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MAJOR BEITH AND LIEUTENANT MacQUARRIE ENTERTAINED BY HISTORY CLUB

Major Ian Hay Beith and Lieutenant MacQuarrie were the guests of honor at a History Club reception in Pembroke East after Major Beith's lecture Saturday night. They dined in Pembroke with members of the History Club before the lecture.

The guests at dinner passed their place cards to the head of the table to receive the signatures of the two officers and during the reception Major Beith was beset by owners of his books with requests to autograph them at a dollar a copy for the benefit of the Students Friendship Fund.

P. Turle, '18, president of the Club, owns a copy of Lieutenant MacQuarrie's How to Live at the Front, with the author's autograph and the inscription, "In memory of the battle of Bryn Mawr."

PLAN THREE PERFORMANCES OF VARSITY PLAY IN CLOISTERS

Undergraduate Committee to Confer On Oral Classes With the Faculty

A rough estimate placing the probable proceeds of a Varsity play at \$1500, was given by M. Martin '19 in a report of the Varsity Dramatics Committee before the Undergraduate Association, Monday. Any dramatics given would be in the cloisters, where the cost of production, according to Miss Martin, would be about \$1200 and the receipts \$900 an evening. By having three performances a balance could be netted for Bryn Mawr war work.

Plays suggested by the committee were Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra, Josephine Peabody's Piper, and Dunsany's Gods of the Mountains. Action on the matter was postponed till definite figures could be secured on the cost of coaching.

The question of Oral Classes, it was voted, should be discussed with the Faculty through the Conference Committee of the Undergraduate Association. G. Woodbury, president of the Class of 1919, told of the conference of the Junior and Sophomore committees with President Thomas. Oral classes could not be abolished entirely, she reported, nor could the college afford to give them free.

An assessment of ten cents a head was decided upon by the Association to meet current expenses.

COLLEGE EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE DISBANDED, HAVING ACHIEVED END

B. M. Club Represented by M. Martin
A vote to disband followed a recommendation from President Thomas, president of the College Women's Equal Suffrage Association, at a meeting of the association last Saturday in Washington. The Bryn Mawr Suffrage Club was represented by M. Martin '19, who was also a delegate (from Massachusetts) to the National Convention.

President Thomas pointed out that the College Equal Suffrage Association had accomplished its mission of making suffrage for college women respectable, and offered to assume its debts, amounting to a little over \$7000. College suffrage clubs will henceforth be affiliated with the national organization, either directly or through their States.

At a college luncheon Saturday afternoon in the ballroom of the New Ibbet House, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw was the guest of honor, and President Thomas,

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MAJOR BEITH'S OPTIMISM MORE SERIOUS THAN LAST YEAR

British Hold Nearly Half German Army Massed on Belgian Front

More soldier than novelist in his address on the "Progress of the War," Saturday evening in the gymnasium, Major Beith (Ian Hay) discussed less the human side of trench warfare than the strategic aspect of the present situation. Military snapshots, some of which Major Beith himself took, were shown. The lecture, under the auspices of the History Club, netted over \$600 for English war charities.

"If we can merely hold our own for the next three months and allow the enemy to waste his troops on the western front, it will be one of the greatest victories of the war," declared Major Beith with quiet optimism. "The withdrawal of German troops from Russia for concentration against the British in Belgium is manifestly to the Allies' advantage, as on the western front the facilities for their destruction are much greater than on the eastern front. . . . The recent drives against General Byng have been attended with enormous German losses which will increase with the winter snows.

"The capture of a narrow strip of land along the North Sea would mean access to Ostend and Zeebrugge, the German submarine bases. The enemy, realizing this, has massed his troops here 5,000 men to the mile (as against 300 in Alsace), so that the British, on less than a fourth of the entire line, are holding out against 48 per cent. of the German army."

Weather Pro-German

The weather last summer Major Beith characterized as consistently pro-German. With a very little luck, the speaker declared, and a little less mud, General Haig would easily have been in Ostend. Nevertheless, he went on, the spirit of the men is undaunted. They are back on the historic ground where, in the first battle of Ypres, cooks, wagon drivers, a ragged line of odds and ends, flung themselves down in front of their artillery and smashed the Prussian Guard. If it had not been for this small expeditionary force who went out and sacrificed themselves to give the old country behind it time to wake up, the Germans would have got to the channel ports on the North Sea, Major Beith pointed out. As it is, England has transported four million troops over the channel without the loss of a single life.

Major Beith described the battle of the Somme as the setting-in of the ebb-tide of the German invasion, just as the battle of the Marne represented the high-water mark. Whether the amateur armies raised and equipped in less than two years, were a match for the grim, machine-made, iron-bound army waiting for them on the "ridge over there," which had been waiting for forty years, was the question they had to answer, he said. "It is the same question which, at no very far away time, your troops will have to answer."

