ROBERT NICHOLS—SOLDIER POET.

On Friday evening, April 11, the College Lecture Course offered an unusual treat in a talk by Robert Nichols, himself winner of "the boy's verse" at the battlefield and of the printed page," on Three Soldier- Poets. Mr. Nichols began with a clever, raucy contrast of Victorian and modern poetry. "In the Victorian age," he said, "poetry might be said to have come down to man, but it could not be said to flourish."

It was decadent—"filled with babbling brooks and pining maidens." A reactionary group took literature out of the rose garden and put her in the lower front. The "people" gave way to abstruse. Fresh air was unknown to the writers, and their work was as stuffy as the rooms in which they lounged. In '93 a sign of hope—a feeling for action and humor—came in a poem by Hausman. Then appeared the poetical quartet of Ciicke, Frey, Yeats and Macfield, and the ingenuous age of isms—"feminism, realism, everything you can think of..." The cry of the nineties had been "Art for Art's sake," the cry of the pre-war young men was "Art for Life's sake."

To illustrate the tendencies of the modern poetry, the war poetry, Mr. Nichols read first some of the work of Charles Sorley, a poet at eighteen who was one of the First Hundred Thousand and the first in his battalion to win a captaincy. "Stone," the first poem given, written before the war, contrasted the inertia of Sorley's contemporaries with that of the long-gone dead, and was a poem of the field where Sorley sat. Next was a poem written about his battalion on the march. "Teeming earth will surely store All the gladness that you born."

"So be merry, as we be dead."

In general, the work of Sorley, young as he was, showed a "love for truth and action, a desire for the greatest." His death deprived England of a man the greatness of whose future no one could foresee. As his father said of him, "Being made perfect in a little while, he had fulfilled long years."

The second soldier-poet was "Bobby" Graves; Graves, twenty-three years old and author of a book of poems at eighteen. The first poem was a recipe for making poetry, written against Robert Bridges and received by him, not knowing its object, with much amusement.

The poem, in Mr. Nichols opinion, is that which says a thing most expressively. Good rhythm is as close to speech as possible and yet follows a pattern. Any poem should be expressive, rhythmical, and "common sense with a little uncommon sense,"—unlike the time-honored Herodotus, which "has killed more poets than anything else." After reading several of Graves' poems, Alone, The Tacklers, The Dead Fox-Hunter and finishing with Jomfr—"Off plows the purple whale With disappointed tae”—the lecturer went on to Siegfried Sassoon.

Sassoon is a man of twenty-eight, somewhat old-fashioned, hirsute, and "an idealist outraged by the war." Mr. Nichols contrasted his pre-war poem, Comrades, with the strong emotion, sometimes bitterness of what he has written at the front. "The glory of the trenches is all lies," Mr. Nichols declared. "The monomy develops a mania for any kind of enjoyment. A man is steadily degraded both in body and soul." Siegfried Sassoon often showed his sense of the horror of it. (Continued on page 7, column 1)
Board of Editors

ELEANOR SKEERY, 1920, Editor-in-Chief.
Margaret Johnson, 1920, Associate Editor.
Elizabeth Peck, 1920, Business Manager.

Consistency

A law—"a rule of action established by authority." Every one recognizes the need of such machinery to regulate civilized life so that the world may live according to the precepts of civilization. So laws protecting human and property rights have been consistently formulated with that end in view. But what about our laws here in college? Certainly no one objects to regulations which hold the college community to a well ordered life, academically, religiously or socially. No one objects to living under laws nor feels fettered by them when those laws are consistently directed toward such an end. But laws which do not have their consistency or reason is a doubtful question to most of the college body. For example, for what end were some of our existing Sunday regulations instituted? Surely there is no consistency in the fact that girls are allowed to walk for miles over the country on Sunday plenies yet may not enter a canoe on the lake. Is it felt that the girl on the lake would be disregarding the Sunday spirit or defying convention more that the girl on the lake, or what is the reason for the distinction? One may ride in a machine on Sunday afternoon with one's family but not with friends. So the girl whose family lives near the lake may enjoy motoring on Sunday afternoon while the girl who has only friends in this state and a far away family, may not.

The laws may all be wise and consistent. If so, I think that the college governed by them
deserves an explanation of that wisdom and consistency or the opportunity to do away with laws which do not possess such justification for their being.

Are you a Quitter?

Think thankful you would have been if, at the time of the last Liberty Loan drive, you had known the war was to be soon over! Think how you would feel if the war were still continuing? Prior to Victory Loan the victim may enjoy motoring on Sunday afternoon while the girl who has only friends in this state and a far away family, may not.

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FREE PRESS

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the writer. Only articles which have been carefully prepared and are distinctly in line with the sentiment of the student body are used in printing the articles if the writer so desires. The Editor reserves the right to delete opinions and statements which appear in this column.

