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OUR ALUMNAE SHARE IN BUILDING THE GREATER WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE

From every corner of the world come letters from our alumnae, offering their help in our campaign to raise an initial $1,500,000 Building and Endowment Fund for the Greater Woman’s Medical College. We who have remained “at home” in the shadow of the old halls and buildings which new demands of education and an altering community are rapidly relegating out of their old usefulness, have found courage and stimulation in the interest of you who have gone into the working world, but are not too busy to be loyal to the old College that gave you medical training.

When the new Woman’s Medical College, with greatly extended facilities for research and education, materializes on the sun-touched slopes overlooking the growing industrial district of the new site already purchased in southern Germantown, a large part of its spirit will be traced to your interest. For by the support of those who own the College as their Alma Mater, the strength of others will be enlisted and the success of the campaign assured.

Already, through the effort of one of our graduates in Western Pennsylvania, the fund has received a substantial gift from a non-medical woman who, until a month or two ago, when told about the campaign, had never even heard of the Woman’s Medical College. Other alumnae are spreading the news of the College and the present drive, so that over the whole of the country a net-work of new friends is being constructed for the cause.

Alumnae organization to forward the drive is building itself in all sections. At the first Divisional Conference—the New England alumnae—held in Boston on January 21st in the Warren Anatomical Museum of Harvard Medical School (where Dr. Myrtelle Moore Canavan, ’05, is Curator), alumnae from New England and Boston met with Dr. Martha Tracy at the invitation of Dr. Marianna Taylor, ’08, of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital, and made their plans to “put over” the campaign in New England.
Dr. Lucinda B. Hatch, '05, Portland, Maine; Dr. Inez Ford Nason, '90, Dover, Massachusetts; and Dr. Mary Grace Haskins, '10, Bridge-water, Connecticut, expressed their interest and willingness to co-operate. Dr. Haskins and Dr. Nason have accepted alumnae chairmanships for their districts.

From over the New England country, fifty-odd and more fellow-alumnae whose duties or ill-health kept them absent, took the time to write Dr. Taylor assuring her of their desire to help make the campaign a success.

In New York, at a dinner at the Town Hall Club, on January 31st, alumnae from New York and New Jersey met under the acting chairmanship of Dr. Frances E. Shields, '23, and laid the foundation of their work to help build the new College. Dr. Martha Tracy stated the claims of the College and its urgent need for expansion, and was supported by Dr. Ellen C. Potter, '03, divisional chairman of Pennsylvania. Dr. Helen F. Upham, '03, representative from New Jersey, and Dr. Mary McLean Daley, '87, representative from New York, are directing the alumnae organization for their districts.

On February 9th, Pennsylvania alumnae, not including those in the City of Philadelphia, met at a dinner at the Women's City Club with Dr. Tracy; Dr. Potter; Dr. Mary Riggs Noble, '01; Dr. Margaret F. Butler, '94, chairman of the Alumnae Committee, and the committee members: Dr. Ella M. Anderson, '93; Dr. Anna Catherine Arthurs, '25; Dr. Frieda Baumann, '17; Dr. Mary M. Buchanan, '99; Dr. Jean Crump, '23; Dr. Rose Hirschler, '99; Dr. Alice Johnson, '05; Dr. Mary E. Mellodew-Loog, '96; Dr. Catherine Macfarlane, '98; Dr. Minnie Jane Sands, '18; Dr. Jeannette H. Sherman, '99; Dr. Julia Faith Skinner-Fetterman, '16; Dr. Margaret Sturgis, '15; and Dr. Elizabeth Dixon Wilson, '19.

Alumnae in Philadelphia and environs met first on December 6th, to outline their own work, and have been active during the past two months in getting the big effort started.

In Chicago, on February 19th, alumnae from the Central Division will gather from surrounding states at a tea with Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros, '93, to meet Dr. Tracy. Dr. Yarros, chairman of the Central Division, is an energetic advocate of the campaign for the Greater Woman's Medical College.

From Chicago, Dr. Tracy will start on a trip to encircle the middle-west, south and southeast, including St. Louis, Dallas, Waco, San Antonio, Galveston, New Orleans, Atlanta, Asheville and Richmond. Dr. Louise Ingersoll, '14, of Asheville, North Carolina, is helping with the alumnae organization through the south.
To all our alumnae, wherever scattered, the College extends thanks for your hearty support. And because we all are, in a sense, still pioneers, let us continue to spread the story of our Medical College—all that it has accomplished and all that it intends to do—among our friends and those who may be interested in the thesis of women in medical practice and medical education.

THE ALUMNAE "STAND BY"

Dr. Martha Tracy, M.D., Dean, 706 Lyceum Building
Woman's Medical College, 611 Penn Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Tracy:

This is just a short note to you and to the Board of Corporators to wish you well in the new project that the College has before it.

I love my Alma Mater, I think I have shown it by being able to say that I have educated and am educating my fourth foster daughter in medicine and I received my inspiration in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. I am doing this because I am hoping that the younger set of doctors will be able to do what I have longed to do.

I am urging every woman doctor who comes to me to go into general practice for I feel that if by my medical skill I can smooth out the domestic relations in a fast disrupting family, I am doing even more than if I took a tack out of a lung.