Lantern slides of the battlefield showed the shell holes which will probably prevent it from being ploughed for a generation. A photograph which Major Beith had taken from an underground trench showed a section of the Hindenberg line, which the British Tommy, ignorantly thinking it a "common ordinary" line, had attacked and captured.

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES CELEBRATE ADVENT OF HOLIDAY SEASON

Merion and Pembroke Join Forces

The combination of Merion and Pembroke merrymakers last night in a joint party in the Pembroke dining-room was a new departure in the celebration of the annual Christmas parties.

The Merion-Pembroke dance, managed by Z. Boynton, '20, included a freshman stunt and a dance competition, judged by a committee chosen from the four classes. 1921 also gave a stunt at the Denbigh party.

In Radnor the festivities reached their climax at dinner with the bringing in of the Yule Log and the singing of Yule Log and Boar's Head choruses. Speeches enlivened the dinner, H. Zinsser, '20, being toast mistress, and G. Steele, '20, song mistress.

In Rockefeller M. Nearing, '09, was toast mistress, and C. Hayman, '19, L. Williamson, '20, and L. Ward, '21, formed the committee on stunts and speeches.

POSITIONS OPEN IN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO BE EXPLAINED

Series of Vocational Talks—Plan of Registration Department

The first of a possible series of vocational lectures will be given by Mr. Herbert Eglin, second vice-president of the Philadelphia Electric Company, who will speak here in January under the auspices of the Registration Department of the War Council. His subject will be positions in the Philadelphia Electric Company which are open to college women, graduates and upper classmen, both trained and untrained.

The positions offered were formerly held by men now in the government service and constitute whole-time work. Scientific training is required for some; others involve clerical work for which a general training is sufficient. Positions for next summer are open.

Mr. Eglin was secured through the War Council as the result of a letter written by him to Dr. Barnes, Professor of Physics, telling of the opportunities in his company for college women.

In co-operation with Dean Taft, head of the Appointment Bureau, the Registration Department hopes to secure other speakers on the specific positions now actually open to women.

CHOIR TOURS OUR CAMPUS SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The choir, augmented by the addition of eight new voices, made its customary tour of the campus last night, singing Christmas carols. "Listen, Lordings, Unto Me," was a new song in the usual repertoire.

Starting at the Deanery, proceeding through Rockefeller and Pen-y-groes, along Faculty Row to Low Buildings, and then through the Halls, the choir arrived a little after ten at the Model School, where its singing could be heard from the inn and the infirmary.

BRYN MAWR SPEED FRIGHTENS MANAGER OF WOOLEN MILLS

The promptness with which a second order for low-priced wool went in from the workroom to the millia brought a quick reply. No more wool will be shipped to Bryn Mawr, was the gist of it, unless the mills are assured that it is not being sold for profit.

SERVICE CORPS' UNANIMOUS DECISION OF MASS MEETING AND WAR COUNCIL

Alumnæ Committee Assures Cooperation With The American Red Cross

A service corps of Bryn Mawr workers abroad, instead of a reconstruction unit or a Y. M. C. A. hut, was the unanimous verdict of the mass meeting last Monday evening. \$10,000 before June was the goal set for the college and \$20,000 was unofficially decided for the alumnæ. The same decision was previously reached by the War Council.

The Service Corps is the object of the chief drive of the year and no other canvass for War Relief will be undertaken in the second semester.

Sixty-two B. M. workers, forty-eight of them in France, are now abroad, reported M. Reilly '01, chairman of the Alumnæ War Work Committee. Cooperation between Bryn Mawr work and the Red Cross was assured to this committee in interviews with Washington officials.

A patriotic farm near the college is almost certain, said B. Ehlers '09, director of Food Production. No workers will be taken for less than six weeks.

MONUMENT FOR THE FIRST THREE AMERICANS KILLED IN FRANCE

A monument to the first three soldiers of the United States army who have fallen in France is being erected by the people of the district where the men lie, according to a Paris despatch in the New York Times.

The three men are buried in a little cemetery in Lorraine territory, not far from Nancy. A small model of the monument is to be sent by the prefect of the communes of Meurthe and Moselle, M. Mirman, to Ambassador Sbarpe and another to President Wilson.

\$2667 TOTAL FRIENDSHIP FUND

PEMBROKE WEST LEADS

With \$1167.40 collected since December 3d, the Students' Friendship War Fund closed Saturday, after a twelve-day campaign, with a total of \$2667.40, if the \$1500 collected after Mr. Taft's lecture before Thanksgiving is included.

Pembroke West leads with \$290.50 in the hall subscriptions, with Rockefeller a close second, totaling \$245.75. 1918 netted \$82.40 for the Fund by the two performances of the Senior reception skit. Copies of Major Beith's books autographed last Saturday after the lecture for \$1 each brought in \$14.

The contributors were:

Rockefeller	\$245.75
Pembroke West	290.50
Pembroke East	133.50
Denbigh	113.50
Merion	184.00
Radnor	82.75
Llysfran	45.00
Faculty	46.00
1918	82.40
Autographs	14.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Total	\$1167.40

NO "NEWS" FOR THREE WEEKS

On account of the Christmas vacation no News will be published until a week after college opens. The next number will come out January 10, 1918.

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Sophomore Competition Decided

By a very close vote Margaret Ballou '20 was elected to the editorial board of The College News last Monday night, as the winner of the Sophomore competition begun in November.

The standard by which the writing of the competitors was judged is the accepted standard of newspaper English. It is well characterized by the following extract from an editorial in the St. Louis Republic: "The three notes of modern reporting are clarity, terseness, objectivity. The news writer of to-day aims to tell a story that shall be absolutely intelligible, even to minds below the average—since everybody reads; to economize space to the last degree, and to keep himself, his prejudices, preferences, opinions, out of the story altogether".

The editor of the New York Tribune named the quality which marks the successful reporter with the phrase, "Not the common ability to make a story long and diffuse, but the rare talent of making it short, vivid, and complete".

The Annual Plait

The water-polo season is with us once more. Once more the plaintive note of the winded swimmer crying to her mate in the adjacent bath house may be heard—the old, ever-recurring wail!

What is the cause for such grief? Time has taught that mourning is futile. Never, until water-polo is abolished at Bryn Mawr, will it cease to be a test of class spirit.

Little Rachel and Aunt Desdemona

Little Rachel and Aunt Desdemona were visiting First Year English Literature. Little Rachel's glasses were not shell-rimmed, they were steel-rimmed, for shell rims are deleterious to vision, as she had learned at school. She wore orthopedic shoes and knew the date when the binomial theorem was first introduced as a study into secondary schools. Little Rachel was eleven, but she had passed all her Preliminaries.

"Aunt Desdemona", she said, "it would appear that this is the room where I shall soon be and this the class that I shall soon attend".

"I hope so", said her Aunt briefly. She was recording an interesting fact, the price that Thomas Norton had had to pay for a feather-bed for his mother-in-law.

"And yet I see some of the young women do not know the date of Erasmus' first visit to England. This is no doubt due to the fact that few are really paying attention. I can even see one young person reading matter foreign to the substance of the lecture. "Vanity Fair" is really an excellent novel for light reading, but this is hardly the place for it. It seems to be in magazine form, too. How strange!"

"Strange, indeed", murmured her Aunt, eagerly taking more notes.

The class was over and the little girl and her Aunt watched the young women depart. Little Rachel observed their costumes with curiosity and interest.

"Aunt Desdemona", queried the niece, "why is it that everyone seems to wear colored stockings? They are rarely becoming and often inharmonious with the skirt".

"It is plain", answered her Aunt, "that seriousness of mind is growing scarce at

Bryn Mawr. The rancous stockings are the outward sign".

"It is strange that the young women with the fattest legs should choose stockings whose stripes run around", said Little Rachel.

"Strange, indeed, and sad", said the Aunt. "Little Rachel, this visit has proved to me that in spite of the truly erudite lectures in English the young women of Bryn Mawr sometimes think of their clothes. The institution is deteriorating. I must withdraw your application and enter you for Idaho State College instead. For here at Bryn Mawr I see every kind of scarlet, yellow, green, and black and white striped stockings, but never a blue stocking".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed in this column.

To the Editor of the College News:

In October I put a notice in the Paris edition of the New York Herald, inviting Bryn Mawr women, whether they knew me or not, to come to an informal luncheon in my studio on Sunday, October 21st.

Alice Miller Chester '14, Alice W. Miller '09, Eleanor Lansing Dulles '17, Elizabeth Reynolds Haggood '14, Mary Putnam '09, Shirley Putnam '09, Emily Redmond Cross '01, Mary Tongue '13, Ellen Perkins Kilpatrick '99, Marjory Cheney '03, Mary F. Hoyt '99, Dorothy H. Cox '14, Elizabeth Baldwin '14, Gladys Selligman van Heukelom '06.

These girls turned up. I was surprised and delighted to see so many. After luncheon I made a little speech, telling the girls how I have always wished to start a Bryn Mawr Club in Paris. I hope we can plan something so simple in organization that it will not be a burden to busy people. Then I called on each person in turn to stand up and tell who she was and what she was doing here.

Will you be kind enough to slip this letter into the News? I shall be glad to see in my home, at 120 Boulevard du Montparnasse, any other Bryn Mawr girls coming to work in Paris.

Sincerely yours,
Helen Davenport Gibbons,
Paris, Nov. 12, 1917.

BAVARIAN DIGGING-SONG FOUND IN TRENCHES BEFORE VERDUN

One of the few enemy songs of the war which has reached this country comes, says the Literary Digest, "by the round-about way of a dead man's kit. A 'Digging Song' has been found written in the diary of a Bavarian corporal named Sanktus, and was collected with other letters and papers in German trenches before Verdun." Part of the poem, in rough translation, gives an idea of the Bavarian feeling for the Prussians:

"The gallant Bavarians--this is their fate;

At every one's pipe to be jigging;
While the lazy-honed Prussian reposes in state,

The Bavarian's delving and digging;
He's kept at it still—with no chance of escape;

For there must be commands and there must be red tape."

ANOTHER BARRIER FALLS

Women are to sit in the jury box in New York. "Women jurors have become a necessity, for the draft has diminished to an alarming degree the men available for jury duty," says the Public Ledger, quoting the New York Commissioner of Jurors, Jacob Brenner.

Mr. Brenner expressed his opinion that the State Legislature, at the coming session, will give women the right to this legal duty.

WHO IS BEHIND YOUR RED CROSS?

President Wilson Heads it.
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The War Department Audits its Accounts.

General Pershing in France Approves it.

SHORTHAND MAY NOT BE GIVEN TWO CLASSES IN TYPEWRITING

The proposed shorthand course may not be given, says B. Jelliffe, '17, the instructor, because only six people instead of the required ten have applied.

Two classes in typewriting have begun in music room A, Pembroke East, one on Wednesday evening from 8 to 10, and the other on Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6. The shorthand class was planned to come on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7.45 to 8.45.

A great shortage in stenographers and typewriters has been advertised by the United States government since its entrance into the war. Civil service examinations in shorthand and typewriting are held every Tuesday in Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Baltimore, and other American cities. The salaries for beginners range from \$1500 to \$2000 a year. Detailed government notices may be found on post office bulletin boards.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Rachel Brewer, '05, will be married to Mr. Ellsworth Huntington, the well-known explorer and geographer, on December 22d. Mr. Huntington is the author of Explorations in Turkestan, The Pulse of Asia, Civilization and Climate, and several other works. He is an honorary member and medalist of the Geographic Society of Philadelphia, and was awarded the Gill Memorial by the Royal Society of London in 1901.

Monica O'Shea '17 is in New York doing publicity work for the magazines published by the Butterick Publishing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Comey (Eugenia Jackson '14) have a daughter, Katherine Comey, born November 17.

Anne Lindsey White '14 has announced her engagement to Captain Paul Harper, of Chicago.

Rena Bixler '14 will sail shortly for France, to work with Eleanor Dulles '17, under Mrs. Shurtleff's committee among the refugees in Paris.

NEW SLOGAN FOR CONSERVATION

The latest "Hooverism" is addressed particularly to women: "Don't stuff your husband, husband your stuff."

FRENCH THEATRE IN NEW YORK PERFORMS AGAIN AFTER THREE YEARS

Mme. Yvette Guilbert Sings There

Started in Paris in October, 1913, the Théâtre du Vieux Colombier, which has been closed since 1914, has established itself in New York for the winter, under the direction of Jacques Copeau. Many of its productions are Molière's comedies.

"The aim and ambition of the founders," according to the program, "has been to create an entirely free and disinterested French stage, devoted to the masterpieces of the past, and at the same time open to the coming writers. . . . It keeps in touch with its young soldiers whose hardships have but stimulated their moral strength; with its friends, . . . whose generosity during the three years has enabled it to aid its actors, and its needy mobilized members."

M. Copeau has found many of his ideas in Switzerland at the school of Jacques-Dalcroze, where M. de Montelieu, instructor of Eurythmics at the Model School, was trained.

Mme. Yvette Guilbert, the great French diseuse, will sing there on December 23d "Great Songs of Great France," in the costumes of the period. Mme. Guilbert sang here at Garden Party in 1916.

COURSE IN RUSSIAN UNDER WAY

Prof. Edgerton Will Give Sixteen Lectures

A course in Russian, given by Professor Franklin Edgerton, Associate Professor of Sanskrit of the University of Pennsylvania, began Monday evening with a preliminary lecture on the principles and structure of the language.

The next lecture will be on January 3d, and thereafter every Wednesday at 3 P. M. The course is an extra-academic one of sixteen lectures. About \$16 will be the fee charged. This will be less if more join the class or if a similar course counting as academic work can be arranged to justify Professor Edgerton's trip out from town.

Miss Dimon, Dr. de Sarauw, and a number of undergraduates are in the class.



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MYSTERIOUS CARTOONIST WORKS BY NIGHT IN COLLEGE LIBRARY

The author of the political cartoon discovered on a Library blackboard and praised a week ago in Current Events by Dr. Gray, is still undiscovered. The cartoon apparently made, according to Dr. Gray, between 10 P. M. and 3 A. M., represented a soldier, rifle in hand, saying "I am a patriot," followed by a pacifist proclaiming "I am strutting my nee-say hour."

