A Midwinter Innovation

An Interclass Hare and Hound Race
Instituted by the Sophomores

A large sign on the wall of the Administration Building, on Thursday the twenty-fourth, apprised the freshmen that the sophomores had challenged them to a Hare and Hound Race that afternoon. At 3.40 the hares started off, eleven from West Lodge and seven from Fiske. The two freshmen packs, of over thirty hounds each, followed after ten minutes. All the freshmen who could, followed eagerly after the packs, the others remaining on campus and attempting to surprise some unwary member of 1920 who was not repeating her class cheer. In accordance with the law on the challenge sign, "Five sophomores caught on campus, not repeating their cheer, will count in case of a tie between the sophomores and the freshmen."

Meanwhile the hounds, led by Edna Marshall and Helen Sherman, were speeding up hill and down dale, on the red scent which the hares had scattered to the wind. Over brooks and fences, the hounds followed and the last stretch was worked through undercover. At 4.30 the hares popped up from behind a bank and greeted the hounds quite suavely and fearlessly to walk back to the campus. The whole contingent was welcomed with cheers and hot coffee at the elevator table. It was there learned that neither band of hares had been caught but that five sophomores had been captured on the campus. That left the score six to five in favor of the sophomores. The freshmen are enthusiastic over the race and hope to have another one next year.

E. B. S., '21.

MR. O'CONOR READS HIS POETRY.

Literature 16 students and their guests had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Norey's O'Conor read at Agora Thursday afternoon. Mr. O'Conor began with an essay on contemporary Irish poetry, and the great representative poets, many of whom have given their lives in the Great War. Foremost among these is Francis Scedwich, a poet of great promise, whose verses have all the freshness and heft of the fields and mountains which he loved. He, too, has been recently killed in action. Winfred Letts, whose poem, The Spires of Oxford, is so generally known, is also a leader among Irish women poets. At the end of the paper, Mr. O'Conor read his own verses, several of which were commemorative of his brave countrymen.

A FRENCH MEDAL ON EXHIBITION AT THE LIBRARY.

In striking contrast to the Lustitia medal in design and workmanship as well as in feeling is the medal struck by the French government in honor of the heroes of Verdun. This is now on exhibition in the library in the same case with the Lustitia medal. The reverse side of the latter is now uppermost. The French medal is of great beauty, and the figures of France and her defender and the dignified inscription, "On ne passe pas," in striking contrast to the sneering "Gesundheit über alles," and the stiff and crowded figures of the German designer. Nothing could more effectually mark the difference in degree and kind between French and German civilization.

The French medal has been loaned to the library for two weeks by Miss Silva Tipple, 1920.

E. D. R.

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Lecture Stirs Wellesley

Miss Helen Fraser Describes Woman's Work in the War

A most enthusiastic reception was accorded Miss Helen Fraser of the National War Saving Commission of Great Britain, who spoke Monday evening, January 21, in the Memorial Chapel. The chapel was crowded. There was no one present who could have failed to be inspired by the tremendous appeal which the truth of this lecture made to the college women.

As soon as Miss Pendleton had presented her Miss Fraser plunged directly into her subject. She told first of the incessant demands which have been and are still being made upon England, and assured her audience of her conviction that before this war is brought to a finish America will have to meet as many demands and meet them unflinchingly. England was even more unprepared than the United States. She had neither hospital supplies nor the facilities for the care of her wounded. She had no way of meeting her internal problems, one of the most important of which is that "and still is that the women rose to the demand; their unselfish devotion and bravery and their loyal support will never be forgotten."

In England today there are a million and a quarter women directly replacing the men who have gone. They are seen everywhere, as ticket-agents, porters, mail-carriers, truck-drivers, motor-men, and what is most important, munition workers. There are a million women making munitions in England, and they make in two weeks as much as was formerly turned out in a year. At the most disastrous phases of labor of this kind the English women never hesitate. They cheerfully offer their services for the making of a certain high explosive containing chemicals which gradually turn to a dull yellow the skin and the hair of those working with it. These girls are known as "scary girls," and they do not allow their vanity for a moment to interfere with their duty to their country. These women are fed for by the W. W. A. As a rule, they have good plain meals to them and supports clubs for entertaining them and their friends.

Women have also replaced men in banks and shown themselves so efficient in this line that Miss Fraser declared they would insure for themselves permanent positions of this kind. She added that the college bred woman, because of her executive ability has proved herself invaluable to England in almost every branch of work.

The lecturer then went on to tell of the remarkable ways in which the English people have learned to save. All waste fat is kept and made into glycerine for shells. Waste paper is used for munitions. Bread is never sold until it is twelve hours old, and is thus saved in two ways, for it cuts more economically and is distasteful enough by then to insure against unnecessary eating! There are seven million members of the War Saving Institution. Deliberate waste is punishable by fine and even imprisonment. Every patriotic subject of the crown is conscientiously striving to conserve the food supply.

"Every time you spend five dollars on anything you use for yourself just that much labor and material needed for the soldier."

