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THE AUTHOR OF "THE TRAGEDY OF NANC"

John Masefield has been known heretofore among Wellesley students as the poet of ships and danger and joy in life. With the performance in the Barn of "The Tragedy of Nan," a new aspect of the author's work is introduced. There is little gladness, little action, in this play. In spite of the symbolic beauty, his realism is ugly. His story lays bare a thwarted life. But the hard experiences of youth which gave Masefield his love of the sea and its struggle, taught him also to understand human nature. Back of the sorrowful details lies the deeper realism of the beauty of a girl's soul.

Masefield's life, from the point of view of the publicist, at any rate, is particularly satisfactory. When still less than fifteen years of age, he ran away to sea. He travelled anywhere, everywhere. He suffered hardships and danger. He made friends among the roughest, most elemental men. When twenty-eight he found himself stranded between voyages in New York. He and his two companions lived on tobacco and an occasional egg, and walked the streets. Offered work in the Colonial Hotel, on Sixth Avenue, he worked behind the bar there, mixing drinks and cleaning counters. At one period in his life he turned farmer, at another, he did newspaper work. The richness of his experience has been a hard, but invaluable training in sympathy.

At present his mode of living is entirely respectable. He now manages to satisfy his curiosity about adventure with no running away to the farthest harbours of the earth. Devoted to his wife and children, keenly alive to new influences in art, writing more sensitive poetry all the time, he has become perhaps the foremost of English authors. He is at once a realist and a lover of beauty. He is sympathetic, and filled

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EX-PRESIDENT HAZARD AT VESPERS

The choir cycle written for the vespasilical celebration of the Wellesley College choir-week was opened in the Houghton Memorial chapel, Sunday evening, November 14. Ex-President Caroline Hazard conducted the service. The soloists were: Hilaire de Givenchy, 12th, Charlotte Hill, 21st, and Miss Healy, 23rd.

The program follows:

Flowery Sunday Rose Phelps
First Communion Sunday H. C. M.
Vision M. Seitz
Thanksgiving H. C. M.
Wakes, Shepherds H. C. M.
Ney Year's Hymn H. C. M.
Viole H. C. M.
The Wine Press H. C. M.
Very Early in the Morning H. C. M.

Realizing the urgent need for more debaters, and more experience for them, the Debating Club has arranged a Senior-Junior debate which will serve as a preliminary to Intercollegi-ate competition. It will be debated at Billings Hall on Thursday evening, November 18, be. Resolved that the power held by the Sen-ate to ratify treaties should be con-fined to the House of Repre-sentatives. The debaters for, 1921-1922 are: Elizabeth Brown, Virginia Oldham, Dorothy Consat; Alternates, Zella Meyer; Helen Wilson, and Margaret White; for 1922: Ruth Hilyer, Margi-ett Misses Gertrude Kennedy. Alternate, Katherine Cooke, Ruth Melcher, and Elizabeth Fleming.

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DRAMA COMMITTEE HOLDS OPEN MEETING

An open meeting of the Drama Committee was held on Monday evening, November 15, for a discussion of the spring play. The cycle of plays adopted by the Barn whereby the Shakespeare-play, one Greek play and two modern plays will be given in each college generation was explained. The problem at issue resolved itself, therefore, into the question between 1921 and 1922 for the year of presentation of a Greek play.

After a discussion, it was voted to present the pro and cons of the questions, and so that the members of the committee may know the sentiment of the college.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWS
During the last few weeks of News competition, the board has been taking a recess. Instead of laboriously writing one account of a lecture, a dozen have been extracted from have minuscule appeared. Those weary of our strenuous Parliament of Fools have been enlivened by new material culled from hitherto unexpected sources. But because subscribers subscriptions are now at hand. Two new sophomore members have been added to the board, bringing new youth and vitality to the Bug Out. We announce with pleasure the election of Margaret Hoag and Helen Stahl, ’23.

ON THE SPIRIT OF A PROMISE

The observance of agreements, tacit or otherwise, is an obligation demanding fulfillment. Strengthened by tradition and training, most students come to college with a sincere respect for the value of a promise. To them it is a grave matter, which, once uttered, requires adherence in spirit and letter. The unconscious selfishness that pervades a college atmosphere is perhaps not conducive to reverence for that ideal. Seldom, it is true, is a promise, intimated with some latent and should be addressed to Miss Mary Dooley. All Alumnae news should be sent to Miss Laura Dwight, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. All business communications and subscriptions should be sent to the Wellesley College News, Wellesley, Mass.