P. Tarle, '18, whose cartoon of the political meeting held here the night of the presidential elections appeared in last year's T'pyn o'Bob, disclaims all credit and can throw no light on the identity of the mysterious cartoonist.

NO ORGANIZED DRIVE HERE FOR RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

Although the War Council voted down an organized membership drive here for the Red Cross before Christmas, the members of the Red Cross and Allied Relief department are securing as many members as possible without a campaign.

Mr. Crist, a campaign manager of the Red Cross, spoke at the weekly meeting of the department last Thursday.

TRENCH CANDLES IN USE HERE

Cheap Fuel for the Poor

Rumors about the uselessness of trench candles have been disproved by the American Trench Candle Association. Although the Red Cross does not accept them, and they can be sent abroad only at long intervals by the American Fund for French Wounded on account of poor transportation facilities, they are in demand in this country in the training camps and as economical fuel for the poor.

HOUSE BURNS DURING VACATION

The summer home of D. Hall '19, at Aberdeen, Maryland, burned to the ground while she was spending her Thanksgiving vacation there with her mother, Mrs. Sidney Hall, and her sister, Miss Anne Hall.

They removed most of the furniture with the help of neighbors, but were unable to check the blaze, which apparently started from a defective chimney. Constance Hall, 1917's senior president, was in Baltimore at the time.

NOTICE

Christmas favors, cards, and ornaments are among the contributions which the Junk Committee will solicit immediately after the holidays, for distribution in the colored schools of the South. Students are asked to bring back as many of these cast-off souvenirs as possible.

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VOCATIONS FOR COLLEGE WOMEN DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE

Dean Taft Gives Account of Speeches

The story of the girl who specialized in Sanskrit and was disappointed to find no commercial opening for her training, was cited by Dean Taft in chapel last week as typical of the reproaches brought against colleges by those interested in vocational work for women. At the recent conference of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations in New York the general feeling, she said, was that students should be advised all through college with a view to turning their courses to some account afterward.

The new lines of work open to women were presented at the conference by speakers from several of the leading professions. Chemists, in all forms of mechanical industry, were pronounced greatly in demand. There is also a growing need for draftswomen and bacteriologists, it was said.

The speaker for the law stated that some of the best law firms in New York are now taking women into their offices. A person with a wide grasp on affairs makes a better lawyer than a mere logician or orator, she said. Women in newspaper work were admitted not to have succeeded as well as men, although there are many opportunities for them in the magazine world.

Attention was called to the demand for women in clerical work, with or without stenography; and to the opening for them in banks where in the majority of cases no special training is required or even desired.

WAR WORK OF COLLEGES MAY BE SYNDICATED—GOVERNMENT AGREES

A War League of American colleges is being planned, with the approval of the Government, aiming to "syndicate the ideas, ideals, and strength of academic America for the good of the nation."

"Five hundred colleges have been asked to join in the work," says the New York Times, "lectures on timely war topics of both economic and military nature are a part of the scheme."

Official recognition of the plan has come through Mr. George Creel, Chairman of the Committee of Public Information at Washington; the originator of the idea is Olin Temple, Dean of the college at the University of Kansas.

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LIBRARY REPORTS 4,017 NEW BOOKS

Record Given of Books Taken Out
A summary of the annual report of the work of the college library for the year ending September 30, 1917, shows that 4,017 volumes were added during the year, making a total of 84,703; 2,687 of the books added were purchased, 791 were gifts and 539 are bound volumes of magazines. Books on history, literature and social sciences were bought in the largest numbers, making over one-half the total added.

Literature Most Used—Economics Next

The number of volumes charged out at the loan desk during the year was 25,056. Nineteen per cent of these were placed on reserve, either in the Reserve Book Room or the Seminary Rooms; 60 per cent. were taken out by students, and 21 per cent. by faculty and staff for study or general reading. A table of books taken out, exclusive of those on reserve, shows their use according to subjects:

Subject	Number Taken Out.
Bibliography and General Periodicals	93
Philosophy and Psychology	927
Religion and Church History	610
Economics, Education, Sociology	2,960
Philology	567
Natural Science (exclusive of Dalton Hall books)	325
Useful Arts	182
Fine Arts	1,044
Literature	11,261
History and Biography	2,318

For 136 volumes borrowed during the year Bryn Mawr is indebted to the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Princeton, the Philadelphia Free Library and others. Thirteen volumes were lent.

Gifts of money for books during the past two years have not been so numerous as formerly owing to the effort on the part of the alumnae and those interested in the college to increase the Endowment Fund, and to the demands made for war work. Gifts of books, on the other hand, have been more numerous than previously. Most of this material has come unsolicited.

Special attention has been given to the completion of sets of publications by societies or Government bureaus. An attempt has also been made to fill in some of the incomplete periodical files by purchase and exchange. The most important of those added are Notes and Queries, 1849-1907; Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, 1817-64; De Bow's Commercial Review, 1846-69; New York Historical Society Collections, 1885-1916; Rivista di Scienza, 1907-16; Revue des Deux Mondes, 1875-87; Teachers College Record, 1900-16; Gazette des Beaux Arts, 1859-94, a gift of President Thomas.

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SPORTING NEWS

Skating on Haverford pond is now permitted by Self-Government; the Athletic Association Board does not plan to have any skating here this year.

The graduates have begun informal basket-ball practices on Thursday evenings under the direction of Miss Flather; no regular team has been arranged yet. Dancing, managed by Miss Drinkwater, comes the same evening.

WATER POLO OUTLOOK GOOD

Last Year's Line-up Almost Intact

The first water-polo practices, bringing out strong material from all four classes, promise a hard fight for the championship. The Seniors have only one gap in their last year's line-up, due to the loss of L. Pearson, (Mrs. Blanchard Pratt), center forward. M. O'Connor, L. T. Smith, and H. Hobbs are trying out for the vacancy. H. Hobbs is the most promising candidate.

The Junior and Sophomore teams have lost no one since last year. The freshman material is being fast coached into shape, and shows strong swimmers in E. Bliss, side forward, and E. Cope, captain and half-back.

The water-polo matches begin February 25th.

NEW TALENTS UNEARTHED AT ANNUAL MAIDS' PARTY

A dramatic version of "The Night Before Christmas," arranged by E. Hurlock, '19, and given by the Rockefeller maids, was the most striking feature of the Maids' Party in the Gymnasium last Friday night. The party was arranged by the Maids' Committee of the C. A.

Solos and recitations were given by maids from Radnor, Merion, and Pembroke, and a chorus from Denbigh sang "The First Noel." Radnor, 1921, gave a short play.

Dancing, to the music of the Pembroke Jazz Band, preceded the entertainment, and refreshments were served at the end.

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**Miss Thomas Defends Red Cross
Protests Against Suffrage Action**

Standing out against attacks made on the Red Cross in the National Women Suffrage Association last Friday, President Thomas expressed a protest against the action of the Association in voting \$175,000 for a hospital to be conducted in France as a private enterprise. President Thomas attacked the plan on the ground that the Red Cross prefers that all relief work should be handled through it and does not approve of units under private auspices.

"We do not like the attitude of the Red Cross toward women doctors—in fact, we do not like its attitude toward women in general", was the statement of Mrs. Charles Tiffany, one of the convention leaders.

It is not true that the United States Government does not approve of women doctors, President Thomas asserted in answer. General Gorgas has promised to appoint women for army positions as soon as men are no longer available, she said. She mentioned the President's order allowing women to enlist in the medical corps and declared the position of the Red Cross in not allowing women in army camps "very reasonable".

President Thomas to Speak at Theatre

"What shall we tell our children about the war"? is the title of the speech President Thomas is to deliver in the Bryn Mawr Theatre next Sunday at a meeting of the Main Line Forum. Dr. Watson, a Haverford Professor of Economics, is president of the Forum.

Student Sells Her Hair for Red Cross

To earn money for the benefit of the Red Cross, D. Rogers '20 cut off her hair last Monday afternoon. Miss Rogers expects to sell her hair to a hairdresser in the vacation for fifteen or twenty dollars. Miss Rogers' hair formerly hung below her waist; it now extends just to her shoulders, but is still long enough to do up.

WOMEN ONLY IN HOSPITAL UNIT

**Feminine Personnel to Work Among
Civilians in Devastated Area**

Sixty women make up the personnel of one of the base hospital units now awaiting immediate orders to sail, says the Public Ledger. Doctors, nurses, clerks, ambulance drivers, mechanics, plumbers and carpenters are all women.

To care for the civil population the hospital will probably be sent to the devastated area of France. The unit is under the direction of the French government, for at the time it was formed last June the United States Government could not see its way clear to accepting an organization composed only of women.

GRAVE DEARTH OF ARMY NURSES

Red Cross Reserve of 13,000 Worthless Our armies at home and abroad are facing a lack of nurses, according to an appeal from the Army Nurse Corps, reported in "The Public Ledger."

The Red Cross has on file the names of 13,000 trained nurses, says the superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, but for various reasons a great majority of the 13,000 have not reported as available for immediate duty. "The need of clearly presenting the situation to the professional nurses of the country is therefore obvious. Any nurse who is qualified for service, no matter where she may be, should not hesitate to make her application today."

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**LESS CUTTING THAN LAST YEAR,
SAYS UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT**

Seven Students Will Receive Warnings "Not only has there been less cutting this year than last, but the cut cards have been kept much more accurately," is the comment of Virginia Kneeland, '18, president of the Undergraduate Association, on the statistics for the months of October and November. These statistics are made out on the same basis as those of the office, but have not yet been compared with them.

The sophomores, with an average of 4.8 cuts per student, have the worst record; and the freshmen, with 1.69 cuts per student, the best.

Seven students who have taken more than six cuts will be sent warnings.

Cuts termed "legitimate but unexcused" are those which the committee considers justifiable, although taken for other reasons than illness.

The record is:

CLASS 1918			
	Unexcused	Excused	Total
Students cutting	42	26	68
	(61.8%)	(38.2%)	(76.47%)
Cuts per students cutting	2.83	2.46	5.29
Cuts per total students (68)	2.16	1.82	3.98
Students with no unexcused cuts	25		
	(36.8%)		(26.91%)
Students with no cuts of any kind	16		
	(23.5%)		(23.53%)
Students with 6 or more unexcused cuts	0		
Unexcused, but legitimate cuts	49		

CLASS 1919			
	Unexcused	Excused	Total
Students cutting	70	27	97
	(71.2%)	(28.8%)	(81%)
Cuts per students cutting	2.3	1.7	4.0
Cuts per total students (100)	1.86	1.42	3.28
Students with no unexcused cuts	30		
	(43%)		(30%)
Students with no cuts of any kind	19		
	(27%)		(19%)
Students with 6 or more unexcused cuts	2		
Unexcused, but legitimate cuts	3		

CLASS 1920			
	Unexcused	Excused	Total
Students cutting	72	37	109
	(66.1%)	(33.9%)	(82.98%)
Cuts per students cutting	2.5	2.1	5.9
Cuts per total students (104)	2.0	2.8	4.8
Students with no unexcused cuts	22		
	(30.6%)		(23.41%)
Students with no cuts of any kind	16		
	(22.2%)		(17.52%)
Students with 6 or more unexcused cuts	2		
Unexcused, but legitimate cuts	36		

CLASS 1921			
	Unexcused	Excused	Total
Students cutting	39	34	73
	(53.4%)	(46.6%)	(56.11%)
Cuts per students cutting	1.4	1.6	3.0
Cuts per total students (129)	.91	.88	1.69
Students with no unexcused cuts	80		
	(62.8%)		(57.55%)
Students with no cuts of any kind	81		
	(64.4%)		(43.82%)
Students with 6 or more unexcused cuts	2		

HONOR SYSTEM ELECTED AT PENN

An honor system in examinations, doing away with proctors, has just been adopted by students in the college department of the University of Pennsylvania, with the approval of the faculty. Formerly only the Wharton School of Finance of the University used the honor system.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Albert Parker Fitch, of the Andover Theological Seminary, Dr. Hugh Black and Dr. John R. Mott, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., are the first three choices of 1918 for the preacher on Baccalaureate Sunday.

Minor Spanish is now in two divisions, both under Dr. Riddel. Division B meets at two o'clock instead of ten.

Dr. Grace Sabin reviewed John Dewey's new book German Philosophy and Politics, at the Philosophy Club tea last Friday in Denbigh. The theory that German idealism, as founded by Kant, and not the Nietzschean philosophy of power, underlies modern German war feeling, is upheld by Dewey.

The Lost and Found sale last Wednesday netted \$34.

Three cents was the lowest amount found in any of the War Relief mite boxes collected from the halls last week. A dollar bill was found in one box.

W. Worcester '21 has been elected by her class to the Advisory Board of the Undergraduate Association.

"All in It," by Ian Hay; "Long Live the King," by Mary Roberts Rinehart, and "Abington Abbey," by Marshall, are recent additions to the Denbigh Fiction Library.

Christmas Festivities at the Center Christmas is the occasion for many festivities at the Community Center. Tonight the men of the Italian night school are giving a stag party for forty of their friends.

The Girl Scouts, captained by E. Lanter, '19, had a supper party last night and there will be a Christmas tree festival in Bryn Mawr Park on the 26th, marked by community stagiag.

College Equal Suffrage League Disbands
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Miss Martha Thomas, Thalia Smith '17, Eugenia Holcombe '17, and M. Martin '19 were present from Bryn Mawr.

Dr. Marion Parris Smith was not a delegate to the National Convention, as stated in last week's News, but has been in Washington on business connected with the Woman's Committee of the National Council for Defense.

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MacQuarrie Makes Audience Laugh

In amusing style, but with underlying pathos, Lieutenant Hector MacQuarrie, of the Royal Field Artillery, described last Wednesday the pitiful unpreparedness of the first hundred thousand, in his lecture on "Trench Life," given in Taylor to a crowded hall.

"Your boys are lucky to have nine months' training with guns and ammunition; we had nothing and yet we had to put up a big fight," he said.

His own case was typical, Lieutenant MacQuarrie pointed out; he enlisted, a private in the cavalry; six weeks later he obtained a commission—for the asking, since the need of officers was so great—and found himself in command of a battery. "I can train the men, but the officers give me sleepless nights," a more experienced commander exclaimed of "Kitchener's Mob." For months in the training camp, Lieutenant MacQuarrie said, his battery had no guns at all; finally they secured two, the more recent dating from the Boer War, to be used one-half hour every ten days! They had no uniforms and few horses.