Yes, I will gladly co-operate in every way that I can. With all good wishes and all the good thoughts that I can send you, I am

Most sincerely,

(Signed) AMELIA A. DRANGA

DR. MARY SCOTT JONES, '92, 82 St. Stephens Street, Boston:

"I am very sorry that I cannot accept your invitation to be present at the meeting. I have not been very well for some time and am not in active practice now, doing as little as possible. I thank you and am ready to do all I can for the advancement of our College.”

DR. JANE LORD HERSON, '86, Portland, Maine:

"I am sorry to say that I cannot be present at the alumnae meeting in Boston, being over 86 and a 'shut-in' during the winter months. Dr. Tracy is a noble and an able woman and I wish her all success.”

DR. MARTHA PIKE SANBORN, '93, Acworth, New Hampshire:

"Yes, I am alive and correctly addressed, and I love my old school and should be especially happy to meet any of the graduates whom I have personally known. * * * It will be impossible for me to be present at the dinner on Friday evening, but I hope you will have a good time together, and shall rejoice in anything you may be able to do for the advancement and greater usefulness of our Alma Mater.”

DR. JULIA L. BAUMAN, '11, 97 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts:

"Sorry, but I shall not be able to attend the meeting at the College Club with Dr. Tracy, but I shall do all that I can to help in the undertaking."
Dr. Frances J. Heath, Shantung Christian Univ., Tsinan, Shantung, China:

“Before I take stock of the year’s accounts to realize that I haven’t the money to give away, I’m sending you two of my Christmas checks for the Alumnae contribution toward the Greater College. The notes came in letters from home, and I’m sending them back before they ‘soil my hands.’”

These are a few of the many letters which prove that our fighting spirit has not been weakened as our position has become stronger. In the foreign missionary field, where income balances expenditure too infrequently, every month brings some new indication of alumnae loyalty, in the form of a contribution in money or an Eastern curio or treasure. Dr. Margaret F. Butler plans later to hold an Oriental Bazaar to turn the gifts into cash.

OUR ALUMNAE IN THE FOREIGN FIELD

Dr. Kate C. Mead, ’88, and her husband are spending the winter months in Spain and Portugal and their islands. Dr. Mead wrote from shipboard: “Your projects (for the campaign for a Greater Woman’s Medical College) have my most hearty approval, and when I get back to the U. S. A., I’ll see what I can do to help lift the burden and show my faith in my Alma Mater. * * * If I should die in the meantime the College would not be ashamed of my legacy.”

Dr. Stella Dodd, ’21, writes from Clason Memorial Hospital, Sir- oncha, C. P., India: “We are located in the very heart of a jungle where the people are the most ignorant and superstitious in India.”

Dr. Dodd says that she can do little surgery, for the people fear it. She has charge of a baby home with a dozen babies, a school with 100 pupils, and is practically in charge of the 30-bed hospital. Last year she had 495 patients and 17,000 treatments in the dispensary.

Dr. Mu Jin Ching, ’21, visited the college looking fine and ready for an interesting service at Worcester State Hospital, Worcester, Mass.

She told us interesting things of the medical work of Dr. Tyng, Dr. Mary Bailey Sloan, ’22, at the Margaret Williamson Hospital; Dr. Suchen Wang, ’24, at the Peking Union Medical College, and Dr. Ethel Polk-Peters, ’12, who is in general practice in Shanghai.

Dr. Mary Latimer James, ’07, and Dr. Margaret Richey, ’23, send greetings.

We trust these graduates are all safe in the present unrest of China.

Dr. Jessica R. Carleton, ’86, Presbyterian Missionary physician in Ambala the Punjab, India, has been awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind gold medal by the Indian Government in recognition of the medical service which she has rendered to India. (January 5, 1927.)
Dr. Rosella Sherwood Hall, '89, is returning to the United States for her furlough, via Paris, to attend the meeting of the International Medical Women's Association in February. Dr. Marian B. Hall, '24, writes from Methodist Episcopal Mission, Norton Memorial Hospital, Halju, Korea: "It was my privilege this year to be one of the honored guests at my mother-in-law's 'Hankap.' It is Korean custom to celebrate the 61st birthday of one's parents by a big feast to which many friends are invited and at which eulogistic speeches are made telling of the notable things done and important events in the life of the one so honored. * * * All the plans were made and carried out by a committee of thirty-three prominent Koreans among whom was Baron T. H. Yun."

ALUMNAE NEWS

Dr. Agnes Lyon Brown, '19, formerly with Dr. John R. Williams, 388 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York, announces the opening of offices at 278 Alexander Street, Rochester. Dr. Brown's field is metabolism and internal medicine.

Dr. Eloise Meek, '99, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, died December 19, 1926, after an illness of eleven weeks, following an operation for appendicitis. Dr. Meek was unusual in her self-reliance and democracy of spirit. As a medical missionary in India and in Alaska she saved countless lives, and the trail of her travels over the earth is charted by the flares of friendship she kindled in the hearts of all with whom she came in contact.

Dr. Edythe Welbourne, '11, announces the marriage of her daughter Dr. Lorena Welbourne, '24, of Columbia, S. C., to Mr. Carl B. Shelley, of Harrisburg, Penna., on December 23, 1926.

Dr. Blanche Elliott, '21, and Dr. T. Norbert Kende announced their marriage on Tuesday, February 1, 1927. At home, Morgantown, N. C.

Dr. Florence Elizabeth Kraker, '05, of 11 West State Street, Media, Pennsylvania, was appointed physician at the County Home at Lima, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to fill the position formerly held by Dr. Marshall Harvey.

Dr. