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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30—Meeting of the Graduate Club. Address by President Thomas.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Senior Orals in German.

8 P. M.—Senior Reception to the Graduates.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

6 P. M.—Vespers. Speaker, K. Blodgett.

8 P. M.—Chapel. Preacher, The Rev. C. Richmond, D.D.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Faculty Tea to Graduates. Radnor Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30—Bible Class. The Rev. C. Deems.

9:30—Mid-week Meeting of the C. A. Leader, M. Scattergood, '17.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8 P. M.—Sophomore Dance.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

6 P. M.—Vespers. Speaker, F. Kellogg, '16.

8 P. M.—Chapel. Christmas Service with Carols. Preacher, Father Officer, O.H.C.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 P. M.—Christmas Vacation begins.

BRYN MAWR AMBULANCE FOR THE FRONT

The faculty and staff at Low Buildings have contributed \$100 towards a Bryn Mawr ambulance. The ambulance will be in charge of two doctors, graduates of American colleges. Seven hundred dollars are needed. Some of this, in addition to the Low Buildings \$100, has already been promised. If every member of Bryn Mawr College would give one or more dollars as a Christmas gift to the Red Cross, the ambulance would be able to start with the New Year. Many schools and colleges already have their own ambulances representing them on the field. Miss Wiley, Low Buildings, is acting treasurer and will be pleased to receive contributions.

ALUMNÆ NOTES

C. Creighton, '14, is taking science courses at the George Washington University, in order to enter the John Hopkins Medical School next year.

A. Miller, '14, is studying law in her father's office.

J. Kerr, '10, and E. Bontecou, '13, are in the New York University Law School.

D. Godfrey, ex-'14, is engaged to G. S. Wayman, of Chicago.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT RULES COMPARED AT THE CONFERENCE AT RADCLIFFE

The following interesting comparisons are excerpts from the report, submitted to the Vassar Students' Association by its Senior Delegate to the Students' Conference at Radcliffe on November 6th and 7th:

Cut System

Barnard—An understood number given; no definite system.

Goucher—Left to individual instructors. Holyoke and Radcliffe—Students may cut until warned.

Bryn Mawr—Temporary system, 8 cuts a semester.

Brown—Under student control, 18 cuts allowed; expulsion for continued over-cutting.

Elmira—Cuts equal to one-tenth of lectures of course.

Lake Erie—No cut system.

Syracuse—Ten cuts a semester. Over-cuts mean extra hours of work.

Vassar, Wells, Wilson—No cut system.

Regulations of Absences from College

Allegheny—Under students, failure to register means fine of 25 cents.

Bryn Mawr—Under students.

Mount Holyoke—Under students, mere registration for all but Freshmen.

Syracuse—Under students, registration for ordinary absences, permission for unusual engagements.

Wellesley—Under students, free registration.

Western Reserve—Registration.

Winthrop—Permission from the President.

Chaperonage Rules

Under Students—At Randolph Macon, Wisconsin, Radcliffe, Syracuse, Wellesley, Middlebury, Holyoke, Bryn Mawr, Lake Erie. Reported successful in all cases.

Under Faculty—Allegheny, Swarthmore, Simmons, Vassar, Wilson.

Light Rules

Exist in all but Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Barnard, Radcliffe and Vassar.

Lights out from 10 to 10.45.

Quiet Hours

Radcliffe—Ordinary conversation always allowed.

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PRESIDENT THOMAS AND FACULTY COME TO AID OF DEBATERS

New System in Debating

Debating at Bryn Mawr, which is now carried on by classes in the hope that it will become more spirited, has received a new impetus. President Thomas has for some time been anxious to secure the services of a professional coach but since this has been impossible, she, and some members of the faculty have most kindly offered to do the coaching themselves. Twice a month the four classes meet in their respective rooms in Taylor, Wednesdays at eight thirty for trials. These are informal intraclass debates on some subjects of immediate college interest which takes little or no preparation. For each class one member of the faculty acts as critic, to give the debaters pointers on their delivery and form and to pick to pieces their briefs and separate arguments.

