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College News

FOREWORD

The College News Bulletin comes to you this month in a new form. We hasten to state that the slenderness of the issue is not due to a dearth of news, but rather because we have much to say, and expect to have more, as our Greater Woman's Medical College Fund movement gains headway.

At the suggestion of some of the Alumnae it has been decided this year to issue a smaller news sheet every month instead of a larger bulletin only twice during the winter, and thus keep the Alumnae constantly informed of progress.

So here we are.

Let us know how you like the idea, and above all, send us all the news you can about yourself and others.
THE GREATER WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE FUND

In this seventy-fifth year of the Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania, the need of additional endowment and enlarged facilities has become imperative.

To meet this need it has been decided to initiate at once a movement for securing within the next two years one and one-half million dollars.

The Greater Woman's Medical College Fund has, therefore, been established under the authority of the Corporation, to study and present to the public the educational, scientific and medical work, and the financial needs of the college and its hospital; and to conduct in its behalf a campaign for the accomplishment of the above purpose.

A committee of seventy-five Guarantors has been organized, each of whom has agreed to become responsible for the payment of one thousand dollars ($1000) toward the expenses of the Fund, giving this sum personally, or securing it from others.

The Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania has maintained its Class A standard in spite of its limited endowment, which has necessarily curtailed salary and equipment budgets.

We believe that, with the culmination of this effort, continuing progress and an enlarged program will be assured.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Dean Tracy is again at her place in the College office but only for half of every day. As Professor of Preventive Medicine, she has more teaching obligations this year, and is at work upon plans for expansion of the work of this Anna Howard Shaw Memorial Department when funds shall make it possible to realize great visions.

Dr. Mae Lichtenwalner-Myers, who handled so ably much of the work of the Dean's office during Dr. Tracy's absence last year, has been appointed Registrar of the College, and has in her charge the detail regarding entrance requirements, and the student undergraduate relations.
The loss of Dr. Eleanor C. Jones from the Faculty is keenly felt. Her sudden death last March, following so quickly upon the death of her brother, Mr. James Collins Jones, a valued member of the Corporation, was one of those acts of Providence which we find it hard to understand. In planning for the expansion of our Department of Pediatrics in the Greater Woman's Medical College scheme, Dr. Jones was always a stimulating part of the picture. The Corporation has voted to place her name upon this department, and adequate endowments will be sought to make this memorial worthy of her lifetime work.

Dr. Helen Ingleby, M.D., B.S., London, is Acting Professor of Pathology, succeeding Dr. Maude E. Abbott who has returned to McGill University at the end of her leave of absence.

Dr. Jane Sands, one of our own graduates, and Doctor of Science of the University of Pennsylvania, succeeds Mr. W. T. Dawson as Acting Professor of Physiology.

Dr. Emily P. Bacon has accepted direction of the Department of Pediatrics, as Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, and is initiating additional enterprises in the dispensaries, which we hope will grow to big things.

Through the interest of Dr. H. H. Bunzell, Professor of Bio-Chemistry, there has been established in the College the Colgate Research Fellowship in Chemistry. Dr. Sylva Thurlow, B.A., Bryn Mawr; M.A., University of Pennsylvania, and Ph.D., Cambridge, England, has been appointed Colgate Fellow, and is carrying on research work on a problem of tooth decay.

Miss Annie Evelyn Dempsey, B.S., McMaster University, and M.S., University of Toronto, is Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry, and Miss L. Edna Davis, A.B., University of Pennsylvania, is Instructor in Chemistry.

Dr. Dorothy Potter, M.B., D.P.H., M.D., Edinburgh, is Acting Assistant Professor of Physiology.

Dr. George Wilson, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, is Clinical Professor of Neurology, succeeding Dr. William G. Spiller, whose resignation was received with great regret by all.

Dr. Theodore Cianfrani, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Joseph M. Gagliardi, M.D., Jefferson, are Instructors in Clinical Surgery at Barton Dispensary.
CURRENT EVENTS

The usual student reception to the incoming first year class was given under the joint auspices of the Students' Association and the Young Women's Christian Association early in October.

