

The College Girl.

Whether we believe in her or not, whether we are glad or sorry, we must acknowledge that, in our University at least, the college girl has come to stay. All the signs of the times point that way, and not the least of these, I take it, is the class-list. When she can so easily hold her own, and in many cases show others the way, not to allow her to do so would be an injustice too flagrant to be allowed.

Since this is so, it is for us who are the present representatives of the college girls, to remember that in living our four years of college life we cannot live it unto ourselves, but unto the whole band of college girls, past, present and to come—an endless succession of seekers after knowledge. Especially, we must regard those now present, and those to come—there is not one of us but owes some duty to these. It is of the social part of our college life that I speak now, for it is there, surely, that we most influence and are most influenced by our fellow-students. If we, by giving our help—little though it may be—contribute to the placing of our societies on a stronger and wider basis, then we shall not have passed through our University selfishly seeking only our own personal benefit. Every college girl, therefore, should give at least some small portion of her time to some society, and of these there is sufficient variety to suit all sorts and conditions.

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First, there is the Women's Literary Society, which is the foremost and most general organization among the college girls, and which whenever a general representative action is required, seems to be the body most fitted to take that action. It is a matter of great regret that this society does not number all of the women undergraduates in its ranks—not even, possibly, the large majority; while one may count what might be called the active members, those who are ready and willing to take a part in the program and an interest in the proceedings. Let all the undergraduates, if not for their own sakes for the sake of college girls generally, join the Literary Society and help to make it an organization of some weight and influence. And do not fear to give what you are able towards the amusement and entertainment of the society; such gifts are not—can never be—lost; they may perchance, even as the "bread cast upon the waters," return to you sevenfold.

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Besides the Literary Society, to which all should belong, there are enough clubs to cater to the desires and fancies of everyone. For the athletic girl there are the Tennis and Fencing Clubs; for the musical girl, the Glee and Mandolin and Guitar Clubs; for the moral and religious side of us all, the Y.W.C.A.; while in connection with each department there is a club for the men and women students, jointly—something for each and every one.

As in everything else, so in the matter of college societies, we may go to the extreme; but let not that deter every college girl from joining some society and taking an active interest in it. Do not let us live only for our books, but for those who are our fellow-students now and those who shall fill our places and do our work when we shall have passed out into the world that lies beyond our college days.

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Last spring some few of the undergraduates who were interested met to organize a Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar

Club, for the pleasure and instruction of the women graduates and undergraduates of Toronto University. Time, however, was then drawing towards May, and little could be done save elect officers, draw up a constitution and endeavor to interest people in its formation. In order that all musical organizations among the college girls might be kept as united as is practicable the new club was declared to be directly under the auspices and guidance of the Ladies' Glee Club, and the president of the latter is, in virtue of that office, president of the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

The committee will now make an attempt to put this club into working condition. Owing to the fact that there are among us very few skilled players the club will not attempt any public appearance this year but will prepare to do so another year, by which time all the members will, it is hoped, have thoroughly learned their instruments. All who already play either of these instruments, or any who are desirous of doing so, are requested to give in their names at once to Miss Flavelle, '98, or Miss Stovel, '98, either of whom will be delighted to give any information that may be required with regard to the club. If it is found practicable—or, to speak plainly, if a sufficient membership can be obtained—the work of the club will begin immediately. Some of the graduates have signified their intention of joining the club, and the committee feel encouraged by the marked success which has attended the Ladies' Glee Club to hope that this attempt to extend the musical organization among the college girls will not be a failure.

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At the beginning of each college year it is customary to have a reception for the purpose of receiving the incoming students to the two sister societies—the girls to the Y.W.C.A., the men to the Y.M.C.A. This year has been no exception to the general custom, and that the welcome was appreciated was shown by the goodly number which assembled at the first meeting of the Y.W.C.A. on Wednesday last. The president, Miss Pearce, '98, presided, while Miss Bapty, '97, president last year, kindly acted as pianist. The usual preliminaries being over, the president introduced the honorary president, Mrs. J. H. Cameron, to the society. Having thanked the society for the honor done her Mrs. Cameron read a most interesting and instructive paper on "The Apocrypha." She regretted very much the lamentable ignorance prevalent with regard to these books of Scripture; some even confound Apocrypha with Apocalypse; and few know that a century since the Apocrypha formed an integral part of the English Bible, just as to-day it forms a part of the Vulgate and Greek Bible. These books being probably written at Alexandria between 300 B.C. and 30 B.C., came between the Old and New Testaments, and this post-prophetic literature, though uncanonical, has great value as a collection of historical documents, and also as affording a picture of Jewish life after the captivity. The great literary beauty and the high moral teaching of the Apocrypha were exemplified by extracts which Mrs. Cameron read.

At the conclusion of the paper the president thanked Mrs. Cameron warmly for the very enjoyable address she had given the association. It was then announced that the Y.W.C.A. regular meeting will be held on Wednesday and not Tuesday, as indicated on the topic card; also that the Women's Bible Class will meet every Sunday at 3 p.m., and will be conducted by Dr. Tracy. The meeting was then closed by prayer.

A large attendance is requested at the next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 30th, as the new members are to be proposed then and the necessary election of officers from the first year will be held.