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Briefly reviewing the events from the startling outbreak of the war in August, 1914, Mr. Taft pointed out that it had been absolutely imperative for the honor of the country and the welfare of the people that we enter the war. "No other alternative than war was open," he said, "if we proposed to be a nation, organized to protect the rights of our citizens, and to uphold the right to the first rank among nations which we had won in 1860 by making supreme sacrifices for our principles.

In upholding this vindicated principle of democratic rule, the great democracies of the world, including England and Italy, where, he said, "the people do in reality rule, are arrayed against the military autocracy comprised of Austria-Hungary and Germany whose aim to overcome the world by fixing her will upon it must be frustrated."

After pointing out the injustices imposed by a volunteer system, Mr. Taft made a strong plea for loyal support of the government, asking that we show the character of our people by giving to the government our support by displaying our belief in its credit and in the justice of its cause.

In the course of his speech Mr. Taft voiced a sentiment fervently echoed in the hearts of his hearers, saying that he "hoped to come in some later time to give the final chapter of his speech in Victory."

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After the play Miss Matthison read from Shakespeare's sonnets. Some of those she read were not as generally well known as others but the hearty applause after each one showed that the audience appreciated and enjoyed them nevertheless. Before each sonnet Miss Matthison paused until she had put herself into the very spirit of the poem. Her mood changed with that of each sonnet and her interpretation of each was perfect. These sonnets completed Miss Matthison's program but the applause for her was so sincere and hearty that she finally consented to come back, saying smileingly that she would read us "something not Shakespeare's." The "something not Shakespeare's" was O'Shaunessy's Ode beginning:

"We are the music makers
And we are the dreamers of dreams."

She read this splendid poem with great feeling and power. Again and again the applause (Concluded on page 4)
"GIVE UNCLE SAM YOUR VACATION."

What we are doing to go with our summer vacation is a question that must be answered soon. Most of us realize that we cannot indulge in the gay and care-free round of pleasures that we have been used to, but few of us realize just how serious this vacation is going to be.

At college we are, to a great extent, out of touch with the world at large, and this makes it even more difficult for us to comprehend the present national situation. Our country is in a great crisis, and it is not in the national interest, but the active service of every American. There is work for us to do, and our vacation is the time to do it. This does not mean that we are to devote our energies merely to helping the kids in the back seater, but to do a great deal besides that. This summer the government can keep millions of people occupied in its various departments, and it is up to us to be among the millions working for it.

If less fortunate women really get a week or ten days to their country, can we not give at least a part of our three months vacation? It is for us to realize that our time is not our own, but our country's, and when she demands it we should give willingly, gladly. First, then, let us understand that our country needs each one of us, and then let us devote some of the weeks usually spent in idleness to some "job" where the government needs us. Thus we may feel that we have had at least a minute part in serving at this time of great need.

HEADLINES—AND FURTHER INTO MATTERS.

We are encouraged both by public opinion and by the conventional sale of newspapers to read the daily press. The stress and excitement of events compels most of us to have at least a headline knowledge of the activities of the world. But these headline thrillers fade very soon from our memory, and the result is an insensitiveness of superficial acquaintance with current events. Even for those who read the newspapers more completely, it is hard to follow consciously, to correlate our conflicting statements, and to realize the significance of what is going on.

This is a plea for more intensive and thought-ful war reading. And it is not in the daily newspapers, for they seem to us that we can acquire a sympathetic interest in the war and the problems which the war involves. It is rather, in the varied literary material, in new books of philosophy or biographical interest, in novels which here on the vital issues, that a deeper knowledge is to be found. It is through a good book that we can gain a more coherent impression, a more intense appreciation. Profitable war books are numerous. They are in our reach in a most convenient manner. The Library Association has disposed a War Shelf, devoted to the best and most vital literature. The material is varied enough to suit all tastes; there are all kinds of subjects treated, from abstract and theoretical discussions to the most personal experiences. New additions are made from time to time.