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The Sophomore class "bewitched" the College as usual on Hallowe'en, and the masked assembly was very gay, particularly when the "stiffs" arose from their tables to join in the merriment.

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A week-end party at Camp Firefly, Collegeville, was fostered by the Young Women's Christian Association of the College in October through the courtesy of our Association Secretary, Miss Bertha I. Benson. All who were able to enjoy the crackling camp-fire and the dip in the creek, will remember for a long time this best week-end of the year. Upper classmen and the new students became better friends and all are hoping for a similar spring outing.

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The Graduate Council of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania held its annual meeting at the College Club on Monday, November 23, 1925.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Helen Upham; Vice-President, Margaret Sturgis; Secretary, Jean Crump; Treasurer, Dr. Ethel Russell.

The enthusiastic report by the Alumnae Corporator, Dr. Jeanette Sherman, was received and all were gratified by the encouraging reports of the Greater Woman's Medical College.

By the recent death of Anna O'Dell of Detroit, Michigan, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a close friend of Dr. Margaret F. Butler, the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania has received a bequest of five thousand dollars ($5000). The bequest was made because of the doctor's interest in a medical college for women.

The Graduate Council has contributed one thousand dollars ($1000) to the Greater Woman's Medical College Fund, thus becoming a member of the Committee of Guarantors.

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During the week of November 1st, the College Hospital shared in the activities associated with the convocation in Philadelphia of the
American College of Surgeons. A very full program of operations was carried out by Dr. Macfarlane, Dr. Butler and Dr. Rodman and his staff, with many visiting surgeons in attendance.

An event of the week was the lecture to the students by Sir Arbuthnot Lane, the distinguished British Surgeon. Sir Arbuthnot is keenly interested in Preventive Medicine and spoke forcefully of the responsibility of women in this field.

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Dr. Maude E. Abbott of McGill University Medical School was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Philadelphia College Club on Wednesday, November 4, 1925, by the Department of Pathology of the College. A reception to students followed at the College Building. All were happy to welcome again the genial spirit, who during her two years' stay at the Woman's Medical College as Professor of Pathology made many warm friends.

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On Friday evening, December 4th, the Medical Club held its first meeting of the year. Dr. Arthur A. Coca, of the Cornell University Medical School, gave a stimulating address on “Hypersensitiveness.”

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The first year class numbers thirty-one. Sixty-one per cent. of these students have college degrees. They hail from thirteen different states.

The class officers are:

President—M. Elizabeth Howe  
Vice-President—Janet Anderson  
Secretary-Treasurer—Elsie Curtis

SOME THINGS WE FORGOT TO TELL SANTA CLAUS

Some concrete needs, we might almost speak of them as “heart's desires,” are at this time engaging the attention of the Dean.

We want so much the moving picture projector which shall make possible the use in our teaching of the valuable films constantly being prepared by surgeons, obstetricians, neurologists and others. The cost
is one hundred and ninety dollars ($190). No college budget can provide it this year. Does not this need appeal to some generous alumna who will represent Santa Claus in this matter?

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A wonderful type of dissecting table has been devised at the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, and we covet one. The cadaver is kept in a moist chamber out of which it can be lifted by a convenient lever, for the work of dissection. Cleanliness, excellent preservation and simplification of the problem of keeping the material through a period of several weeks, are the advantages of this method. The cost is one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125) for one table. This is another need which Christmas generosity might meet.

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We study too much and we play too little. The Department of Preventive Medicine, named in memory of Anna Howard Shaw, but not yet fully financed, is concerned lest the students lose their health in the struggle for intellectual attainment.

It is not possible, under our present curriculum and budget, to arrange for organized gymnastic and recreational activities. But we do want to put some additional games on the gymnasium floor: paddle tennis, shuffle board, and others, which will tempt us to play at odd moments.

Fifty dollars ($50) will do it.

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Many Christmas gifts, large or small, from widely scattered alumnae yield a wonderful return because of the loyal interest thus expressed.