Contributions may be sent to the hands of the Editor by 9 A.M. on Monday.

Reflector on Leaders

A girl was overhead saying of the "write-up" of the last Barn play "What does the News think it is anyway to criticize in that way? A New York Times?" That remark seems to express the general attitude of many; that the News to us is a little paper which tells us in a gentle accurate way the events of the week—the substance of lectures which we attended or felt that we ought to have attended, and yes—it can criticize—favorably. Its duty is to reflect, and in this passive state we accept it.

But do we write a reflector? We all of us complain that life at college is so passive, yet here in the matter of a paper, there is a great opportunity for creative, active work we do not have it. Because of preconceived, inert, and what—not our college paper point little to distinguish it from a good high-school paper. The subject matter is different, of course, but there is the same lack of critical consideration and the judgment with which we feel is the reason why we there should not be a decided difference. We have the ability and talent, and surely the older ones should have acquired the ability to judge and express their decisions upon subjects.

As for the News being more like a big newspaper—Why can't it? Why should it not pursue an active, even aggressive, policy which will provoke the college to definite sides and defence of their views? When the News writes up a Barn play and a Hamlet production why does it not make a comparison instead of allowing one to infer that such a thing has been made even though this might prove a little more work in reporting, a play discussed, it need not be done impersonally and after the manner of a summary, but as the expression of an attitude, belief, or policy, which has been reached. In this way not only would our paper be of much greater interest, but the readers too would be forced to take definite instead of drifting passively along.

H. B., '21

Step-Singing

Step-singing has started again and our singing improves the Innocent By-stander as being even worse than unusual. There are about three songs that the whole college knows and no one makes the fatal error of endeavoring to learn any others. Step-singing will soon go the proverbial way of all flesh if the repertoire of songs continues to be reduced to Problems, Prairie Flower, and The Almo Mater. There has been some discussion of having required song practices. Why not start the Barn play down now and let them sing them properly. There's no use in having Wellesley renowned for its poor singing. If we do a thing let us do it well, and most of us admit that step-singing is not. The current schedule has shrunk sufficiently to make it unlikely that we desire to see step-singing join step-scrubbing and forenote burning in the land of dead traditions. Now is the time to get up some enthusiasm and make step-singing a pleasure—not a time for slaughtering the auditory organs of the Innocent By-stander!

S., '20

Sunday Rules

Dancing in the dormitories appears to be a decided success. The two houses open each Saturday night are well filled, and every one seems to have a good time. This is a very good thing. How much better than wandering footloose over the campus or gazing sentimentally over the lake! The number of men congregated in Wellesley on a Saturday night did not seem to have increased-almost. Is it not possible then that the removal of some of the Sunday rules may bring a desired result? At home, one's family generally decrees it a good plan to make home attractive, so the young people will not sacrifice nature's good pleasure outside. Would this not apply to college as well? Skiing or canoeing on the Lake is good wholesome recreation—if this were allowed on Sunday fewer girls would return from week ends sleepy-eyed on Monday morning. The week end is the generally accepted play-time. Why then not play in Wellesley instead of in Boston? '20.

Honour System

The present form of government in college is called the Wellesley College Government Association. The old form included the word "student." The new organization was felt to have left that word out. What does that signify? In the first place it signifies a desire to be honest. As it stood, and as it still stands, the government was not really "student government." It was nearer community government as the recent title shows. The old system was neither faculty or student government, nor a harmonious union of the two. The letter is what the present government aims to be. It does not stand for the broad plan. They play the role of Olympians who let their less powerful subjects make their own laws—subject always to certain higher laws of the gods. These higher laws are essentially probably agreed by most people. And yet in a system of this sort just exactly what part has the student? Of course the minor laws are made by the students themselves, but one has the sneaking suspicion that did the students refuse to pass some of these restrictions somehow the restrictions would be there just the same. Also, a great number of the rules were made before the students had any say in the management. These rules are many of them very necessary, but the students did not make them. These rules have, of course, been voted upon as a whole when the amendments have been made, but it seems that many voted on the constitution as a whole to avoid tying up its passing by objections to certain separate rules. It was a case of accepting certain rules in order to obtain community government as opposed to faculty government or a not wholly satisfactory form of student government. Just exactly what is the student's relation to the laws of rules which have survived from the days when every one lived in College Hall, is a question that requires much serious thought. If the system is really an honor system, it should be so impressed upon the college at large. At present there is little or no possibility of maintaining the system among the students. If girls can evade rules or avoid the penalty for breaking them, they receive no censure from their friends. The girl is merely "clever to get away with it." It is not that the college is incapable of maintaining student government under the honor system. It is because the majority of the girls do not really feel that it is an honor system that this exists. On the other hand, this system does exist, then let it be consistent throughout the college, and let it be clearly understood that each girl takes individual responsibility.

