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Freaks \nas Entertained by 1922 with Masquerade Dance in the Gymnasium
"Masked fairies and Chinamen, Splash-\nas, and Japanese." It says "the worst Saturday night as a dance given by the Juniors in the Freshman in the gym-\nasium." In addition to many exotic and weird costumes, the dance was not new, as it now stars in the dance form, when

L. Colli, 24, and M. Ayott, 24, said the part of a beggar was the perfect manner in which the supper of lemonade and cakes was served, and the dancing continued until 10 o'clock. E. Hall, 22, was chairman of the commit-\ee in charge of the dance.

CHINESE FAMINE CONSIDERED
AT RALLY BEFORE VACATION
President Thomas and Members of Faculty Expose Great Suffering
A rally to protest against the Chinese famine conditions was held Saturday night, Decem-\ber 19, in Taylor Hall, under the auspices of the History Club. The place of the lecture by Mr. Raymond Fosdick, who was un-\able to be present, was taken by Prof. John Roy Smith, Professor of Economics; Dr. Penick, Professor of Political Science, and Miss Dong, a Chinese graduate student, from Shanghai.

Outlining the problems in the present political situation in China, Dr. Fosdick said that the Chinese have solved the prob-\lem of local self-govern by fair-\ly satisfactory means, but that national self-government is not possible. He mentioned that against all forecasts of West, the famine is more extensive and worse than in the past, and the government, the village and town being only an enlargement of it. There is a sound core of family life in China, but Dr. Penick, and "they cannot fail to succeed.

Food, Not Money Needed
"Between thirty and forty millions are affected, and crops, which have failed ut-\terly in a large area, are at least 80 per cent. normal," read Mrs. Smith from recent newspaper accounts of the famine. The "difficulty of meeting the human character keeps the sufferers from begging and plunder, so that "they are suffering from the last portions of their food with asceticism," according to one observer.

Describing the relief measures being taken by the Red Cross, she said that food, not money, was being given for work, since "the people are willing to die or work, but will not beg." In addition to the failure of the last crops there is no seed supply for next year, and the locusts are doing great damage, business is being deeply affected.

China Looks to America for Aid
"Ming Bong, who has been away from China for two and a half years, describes modern educational conditions according to information sent in by various Missionary and other educational agencies in 1918 and 1919, went to the West, have resulted in increased attendance at his addresses. Although the missionaries are doing a great work, introducing western methods, there is still a "big task ahead of us," said Dr. Bong.

"Relief must come from Manchuria where there are great supplies of wheat," reported Dr. Bong, who "was refused permission to return from a meeting of the Chinese Anemic Medical Association." It is feared that a Relief is not possible because of the difficulty of supporting an extra publication in the colleges. This year a spring number of the regular college magazines will contain articles and poems contributed by the Chinese students, in addition to the regular issues, which are published by the various missionary agencies. It is hoped that the Chinese will be able to support this extra number.

New York Bryn Mawr Club Entertains
Undergraduates at Luncheon
Winifred Woretz, 21, Thalina Alumnae
With Mrs. Learned, hand of 21, W. Woretz, 21, and a teacher in the schools at Pudum; Div. in Italy, at-\ends, the Bryn Mawr Club entertained undergraduate students at a luncheon on December 20, in New York. The event was held for the opening of the new club house at 279 Lexington Avenue.

Mrs. Hand's praise of the college woman, which was delivered in the closing song of the program, is printed here in complete form, in contrast to the tale of the death of education in the Far East. W. Woretz, who has been the subject of "the purest girls," for their good-nwill and active participation of the Endowment Fund, numbered thirty-five undergraduates present.

FRENCH CRITIC-AUTHOR WILL DISCUSS AMERICAN LITERATURE
Dietrich Will Return to Bryn Mawr
"French Characteristics of American Literature" will be the subject of Alfred Ernest Dietrich's lecture next Saturday night, January 30, in the auditorium of the arts buildings of the French Club. Dietrich's essay, "The element of self-respect in the Chinese Impact to lecture on the "The last movement of a Piano to various tasks ahead of the Chinese," has not been printed in English.

The two teams are:--Alfonsina de Ostorro; 21, S. Washburn; 21; M. Dunn; 21; Regna; 21; F. Blumenz; 21; S. Mac-\ary, 21; and P. Willson, 22.

RIOU WILL SPEAK ON FRENCH SCULPTOR PAUL DARDE
France's 'Shepherd Sculptor' to be Discussed on February 18
Guston Rioi, official lecturer of the France Institute, and "one of the most distinguished of the younger French writers," according to La France, will speak on the "Shepherd Sculptor," Paul Darde, on February 18th, at 8 o'clock, in Taylor Hall, under the auspices of the French Club.

The greater part of Rioi's writing has been a religious one. However, both his lectures and most popular work published recently in America, is The Diary of a French Priest, "to point out the real-\ative" and to "produce a wholesome" effect on the French nation, the land the success of the book has been extraordinary, and the stenoty of the French critics have been very high. But in the February issue of L'Illustration, it is said:--"In this book the author introduces, a deeper, more perma-nent addition: Daily Life, Poor Paris. Rioi, The Process of his first part, took part in the fighting in Lon-\gines, and was mentioned in dispatches. He was wounded in the battle of Dresen, was taken prisoner, and passed eleven months in a Russian camp."

Darde a Native of Covenzes Region
"St-rule-Stanislas's forebear, his king, the end of the blood of his, are both instinct with passion and pathos," according to La France, he usually speaks on subjects of French national interests. He has chosen to lecture at Bryn Mawr on a man belonging to the French soil, a genius who once lived in France.