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PAMPERED, SELF-CENTRED, INDULGENT, UNSOCIAL, IRRESPONSIBLE.

Let us call ourselves names—the names that we deserve. Let us be honest if we cannot be generous. Let us private sincerity if regard for others is too much to attempt. But until we have cultivated one or the other, let us cease to be proud of ourselves. Or let us go to work to remove that blot on Wellesley's scutcheon which was revealed by the statement in last week's News that five hundred girls have decided to give five dollars or less for all the objects of the Service Fund. To all the cold and hungry—no, freezing and starving—children, to all the physically handicapped men and women, to all the young people pleading for education, to all the spiritually unenlightened and eager ones in many lands, we should be missionaries and social workers who guide and serve with all their time and all their strength, asking us only for means to make them to do more work, one third of us are to give $1.00 or $5.00 a year.

If all the people who have not had a fair chance should gather and point the finger of scorn at us, what an assemblage we should face as we looked up from our cream cake and fondo cake or over the shoulder of our far coats at them! Suppose only the children were there, the 3,600,000 destitute children for each of whom, Mr. Hoover tells us, requires a warm coat, shoes and stockings and one meal a day during the winter. What should we say as we handed these emaciated mites the few pennies that would be their share from our gift? Should we say, "We too have little; our parents send us only what we need and tell us they will look after charities?" But then why have they found us in our room? Shirk, say. All our help and interest go to those nearby. Hundreds of us are going to Denison House, teaching maids' classes and giving of our time for other whom we see and know. Or if it is our guilt, then let us say we should have to say that "service" is for many but an expression of restlessness, of desire to find a legitimate excuse for not pursuing the academic too rigorously, or a curiosity about the ways of living of the other half. Probably not that; probably these lines of work do express generous impulses, but we have not yet gathered these into generous principles, and when it comes to money giving, we thoughtlessly fall back to our childhood idea that the appropriate sum to take to Sunday School each week is a nickle or a dime. Is that why we, grown up, offer the same to a world in direst need?

Or should we say, "We did deprive ourselves during the war and now we have a right to what we want?" But facing that multitude, how could we think of our rights to "will dinners?" Is the real explanation that we have not faced them? that we are living in a happy world of our own imagining, where all is well for the war is over and peace and plenty reign? A real explanation is most earnestly desired. Is this published report a Harangue of Wellesley? or of college students? or of youth? or of women? or of Americans? For how can we get around the fact that it is an arraignment? Suppose we adopt Stevenson—

If I have faltered more or less. In my great task of friendliness; If I have moved among my race, Self interest mirrored in my face; If tears from countless human eyes Have moved me not; if children's cries, Wars, famines, death and others' pain Knocked on my sullen heart in vain;—Lord, thy mercies shall lead me. And stab my spirit broad awake. What are we waiting for? Another World War? Or could we sharpen our own weapon by a decision to spend in luxuries for ourselves during this college year only the sum we had set aside for the needy folk and put week by week the amounts we would normally be spending on ourselves into the Fund? Our claim that we need more determination, more earnestness of will than we possess? Are we like the man in bed at ten o'clock in the morning to whom his friend said, "Aren't you ashamed to be so lazy?" He answered, "Of course I am, but it's so much easier to be ashamed than to get up!"

An Inquirer.

THE NEED OF THE RED CROSS

As I've been sitting here surrounded by comforts and friends, my eye happened to fall on a report made in July in Estonia: "There are no children one to four years of age. They are all dead." What is to be the future of that country? That nation's hopes and ideals, bound up as they were in the children, are barren. In Zecho-Slovakia 15,000 of the 700,000 destitute children of the season have tuberculosis. Do you realize what that means? Suppose your little brother has the feverish flush of tuberculosis. Your Mother is rather weak from the lack of food. Every morsel you can procure she forces upon you and your sick little brother. Perhaps a flush begins to come on her face too, but you can get no food, no medicine, no 'cillin. You try every expedient. Your resources are at stake. Under these conditions would it not seem pretty good to have some refuge?

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alize that it is still vital to the lives and happiness of millions abroad and thousands in America.

We love to theorize about the joys of the service we shall render after we get through college but how about now? Are we going to let the world say, “Yes, the Wellesley girl thinks—but does not act?” You know that it is a privilege to be a member of this great organization. Join!