E. L. C., '20
LETTER FROM MISS JENKINS.

The following extract is from a letter from Miss Mary B. Jenkins, '03, who is now in France.

Senside, France, February 28, 1919.

I was sent to this small town, which is really in the frontier line of the Somme; that is why I am at this end of the railroad. Rouen is on the edge of Haute Marne. The 29th Division is in this region and I rather think that I'll stay with the division even if it moves. It is scheduled for home at a certain time, but as these things go, I expect to stay over here a year at least. And you cannot tell from one week to another what you are going to do.

There is a great deal to be done here, but the fellows are doing it very bravely and effectively. We have a good chaplain and rather more is done here in a religious way than in other places I have been. On Sundays, we have two services (always with a great deal of singing), and there is a prayer meeting on Wednesday night, and a Bible Class Thursday night which I am to have. I have never led a Bible Class before but I think I can do it, and I am glad to have the chance. With 2000 men you are glad of every chance to know different groups and in different ways. I am going to try to work it as a French class for some of the men who want it, though it may sound ridiculous for me to be teaching French. However, I know a good deal more about it than these boys do (some of them cannot read and write English) and I know considerably more myself than I did two months ago—not with a book (which I have) I think it will go all right. And there are many chances for helping the boys musically. I brought a good deal of music along, both popular and classical, and it has most of it been spoiled. It is not hard to hear the boys sing—especially The Battle Hymn of the Republic. I wish I could make you all know how it is—these dark, snappy evening in a very damp, gloomy (gloomy because there is almost nothing besides a few candles) old chapel. We have a "band"—one pianist and two violins and a splendid song leader (all soldiers) and a soldiers choir. Sometimes I play and sometimes the band does. When they have on a concert I usually whistle through first and it is great. I can never forget it. It is being the second stanza—every word of it—though it is just like those boys to prefer the last stanza. They always sing better than anything else, and it is the first way to reach the majesty.

I wish I could make you realize the extreme youth of most of these boys. The average age is 18, and just think what they have been in and through. They are one of the Combat Divisions that saw much hard fighting. They are largely Southern boys and I have found many from Mississippi. I eat my meals at one of the officers' messes—with five young officers—and enjoy them very much. They are most of them boys, too, though one has just been made a captain.

I have my chocolate now and hope to be able to do more for the boys. I think I told Miss Tufts how impressed I am with the wonderful cleanliness of the American soldiers. It is more difficult to be clean here than any other place I have ever been in and because they have too much self-respect, they overcome these difficulties. Every day I pass the fountains in the squares which are the only places they have to wash and they are always scrubbing, and brushing their teeth.

CORRECTION.

The account of the Wellesley Unit published in the News of March 27, should be attributed to the Globe instead of to the Boston Herald.

THE WELLESLEY RED CROSS UNIT IN FRANCE.

This report was written just before Miss Root returned home.

It was during January that the formal change from a Base Hospital to an Evacuation Hospital took place. The work however is quite the same only more detailed, since so many men pass through on their way to the States.

The opening of the other Red Cross Huts in this district has made it possible to give each man some form of entertainment every night. Before he left for Paris Captain McCandless asked Miss Gibson, as Dean of the Entertainment-Givers of this section, to form a little circuit for the Hospitals and Camps of Beau Dessert. So she has been busy getting desserts, transportation, amusing friends, and amusing the new workers that it is not always possible, in war time to have everything run smoothly.

At our Hut we have been having two entertainments a night with sometimes a band concert in the afternoon. The S. R. O. might always be used, especially at the Sunday afternoon concerts when it seems as though everyone for miles and miles comes. The music is wonderful, the audience attentive, and afterwards there is a little party of fruit or chocolate candy for all. There is music again at night, when after the short evening service, the men stay to sing the songs they learned in Sunday School at home.

Our fireplace helps so much to foster the home feeling in the Hut. The boys sit around it in the easy chairs and read and talk. It makes one forget for the minute that we are only musquarrarding; a big barn trying to be somebody's home.

The fireplace is always the center of our cocoo fights. We dabbled them that before our first one because we were afraid that they might prove strenuous, and found them very gentle. Our family is so large that we can not serve enough cocoas in the parlor for everyone, so we chose to have parties before each convoy left for the States and invite in certain wards for the afternoon. One, I remember distinctly; the German detail had cleaned and filled the Hut and placed the chairs in a semi-straight row as their German minds would let them. When the boys came in at the first ward was a crap game on crutches. They sat in the chairs nearest the fire. One side was Miss Whitling pouring cocoa while our helpers passed it.

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The Wellesley Red Cross Unit is located in France. This report was written just before Miss Root returned home. The unit has made it possible to give each man some form of entertainment every night. The concerts, with music and desserts, are well-received by the soldiers. The fireplaces help create a home-like atmosphere in the Hut.
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Alumnae Department

(The Editors are currently striving to make this department a valuable source of interest to Wellesley Alumnae as promptly and as completely as possible. Alumnae are urged to communicate by sending notices to the Alumnae General Secretary of direct to the Wellesley College News.)

ENGAGEMENTS.

'31, Alice Smart to Edwin Byron of Minneapolis, Minn.

'33, Marion Corliss to Robert Bruce Lunnahan of Reading, Mass.

'34, Pauline Carmichael to John Walcott Col- der, Hanover, N. H.

'34, Margaret E. Harris to Monroe W. Nell, Columbus, University, 19.

MARRIAGES.

'32, Siebens-Pulitzer. On March 29, at Boston, Caroline Rant Pulitzer to Louis Putichs Siebens.


'36, Tower-Jones. On March 7, at New York City, Edith F. Jones to Walter Sheldon Tower, Ph. D.

'37, Hicks-Flournoy. On April 5, at Sioux City, Mary Flournoy to Edward Livingston Hicks, Jr.

BIRTHS.

'36, On March 26, William H. Davidson, Jr., grandson of Mrs. Charles P. Davidson (Anna Bredwell).

'36, On April 6, a son, Richard Macy Noyes, to Mrs. William A. Noyes (Katherine Macy).

'37, On March 23, a son, Prescott Goldsborough, to Mrs. Philip P. Marlon (Dorothy Straine).

'38, On February 22, a daughter Kathryn Bird, to Mrs. A. H. Dickinson (Helen Hutchison), 15th.

'39, On April 1, a daughter, Hilda Alice Keylyn, to Mrs. James Mills (Hilda Leman).

'39, On March 16, a son, Robert Warrington, Jr., to Mrs. Robert Warrington (Silvia Tipple).

DEATHS.

'39, On February 11 at Philadelphia, Mrs. B. A. Thomas (Lucy B. Stackhouse).

'39, On March 2, a daughter, Lillian Water, Florida, Mrs. George A. Wales, father of Helen Wales Farrel.


'39, On Jun. 17, at Middletown, Conn., Mr. Willis E. Ferrill, father of Olive C. Ferrill.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

'38, Gertrude M. Fairbanks ('98-'94) to 14 Park Ave. Westerly, R. I.

'39, Mary C. Tracy, to 47 High St., Passaic, N. J.

'39, Mme. Henri Courrot (Louise Pope) care of Seliman Farrel, Paris, France.

'39, Mrs. Arnold Livermore (Lucy Hellig) to 1734 Tratt Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

'39, Mrs. Herman H. Wright (Anna McAl- lister) to 86 N. 10th St., Phlladelphia, L. N. Y.

'39, Helen F. Ridgway, 522 Foster Blvd., Denver, Col.

'39, Mrs. Grandville R. Jones (Gertrude Mann) to 96 Grove St., Milford, Mass.

'39, Mrs. Robert E. Bridges (Belle Hicks) to 70 Washington St., Newton, Mass.

'39, Mrs. Clarence A. Kirkpatrick (Elizabeth M. Margerum) to 88 East Central Ave., Morris- town, N. J.

'39, Mrs. M. C. Sherman (Lillian Alley) to 307 Bryn Mawr Ave., Cynwyd, Pa.

'39, Mrs. J. E. Kinney (Bertha Rankin) to 1533 Nell Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

'11, Mrs. Ralph Church (Marguerite Stitt) to 1006 S. 2nd St., Springfield, Ill.

'15, Mrs. John Huber, Jr. (Caroline Miller) to Wymeadow, Pa.

'17, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Hicks, Jr. (Mary Flour- noy) to 1315 Douglas Stt., Sioux City, Iowa.

'17, Mrs. William Mandeville (Ruth Buck) to 610 Columbus Rd., Elmira, N. Y.

'18, Mrs. Margaret E. Harris (Marion Colby) to 379 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.

RESOLUTIONS.

In the death of Harriet M. Flegg the class of 1917 suffers a lasting sorrow. The genuine loyalty with which she devoted herself to her class and college makes her memory one to be cherished, for the sincerity and enthusiasm of her life were expressed in all that she did. We as a class extend our sincere sympathy to her family, and to all who knew and loved her.

Dorothy Spellman, Josephine Kees.

The recent death of Mrs. Annie S. Dey, mother of Dorothy Dey Howard, Wellesley 1906, brings to many members of the college a keen sense of loss. Hers was a nature of great depth and sweetness, attested by her unwavering devotion to her children and her aged mother, and her sympathetic affec- tion for her friends. Her life, rounded and perfected by joy, sorrow, trial, is a record of experience greatly taken. We shall not soon forget her rare and shining courage, her un- failing cheer, and the feeling one had in her presence that life could bring her no difficulty too great for her spirit to overcome.