"We ought to have a civilian to a single luxury when a soldier needs an overcoat or a ride?" She said that those engaged in the manufacturing of luxuries (Continued on page 4, column 1)
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Shop Talk

With Midyear's surrounding us, and weighing upon our spirits, the question of "shop-talk" rule that there are even these days. We regret the worn-out girls trudging home with their brains a vacuum, all the psychology or zoology that had occupied the space earlier in the day, deserted through forgotten pens onto the ghostly white sheets of blue covered books. Before beginning to replenish with history or economics, these poor souls need a complete rest—a peaceful lunch without mention of the war or the unsolved subject of examinations. The girl who mentions the loathed Administration building is ostracized from table conversation. It is a crime equal to that of robbing a corpse from its abiding place, to hail to the glaring light of day some burden of grief.

Such a situation is excusable during Midyear, when a "hashing" of examinations is both painless and futile. But it is rather absurd when prolonged—it is prolonging—throughout the college year. Supposedly our object in coming to college was to acquire a certain amount of education which we might acknowledge unachieved, and "shop talk" is eluded with diligence. "Shop talk" as represented by a comparing and bewailing of marks and assignments, deserves to be shunned. But why should art or literature, for instance, be doomed as "brown box" and confined to the art building or the library basement, simply because they are courses taken in college? There are few enough subjects which we can discuss with any intelligence; it would be well to prove occasionally that we can. We regret the very small percentage of young American women privileged to indulge in "higher education." We should accept our responsibility, and substitute for our many hours of discussion concerning who's in college, and who was last year, and who we should like to see next year, a fair amount of "higher conversation."

Our Honor to the Front

Midyear's are here again, and we must prepare to receive the semi-annual affront to our honor, which our present examination system entailed. The sight of bare foreheads, or, rather, foreheads bereft of over us during examination periods. It is a reality a disgrace to the college not only that we are not using an honor system, but that we have, so far, no system asked for. Reasonably, we are not aware of the implication to us individually as college students, when I must still count ourselves among the few who have either been unsuccessful in this course in this system, or insensible to its advantages and disadvantages of our present method. Surely there is no one of us who does not experience a feeling of resentment on having a member of the faculty stand watch over her while she rewrite examinations. And yet, granting this, we must acknowledge that we are either feebly or callously disregarding our quite justifiable feelings, or else not realizing their significance.

If we are not ready to take upon ourselves the responsibility for the honesty of our work, let us admit it. But, in the face of our recent prospective Student Government plan, it would hardly appear as though we need relax this aspect of our attitude to self-discipline. Surely we are not only ready but eager for this step forward. Let us show the administration that we are. Let us no longer shift this responsibility to the faculty. If we are united in a desire to remove this "blot on our escutcheon" there is scarcely any doubt that the administration would grant us the desired change in time for our spring examinations.

Free Press

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Only articles thus signed will be printed. Initials or numerals will be used in printing if the contributor desires it.

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I. Food

Probably few of us realize the prices of food stuffs and the difficulty in securing some of them. For treasons particularly it is extremely difficult to plan meals for such a large community as this. It is safe to say that if some of us did know more about the situation or took an intelligent interest in it as a way of serving our country, who knows what improvement might be accomplished.

Dubious too, there would be less complaining about the meals we have served us. Little do we think that the small amount we individually consume is going to have any great effect on the food situation.

To show of what great importance it is, an interesting experiment has been tried during the past week in six of the college houses. The government asked that a record be kept of the food materials used and the amount of waste. At the beginning of the week the materials to be used for the meals for the next seven days were weighed. After each meal the food that was left on the individual dishes was separated into three classes, milk, other animal food, and vegetable food. Then each item was weighed and a record kept daily of total amount. Of course all this meant much work for the hands of the house, but withal it has been very interesting. The result, to be compiled next week, will doubtless excite attention from many quarters.

But note that the actual recording of amounts of waste has ceased, shall we not continue to cooperate with our college and our government in saving every bit of food possible by eating all that is given us? Let's show what Wellesley can do.

E. P., '21.

II. Barn Fire Drill

The new rows of seats and the printed slips on the posts are a decided improvement in the facilities for emptying the Barn this year. But experience has shown that the side doors are al-

ways crowded during a drill. The narrow exit and the long step down to the ground are both sources of danger. Why not widen one or two of the exits, as has been done in the rear? The expense would not be enormous. It makes us think of the side doors of the plays and dancing. We hope that the Barn will soon be replaced by the Student Alumnae Building, but, as we must expect to use it for several years, we should make it safe as possible. One or two more planks could be placed on the side of the walk next to the Barn, too, the step from the doors to "safety" would be easier, and all could leave more quickly. This has been appreciated after every good time as well. Surely, remembering Wellesley's record, the Barnsallows can afford all proper precautions for safety in case of fire. 1920.

