

THE COLLEGE GIRL

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IT may be that this column is not the most suitable place in which to present a plea for greater unity among the undergraduate women of University College. But when one is a member of the "best company" and has gone so far as to be photographed for the Year Book, one realizes that college life is nearly over for us, and that, if we wish to say anything to college women, or to offer them any advice out of our four years' experience, the opportunity which presents itself must be seized or it will be away and lost forever.

Any college woman who has acted upon a committee, and so been forced to give the matter thought, realizes just how great is this lack of unity among us. We have all heard or read a great deal about "college spirit" among the men of our University, and most of us have agreed that the principles laid down were all right—for the men. But what about ourselves? Do we not need college spirit as much as they do? We need it even more, for our number is smaller; and if we are to be a force, if we are to be a factor in university life to the extent we ought to be, we must have greater unity of purpose, of thought, and of action. We must know what we want, and work for it.

Our college life is lived under conditions to a certain extent similar to that of college men, and the things which work against college spirit among them, are also working against it among us. But we have things to contend with which they have not. We have no College Dining Hall or Undergraduate Club Rooms where we are in the habit of meeting. Do not imagine, however, that I am advocating a dining hall or club rooms for women. But what I do advocate most strongly is a Women's Residence. I feel confident that, besides alleviating other evils, a Residence would do a great deal towards bringing the College women more closely together.

But it is of little use, for the present, to say if we had a Residence we would have greater college spirit. We must accept the conditions as we find them. We have not a Residence, and even if the plans proposed for getting one are successful, several classes will have left the University before it is in readiness. Indeed, there is great danger that unless the girls act together the Residence will be delayed. But there is no reason why we should not have greater unity if each one of us resolves to be a college woman in the truest sense of the term, to support our societies, both by her presence and financial aid, and never to neglect an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the other college women. If each one would resolve to do her part, we should have a college spirit which would be the envy of our sister colleges and which would work great things for ourselves.

On Sunday, February 22, our Bible Class met for the last time this session. Since October we have been making a special study of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and those of us who have made use of the opportunities offered by the Class have found it very interesting. The attendance has not been as large as we could have wished. But that cannot be helped now. We can only hope that the girls will realize more fully next year the privilege which is theirs and support the Class much better than they have heretofore. With this meeting

closed the eighth year of Dr. Tracy's work among us as leader of our Bible Class. At the close of the meeting Miss Lough, '03, and Miss Pringle, '03, spoke on behalf of the Class in appreciation of Dr. Tracy's kindness and faithfulness to the girls.

The last meeting of the Mission Study Class was held Friday at five o'clock. The leader, Miss McCutcheon, '03, made a brief summary of the work we have been studying since Christmas, namely, Protestant Missions in South America. Then followed a brief discussion on the present outlook of missions and the benefits to be derived from their study. Miss McCutcheon is to be congratulated on the able manner in which she has conducted this Class, and those who have attended the meetings feel that they have been greatly benefited thereby.

Mr. A. H. Abbott, B.A., addressed the meeting of the Y.W. C.A. on Tuesday afternoon. This was the third Inter-College meeting, and Miss Jolliffe, of Victoria University, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Steere, '05, University College. The subject of Mr. Abbott's address was "Judge not, that ye be not judged," and he pointed out how absurd it was to call a man either good or bad, because, as psychology teaches, it is impossible for one person to communicate his thoughts and motives to another. He said we never hesitate to judge a man by his acts. If we see him doing anything wrong we at once conclude that he is a bad man, while in reality we are incapable of forming an opinion, ignorant as we are of his real motives for such action.

Representatives were present from several of the other colleges, and we were pleased to notice several graduates in the audience. The next Inter-College meeting will be held at Victoria University on Tuesday, March 3.

The Literary Society At-Home is now a thing of the past, and all the reminders left to us are the pleasant memories and the various notices—posted in vain, we fear—such as: Lost, a point-lace handkerchief, or a white kid glove, or a gold pin set with pearls, etc. There is now but one more meeting of the Literary Society, when the annual elections will be held. It is surely not necessary to urge all the girls not to miss this, for it is one of the most interesting, not to say exciting, meetings of the year.

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NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Natural Science Association was held last Thursday afternoon. An exceptionally interesting programme had been prepared by the students of the fourth year, on the subject of "Biological Evolution." This subject was discussed by the students, whose names are placed in connection with the following special heads on which they spoke: "Mimicry," Mr. J. D. Loudon; "Palaeontology," Mr. H. L. Kerr; "Embryology," Mr. H. M. McNeil; "Distribution," Mr. G. A. Robertson; "Vestiges," Mr. R. E. Gaby; "Comparative Anatomy," Mr. F. R. Miller. At the conclusion of the programme it was announced that the annual dinner would be held about March 5, and also that Mr. W. H. F. Addison, B.A., had kindly consented to speak on "Our Every-day Birds," at the next regular meeting.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

A missionary meeting to which all students of the various colleges are invited, will be held under the auspices of the Canadian Colleges' Mission on Sunday, March 22, 4.15 p.m., in the Students' Union building. Interesting addresses will be given by Dr. Smith and Mr. Sircar. Dr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Toronto, who has been engaged in medical missionary work in India. Mr. Sircar is a native Hindoo student, a convert to Christianity from Calcutta.

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