MARGARET SHEARS.

CLASS OF 1903, WELLESLEY COLLEGE.

The Class of 1908 has learned with sorrow of the death of a former member, Georgiana Kendall Miller, Wellesley 1909. Little boy was her brave young life, filled with enthusiasm and devotion to a growing family, dominated by a sense of great responsibility toward her part in the future and strong in the faith of splendid ideals, passed beyond.

WHEREAS: God, In His infinite wisdom hath taken one of our beloved members, we, the Class of 1908, wish to record our sorrow and to extend to her husband and her family our sympathy. Be it Resolved: That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to her husband, to the Wellesley College News and be entered upon the records of the class.

KATHERINE SCOTT, EDITOR; GRANT CARY, MIRIAM FLAXERS, LEAH CURTIS BAKER.

PROMOTIONS, ETC.

Myrilla Avery from instructor to assistant professor of Art.

Alice M. Ottley from instructor to assistant professor of Botany.

Gertrude M. Ware from instructor to assistant professor of Chemistry.

Mabel M. Young from instructor to assistant professor of Mathematics.

Regina E. Stockham from assistant to in- structor in Botany.

Extended leave of absence for Mrs. Helen B. Magee and Miss Hetty S. Wheeler.

CLASS OF 93.

The attention of members of this Class is called to the Junius W. Hill Memorial Alee in the music library of Billings Hall. Contributions of valuable volumes of music and periodicals, standard works of reference, and money are solicited. Contributions may be sent to Miss Gertrude Bigelow, 19 Shattuck Street, Natik, Mass., or to the Department of Music, Wellesley College.

THE WOMAN THE WORLD WANTS.

In speaking to the Christian Association meeting in Billings Hall Wednesday, April 9, on The Ideal of the Heart, Dr. G. A. Johnsdon Ross concluded with the statement that this war is not likely to be the last. If inertia is allowed to possess the world, "One thing above," he said, "can save the world from a hundred times worse struggle, and that one force is character." The work of reform must be broader in its aim, stronger in its purpose, one of simplicity and resiliency of spirit, and courageous. Aiming yet illuminating pictures of conditions in the speaker's native Scot- land last summer were used as examples of what great change the war had already brought about in the women of Great Britain. Throughout the land there was the atmosphere of service, and "Now," Dr. Ross said "the spirit of Service must take the place of war for which it never had before." An international Church Ministant, without ecclesiastical paraphernalia, is on the point of showing itself, and the young women who go to France he urged to fan that flame. These women and all others must have an outlook of rational hope, a belief in the unity of humanity, and must see that only through the True Thought, through Jesus Christ, can the secret of life be gained.

LAST ORGAN RECITAL.

Mr. Benjamin L. Whelpey of the Arlington Street Church, Boston, played at Houghton Mem- orial Chapel Thursday night, April 10. His concert was very enjoyable.

A considerable little group of faculty and students have attended these five concerts and have derived a great deal of pleasure from them. Next year's concerts are already being anticipated.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION LECTURES.

Christian Association is giving this spring a series of interesting informal lectures on various phases of the work for women girls. The series will include talks on factory inspection, girls' clubs, recreational facilities, and Y. W. C. A. summer camps. There will be also an actual camp council demonstrated by an expert woods- man.

The first speaker is to be Mrs. Mary K. O'Connell, who has been a most successful factory in- spector and who has done fine work in organizing clubs. She will speak to the college on Thursday, April 17.

THE POWER OF PERSONALITY.

Dr. Charles B. Brown, of Yale University, spoke in Houghton Memorial Chapel Sunday morning, the 13th of April, on "The silent, powerful con- tagion of a good life." "Every life," he said, "exerts an influence entirely personal, in accordance with the spirit of the person bringing it. Personality at its best is marvellous. The man who sets out to reform possesses a moral power far less strong than is that of a natural, good life. The power of personality is inevitable. The kind of influence a man exerts depends upon the man he is—but some influence he must have. It is possible for every life to be so dynamic that other lives draw from it continually a higher energy."
A Chaplet for the Dead
A Pledge by the Living

A Pledge that her Dead upon the battlefields of France shall not have died in vain.

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Patriotically Save for Peace

Liberty Loan Committee of New England
Robert Nichols—Summer Post.

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"Send home and pray you'll never know
The hell where youth and loiter go."—The Hero, Attack, The General and Treach Duty were all poems representative of the splendid work of their author, whose equal success in soldiering is attested by his Military Cross.