We cannot afford to let this valuable opportunity pass. This issue of the News contains a review (enflled Flowers in the Mud) of two recently acquired books which give us an example of the type of reading that all may enjoy. Let us aim to show evidence of our interest by patronizing the War Shelf, and other war literature. We find that it will not be merely a profitable duty, but a pleasure; its reward is the development of our sympathy and a keener and a more appreciative comprehension of the great vital problems.

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I.

"COURAGEOUS THINKING"

College students, especially girls, are everywhere asking, "What can we do for the war." For one thing we are pre-eminently filled—to think, and let us add to that to think courageously. Surely no sacrifice is too great for us when we think things clearly through to the finish. And yet, it is possible that we have not yet recognized our supreme chance. We purchase a new hat, because we are tired of our rose-colored one; we invest in a perfect dress of a waist, because it was irresistible in the shop window; and last of all we sit down to innumerable drug-store con- coctions to pass away the time pleasantly. Doubtless, there is pleasure in it all, but does it involve a purer and nobler solution of the war which comes from the big and vital impulses which our knowledge of what is now going on should spur us on to? If we persistently face the issue, and put on one side the balance the per- sonal indulgences we so readily yield to and on the other, as we must, do the children, the very future of Belgium, can we take our seats even in the second balcony at such a price? E. A.

II.

HIDE YOUR BIKE?

All owners of bicycles would like a place to keep them dry in rainy weather, and all non-owners hate to see the campus littered up with bicycles thrown here and there. A shelter afford- ed by canvas roofing and stalls of some kind behind the library makes both an economic and aesthetic appeal. Afterwards we would pray for some device whereby bicycles could be more safely entrained to that place, than our umbrellas can be entrusted at present to the public racks.

G. D. '18.

III.

TO SAVE—HOW?

All the world knows from the daily papers that Wellesley girls have modulated "for services". The alumni know also, from the frank questioning in the "News," that some of the thousand enthralled recruits are wondering just how they can best use (during the summer especially) the physical and mental fitness they are acquiring. Many women have been suggested, but may one alumna make so bold as to remind us of something you know already—that one way in which college girls can serve the ideals of freedom and democracy is by furthering the concrete expression of these ideals within the country? You cannot do a great deal as individuals, perhaps, but you can get in touch with an organization that is working. And even if you cannot create an atmosphere of intelligent public opinion, you can at least be one (1) unit of well-informed public opinion, which is so much clear gain, both for yourself and for your community.

1. You can help to prevent the breaking down of laws for the protection of children and indus- trial workers. If you cannot actually work with the Consumers League, or the American Associa- tion for Labor Legislation, or the Peace Society, or any such organization, you can at least be your- self a Publicity Committee of one to inform your friends of the danger of retrogressive legislation. Many people do not know that such action is being taken, and might welcome a chance to serve their cause by assisting to maintain the hard-won standards of industry.

2. When a Society for the Relief of the De- pendents of Soldiers is organized in your home town, you can refuse to become a member, and then let it be known that in the words of the Society each child should be given by the government in the form of adequate pay or pension. Your refusal to join will probably not affect the Society, because (a) people like to give charity, and (b) it is not easy for others. Those who do not give for their country's sake do not feel it. Your sympathy will be passed along.

3. Most important of all, you can be tolerant, and help to create an atmosphere of tolerance. If there is one thing above all others for which college people should stand, it is respect for the ideals and convictions of others. Perhaps it is too much to expect of even college people in America today that they accord to those who differ with them the same freedom of thought and action they de- mand for themselves. It is difficult for us to get away from the old Puritan interpretation of freedom, especially at times when feeling runs high. But the Puritans believe in the right of every man to do as he pleases, and do not give it up merely because the way in which someone else practises it excites our disapproval.

College people having been (supposedly) "broadened" by their college training ought to guard with especial care the same freedom for others which with whom they disagree to disagree with them.

