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The College Girl extends a very sincere welcome to all the women students of University College at this, the beginning of a new college year. Before this message greets you, more than a week of the term will have passed into the "Eternity which lies behind us"—a short period of time, absolutely speaking, yet by no means unimportant if measured by the standard of absorbing interest. The Senior has been renewing old acquaintances—with persons and with studies—and already, in the present intense reality of college activities, the long months of vacation seem like the mere fragments of a dream. Very similar is the experience of the Junior. The Sophomore is renewing her more vivid experiences of the preceding year, and finds some difficulty in fixing her attention upon her accustomed academic duties. Unlike any of these is the Freshman, to whom all is still a delightful experiment.

To her we would especially speak words of welcome. We hope that no member of the class of nineteen hundred and eleven will find aught of disappointment cloud her most sanguine hopes in reference to her Freshman year in our College. It is right that every Freshman should be optimistic. A rosy-spectacled view of anything—even of a first year at college—may be criticized as crude; but it is so with a crudeness at once natural and charming—preferable certainly to that equally incomplete view which persists in regarding everything in its most dismal aspect. Therefore we say to you, as Freshmen,—enjoy. Appreciate to its fullest extent the charm of your first college year; for its pleasures and its opportunities are yours but once. Enjoy everything—the beauty of the college building, as it appears to you in its greatest beauty in these lovely October days,—the new experiences which await you within those ivy-clustered walls,—the new and bewildering "gift of freedom" which is now yours,—the new

friendships you are forming, the new studies which fascinate your imagination. In a word, enjoy your citizenship in a new, a student, world.

It is not necessary for us at this time to do more than mention briefly the various student organizations which will claim your attention in the opening weeks of the college term. The Woman's Literary Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Athletic Club, each of these will present its claims for your consideration. These organizations are worthy of the best assistance you can give them. They can do much for you; they will not necessarily do anything. As is natural, the measure of your giving and receiving will be proportional. It is for each of you to decide what part these influences shall have in your college life, and to weigh for yourselves their relative importance. One caution we may give, however, and that is this,—none of these things must in any way usurp the place of importance which should be occupied by strictly academic pursuits. As loyal students of University College, we should be first of all conscientious in our studies. To remember this is often to cause other matters, important too in their way, to fall into their true position, as secondary considerations.

In conclusion, we wish to express the sincere hope that this Freshman year may be the most successful which has ever entered University College, that its ideals may be the highest, and its realization of them the most complete. To this end, it is well to remember even now one fact, which, although it may seem almost a commonplace, is yet worthy of careful consideration; that is, that the golden gate of opportunity opens directly into the realm of responsibility.

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On the afternoon of Friday, October the fourth, the Y.W.C.A., of University College, held its annual reception for the members of the first year. This is always one of the most delightfully informal and enjoyable of the social events which greet the Freshman class, and we are glad to say that this occasion was no exception to the rule.

The guests were received by Mrs. Eakin and Miss Thomson, the Honorary President and the President of the Society. Some moments were devoted to introductions and general conversation, after which the President briefly addressed the first year students. Very ably the extent and aims of the Y.W.C.A. were presented; the various departments of work in the Society, and the opportunities to be found therein, were clearly set forth. The key-note of Miss Thomson's remarks was the idea of patriotism. In our preparation for our life work we should keep in mind Canada and its needs. Special phases of the work of the Association were very briefly presented by Miss McNeely, Convener of the Mission Study Committee, and Miss Knight, Convener of the Bible Study Committee. We were glad to have with us Mrs. Falconer, who addressed us in a few earnest and well chosen words.

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Students of all the years are cordially invited to be present at the regular meetings of the Y.W.C.A., which are held every Tuesday, from five to six o'clock, in the Y.M.C.A. Building. The subject for discussion in the next meeting, October fifteenth, is "Mission Study."