Last Wednesday was the first trial of the new system. The four members of the faculty who consented to coach that evening were: President Thomas, Dean Reilly, Miss Shearer, and Dr. Wilm, who drew lots for the classes. The subject for all classes was: "Resolved the New Quiz System is an Improvement over the Old." The debates were hardly polished because of the short time for preparation. In general the material was good but there is of course a great deal of room for improvement. If we are willing to give this matter a little time and interest we will profit by this new system and eventually make presentable speakers. The need of the ability to speak forcibly and convincingly cannot be too strongly emphasized in this age of activities for women. Miss Thomas pointed out this fact last Wednesday. Everyone wants to learn to speak in theory but it is amazing how few people want to put their theory into practice by active debating. This is your chance to learn to speak. Miss Crandell, Miss Donnelly, Dr. Fenwick, Mr. King, Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Gordon will also coach in the future. The Seniors meet regularly in room D, the Juniors in room E, the Sophomores in room F, the Freshmen in room H. Everyone who wants to take advantage of this opportunity the faculty have afforded us to get good advice and coaching on the difficult art of "speaking convincingly," should come next Wednesday evening.

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Minor Latin, according to apparent consensus, is the least popular course in College. This is not because there is any fault to be found with the course itself, nor with the professors who teach it, among whom are some of the ablest we have. Far from it. The trouble lies with us. We hate to translate. We hate to look up words in the dictionary, to refer to footnotes and to spend an hour on fifty lines or less. We are blind to all else but these mechanics of translation. Last week we had our attention called to an article in the "Fortnightly Review" for November, which we think may interest at least those of us who struggle through Minor Latin as though it were drudgery, but who are interested in English composition. "Translation is a more difficult art than original writing; we learn to use our own language better by writing out another man's thoughts than our own, for if we write out our own thoughts we select thoughts for transcription, that we can express easily. Original writing does not enlarge our vocabulary like translation; an admirable translator is always seeking to enlarge his vocabulary. Do not believe the current folly that translation dies and original writing lives; the German of the man who translated Shakespeare will be read when the German of many original writers is forgotten. . . . Andrew Lang is another such immortal; all his original writing will perish—has perished already—but he will be remembered, for he translated "Theocritus."

Shall we have a decapitated Taylor? Shall we be glad or sorry, if the Building Committee agrees with the Dean of Montana in thinking that the top of the tower should be removed just where the copper begins? Will it look as though Taylor were kicking one leg in the air, in rivalry with the four the Elephant Library kicks? To speak soberly, could Taylor ever look Early Jacobian?

Everyone is eager to express gratitude to President Thomas and the faculty for the very live and self-sacrificing interest which they are taking in the new and strong movement in the College toward debating and public speaking. If Literature is lagging at Bryn Mawr, perhaps Oratory is having her day. If this is really true, as it seems to be, it is interesting to note how much this changes the effect of conditions outside of College. Not only Woman's Suffrage, but social work and executive positions of all kinds demand a woman who can speak on her feet. The debates as yet have been poor perhaps in comparison with the stories and poems which have been written for the "Lantern" in the past, but the art of debating is a new art at Bryn Mawr, or rather a revived art, and Ciceros may yet be produced by coaching. We must remember that even Demosthenes had to practice by the seashore before he was prepared to declaim his mighty Philip-pics.

MR. HAPGOOD ON THE WAR

Mr. Norman Hapgood, editor of "Harper's Weekly," gave a most interesting talk on November 20th. He believes that in spite of all its horrors this war may be advantageous in the end. The ideals which we may hope to win must be in good part the work of women. Since the world is in great need, great efforts will be made. The response to the need "will be so full of the vision of mind and heart that we can meet the times which are coming, so that history will say 'the awful price which we have to pay, will not be paid in vain'."

In regard to the future and the safety of our own country, Mr. Hapgood thought that since our army, as it is so small that it is "Nothing more than a bad joke" and since we dread the effects of militarism, our best plan lay in forming an army, as Switzerland does, by requiring every boy of a certain age to undergo military training.