"These extracts are the antithesis of the nineties. Soley in his desire for action, the humor of Graves, and Sassoon's sense of what is due to others represent the tendencies of present-day poetry. English poets are at their best when they speak from the English heart; American poets, when they speak from the heart of America. The only good is to say what you feel today, not to imitate the past. As emotions vary, interpretations must vary to fit them. Philip Sidney's saying 'Look in your heart and write' sounds mushy, but it is true." Mr. Nichols urged would be poets to begin by writing poems on their own home town, "but wherever gets New York, it takes a bit of doing."

In conclusion the lecturer read one poem of his own, the Poem of a Humble Servant, and gave David in the Lord's Den at the request of his friend Vachel Lindsay. Mr. Nichols succeeded better in reading works of his soldier friends than in imitating Lindsay's peculiar style, but he left with all his audience the memory of an unusually charming evening and a lecture of brilliance and value.

Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE AT SIMMONS.

How many Wellesley girls realize that their C. A. is a branch of the national Y. W. C. A.? As such, it was represented in a Student Y. W. C. A. Conference, held at Simmons College, April 4, 5, 6, for the colleges in and near Boston, Simmons, Johnson, Boston University, Framingham Normal, New Hampshire State, and Wellesley were represented.

Most interesting accounts of the fields open to the Y. W. C. A. were given by personal workers. The problems and aims of college Christian Associations were discussed by Miss Oebloch Barner, National Y. W. C. A. Secretary for Colleges. Miss Marion Gary, a county work specialist, made a strong appeal to the college girl from a small town to return to the town, and give its girls not so fortunate as herself a moral and spiritual stimulus and education.

"We don't mean idle, but trust run," said Miss Y. Y. Yang, from Peking. The women in particular need education, and are very eager to study, not in the way of the average American college girl, but with their whole minds and souls. Mrs. H. S. Elmore, herself a missionary, told dramatically of the mission work in the East, and of the superior advantages of the women of America in education and in equality with men. She emphasized the tragedy it would be should the women of America lose their vision of service, which the war had brought, for their duty is to bring freedom and light to the other women of the world. As the Rev. Edgar J. Park expressed it, "Try to give the world the value of your keep."

The conference divided itself into several small groups for discussion, and these are the conclusions reached:

1. That we take the Y. W. C. A. for granted in our colleges, and be it resolved in order to prevent this, that we strongly define our principles at the beginning of each term to members old and new, and that these be kept before them throughout the year.
2. That we endeavor to feel conscious that the Y. W. C. A. should be the unifying and spiritual foundation for all our college organizations and activities.
3. That we have not yet acquired sufficient standards of order within our own associations to enable us to think of the great problems of the world.
4. That the Y. W. C. A. is not democratic in membership, leadership, or opportunities for service.
5. That Christ's standards for personal living are the essential factors in making C. A. successful.

Two questions were left unanswered: 1. Has the Y. W. C. A. member any obligations to church or chapel? 2. Is it better to be or to do? These points speak for themselves, and offer much food for thought. As for the questions, what answer would you give?

The conference was altogether most inspiring and successful, and the Wellesley delegates with thanks to Simmons particularly for its hospitality.

JANET TRAVELL, 22,
Recording Secretary for the New Board.

QUIETLESS HOURS AT VASSAR.

The following expression of Vassar undergraduate opinion is interesting as a criticism of Vassar's trial of Proctorless quiet.

Spring Time is Oxford Time

We are showing a wonderful line of Oxfords and Pumps for Easter,—in Patent, Calf, Kid and White Canvas.

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"To the Editor: Why have so many people said that the failure of the Peace Conference is inevitable? It is because they believe the plans they try to incorporate are too ideal for practical application.

"As usual, we have an analogous case at Vassar in the Proctorless System. It is based on the assumption that everyone here is rational, and, as we hear in 'Ec,' this is too much to expect. The dependence on community consideration as the basis of government, when human nature must be dealt with as it is, approaches the millennium in theory, but anachrony in practice.

"The point is this:—it has failed—most pitifully. We may not realize what a force Quiet Hours are, because our senses are numbed. We are demoralized. But failure it has been.

"It is no disgrace to give up this 'ideal system'; it is common sense to know when you're beaten and stop. The Proctor System is parallel to civil government which makes provisions for human frailties. It means individual responsibility, but in addition, an officer to enforce the laws. At present, our rules are dead letters. Vote soundly tonight when the question is considered at the Amalgamation Meeting.—S. D., '18."

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"A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH."

"There is a great responsibility before us today," said Bishop W. S. Lewis of Shanghai, speaking at Vespers on April 13. China is trying to lay the foundations of democracy. Our new realisation that we are all of one blood impels us to help others to a new life. Since China's sovereignty on Chinese soil must be recognized, our opportunity lies only in religious and educational fields. Men and women in China are eager for instruction, and English and Americans have combined in establishing universities for them. China is so against war that her women are freed from the "scourge of militarism;" if industrialism can be postponed ten years, education for Chinese women will be assured.

