village it was decided to give up having presents at the Christmas parties. Of course there were the usual Christmas dinners, and some of the houses added to the gaiety by dressing as kiddies—both large and small.

The Ohio Club met on Friday evening, December 14, at Shakespear. After supper dancing and knitting were in order.