A reception was held after the lecture under the auspices of the Class for the Study of Social Problems.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

(The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in this column.)

To the Editors:

Although our "college spirit" is undoubtedly greater than it has been during the past few years, as shown by our real interest in "The College News," the Christian Association, and so on, nevertheless, I do not think that it is yet all that it should be. In the November 19th issue of

"The College News" there is an article by E. Dulles, drawing attention to the poor attendance at morning Chapel. It points out the danger we are running of a rule "concerning attendance at Chapel." But even this spirited article has failed to arouse us. We have heard so much discussion about the attendance at Chapel that it no longer makes any impression upon us. Yes, but the only way to stop the discussion of it is to attend Chapel regularly.

But what about those of us who do go? Can we sit back and say that we at least are doing our part? If we are really serious in our desire for more "college spirit" we cannot be content with doing things ourselves and letting others do as they please. But how can we force others to do things? How can we make people go to Chapel? We cannot drag them; and if we try to persuade them against their wills we shall only make ourselves unbearable and accomplish nothing. Is there no one in this College who has some practical suggestion? Perhaps if all of us who have any suggestions at all would write them to "The College News" where the rest can read them, we might evolve some adequate solution, not only of this question as to attendance at Chapel, but also of the whole question of "esprit de corps."

Sincerely yours,
LUCRETIA GARFIELD.

Dear Editors:

In reply to your correspondent who speaks of the defects in the present system of fire drills and suggests means of remedying them, I wish to say that the fire captains have been working out an entirely new system, which it is hoped will remedy the defects mentioned and other weaknesses in the drills as they are now run. The new system has been worked out with great care and is based upon the Wellesley system mentioned, modified to suit the conditions at Bryn Mawr. The new method of drills will be begun very soon, and, it is hoped, will prove as practical and satisfactory as the one at Wellesley.

ISOLDE ZECKMAN,
Head Fire Captain.

Dear Editors:

Although there has been much objection to the enforcement of the rule that we should leave laboratory promptly at 4 o'clock, if we stop to consider, is that not really a fair rule? It might be better modified to read, that everyone shall leave minor laboratory at 4 o'clock. In major courses experiments take longer and are often spoiled, if left, thus meaning the loss of an afternoon's work. However, the minor classes are so large that it is hard enough to keep them all working together, and it makes it all the harder if a few particularly enterprising or non-athletic people stay later than four. There could be a modification again in this case, that is, a student who wishes to make up back work might be allowed to remain. With these changes the rule would stand as a good one.

F. K., '16.

DIPLOMACY

Marie Doro, Blanche Bates and William Gillette come to town next week in a revival of Sardou's play, "Diplomacy." Semi-detective plots, involving diplomatic incidents and hinting at international doings, are always popular. We forget that many of the devices have been "done to death" since the play first appeared, and, like children delighting in favorite stories retold, we are enthusiastic over such incidents as the clever ruse wherewith the English diplomat catches the villain, Baron Stein, and the use of scent to track down the villainess in the last act. Some of the points are either not very logically worked out or else not emphasized clearly enough to "carry across the footlights." We can never, for example, explain satisfactorily the return of the Baroness in this last act. Why did she come? The package, of course, was only a pretext. We are never told, nor is there any suggestion to aid us in imagining the reason for ourselves.

The acting does not quite fulfill expectations aroused by the three lines heading the cast. Marie Doro is disappointing. She inclines to "rant" in the emotional parts. William Gillette is the very same Gillette of "Secret Service," etc.—Sherlock Holmes removed from London to the legation in Paris. This will, however, only please his admirers and will not displease those who have not seen him too often to tire of his mannerisms. Blanche Bates is excellent as the Baroness, the international spy, and her handling of the big scene in the last act is very effective.

On the whole, "Diplomacy" will give you a very interesting Saturday afternoon and prove a pleasant relief from quizzes, orals and their like.