E. T. M. ’22

HASH

Hash has become a tradition here at Wellesley, and now its nameake seems about to follow the beaten path. For as sure as three or four girls get together, they begin to “hash things out.” This interesting process begins with a mild statement about an unusual—usually long lesson, the girl next door, or even, perhaps, about Wilson and the League. That is enough: the result is an extended and fiery discussion. Whatever the subject may be, the interest is equally great and the object of it is certain of being completely pulled to pieces and thoroughly “hashed.”

Probably everyone here who read the article on Women’s colleges in the November Woman’s Home Companion rose up in arms at the characterization of the typical Wellesleyite as one who goes to the library, carefully looks a thing up, thinks about it, and then, perhaps, does it. It is not entirely satisfying to know that Wellesley girls are not thought of as doers. As one step toward doing, why not give up hashing parties? Of what benefit are they? Their only results seem to me a consensus of opinion that something or someone is wrong somewhere. But that is as far as it goes. If some of this energy were used to help bring about the ideal conditions, Wellesley would be better off, and so would everyone in it. Continual criticism of the destructive variety never helped much. What is needed is a little bit of co-operation, a little bit of “doing.”

BIRDS OR GYPSY MOTH?

If you have been caught by the sudden cold weather with your fur coat in storage or your extra blankets not here or your wool stockings vorefully moth-chewed you may have a vague impression of how a bird must feel with his drinking water all frozen and his dinner frozen underground. In your case, you doubtless took immediate steps to secure your coat or your blankets, but what can a poor little bird do? Here he cannot even “sit in the barn to keep himself warm, and hide his head under his wing, poor thing” like Cock-Robin of the old rhyme. Although few of us are aware of the fact, there are a number of very rare birds about our campus, and it is a matter of interest as well as of humanity for us to keep them here. Furthermore it is of economic value to us, for by keeping our birds we save our trees from the gypsy-moth raids in the spring. Incidentally, it also enhances our enjoyment of Wellesley in May by the comparative absence of those disgusting worms which drop unexpectedly down our necks or swing suddenly from invisible strings before our faces. It is through the Wellesley Bird Club that this can be effectively accomplished. We must help them to finance it. The Club has a number of food-boxes and drinking-places about camps for fowl birds in winter, and it costs money to keep these in repair and provided with different kinds of grains for the different birds. This does not necessarily mean that one need join the club, if one is already busy, for anyone who wishes to help may drop twenty-five cents into the Bird Club box. Those who do want to become members may put their name and college address into the box with their quarter, or give the same to Abigail Smith, treasurer, in Wilder Hall.

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SEPARATING THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS

Many years ago, when ’21 were freshmen, two brave and daring seniors of 1918, bobbed their hair. But now many members of ’21 can sign their shorn heads in blank remembrance of the excitement of freshman year. No longer is shorn hair a sign of daring radicalism or scarlet fever, as the proportion of bobbed haired girls in each house testifies.

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To the Editor:

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MR. FITCH EXPLAINS STEEL SITUATION
Mr. John R. Fitch of the New York School of Social Service spoke at Billings Hall, Thursday night, on conditions in the steel industry. Long working hours and the denial of opportunity for collective bargaining are the causes for which he attributed last year’s steel strike.

There are a half million men employed in the steel industry and half of them are employed by the United States Steel Corporation. On account of the unique aspects of the industry, most of these men must work twelve hours a day. The mills and furnaces must be kept going continuously in order to secure worth while results. Only by employing a great many more men could the eight hour day be instituted. There seems to be no hope, at present, of the United States Steel Corporation taking such a step, although it was able to get enough men to break the strike which occurred in September, 1919. Not only do the employees work twelve hours a day, but seven days a week. Before the war, a man could get twenty-four hours off, a week, by working twenty-four hours at a stretch. Such conditions seem incredible, especially after Mr. Fitch’s description of the homes and lives which necessarily result from them. During the war, the basic eight hour day was adopted, but the seven day week came back. One year after the war was over, no movement had been made to decrease the working hours.

So many workers have been discharged for voicing grievances to minor officials that the men feel unable to tell their troubles to the management. Judge Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation has told the men to come to him, but how can they, when he is in one city and the plants are located various distances from that city?

Welfare work of great steel plants is futile, while the hour day continues, and the men are unable to protest against it. Strikes such as the one last September are the inevitable outcome of conditions such as exist in the steel industry today.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS MEET AT WELLESLEY
Annual Conference a Success
The Student Volunteer Union of greater Boston held its thirteenth annual fall conference at Wellesley, November 13-14. Three hundred delegates from thirty-three schools and colleges attended the conference, staying in houses on campus and in the village.