That world civilization is fast becoming a wreck was the recent remark of a Japanese officer. "The word wreck must be interpreted," said the speaker, "as the wreck of the bud from which comes full flower and then fruit."

THE CALL OF THE EAST.

Charlott Penfield, '18, spoke in Agora on Monday afternoon, April 14, about the numerous opportunities for women in the mission field. "It is necessary to have some experience either in teaching or in social work before going to the East. For instance, a woman is needed in Cairo to edit a magazine. She will be required to know not only concerning the actual running of a paper, but about domestic science as well. In order to answer questions asked by the people of the town. Kindergarten teachers, gymnasium instructors, doctors, English teachers, women to go into the homes of the natives and show them how to cook and sew, women who can raise chickens and plant gardens, these are only a few of the kinds of women needed to do some real work for the good of the world," Miss Penfield is Traveling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement and expects to go to China in about a year.

A FREE TEACHERS' AGENCY.

It is well understood that the United States Employment Service has been very severely cut, on account of the adjournment of Congress without passing the necessary appropriation bills. Certain branches of the Service, however, are still working under full pressure.

Notable among these parts of the Federal organization which have shown vitality and strength are the Section for the Placement of Teachers, which had been organized under the guidance of the Federal Director of the U. S. Employment Service for Massachusetts.

When the national crash came, which closed all but fifty-six of the seven hundred and fifty offices in the United States, the Chief of the Teachers' Section at the Boston office offered to continue the work without salary, provided office space could be furnished. At this point Boston University came to the rescue to the extent of giving quarters for this Free Teachers' Agency in the building of the College of Business administration, 503 Boylston Street. Moreover, the privilege of working as a "dollars-a-year man" was accorded to the Chief of the Section.

This Boston office is now the Zone Office for all the territory lying east of Chicago, and those in charge here wish all teachers and school officials—especially those in New England—to know that the office is still open and its services free.
The Tobacco Leaf, a New York periodical, recently published this poem written by Elizabeth Pickett, '98, while working on her grandfather's farm in Kentucky:

THE TALE OF THE TOBACCO WORM.

Commencement day in cap and gown,
We heard a man of vast renown,
Set forth grim war's alarm.
He thundered of the coming Hun
In terms 'twould make a brave man rail!
It worked just like a charm!
I grabbed my sheepskin in my hand,
I hustled, leaped and nearly ran
To labor on the farm!
"Ha, ha," quoth I, "young girl, look here!
Your brothers, sweethearts, friends most dear
Are freedom's sword and shield.
It's up to you to grab a hoe,
And hitch the mule and make him go,
And raise a bumper yield,
No more of golf and sailing fleets,
Of dances, bridge and lovely 'ests.'
Get out and scratch the field."
I landed where tobacco grows
In parallel, long, bright, green rows
Among the Bluegrass hills.
The wind was fresh, the sky was blue,
The air was cool with August dews;
This was the life with frills.
I heard about me joyously,
When on leaf, what did I see?
I had a fit of chills!
"Avast!" quoth I, "thou bothered shape!
Art god or man or Hun or ape,
That hearest there at me?"
It was a green tobacco worm,
A lean and mean tobacco worm,
That warred himself to see.
His head was slimy, smooth and sleek,
He had both horns and murderous beak,
His eyes gleamed evilly.
"And who are you?" quoth he with pride,
That got beneath my Yankee hide
In creepy crawlies and squirms.
"This is my patch—my place in sun.
Remove yourself! Get out and run!
Such are my lovely terms.
I browse among these tender leaves,
I nip the buds in deadly sheaves,
And dream of super-worms."
"(Oh, Kubor-Annelid!"
"The hue has come for you to die,
Democracy's at hand."
I grabbed my hoe and made for him,
He twisted, reared and spat with vim,
He was no gentleman!
He bit, he ground his teeth, he tore,
The leaves about were stained with gore.
Before he turned and ran,
I leaped upon my trusty hoe,
And mopped my brow and tried to show
I wasn't scared a whit!
And now since Faulders' field is far
And I must "help to win the war,"
And farm "to do my bit,"
No matter how they spit and fight,
I'll slaughter worms both day and night
For "smokes" in Sammy's kit.

WELLESLEY MOSQUITOES.

THE GIRL WHO—
Can't keep her pencil from dropping on the floor during class,
Borrow stamps.
Wants to borrow your gym suit when you've got it on,
Practices Reading and Speaking during quiet hours.
Has a whistle annoyingly like your friends' whistle.
Sells Thrift Stamps before vacation.
Decides to have a party in the room above
the night that you decide to go to bed at ten o'clock.
Says "Oh, went in your room and saw some candy on your desk. I took some. You don't mind, do you?"
Has higher thoughts.
Has a blue serge cape like yours,
gets A on the math quiz when you get D.
But the greatest of these is the girl who—aeks
for ink from your fountain pen just as the instructor says, "My main points are—"

VACATIONAL EPILOGUE.