The "Exam." Superstition

What is the reason for the feverish, overcharged atmosphere that settles down on the college as examinations draw near? We all share in a feel-

ing of incurable anxiety which is natural enough as the test approaches—the test of the conscientiousness and efficiency with which we have done our work for the past semester. It is of course essential for everyone to have the object that we should have these two weeks in which to review and coordinate the facts and ideas that have been crowding into our minds. For us the chief value of examinations is to sharpen us as subjects and to make us think. Examining is a subject that is important elements to attain a better conception of what we should be working for in the course. Incidentally they assist the instructor to a better knowledge of how much we are gaining from our study.

If then, the purpose of examinations is to teach us, why cannot we go at them in a scholarly way, with intent to learn? I scarcely need to enlarge upon the contract between this idea and one which we accept animor, a part of the college. On every side we see examples of frantic efforts to acquire a great deal of superficial knowledge in as short a time as possible, to be retained only till the dire need of the moment is over. In any class which is meeting for the last time before examinations we see examples of this. The instructor is besieged by fervent questions—"Do we have to know this"—"Are we likely to get a question on that"—the importance of the student who is going to learn no more than he has to. If directly taxed with this unworthy motive we would all indignantly deny it, but it is clear that if we really reflect on the situation that this is unconscious on our attitude. We recognize it at once as unworthy and wonder how we ever came to adopt it. Most of us do not normally feel that way toward our work—the exception of a few who have come to college for a "good time." In theory at any rate, we are anxious to learn as much as we can in each course. Why is it then that we find ourselves without any animor, animating this hostile attitude toward examinations?

When I came to college, it was with memories of examination times in "prep" school which were heralded with dismay by most of the girls, but which, for me at least, held no real anxiety. The popular thing to do there was to groan at the very mention of exams, and if anyone displayed indifference toward the coming horrors to brand her with that mantle of the humane student—"Oh, well, she knows everything!" So one very quickly learned to hide one's confidence under a veil of timidity and dimly.

This school girl attitude has produced us into college where examinations assume larger importance because of the time and attention necessarily devoted to them in an institution of such size. Two whole weeks must be set aside for them. During that time a kind of gloom settles down upon the college. Normal activities are suspended. Social life is curtailed. Every-

where are evidences that this is a time of travail. And this prevailing atmosphere in the student body is stamped with the sanction—even the encouragement—of the authorities. No guests are allowed for dinner. Red Cross work is suspended. Luncheon classes cease. In the resulting atmosphere of abnormality what is more natural than that a feeling of strain should rest on each of us, and that examination time should (therefore be) looked forward to with dread? Yet never whether we are really worried over the outcome, or whether we know in our hearts that our work has been faithfully done, and our credit is safe, we nevertheless involuntarily join in with the dismal choruses, and put just so much help to increase the nervous tension.

I honestly believe that this attitude is an affected one. It has grown up out of an artificial superstition, and has no real justification for existence. After all, we are here to study. Why cannot we forget superstitions and approach examinations with a student's joy? Here at last is the long desired opportunity for thorough systematic review. Now is our chance to get to the heart of our studies—to find out “where we are at.” No matter how anxious we may be to the outcome, we should welcome this opportunity with satisfaction. Let us put aside popular affectations, and be honest with ourselves. Let us help to create an atmosphere of true scholarliness which should affect all in the sincere ideal of our academic life.

E. L. C., '20.

THE OLD KIT BAG.

Editor's Note—This column is in consort of letters received from abroad. Help the editor by sending in any parts of your letters which you consider interesting enough to print. Contributions should be addressed to the Editor of the Old Kit Bag, and sent to the News Office, Chapel Basement, or handed to one of the News editors.

Bertha March, 1893, writes from her winter home, Langholme, Hamilton, Bermuda, under date of January 12, as follows:

"These days are very busy ones with me. We Americans, have banded together here for the purpose of taking care of the American sailors who are being thrown upon our shores without occupation for their leisure hours. For such as these we have started the American Navy Club. We have fitted up comfortable, homelike living rooms with plenty of books, magazines, piano and Victrola to keep them from the streets and that great curse to our sailors, the barrooms. Here we read the papers, have the serving of hot refreshments, and we women try to do our little bit to alleviate some of the conditions of the war. Many of these men are newly enlisted—many college graduates—we have had three millionaires, all enlisted as common sailors, and the clever cartoonist of the New York Herald among our sailor guests. At the club, too, they will have the pleasure of talks from such men as Dr. Patten, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, Archdeacon Denison, and other strong men of the colony. And it all means busy days for us 'Lady-Managers,' and I, too, am working on the refreshment committee, which is no light task as it means much time in actual hours.

"This is all in addition to my occupations as a house mistress and hostess and Red Cross worker. Just now we are facing a serious food situation which threatens to become even more serious as time goes on and the United States draws the line closer and closer on exports. This makes complications for us housekeepers which, as yet, you in the States do not have to face. I would not, however, give up my home here, with its opportunity of extending the welcoming hand to our own countrymen who are here on their way to a dangerous mission and who take their lives in their hands when they pass on from here. We are indeed very near the war in Bermuda!"