"Morning Hate" Only Ammunition

Full of "Just before the battle, mother," feeling, his battery went to the front, Lieutenant MacQuarrie continued, and into the battle of Loos. The shortage of ammunition was frightful, he said. Only five rounds a day were allowed, and these were fired early as the "morning hate", after this no retaliation was possible when the German guns swept the infantry trenches.

The newsboy's definition of a friend represents the union which must be cemented between England and America, Lieutenant MacQuarrie emphasized. "Some one wot knows all about yer, but likes yer." On the field of battle, he said, there is no hatred of the Germans, for "they aren't worth hating."

Lieutenant MacQuarrie has been lecturing twice a day for the past five weeks. His business in this country is primarily the inspection of munitions.

NEW READER FOR ORAL CLASSES

Miss Agnes R. Riddell, Ph. D., University of Chicago, has been appointed reader in Spanish and French, and is conducting the Junior and Sophomore French Tutoring Classes which started last week. The German tutoring classes are under the direction of Dr. deSarauw.

Owing to the lateness of the classes in starting, no opportunity will be given students to drop out by passing a test before the final examination. The schedule this year has been arranged to have no morning classes before nine o'clock.

Contrary to the notices posted earlier in the year no one will be obliged to take more than one class a week in either language. The charge is fifty cents a class and every one with a grade below A must enter a class. Last year those receiving B were exempt.

THERE ARE BANDS AND BANDS!

A letter addressed to the "Leader of the Student Volunteer Band" has been received by H. Hunting, leader of the junior orchestra. Even the finding list leaves room for mistakes!

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 19

1.00 p. m.—Christmas vacation begins.

Thursday, January 3

9.00 a. m.—Christmas vacation ends.

Friday, January 11

8.30 p. m.—First Division of Swimming Meet.

Wednesday, January 18

9.00 a. m.—Mid-year Collegiate Examinations begin.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD, IS MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS SERMON SUNDAY

Bishop Anderson Fails to Speak

"Jesus, the light of the world, like the sun's light, comes to us all, but to each in a different way", was the substance of the Christmas sermon last Sunday evening by Dr. Corydon C. Tyler, of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Hill. Dr. Tyler spoke in place of Bishop Anderson of Chicago, who was expected to preach until Saturday morning. He could not come on account of illness.

We are all headed for the same port and need the same pilot, went on Dr. Tyler. The whole significance of the Christmas message is to open our hearts to light.

Dr. Tyler concluded his sermon by quoting from a "well-known American poet", Sidney Lanier, grandfather of E. Lanier '19. Dr. Tyler is the father of M. Tyler, who rooms with Miss Lanier.

Three anthems, "Sanctus", "Sleep, Holy Babe", and Barnby's "Holiest Night", were sung by the choir.

PROHIBITION FOR BEES?

Previously well-behaved bees, living in New Jersey, have been turned into bandits and induced to steal their neighbor's honey by having whiskey fed to them, according to a tale reported in the Literary Digest.

"It is claimed that the bees were fed on 'doped' honey in order to make thieves of them. The drunken bee becomes a bandit. Befuddled with booze, he refuses to work and turns to riotous living." The story is hotly denied by The Guide to Nature, which says "the whole thing is as improbable as it is ridiculous."

MAJOR BEITH'S OPTIMISM

(Continued from page 1.)

Praises Medical Science

"A man who survives a wound six hours has nine chances out of ten for recovery," said Major Beith. "If he reaches a base hospital he has ninety-eight chances out of a hundred. Although the British casualties have never fallen below 30,000 a month, the number of men killed is surprisingly low in comparison with the number employed. Yet there is a limit to human endurance and many though unwounded are no longer useful as fighting units."

In the most optimistic statement of the evening, Major Beith asserted that the submarine campaign had degenerated from a menace to a nuisance. The new depth charge, launched by convoys to explode at the level of the submarine, offsets the magnetic device used to increase the efficiency of the torpedo. One of the pictures taken from an aeroplane, showed a torpedo turning a right angle in its course to a merchant ship.

"The burden of finishing the war is coming to rest more and more heavily on the joint shoulders of the two English-speaking nations," he concluded. "We are going to be tempted soon by a peace offer. Germany is uncertain how long the paralysis of Russia will last, and fears the gathering cloud which she sees in America. She is waiting only for some slight gains to offer the Allies Belgium and perhaps even Alsace-Lorraine. We must not forget that however tempting such a peace may sound it would not be lasting. Roumania and Serbia and Armenia would still remain in the hands of the 'Mittel-Europ Empire.' . . . For the sake of what we have already spent, not money and material power—they are nothing—but for the best blood of the manhood of our countries, until victory comes let this be our watchword: 'Carry On!'"

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