4. And so ad infinitum. There is the problem of moral conditions in the training camps, the problem of the Americanisation of aliens, and of the increase of juvenile delinquency due to the fathers' absence. If you are in or near a city and wish to do something more concrete than create public opinion you might take youngsters on "hikes" or teach a foreign woman English. Be not afraid that your efforts will be of no avail; the fact that you cannot do much. Even the Russian revolution was made possible only by the devotion of individuals to their ideals in the face of almost certainty of failure. And thus your inspiration will be exalted by you today. You may not be called upon to face death for your ideals, but you may meet with a chilling apathy or a polite amusement, compared to which certain death would be a small matter. K. V. E., 1916.

IV.

PURITY AND PATRIOTISM.

Nine hundred girls have been enlisted for more than a week. One can still notice a difference in the topics of conversation, but can one see a difference in the lives of the majority? They show enthusiasm over drilling; they conform to the mobilisation plan when convenient, but, if it inter- feres with their pleasures, they say, "we must not
FLOVERS IN THE MUD.

To those who are more interested in the spiritual implications of the great war than in the description of battles one would like to recommend two books recently received by the library.

The anonymous writer of "Lettres d'un Soldat" was a young French artist of high courage and keen sense of the artistic. He moves amid the horrors and brutalities of warfare with something of the spiritual aloofness of the Maid of France. Writing daily, almost hourly, to the mother whom he adores, he dwells upon the beauty of the handmade, the creation in language of such simplicity and charm and that the artist's vision is imparted to the reader as clearly as in other circumstances it might have found expression on canvas. "I have tried to gather flowers in the mud, keep them in remembrance of me," he writes, and again, "My happiness is in having been able to keep on telling you that all is not ugliness." Steadily he keeps to his self-appointed task of living only in the present moment, without regard for the consequences of other actions. This is the real sacrifice; to give up the hope of being the standard bearer. It is for the child at play to carry the flag; but for the man, let it suffer to know that it will be carried whatever happens.

Donald Gokey, the author of "A Student in Arms," was an Englishman educated at Sandhurst and Oxford, receiving the training of a soldier at the one place, of a thinker at the other. Serving both as officer and as private in the ranks he gained and lost leadership by observing his fellows, and was peculiarly fitted by training and temperament to depict from the inside the spiritual reaction of the British soldier to the war. Of his countrymen he says, "They have been salted with fire. They are the living proof that pain and suffering are something more than sheer cruelty—rather the conditions that turn human animals into men and then into saints and heroes fit for the Kingdom of God.

With such as these "Usurmo a riever le stelle," both writers have fared bravely forth to continue their quest beyond the blood stained battlefields, but the flowers of the spirit which they have gathered there remain for our comfort and hope.

E. D. B.

GIVE UNCLE SAM YOUR VACATION.

The United States Government will receive the services this Summer of nearly 50,000,000 men and women, if the "Vacation Service" movement started here is carried out according to the plans originated by Professor John Dewey of Columbia University and a past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The movement means that the Government will receive about 10,000,000, or more than 19% of the time of these men and women, who will give their vacations to their country as their patriotic duty.

This war is the most serious crisis the United States has ever faced—the work of every man, woman and child is needed to bring it to a successful conclusion. Every hour given to the Government is an hour gained in bringing the war to an early end. Understanding this, the "Vacation Service" movement was started. Everyone in the United States who takes a vacation, and it is estimated that there are five million such, can do his or her bit by giving their two weeks to Government work.

"11. Thirteen perhaps hundreds of thousands of these are specialists in their various trades or professions—they can give the services of experts. Others can put in their time on the farms helping to solve the vital food problem of the world. There are hundreds of other tasks in which these patriots could help their country.

"Every person willing to do this should apply to the nearest Government depot or arrange to spend their vacations on the farms.

A CUP OF COCOA.

Marjane Dipple's treasure-box, in the English Literature office, had received up to Saturday noon, May 19, $252.61. IT IS STILL THERE. Generous contributions have come from the Mandolin Club, from The Colored Student's Social Club, from the Milton class, from Freeman, and additional gifts from Stone. The money comes in checks and bills, by mackles and by nickels, by coppers till the box overflows, by quarters, dimes and nickels. All welcome! 