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GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL

NEW YORK

Somewhere in France,
December 23, 1917.

I hope you will overlook my intrusion in writing; but I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the Red Cross stockings which were given me yesterday. I am sure they will prove very serviceable. Moreover, I appreciate your good American spirit in making them for me.

You might be interested to know that I am a Wellesley boy, born there and educated in the public schools. Also, on completing High School was correspondent for the Associated Press at the College. My twin brother is also here with the Expeditionary Force, in the Ambulance service, but not in my company.

Let me say here that it is the great ambition of Helen Fraser to boost Wellesley, and to live up to the same that we represent. Nothing will so help us to do this (more) than letters of encouragement from "home."

Thanking you,

I am

Very respectfully yours,

Harold M. WEEKS.

Pvt. 1st Class.
RG 5th U. S. Ambulance Co.
26th Division, A.E.F.

British Royal Flying Corps,
Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 10, 1918.

There is practically no free time all day. We fly and have chores from daylight to dark and have chores again after supper until 9 P.M. and as reveille blows at 6 A.M. and we've worked hard all day we usually feel very much like sleep by then. I'm writing this during a wireless class as I've passed all my exams. I use my wireless periods for letter writing. Your Xmas box came and I certainly want to thank you. It was great of you to go to all that trouble. The candy was the best ever. It's practically impossible to obtain straight chocolate down here so you can bet it was welcome.

There's one thing they issue you in the army that isn't fit to wear, and that's socks (excess grammar). Thank you ever so much, they're wonderful. I wear them with my flying boots when up in the air and they're as warm as toast.

I'm advancing as fast as Texas weather will permit. It's miserable down here. High winds and fog and rain cut off most of the flying time. Three days a week is all we ever get. I've been on solo (flying alone) for quite some time now and have about 20 hours in. I've passed most of my higher training tests and with about four days more of good weather I'll be through here and ready for my aerial gunnery at another camp. About two weeks there and I'll be sent to Dayton for my commission and then for a couple of weeks' furlough before going across. . . .

There is nothing in the world like flying. It really isn't in the least hard once you get on to it. But it sure is sport, you feel so free and it sure is nice in the army to be away from discipline for an hour or two. We aren't supposed to go very far from the aerodrome unless told to on some test, but I've managed to get in some very pleasant side trips around the country.
I had quite an inviting ride this morning. It was cloudy and very foggy with low hanging clouds and threatened rain. I was out on the "drome" at daybreak and the officer sent me up in the first machine from our squadron. After he had made a short test flight, he told me to see how high I could go before losing sight of the ground. It was very bumpy up and was hard climbing for the first 600 feet or more. At 1500 feet I could still see the ground but not very plainly. I was circling the drome and I could make it out quite plainly, so I went up to 3000 feet and before I knew it I was in a heavy bank of clouds and the ground had disappeared. There was high, low and blowing and before I dropped out of the clouds the camp was out of sight and it was raining heavily. I had to come down to 1000 feet before I could make things out at all. I was right over a small town which I recognized as Burleson, a small town southwest of here. By following the road to Fort Worth which passes the camp I got back all right and landed. The rain hurts a lot up in the air. It feels just like hail. I was mighty glad to land and to get to shelter.

Please write often because letters are mighty welcome.

TWO SOUTHERN AUTOGRAPHS ALREADY.

In response to our request in a recent number of the Colfax News we have received from Lucille Green, 1909, autograph letters of George W. Cable and Ruth McKinney Stuart. The Department of English Literature acknowledges the gift with warm appreciation, and looks for more.

K. L. B.

Lecture Struck Wellesley.

(Continued from page 1, column 5) uries must change their business in the turning out of necessities, if the Allies are to win this war. America has not begun to realize, she has not the faintest conception of what it means to really save.

Miss Fraser's conclusion was forceful and convincing. "It is up to us," she declared, "to prove to Germany and her allies that war does not pay—that human lives are not 'cannon fodder' nor civilization a preponderance of power or might. We are fighting for the development and expression of the divine spirit of man, for the furtherance of the principles of Christianity and justice. We will allow no nation to force its 'culture' on us, when this so-called culture is entirely opposed to what a progressive government considers right and humane."

Miss Fraser spoke the following morning in Chapel, held conferences all day and spoke again in the afternoon. She was entertained in the evening at Miss Pendleton's, where the War Relief Board and the Vocational Guidance Committee, who were also present, derived much help from her suggestions.

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DR. KING'S DISCUSSION WEEK.

Those of us who attended Dr. Culkin's Week of Prayer last year, will welcome the news that a similar week is to be held from February 11 to 16, led by Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College. Dr. King is widely known as a lecturer and as the author of many books of special interest to the student mind. Some of these books are: Things Fundamental, Moral and Religious, Challenge of Our Time, Religion as Life, Securing Normality of Spiritual Life, The Selected Bibliography, of Evolution, and Random Living. All of these are in the Library.