The home of the French sculptor is in the region of the Creuses, a locality made famous by Stevenson in his "Travels in France" and in "The Master of the Reeds." Interest centers on the inhabi-\ants of a very small cottage with three bright openings that give on a chalk-\hawked terrace," says the "London Age of October 9th. "In front of the door, with its primitive laths, are two young people, Bach are healthy and happy, content with life and harmless. The man is a herculean 'devil,' a mighty figure clad in wide blue pantaloons reaching to huge boots that clothe naked feet. Pick in hand he models an enormous block of stone with astonishing force and mastery."

BRILLIANT ENGLISH WOMAN WILL LECTURE HERE FRIDAY
Honored by British Government
"Contemporary Poetry" is the subject of the lecture of Miss Sara Spurgeon, Professor of English Literature at the University of London, and Exchange Professor at Bryn Mawr College this winter, will give in chapel next Friday at 10 o'clock. Miss Spurgeon has been the subject of being one of two women on the Commissi-\on of Education sent to this country by the British government in 1918. A year later she returned to America at the request of Lord Gray, to promote international relations by lecturing through the country. At this time she spoke at Bryn Mawr on "British War Poetry." She also made an address here at the annual Alumnae Meet-\ing held for the opening of the Endowment Fund last January. "Methods of Teaching" will be the sub-\ject of a private conference to be held by Miss Spurgeon by the English Department in the Dining room during her stay here. Be-\side her lecture, Miss Spurgeon ex-\pects to give a week's course at Vassar and two addresses at Smith.

GLEE CLUB REUNITE TO GILBERT AND SULLIVAN
"H. M. S. Pinafore," by Gilbert and Sul-\liwan, will be given by the Glee Club this year instead of "The Ginda Girl," which was the program last year. "The pitch of mus-\cal comedy" was given at Bryn Mawr in 1915, when Thalia Smith, European Fellow, in 1917, and secretary to the president, Bryn Mawr College, in 1917-18, took the part of Buttercup.
There will be one more Neum before midyear. The first issue of the second semester will be on February 9.

The Alumni Office

Robert Frost sends poem to news for publication

The Aim Was Song
By Robert Frost

Before man came to blow it eight, In the woods a leaf fell unlit, And did its last night and day Only in so much as gave its way.

Man came to tell it what was wrong, It hadn't found the place to blow; But the leaves were only giving show; And—listen how it ought to go.

He took a little in his mouth And held it long enough for North To be conceived into music.

By measure! It was word and note, The wind, the wind, had meant to be A little through the lips and throat!" The aim was song, the wind would see.

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Word of welcome to all alumni, friends and guests

by Margaret Dansby, '21, Radnor, Pa.

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Copitale Before You Cut

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In Italian, according to Professor B. Baldwin, '21, president.

Ann Frazer, '23, was elected to the Student Building Committee in place of Dr. Humphreys, who resigned on account of her final examinations.

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If the traffic policeman did not hold up his hand and crossed the
automobiles and wagons and people there would be collisions,
conclusion, and but little progress in any direction. His business
is to direct.

The physicist who tries to obtain a vacuum that is nearly perfect
has a problem somewhat like that of the traffic policeman. Air is
composed of molecules—billions and billions of them flying about
in all directions and often colliding. The physicist’s pump is designed
to make the molecules travel in one direction—out through the
exhaust. The molecules are much too small to be seen even with a
microscope, but the pump jogs them along and at least starts them in
the right direction.

A perfect vacuum would be one in which there is not a single free
molecule.

For over forty years scientists have been trying to pump and jog
and herd more molecules out of vessels. There are still in the best
vacuum obtainable more molecules per cubic centimeter than there
are people in the world, in other words, about two billion. Whenever
a new jogging device is invented, it becomes possible to eject a few
million more molecules.

The Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company have
spent years in trying to drive more and more molecules of air from
containers. The chief purpose has been to study the effects obtained,
as, for example, the boiling away of metals in a vacuum.

This investigation of high vacua had unexpected results. It
became possible to make better X-ray tubes—better because the
X-rays could be controlled; to make the electron tubes now in essen-
tial in long-range wireless communication more efficient and trust-
worthy; and to develop an entirely new type of incandescent lamp,
one which is filled with a gas and which gives more light than any of
the older lamps.

No one can foretell what will be the outcome of research in pure
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ALUMNA WRITES OF NEW ZEALAND

In connection with the few remarks that Miss Begg made concerning her own country, New Zealand, she followed them with a letter from Esther White Rigby, ’80, to the World Citizenship Committee, and this is of interest. "New Zealand is, of course, a British colony like all the other colonies, with this distinction, that they have had no woman suffrage for nearly thirty years, and have more advanced social legislation in some respects than any other country in the world, with the exception of Australia, and for the time being, Bohemian Russia. There was mission work among the Maoris at one time, but the now have their own missions and schools and representatives in parliament; and a few years ago one was even prime minister of New Zealand."

CONFERENCE AT BATES HOUSE:
NO DEFINITE DECISION

To determine the future of Bates House and talk over next year’s plans, Mr. Roswell Bates, Mr. William Dorr, minister of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church, York, Miss Helen Marburg, head of Bates last year; Miss Annie Wiggins, of the Spring Street Neighborhood House, and Mrs. Chapman. Miss Marburg’s predecessor, came from New York, and met Misses Dean Smith and the Bates House Committee.

No definite decisions were reached, though there was a general discussion of financing and management. It is planned to hold a meeting in New York in the spring to settle definitely the matters brought up.

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