K. L. B.
COLLEGE NOTES.

(In the future this column is to be 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 New-World Office, Chapel basement. Or, drop in the collection box on the News bulletin before 9:00 a.m. Monday.)

TWO PRIZES FOR WELLESLEY.

Helen MacMillin has been awarded second place in the Essay contest to the Association of Northern College Magazines. The title of her Essay is "Imagian." She is the only Wellesley girl to appear in the roll of honor of this contest.

Wellesley has been honored this year by having one of her students receive the second highest honor in the competition for the William H. Baldwin Prize for essays submitted on the subject of "Tendencies in Municipal Budget Making." The first prize of one hundred dollars went to Albert Elmer Marks of Harvard, and the second, honorable mention, to Wilhelmina Jonopoli, 1918. The judges were Dr. B. E. Schults of the New York Training School for Public Service and Mr. Frederic B. Greenberg of the Philadelphia Bureau of Municipal Research.

ALMAH JAMES WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

The Economics Scholarship offered by Mr. de Schriver to behalf of the Charity Organization Society of New York, to study the work of the New York Charity Organizations, and the city's industrial life and needs, has been awarded to Almah James, 1916, with Mildred Lauder as alternate.

SPANISH CLUB ELECTION OFFICERS.

The last meeting of the Circolo Castelluccio was held Friday, May 18, in the Pit. The elections for new year are Grace Chadwick, president; Marion Bezeket, vice-president and treasurer; and Mary Francis, secretary.

Miss Mundup of the Hygiene Department will be instructor in Ethereal Dancing at Dartmouth College, Summer Session, July 2nd to August 14th.

Marie Fentzll, '17, was married in New York on Friday, May 18, to Walter Hinrichs, Col- umbia University. She will take her degree with her class, returning to Wellesley for graduation week. Both Marie and her husband rowed stroke on their college crews.

A tea was given at Shakespeare house on Friday afternoon, May 19, in honor of Miss Edith Wyne Macmillan. Miss Sigman, T. Z. R., and Shakespeare spent the weekend at the shore. Agora gave up its shore party and instead went down the Chiber River Saturday afternoon, and Sunday walked to Pogue where vespers were held.

Students of zoology spent a delightful Saturday at Nahant fishing over and around tide pools and partaking of incomparable lunches.

All-college tennis and golf tournaments are being played off as the weather permits.

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Peer Gynt. ——-—Marian Sawyer

Ace, Solveig and other parts ——Dorotha Bleding

SHAKESPEARE.

Meeting given on the campus at Rockford

"Much Ado About Nothing..."

Act III, Scene 1.

Herod. ——-—Helen Swoonblad

Margaret. ——-—Olive Sheldon

Ursula. ——-—Ruth Turner

Beatrice. ——-—Mary Fleuron

Act IV, Scene 1.

Don Pedro. ——-—Helen Snow

Don John. ——-—Katherine Moller

Leonato. ——-—Violta Rottenberg

Rosalind. ——-—Madelaine Hicks

Claudia. ——-—Katherine Scramble

Benedick. ——-—Isabel Williams

Herod. ——-—Elizabeth Evans

Beatrice. ——-—Louise Dillele

Act IV, Scene 2.

Dophery. ——-—Marion Scudder

Verges. ——-—Eva Curfie

Verges. ——-—Curtis Sexton

Eleanor Newton

First Wife ——-—Sara Porter

Second Wife ——-—Dorothea Rhodes

Conrad. ——-—Margaret Wright

Borshol. ——-—Ruby Hilman

AGORA.

Meeting postponed to Thursday, May 24.

ALPHA KAPPA CHI.

Two scenes from The Story of Pioneers by Louis

V. Leidoux.

Peregrine. ——-—Harriet Fuller

Cyan. ——-—Julia Hval

Athena. ——-—Frances Petrie

Galatea. ——-—Helen Santmyer

Hades. ——-—Carrie Bowbeer

Hermen. ——-—Helen Rice

An Old Man ——-—Esther Linton

A Woman. ——-—Martha Person

The Newcomer ——-—Elizabeth Wells

A Young Man. ——-—Anna Morse

Cervantes.