REPORTS FROM THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE.

Vital reports were given in Christian Association on January 23, by some of our recent delegates to the Student Volunteer Conference at Northfield. Miss Kendrick first gave a brief account of the history of these quadrennial conferences. President Pendleton, Margaret Chris- tina, Mildred Perkins and Helen Merrell then gave the thoughts which had most impressed them. The points particularly emphasized were first, the ideal of world-wide democracy founded on the principles of Christ, and second, the responsibility of college women to allocate the great misery in the future reconstruction period.

D. B., '20.

At the village Christian Association meeting on January 23, Anna Paton developed the subject Are you triangular or round? We should not all be round so that the balance and sense of proportion between the interests is lost, but triangular, preserving equal sides and equal angles. The Y. M. C. A. triangle represents this idea, one side stands for mental health, one for physical improvement and, resting on these two, is the side representing spiritual development, with the ideal of Christ as the center.

E. B. S., '21.

Miss Kyle Adams will be a guest of the Christian Association at Tower Court the week of Feb. 11.

PALESTINE.

The lecture on Palestine, given by Miss Louise Smith, Secretary of the Biblical Association, Department of Bible, on January 23, was very interesting and the stereop- sion views were exceptional. Since Miss Smith has spent some time in Palestine she told of the present strange and amazing customs as well as reviewing the ancient history.

L. C. S. A.

At a meeting of the L. C. S. A., held at Phi Sigma Tuesday afternoon, January 23, Miss Tuttle, official organizing secretary of the association, spoke of the broadened field which this organization now includes. Previously, under the name of the Intercollegiate Settlements Association their aim was more narrowly confined to the work of their three settlement houses, now, as the Intercollegiate Community Service Association, they are working with other movements and people. At present, they are planning to arrange a bulletin of summer as well as permanent occupations open to college women interested in some phase of community work.

During the discussion that followed, it was decided to adopt a pledge of membership, in order that belonging to the association may mean more to the individual than merely paying her dues. A campaign will be conducted during March for increasing the membership of our local chapter, on behalf of which there will be a special speaker at Sunday evening vespers.

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\[ \text{WOMAN'S SPHERE.} \]

The increasing demand for women to fill positions heretofore held by men only has been one of the arguments for woman's suffrage. Since the war, the women of England have come to the front and done work which formerly they would have been considered entirely incapable of undertaking. Woman's field has been likewise widening in America, and now that the country is at war, women's sphere seems to include an endless variety of opportunities. The Press Depart- ment of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association publishes a partial list of offices and positions which have been recently given to women.

Dr. Chauncey Watson, the first woman physician who received her degree from Edinburgh University, has been appointed chief controller of the woman's auxiliary corps. This is the highest rank in the British Army which has ever been held by a woman.

The United States has also been making innovations, and Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch of Chicago has just been appointed Master in Chancery. She is the first woman to assume such a position. In New Hampshire a woman has taken the place of her husband, who enlisted in the army, as the clerk of the Concord Municipal Court. Still other public offices, which heretofore were considered as outside woman's sphere, have been proved to be directly in it. In a town in New Jersey the overseer of the poor is a woman. Surely this is a position which a woman is in many more ways capable of filling than a man. Likewise the position of almoner for women and children is peculiarly suited to a woman. Miss Helen P. McCormick has been sworn into this office in King's County, New York. Coun-

Women are realizing these opportunities and are preparing themselves to meet them as well as their duties as citizens of the United States. Barnard is considering intensive courses in politics for women, and these courses are suggested as possible for secondary schools. In this way women may become intelligent, useful members of their communities and of their country at large.
INDEPENDENCE.

The college clock has a stubborn face
He does just what he likes
Sometimes he works with both his hands
And then again he strikes.

BEFORE THE LIT. EXAM.

Poetical Commandments.

(Apologeties to Byron.)

 Thou shalt believe in Worksworth, Byron, Shelley,
 These you will find a holy Trinity.
 Thou shalt not worship Noyes or waving Lindsay
 Or you will rue and curse the evil day.
 For Noyes' jingle makes his verse insane
 And you will find Noyes' Lindley quite insane.
 Shun, starting Amy! she is crude and dotty.
 Nor steal a kiss from Hovey's gypsy laddy.
 Don't chase the vagrant dreams of sad Tagoire;
 And sing the praise of Rupert Brooke too more.
 The Everlasting Merry at this age
 You should not seek upon John Masefield's page.
 Study the facts and dates—bridge no mistakes
 And turn your footsteps to the English Lakes.
 Narrow the path that leads unto Lit. 7
 And shoes the way to a Poetic Heaven.

H. B. M.

HEART THROBS.

(Apologeties to Robert Bridges.)

When that wonderful Junior sits by me
My heart beats so fast that I fear
My mind from the thought that's nigh me
And strive to forget that she's there
But always when she is away
Her absence so sorely does try me
That I shut to my eyes, and away
To think she is there sitting by me.