Vacation now is gone
Forevermore.
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

For me it was
A frightful shopping bore.
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

My mother let my clothes
Down to the floor
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

And narrowed them
And narrowed them galore
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

I took one step
And my best skirt I tore
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

I've come to college
Feeling very sore.
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

The moral of this tale is:
"Clothes ahror!"
That's all there is
There isn't any more.

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Thirty thousand boys in the agricultural clubs of Texas are training themselves in thrift, business management and the serious work of life. A recent investigation among these boys showed results that are reported in the Country Agent. It was found that 67.4 per cent owned Thrift Stamps and War Savings certificates averaging $19.30 per boy, a total of $38,265 was owned by 18,893 boys. In Liberty bonds 13.4 per cent reported ownership averaging $50.32 or a total of $394,106 for 4,553 boys.

Twenty-six per cent have a bank account, averaging $448.35 each, or a total of $416,043.53 for 7,510 boys, while the total value of the live stock or other property that has been accumulated since becoming a club member amounted to $1,317,993.18, or $83.66 each for 20,073 boys, which is 68.2 per cent of the entire membership.

On top of that the boys showed 66.6 per cent membership in the Red Cross, 82.88 each or a total of $56,211 for 19,622 boys.

OVERSEAS HOSPITAL PRESENTED TO FRANCE.

The unit of the Women's Overseas Hospitals located at Labouheyre, which was established by the Woman's Apparel Unit and has been operated by the National Woman Suffrage Association for the past year, has been presented to the French Government as the gift of American Women. The hospital has one hundred beds, its equipment cost between $23,000 and $30,000. It is the first one to be transferred to French control.

The French officials have now taken possession and the American workers have been transferred to a hospital in Lorraine.

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WORK OF FORMER WELLESLEY GIRLS.

It may be interesting to Wellesley people that Louise Bascom Barratt, '07, writes the children's page and the old home page of Today's Housewife and that Dorothy C. Mills, '09, and Elizabeth Adamson, '09, have charge of the girls' page and the doctors' page on the same magazine. Dr. Admanson is making quite a reputation in New York by her skillful work among school children.

MORE VICTORIES FOR SUFFRAGE.

Governor Milliken has signed the bill giving to the women of Maine the right to vote for presidential electors. He gave his pen, which will henceforth be an historic emblem of Maine suffragists, to Isabel Conner of the Maine Suffrage Association, remarking as he did so, "You will observe that the handle is yellow."

A whirlwind of enthusiasm swept the suffrage convention at St. Louis when it became known that the Missouri Senate had passed the State Suffrage Presidential bill, and immediately afterward passed a resolution to submit a Constitutional Amendment for full woman suffrage to the voters of the State. As the House is overwhelmingly in favor of Suffrage, the case is regarded won.

Minnesota makes the third State to give Presidential Suffrage to women during the week.

WHAT THE AIR SERVICE OFFERS.

The Army Air Service presents many interesting advantages to the enlisted man. It offers a good situation, now; it educates its members thoroughly in the new and growing science of aviation, with its many commercial features, and offers to those enlisted men who are physically and mentally equipped, an opportunity to learn to fly. Incidentally this service pays good salaries and provides for early promotion.

In accordance with the plans of the Government for the organization of a permanent Air Service, the Director of Air Service has been authorized by the General Staff to re-enlist or recruit enlisted men up to 15,000.

One feature of service in the military branch of aviation not usually considered is the education in aviation to be gained. There is but little if any opportunity today to secure employment with any of the large manufacturers of aircraft; they are cutting down their personnel. The commercial future of aviation in this country while promising is, at present, hanging fire at best, and every plant has more experienced men than it can keep employed. The Air Service will take you today, however, and teach you practical aviation. The time will come within a year or two when there will be a great demand for skilled mechanics and other experts in aviation who have had experience. Today the only practical way to get experience is in the Air Service. Then the opportunities for good positions in commercial lines may be seized when they appear.
COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Friday, April 18. 8 P. M. Billings. Third lecture of Reading and Speaking series. Miss Soares of Brazil. (Adapted.)

Saturday, April 19. Evening at Gymnasium, Indoor Meet.

Sunday, April 20. 11 A. M. Chapel. Dr. Theodore G. Soares of Chicago. 8 P. M. Chapel Vespers, Special Music.

Monday, April 21. Sunday School at 8 o'clock in Columbia, 30th Street, and at 10 o'clock in New Columbia High School.

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