Bessie Kofsky

Jean Snyder

Mildred Littie

Ethel Wells

Gertrude Greene

Music for songs written by Caroline Beier's

ZETA ALPHA.

1. Clyde Fitch, His Place in American Drama.


3. Jenks, Santiny at the Wardens'... Ruth Cambell

Eve Lindon

Helen Page

Louisa Fenser

Margaret Brown

Beeley Wander

Margaret Wilson

Fred Lindon

Cora Lee King

Tom Wander

Margaret Goldschmidt

Mrs. Cresapny

Flora Taft

Mr. Roland

Grace Cole

Reading and criticism of Act II

Martha Jane Judson

III. Summary of the Year's Work

Wildred Connel

CORRECTION.

The 1917 Legenda Board wishes to correct an error made in giving the address of Miss Adele Scherer. It is 5400 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill. (Continued from page 1)
PARLIAMENT of FOOLS

SUSAN LOWELL'S SOLO.
Preliminary 1919 Would Like to Learn the Words.

1. War is very serious and we must do our share.
   To show them that we care,
   That we help them all we dare.
   So let us turn to farming
   And provide the soldiers' fare.
   Let us learn to raise the vegetable.

2. If you soon will leave the college life you led
   Going forth instead,
   To earn your daily bread.
   If you really do expect to be properly fed
   You'd better learn to raise the celery.

3. Cabbages for '18 we should advocate as wise,
   She can raise them if she tries
   So they'll grow to quite a size;
   Then we know that next year's heads
   Will be just great, we assure
   They'd better learn to raise the cabbage head.

4. Freshmen dear, we're judging you by all that we have seen.
   And we think that you will be keen
   When you've worn off all the green;
   But if ever toward the tree of knowledge
   You expect to lean
   You'd better learn to cultivate the beam.

5. For us perhaps potato raising would be some
   But for us it is too tame.
   To it we do not tend
   For we're the class in college
   That is going to raise the cane.

STILL, WE HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING!
Is I bit one of the writings of the Church Fathers? I see it referred to so often when reading my Bible lesson.
We are reading Aesopus' Fables, now, but I haven't yet found out what he is wreeking.

OPTIMISM.
Life's a reel, life's a burlesque
And the grave is not its goal
Everything fast happens, happens
Till we tumble in that hole.

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SOMETHING WRONG!

He has tickets for the latest show,
And always knows just where to go
To get the dullest things to eat,
Where one sees only the elite.
But—He's my room-mate's.

He gives me tea occasionally,
And gets my coat so gallantly.
He kisses me right in the station
As if I were a near relation!
But then, it's time to have him near.
Even though it is quite clear
That—He's my brother.

WHICH PLEASE?
There said a precocious young kid
Who seldom does what she is bid
"My work is just punk"
My exams I'll all flunk
If I don't do some work,"—and she did!

E. H.

PROSPECTIVE NURSES.
A teaspoonful of ginger will help—now what attack?
And effervescent soda cures—clear thought I lack.
A splint that's for a finger should extend—from where to when?
And, Oh, for fractured thigh bones—well that's beyond my ken.
A stimulant for shock—But be specific, please.
Does arsenic cure hicoughs, or just a wheezy sneeze?
If only they'd asked me how to cure a broken spine.
But all their little questions were, of course, out of my mind.
M. Ma', '18.

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REIGNING notes.
At the Christian Association meeting held in Billings Hall on the evening of May 17, Dr. James F. Richards spoke on The College Girl and the Church.

An open discussion meeting on the subject: What does good citizenship mean to you? was led by Marie Wilcoxen at The Elms on Thursday evening, May 17.

Musical vespers were held in the chapel on Sunday evening, May 20.

THE NEW WAR RELIEF CHAIRMAN.
The chairman of the War Relief Committee for next year is Elizabeth Prost, 1919. The work undertaken by this committee has assumed such great proportions during the past year that it will be no slight task to carry on the various branches. However, the committee feel sure that with the new chairman the work will continue to extend and will prove a success in every way.