MON.

ART.

Two trees, and a meadow between—I
Should have thought it strange
To paint it that way, green and green.
I should have made a change
In the line of the hills behind—
Too sharp!—They make you start?
And no perspective, you will find—
Some call it Art?

A chord and a trail of sound:
It's meant for music, too!
And that last note, you hear it bound
Past all the rest—To you
It sounds quite right . I know
Our tastes are far apart;
You would have writ it so—
You call it Art?

These words that you hear me say
Are formed just right for me.
The sounds have a charming way—
A sort of song—You see?
You do not like them? Why?
My friend, you wound my heart!
I wrote them myself, and I—
I call them Art!

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CONCERNING NURSING.

The At the request of the Council for National Defense, schools are sending their catalogues to college libraries all over the United States. Our library has received a number of these catalogues which will be found under the college catalogues in the case on the west wall of the first stack room.

CONFERENCES ON PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

The choice of a vocation, always a matter for serious consideration, presents more perplexing questions now than ever before. The many new positions open to women, because of world conditions, must be studied and an opportunity given the college, or high school girl to learn what special qualifications are necessary for success.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union has arranged for its sixth annual series of Conferences on Professional Opportunities for Women, beginning Wednesday, February 13, 1918, at four o'clock, in Perkins Hall, 264 Boylston Street. The program follows:


February 27. Secretarial Work. The Secretary of a College Professor, Professor Henry C. Metcalf, Department of Political Science, Tufts College. The Secretary of a Social Worker, Miss Geraldine Gordon, Heshbiok, Denison House. The Secretary of a Woman, Mr. Elwin U. Preston, Treasurer, S. S. Pierce Company.


The above speakers will tell of the opportunities for women and the qualifications required in the work they represent. An opportunity will be given for informal discussion with the speakers.

The Conferences have been arranged by the Vocational Committee of the Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae cooperating with the Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

Admission by free ticket only, to be procured from the Main Office, Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

THE U. S. TO HAVE WAR SAVINGS SOCIETIES.

The machinery by which the purchase of a Thrift Stamp or a War Savings Stamp is to be made as easy and convenient as the purchase of a spool of thread or a pound of nails, in every community in the United States, is rapidly being established. Already 18,000 War Savings Stamp Agencies have been established and by the close of January this number will have been increased by 30,000.

In addition to these agencies there will be 1,000,000 "sales stations," which do not receive direct authorization to make the sales from the Secretary of the Treasury, but obtain their stamps from authorized agents and sell them over their counters at the usual price.

Fifty thousand post offices now have War Savings Stamps on sale, and 20,000 banks and 8,000 individual firms and corporations have been appointed agents. Thousands of intercorporation agencies have putting up business in several states will constitute 115,000 additional agencies.

An intensive campaign is now on for the establishment of War Savings societies which can be organized by 10 or more persons in any community, school, club, church, factory or office and can be affiliated with the National War Savings Committee at Washington upon application. These societies are similar in nature to those so interestingly described by Miss Helen Fraser.

MIDWYER TEAS VANISH—IGINIUTY TO THE RESCUE.

For the first time in many years, the ban has been placed on the annual midyear teas given the freshmen by the Juniors "after Hygiene-Comp. Exam. No. 2." But the spirits have been lifted. Established, at first, in order to provide some diversion and relaxation to the weary minds of the "little sisters" struggling with their first great year's work, the teas have grown in elaborateness until, finally, "conservation" has called a halt upon them. The last two years have seen them at their zenith—florowes decorating the buffets, and delicacies of every description refreshin the weary young appetites, while petits

maid,. neatly attired in modish black costumes with white cap and apron, humbly served and bowed to the guests, directing them—in quaint foreign accent, or in drift-and-dun language—to the dressing rooms, deftly removing their wraps, and serving them bonomous refreshments— even the gay, young, sophomores, though for-

bidden common speech, coming in for their share of the pie. Then there was dancing in the great halls, and perhaps a mad rush to two or more teas in other campus dormitories until the rounds had been made. Such was the gladness midyear teas attaining.

The necessity for conservation of every particle of food in these war times, and of order and calm at this particular time in place of the confusion these teas created in the dormitories, as well as the conservation of physical energy by the stu-

dents, combined to pass up these teas. As war time conservation was heartily endorsed; but still grateful memories of the relief from over-

tension of the first midyear teas made 1910 think up some other way of entertaining their sister-class. Just a little informal dancing at the Barn was hit upon—certainly simple enough and conservat ive, too. Thus, on Tuesday afternoon "after Hygiene" the whole healthy class was invited to partake of this recreation. There were no decorations, no fancy dresses, and—most splendid of all—no re-

freshments! Not utterly impossible, either: for, though there was a small crowd there, every one had the jolliest time ever.