A "GOODWILL CHRISTMAS"

A "Goodwill Christmas," as it has been started by several alumnae and others, simplifies Christmas giving in order to give more to relieve the unprecedented suffering caused by the war. To help meet this need seems more truly like Christmas than much of our Christmas giving. Perhaps some of us at College could adopt the idea and reduce our extensive Christmas expenditures, thereby saving a little extra money to swell our Bryn Mawr funds for the Red Cross and refugees.

LOST

My James' Psychology! Last seen on the lower hockey field about four weeks ago.

LUCRETIA GARFIELD.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Gymnasium Cup.—The committee appointed by the Board who will award the Gymnasium Cup is Mrs. Samuel A. King, G. Emery, '15, I. Zeckwer, '15, C. Dowd, '16, F. Kellogg, '16. The cup will be awarded to the best Sophomore or Freshman in apparatus work, and the committee will judge only upon the work done in the regular gymnasium classes.

Varsity Water Polo.—M. Goodhue, '15, F. Kellogg, '16, and M. Scattergood, '17, have been appointed by the Board to act with Miss Applebee and E. Dessau, '15, Varsity captain, as the Varsity water polo committee.

CAST FOR "PINAFORE"

The Glee Club announces the cast for "Pinafore," as follows: The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B.: 1st. Lord of the Admiralty, I. Knauth, '17; Capt. Corcoran, Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore, S. Reiss, '18; Ralph Rackstraw, Able Seaman, M. Jacobs, '15; Dick Deadeye, Able Seaman, L. Klein, '16; Bill Bobstay, Boatswain, M. Andrews, '17; Bob Becket, Boatswain's Mate, M. Russell, '16; Josephine, The Captain's Daughter, D. Perkins, '15; Hebe, Sir Joseph's First Cousin, T. Smith, '17; Little Buttercup, A. Portsmouth, '18; Bumboat Woman, E. Merck, '18. Leader, K. McCollin, '15. Stage Manager, D. Perkins, '15. The performance of "Pinafore" will take place May 15, 1915.

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Wellesley—Whispering only allowed.
Wellesley and Holyoke—Enforced by honor system.

Other Colleges—Proctor System unpopular and difficult to enforce.

Chapel Attendance

Under students at Brown, 18 cuts allowed.

Under students at Elmira and Middlebury, with honor system.

Mt. Holyoke—Compulsory and controlled by student government; 4 cuts a year from church and 12 from chapel.

Randolph Macon—Regulated by student committee.

Wellesley—Controlled by honor system, 4 cuts a month.

Swarthmore—Compulsory, 20 cuts a semester.

Reported successful and valuable at Barnard, Elmira, Adelpia*, Mississippi*, Allegheny, Goucher, Wells, Randolph Macon, Simmons**, Swarthmore, Syracuse, Western Reserve, Wilson.

*No compulsory reporting of cheating.

**Must be voted upon by 90 per cent of each academic class.

CAMPUS NOTES

The Rev. C. Richmond, who is to preach on Sunday, is the president of Union College. Mr. Richmond has lectured and preached at Bryn Mawr often and is one of the most popular college speakers.

The subject of President Thomas' address to the Graduate Club on Friday, is "The difference between men and women scholars and how to overcome them."

We have received the following extract from a letter from Mrs. Cons: "Mr. Cons is on the firing line in the trenches near Rheims and on November 12th, was still well and unharmed. I am with friends near Paris for the duration of the war. I am helping care for the motherless children of the soldiers, and at other times knit and crochet as fast and as much as I can." It is proposed to send a bundle of knitted articles to Mr. Cons from Bryn Mawr. Anyone who would like to contribute something can get further particulars at the gymnasium office.

French Orals. Forty-nine Seniors took the orals and thirty-two passed.

Dr. Wilm will be the third person in the German Oral on Saturday.

The Chess Club under the leadership of L. Branson, '15, has been revived. Fourteen competitors have entered the tournament. The first round will be played off this week.

The History Club has been disappointed not to be able to secure Col. Roosevelt, Mr. Taft or Mr. Pinchot as speakers, but it hopes to get another interesting man very soon.