IN MEMORIAM.
The members of the Department of Botany wish to express their sorrow at the death of Miss Nellie Fosdick, and at the same time their realization of the precious memory left to them by her courage and cheer during the last months of her life.

Miss Fosdick was a graduate of Smith College, and was engaged in secretarial work for several years. She came to Wellesley in 1913 as Curator of the Botanical Laboratories. In 1915, readjustments in the work of the department led to Miss Fosdick’s taking up the task of teaching, a task for which she was well fitted by her personality, her buoyant energy, and her sincere interest in the progress and welfare of her students—and a task which she took up joyously and from which she gained much happiness.

But her happiness in her teaching was only part of Miss Fosdick’s general keen enjoyment of life, when in January of the present year a slight accident led to the discovery of a fatal disease, with the full realization that she had but a short time to live, she took up her class-work again and continued part of this up to within three days of her death. Her courage was an inspiration to all who knew her—not the courage of a single spectacular occasion, but the courage of doing her set task day by day cheerfully and uncomplainingly in spite of suffering and of the knowledge that the end could not be far away. In the closing days of her life she might truly have applied to herself Henley’s lines: "It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll; I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul." (Signed) LINCOLN W. RIPLEY, For the Department.

FROM MISS FOSDICK.
The following words, in a letter of March 28, should be precious to Wellesley: "If illness brought no other blessings, the friends that are so kind and loving would amply compensate for the pain and weakness. Everybody is so dear and kind to me, so much is being done to make me comfortable and happy these last months of mine at Wellesley, that my heart is full to overflowing, and I feel that all my courage will be needed when I have to lay down my work. Now I am content and happy. The pain is yet so slight as to be almost negligible. Weakness increases, that is, weakness of body, but my friends are helping so wonderfully to keep the spirit strong and true."

APPOINTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY.
Former students and members of the department of philosophy and psychology have accepted the following appointments:

Philip Bowman, B. A., 1900 and M. A., 1907, recently Instructor in psychology has been appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology at Goucher College. Miss Bowman will be in charge of the newly created department of psychology.

Marie T. Collins, 1913, in 1914-15 Assistant in Philosophy, has received a Sage scholarship in psychology at Cornell University.

Margaret W. Landis, 1911, Hallowell Fellow in 1913-14, Assistant in Psychology and Philosophy, has accepted a position in the Yale University Library.

RECRUITS DISCUSS PERMANENT PEACE.
The Circle for the Study of Permanent Peace held its first meeting at Agora on Monday evening, May 21. The discussion was opened by Isabel Bossert, who outlined one of the plans that has been suggested, that of Royce. According to this scheme, a board of trustees, membership to which is open to all nations, shall insure all those nations that war, so unjustifiable, cannot agree, then the League. Vere Henley then commented briefly on the prevailing idea of nationalism as the chief obstacle to a permanent international peace. Not until each country reaches the point where it thinks in terms of the whole world and not merely its own state will a lasting peace be practicable. Miss Ochs gave a very excellent summary of the events that led up to the three great peace conferences of the 19th century, and showed the similarities and dissimilarities of their results. In each case the results of the autocratic were served, rather than those of the people themselves. A spirited discussion as to the possibilities of a permanent peace resulting from the present situation closed the meeting.

PRESIDENT PENDLETON SPEAKS OF THE PHI BETA KAPPA MEETING.
President Pendleton spoke in chapel on Saturday morning, May 19, about her visit to Washington, where she attended the meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at which Mr. Balfour, Ambassdor Cecil Springhirst, and eleven associates were received as honorary members. President Pendleton emphasized the fact that while the occasion was purely academic, yet it stood for something more than education alone. She quoted Mr. Balfour as saying that study falls in its chief aim if it divorces itself from the vital forces of the times. Another thing President Pendleton spoke of was the gravity and sadness of each member of the British mission. Each seemed to realize with full force the weight and importance of the momentous question of the war.