In the first place there was a native orchestra—

composed of Tower Court girls—Molly Morse '19, Agnes McElrath '19, and Gladys Bagg '20 —which was estably stationed in the doorway at M. 14A, the band struck up, and a grand march led by Eleanor White, '19's president, ensued, the over-supply of junior hostesses seizing the first freshmen they came to. Then numbers were drawn by each couple and a lucky number dance swung off, the

final prize couple being Esther Hoover and her freshman partner. Then there were little im-

promptu songs by Margaret Littlehales and Flor-

ence Baxter; and on the whole, an easy carefree enjoyment of simplicity that was more than re-

 laxation.

There are to be two more of these junior-freshman dances: "after Comp," Thursday, January 31, when Fremson may give an impromptu play, and "after Math," Tuesday, February 5. The outcome of this experiment has proved alto-

gether satisfactory. Healthy young appetites, we think, would be had from the simplest, most impromptu en-

tertainments.

That seniors and sophomores may not be en-

tirely deprived of midyear festivity, the Barn-

swallows are inviting the entire college to teas

ances in their spacious abode on Saturday, Feb-

uary 2, and Saturday, February 9, from 4.15 to 9 P.M.

A. W., '19.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

GOOCHES COLLEGE.

To conform to the recent edict of the Fuel Administration, Gooches College is closing its recitation halls every Monday for the next nine weeks. The regular Monday schedule has been transferred to Saturday, and the Saturday morning class will be held in the dormitories on Mon-

day morning.

A War Savings station has been opened at the college bank where the girls may buy their thrift stamps.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF DELAWARE.

The News is in receipt of Volume 1, Number 1, of the Women's College Reporter. This year will see not only the first issue of the Reporter, but also the college's first Annual, the first Junior Prom, and the first Commencement. As the Re-

gerter says editorially, "Now the Women's Col-

lege of Delaware is ready to take its place with other women's colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

As a result of the order of local fuel administrato-

trors, all evening entertainments at the Uni-

versity of Kansas were prohibited from January 18-31.

SMITH.

Dr. J. Valdemar Moldenhauer of Albany will conduct a week of prayer opening February 3. For two years Dr. Moldenhauer has been very popular at the Silver Bay conferences.

The Red Cross report of work completed in the

fortnight from January 4 to 18, includes 156

sweaters, 98 pairs of mittens, 87 pairs of socks, 1 comfort kits, and 14 helpless.

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MISS KENDALL IN CHINA.

We have the privilege of quoting the following from a letter written by Miss Kendall:

Chon-Kinsu, November 28.

"I am here in the wildest, most picturesque country. Half the population is Moslem, Turk, and Chinese, and half is Tibetan, and just across the river and west of here it is all Tibetan. The Chinese officials objected to sending me an escort to go through the border of the Tibetan country, but when I went to Tsao-chou, fifteen miles west of here, I had the good luck to meet a delightful Norwegian who knows the Tibetans, and he made it possible for me to take a four-days' trip right into Tibet. It was most interesting for it was real Tibetan country, robbers and all. We rode horses and mules, and besides our Chinese lamas we had a Tibetan to introduce us. Hospitality among the Tibetans implies the obligation to protect, and sometimes they would prefer to rob you, so, unless you are properly introduced, you will not be received. We had three nights in Tibetan hamlets, and days in the wildest scenery. Jack went, of course, and had a royal time. He keeps so well and gay, it is a joy to behold. I wish you could see him riding a pack mule; he has learned to stay on like a cat up and down the steepest places. But mostly he prefers to use his own legs. If only I can keep him safe and sound to bring home!"

Chon is a Tibetan walled village under a Tibetan prince or tsu-su. Tile present tsu-su is a young man, absolute ruler of forty-eight clans, mostly very turbulent. I had an interview with him this morning and I took a picture of him. ... The war seems far away at times, and then I meet some Europeans and we are in the thick of it. And China is having her own civil war. It is a question now how I can get back to the coast."

ELIZABETH KENDALL.
COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Thursday, Jan. 28. 7:35 P. M., Address on Food Shortage in Campus and Our Responsibility, by Frederick C. Walcott.

8:15 P. M., Memorial Chapel, the second Organ Recital, given by John Hermann Lund on Park St., Chelsea, Mass.

Sunday, Feb. 3, Houghton Memorial Chapel.


T. F. M., Vespers. Service in memory of Professor Charlotte Fitch Roberts.

Monday, Feb. 7, 8:00 P. M., Billings Hall. Illustrated Address on Italy's Part in the War by Professor Charles Upton Clerk.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7:35 P. M., Billings Hall. Song Service, Leader, Marjorie Beach.

7:35 P. M., Elliot Hall. Song Service, Leader, Alice Joy.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 7:00 P. M., Memorial Chapel, the third Organ Recital, by Mr. Albert W. Snow of the Church of the Advent, Boston.

WHITIN OBSERVATORY OPEN.

On the evenings of Thursday, January 31, Tuesday, February 5, and Friday, February 8, the Whitin Observatory will, if the sky be clear, be open to all members of the college. The 12-inch telescope will be used for observing the great nebula in Orion and the planets Jupiter and Saturn.