Meetings were held in Billings Hall, where various secretaries and officers of the Union reported progress of the Student Volunteer movement.

Further meetings of the Union will be held January 10, 1921, at Gordon Bible College; February 25, at Harvard; April 11, at Boston University School of Theology; May 9, at Wellesley.

The program of the conference follows:

Saturday, November 13.
2:00 P.M. Registration.
5:00 P.M. Address by President Pendleton, Address. Joseph C. Robbins, Foreign Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Society, chairman of the Student Volunteer Movement Executive Committee.
4:30 P.M. Reception by the Wellesley College Student Volunteer Band, at Agora House.
7:30 P.M. Stereopticon Address. James H. Lewis, Personnel Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Sunday, November 14.
10:15 A.M. Devotional Assembly.
3:00 P.M. Address. H. P. Packard, Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Address. Miss Helen B. Calder, Congregational Women’s Board of Missions. Address. Dr. L. L. Ferguson, Presbyterian Board of Missions. Address. 7:30 P.M. Vesper Devotional service.
7:30 P.M. Address. Joseph C. Robbins.

Those who attended the meetings reported that they gained great inspiration and incentive toward the goal of the Student Volunteer Movement, as expressed in its slogan, “The evangelization of the world in this generation.”

UNIVERSAL CITIZENSHIP
Have you felt that Wellesley was too self centered? Have you complained because the college community did not take enough interest in outside affairs during the whole year? If you are one of those people, or even if you have not thought about it at all in your daily rush through the campus, you will be interested in the International Relations Club which is just being formed at Wellesley. The club is being organized by Margaret Byard, chairman of what were known last year as the “discussion groups” of C. A. These discussion groups are being entirely replaced by this new up-to-the-minute organization, which hopes to bring to Wellesley students a wider conception and therefore a greater and more intelligent interest in national affairs. The purpose of the club is thus to bring to its members a deeper knowledge of what universal as well as national citizenship may mean.

Syllabi for the basis of study are being sent to the Wellesley Club by the Institute of International Education. These syllabi are prepared by the most eminent authorities on current historical subjects in the country, and they are sure to make the study of Russia, which has been undertaken for the first semester, a very worthwhile one. Moreover, speakers who supplement the student chairman at different times during the year are sent out by the central bureau at New York.

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'17 Cora Lee King to George W. Machan of Montreal, Canada.

MARRIED

'14 Auferess-de Beer. In October, at Albany, N. Y., Besille de Beer to Gates B. Auferess. At home, 157 S. Lake Ave., Albany, N. Y.

'06 On March 13, in Montreal, Canada, a daughter, Jean, to Elizabeth (Macomber) Douglass.

DIED

'02 On October 31, at Passaic, N. J., Mr. James Monroe Green, father of Lucile Green.

Any one able to furnish the address of any of the following people will greatly oblige the Alumnae Office by forwarding the correct address to Alumnae Office, Room 22, Administration Building, Wellesley (College), Mass.

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Mrs. Frederick Beebe (Ruth Kiegn '14)
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Mrs. Raymond C. Doane (Lucia Baley '13)
Mrs. John H. Dowdall (Charlotte Martin '92)
Bernice Drake '16

THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Regularity, punctuality, and preparedness were the three elements of the volunteer spirit as emphasized by Miss Jane R. McCrady, Head Worker at Denison House, at the I. C. S. A. Conference held in Boston, on Saturday, November twelfth. Miss McCrady said that the volunteer workers should be as regular as if they were receiving a salary for their services. Punctuality should mean not merely arriving at one's work on time but arriving with a mind ready to accomplish the work in hand. Preparedness should mean the arrival at one's work with definite plans and a determination to carry them through. The successful operation of the I. C. S. A. supply splendid examples of this volunteer spirit. Wheaton College, situated in the small town of Norton, Massachusetts, has had to seek its own field of activity. It has brought about a real improvement in Norton's one tenement house and is bringing cheer to the lives of many invalids in the community.

The Sargent School boasts a 100 per cent membership in the I. C. S. A. organization; and Wheaton, Jackson, and Holyoke have nearly attained this goal. With these examples, and with Miss McCrady's three suggestions in mind Wellesley's volunteer spirit should gain an impetus which it has never before had.

A RESEARCH INFORMATION BUREAU

The National Research Council has established a Research Information Service as a general clearing-house and informational bureau for scientific and industrial research. This "Service" on request supplies information concerning research problems, laboratories, equipment, methods, publications, personnel, funds, etc.

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