TREASURE ISLAND AT THE HOLLIS.
"Treasure Island" continues to be a dramatic magnet of great power at the Hollis Street Theatre, Boston, with audiences of absolute capacity proportionate to the number of seats. In the rôle of Stevenson's dark master, Hopkins has been compelled to alter his other arrangements and extend the stay at the Hollis beyond the forenoon first booked. But imperative considerations made it impossible to extend the run of the Stevenson-made play indefinitely and its stay is apt to be cut short abruptly, despite the popular rush for seats. No play of its type has ever been greeted with so marked a unanimity of critical and popular approval as has come to "Treasure Island." Its power to provide sheer entertainment, its picturesqueness, its humor, and its truly wonderful spectaculur qualities have captivated every spectator. Not the least of the play's many merits is the absolute fidelity shown the famous Stevenson original—even to the point of conserving the brilliant literary qualities of the world's finest tale of youth, romance and adventure.

To avoid embarrassment to out-of-town patrons, special arrangements have been made to provide for mail orders. These will be taken care of in the order of their receipt and will have special consideration so far as is compatible with courtesy to those who buy at the box office. Seats are now on sale for the current week and for the week beginning May 24.—Ibde.
Alumnae Department

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALUMNAE!

In printing, this week, the class percentages of those alumnae who have paid dues to the Alumnae Association, is called to several facts:

1. That, by rule of the Alumnae, Commencement and Tree Day notices are sent to those only who have paid the annual dues of one dollar, exception being made in the case of reunion classes, to whose unpaid members these notices are sent by courtesy of the Association.

2. That the fiscal year, as indicated on your due bill, runs from September to September, which means that dues paid last June were for the current year—September 1915 to September 1916—unless otherwise specified. If you receive a due bill this year, it means that your dues for September 1916 to September 1917 are unpaid.

3. That out of 3,500 alumnae, some 3,000 have not yet paid this year's dues, although three notices have been sent. It is possible that some of these notices have gone astray because of the lack of correct addresses. The Alumnae Office asks your prompt support of the activities of the Association of which you are a member.

In case you have ever held that this a mistake has been made in your account, the office will gladly look up and correct any error.

MARY B. JENKINS, Alumnae General Secretary.

Alumnae Organization

No. Living Members No. Paying Dues Percentage
1879 1 4 60.0
1880 30 18 60.0
1881 17 10 58.8
1882 20 11 55.0
1883 40 18 45.0
1884 52 36 69.2
1885 51 32 63.4
1886 50 31 62.0
1887 54 37 66.0
1888 57 33 59.6
1889 76 47 62.0
1890 88 58 65.1
1891 90 41 45.5
1892 99 60 60.1
1893 107 61 56.8
1894 103 49 48.2
1895 112 50 45.0
1896 111 68 61.0
1897 137 61 45.0

TREY DAY.

Tree Day will occur on Saturday, June 2, in a simplified form. The Tree Day exercises are not open this year to the public, but tickets for alumnae and former members of the College may be obtained from the Registrar, and will be ready for distribution May 28. A stamped and addressed envelope should be enclosed with the request.

Graduates of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics may also obtain tickets upon request.

A simple supper for alumnae and former students will be served after the exercises in the court east of the Administration Building. Tickets should be ordered in advance from the Registrar. The price will be fifty cents.

NEWS FROM NORTH CHINA.

The Annual Report from the Peking Y. W. C. A. for 1916 proves interesting reading and shows that Wellesley's representatives there have held sure foundations for the future work. The following extracts will be of special interest.

"The full months have been so full of the adventures of starting an Association that the earlier half of the year has faded us into a dim past. Yet the accomplished fact of the organization on the twenty-first of October, could not have been possible without the preparation of the spring . . . ."

"The first of May, a committee composed of four Chinese and five foreign women, representing the various denominations at work in the city, met to make plans looking toward the starting of the Peking Association sometime during the fall. At this first committee meeting plans were made for holding several drawing room meetings in different parts of the city to which groups of women should be invited, and the purpose and possibilities of the Association presented to them with the opportunity of signing as pledged members. Five meetings were held before the end of June, resulting in a pledged membership of forty-five, of whom the large majority were women. A special effort was made to secure the last a Christian group as possible, in order that through them the Association from the very first should be strong in Christian leadership. The cordial response which was met with at these meetings proved that the Association was something which was really wanted by the women of the city . . . ."