SURPRISINGLY GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYED AT BRYN MAWR

The Odd Class team won the football game from the Even Class team with a score of 6-0. The umpire said that the tackling was fearless and that some of the team play and signaling was really good. "The Evens," he said, "had some good, tricky plays, although quick, they weren't always quick enough, and they made a pretty forward pass. The Odd backs were a little slow. Both teams were better on the defensive than on the offensive, but of course that was due to their inexperience." In conclusion, he said they certainly played surprisingly good football.

The support of the side lines was very spirited. Red roses and violets, red and green and blue arm bands and peanuts were sold. M. Scattergood, '17, L. Chase, '17, cheerleaders for the Odds; H. Chase, '16, L. Goodnow, '16, and E. Houghton, '18, the Even cheerleaders, walked up and down, encouraging the shouts of the spectators. The proceeds, over \$20, goes to the College Settlement.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"Morning Watch" schedules may be obtained from A. Grabau, '16, or E. Dulles, '17.

The daily prayer meeting of the Christian Association is held in the C. A. Library at 8.30 a. m. Everyone is invited to attend.

A mid-week prayer circle will be held in Radnor No. 20, for Merion, Radnor, and Denbigh; in Rockefeller No. 2, for Rockefeller and Pembroke East and West.

Bible Study Committee.—Mr. Deems will give the third lecture of his series, on December 16th; at 8.30 in Room F, Taylor Hall. His subject will be, "The Bible as the Social Worker's Inspiration."

Mission Study Committee.—The committee met on December 3d, and arranged for the following Mission Study Classes for the Second Semester: "Japan," led by R. Sato, '17; "The Women of India and Turkey," led by L. Dillingham; "Medical Missions," led by E. Dulles, '17. The time of meeting for these classes will be decided later.

Federation Committee.—There will be a meeting of all Episcopalians in the C. A. Library, Thursday, December 10th, at 1.30.

The Sewing Committee.—In spite of the increase in the prices of all toys, the Sewing Committee has been fortunate in securing their usual number of Christmas dolls. The children who get these dolls every Christmas are too little to realize the horrors of the war and they will look forward eagerly to their Christmas as they always have. We hope that you will dress one of the dolls and help us keep them from being disappointed.

Junk Committee.—"Will this fit a boy of 6?" "Something for a baby of 1 year!" "Old lady of 80 wants something warm; she can't wear this red cap." "I've nothing for my boy of 12." "Peggy, you're the biggest, try this on to see if it will fit my invalid size 44." These were the wild and woful cries at the Junk Meeting on Saturday, when the Christmas bundles

were being made up. The familiar sizes, 36 or 38, were fairly easy, so were the girls of 16 and 17. One thoughtful Junker had brought some boys' clothes from home which helped out with the large families, so the committee managed to make up presents for forty families, but sixty more bundles are needed. Will every member of the Christian Association give something even if it is only a collar or an old pair of gloves? Bring it to the Gym or give it to the Hall Junker. Also wanted: Christmas stockings filled for old ladies. Apply to Gymnasium.

GOD, NATURE AND MAN

Sermon by Dr. Johnson Ross

In spite of the cold and the sleet on Sunday evening the Chapel was crowded to hear Dr. Johnson Ross. Dr. Ross spoke of the five cardinal sins which, arising from wrong relation with nature, have done much to bring about the confusion which prevails at the present day. These sins are thanklessness, waste, destructiveness, cruelty to animals, and idleness.

In order to clear up confusion of ideas, Mr. Ross emphasized the fact that man is sovereign of creation only so long as he uses his sovereignty for moral ends, and that there is, indeed, a close moral sympathy between man and nature. Dr. Ross concluded by saying that sham spirituality had made a dividing line between God, nature and man, and that it is only through such great crises as the present war that we are made to realize how close are the relations between the three.

NOTICE

All those who wish to take the course on Private Law next semester will please hand their names to A. Kenyon, '15. The course will be two hours a week and Dr. Fenwick will try to find a time convenient for all.

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