JOHN C. DUNGAN, Director.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

All members of the college, former as well as present, are invited to a service in memory of Professor Charlotte Fitch Roberts to be held in Memorial Chapel, at seven o'clock, Sunday evening, February 3. An address will be made by Mrs. Anna Stockbridge Tuttle, 1896, a classmate of Professor Roberts and her lifelong friend. Mrs. Tuttle was at one time President of the Alumni Association and is the mother of Margaret S. Tuttle, 1913.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Undergraduate Please Take Notice.
Miss Blanche Doe, 1918, and Miss Marian Robinson, 1919, have been appointed undergraduate representatives of the Historical Committee of the Alumni Association, which has charge of collecting material for the Historical Material of the College. Secretaries of organizations are earnestly requested to reserve two copies of programs, printed reports, etc., for this collection, and to give all possible help to the members of this committee.

LILLIA W. COATES, Chairman.

SEESSEL FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH.

Two Seessel Fellowships, of the value of one thousand dollars each, are offered for original research in biological studies at Yale University. These fellowships are open to either men or women. In making the award preference is given to graduates of universities who have already obtained their Doctorate, and who have demonstrated by previous work their fitness to carry on successfully original research of a high order in one of the three departments of biological studies: Physiology (including Physiological Chemistry), Zoology, and Botany. Applications for the fellowships must be made to the Dean of the Graduate School, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, before May 1, 1921, and should be accompanied by: (1) Title of the planned work. (2) Letters of recommendation. (3) Statement of the particular problem to be investigated.

MISS FRASER'S BOOK.

The following was sent for publication by Miss Fraser's publisher:

"G. Arnold Stevens, the New York publisher, announces for publication on January 26th, Women and War Work, a text book for women war workers, by Miss Helen Fraser, who is now lecturing in America with the approval of the British Government on Woman's Part in Winning the War. Her book is designed to give permanent value to her work on the lecture platform.

"President MacCracken of Vassar College has written a foreword to the book from which we quote Miss Fraser's book is a piece of history; and history is action. The wonderful work of the women of England is already enshrined by the splendid efforts along many lines of the women in our country. The new lessons of cooperation and of selfless devotion learned from this book will, I confidently predict, within a few months be translated into action by the Women's War Service Committees in every state of the land."

"Miss Fraser is lecturing here on the invitation of the principal women's colleges and the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense carried through by the University Lecturers Association of New York; she spent an entire week at Vassar College and when she left the students 'sang her out.'"

APPOINTMENT BUREAU.

No. 29. The Appointment Bureau has already called attention to the demand for workers in Chemistry to take the place of men who are being called to service. This time the call is from a Commercial laboratory in a Southern city. $75 a month is the highest salary as yet named, but there is hope that terms might be bettered for those who turn out well after three months of work. A letter referring to this position may be seen in office hours, 48 Administration Building, or inquiry might be made through letter by any one no longer a member of the College.

No. 24. More teachers are needed in Porto Rico; salary, $55 a month. Spanish is not needed as all teaching is in English, but one having some knowledge of the language might add to her resources. Address Miss Susan D. Huntington, 396 Broadway, New York City.

Miss Caswell, mentioning the number, in order that credentials may be sent.

No. 25. There is a call for telephone operators for war-service abroad; age not less than twenty-three or more than thirty years, but exceptions may be made in the case of strong candidates; salary, $40-$425 per month in addition to rations, quarters, and medical attendance. It is not necessary that applicants should be experienced operators, but they must be able to speak French as fluently as English. Various telephone companies will instruct candidates who, when fully capable, will be sent abroad for service in France. Miss Caswell, No. 38 Administration Building, has forms of application which she will supply to approved candidates on request.

HOW NOT TO MAKE AN APPLICATION.

Pres., Board of Education,

Dear Sir,

Hearing of your Advertisement for a teacher and being vacatant myself, I immediately apply to you for a place.

Yours truly, etc.

From the example given above Mr. Norton drew a valuable lesson in what not to do when making an application. One would suppose the poor English, the unnecessary capitals, the curt tone of the note were the result of only a high school, not, as was the case, of a college education. A few suggestions which may prove helpful to those who did not attend the meeting follow:

Don't use colored or gilt-edged paper, but smooth, white bond of business size ($54 or $60 per 500), and envelopes to match. Paper with Wellesley College or the Wellesley seal on it is allowable.

Use black ink—not purple, green or blue. If your handwriting is poor or illegible have your letter typewritten.

The substance of an application should be as personal as possible. If you know the person to whom you are applying, or any one who does, or any one who has any connection with him—mention it—a position sometimes is turned on slight details. Mention any experience you may have had in the kind of work you are applying for; any non-academic work, committee or administrative; any talent for music or drawing. Study yourself and your possibilities and write them down unfailingly.

Don't be afraid by asking questions; you can find out what you want to know after you have asked to be considered a candidate. Even if you are accepted you do not need to accept the position if you find you do not want it.