"Then we had to go out hunting for a house which should be large enough to accommodate our secretarial family and to furnish the necessary rooms for the future Association, and we soon found that our hands were full again. We secured the city and looked at houses too small and houses too expensive; houses with no ventilation and houses with too much ventilation, but finally we decided on one which, though it needed quite a bit of alteration and repairing, was the best suited to our needs. It took most of the summer to get the contract legalized, but we were most fortunate in having the help of the Chairman of our Pre-organization Committee, who had experienced in all the intricacies of Chinese rental procedures."

"Because of this we were able to get away for our vacations, and the latter part of August found us back once more interviewing carpenters, paint-
Miss Ting has been responsible in a large measure for the wonderful way in which the Association has gone forward. She is a young woman of rare ability and we are indeed fortunate in having her as co-secretary.

In a little over two months' existence, our membership has increased from four hundred and thirty, and new members are constantly coming in, so our hope of having two hundred by the end of the first year seems in a fair way of being realized.

But new members are, after all, of least importance, if they have not realized the purposes of the Association. It is to be hoped that they can be to the members a means of finding and knowing more fully the Christ, the supreme test will have been made and made successfully."

Here also the contributions from alumnae for the North China work have come in well. The Committee has been able to meet its quarterly payments to the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. promptly and has also paid the deficit of several hundred dollars which is shown on our records for the year ending June 15th.

They share with Wellesley North China Mission the pride of having Miss Edith The-ling in their ranks. Miss The-ling is known to many of our alumnae, and we are grateful for the interest and sympathy she has shown in our behalf.

We may also congratulate Miss Smith, who is to become co-secretary with Miss Ting. Miss Smith is a natural leader, and her ability and determination will be a decided asset to the Association.

The Association reserves the right to withhold the prize, if the theses presented are not, in the judgment of the regularly appointed Board of Examiners, or by such specialists as they may choose, of adequate merit to deserve the award.

The decision will be announced at the annual meeting in April, 1918.

Requests for application blanks should be addressed to the Secretary, Mrs. Herbert F. Atwood-Baker, Barnard College, New York; secretary, Ada Wing Mood (Mrs. A. D.), 285 Wayland Avenue, Providence, R. L.

NOTICE TO MUSIC LOVERS.

On Friday, June 1st, 7:45 P. M., a recital which promises to be delightful, is to be given at Elliot House, Walnut Hill School, Natick, for the benefit of the Music Fund of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Natick. The artists are: Miss Martha Atwood-Baker, Mrs. Edith L. Bradford, Mr. Leverett B. Merrill, and Mr. James Ecker, who are well known for ability and charm. Tickets, $1.00, 75c, and 50c, may be obtained at the Registrar's office or from Miss Conant of the English Literature Department or at Walnut Hill School, Natick.

Miss Conant will be glad to assist students to arrange for chaperons.

ANTI-SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

To the Editor of the College News: I am asked by a group of Wellesley graduates and undergraduates to send you for publication in your paper an announcement of the formation of the College Woman's Anti-suffrage League of Massachusetts. Will you kindly give it space as of concern to college women as a contribution toward the conscientious thrashing out of the issue of woman suffrage, that all intelligent women should desire as the means to a wise settlement of the question. The League has a membership of several hundred women resident in Massachusetts, representing Wellesley, Radcliffe, Smith, Wheaton, Mt. Holyoke, Simmons, Boston University, Vassar, Bryn Mawr and the University of Michigan. In several colleges anti-suffrage clubs already exist and there is a demand in the undergraduate bodies of other colleges for the opportunity for expression of Anti-suffrage sentiment. We hope this will likewise find expression and make its definite contribution to the intelligent consideration of double suffrage.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Henry Lyman, President.

Wellesley, Mass., May 19th.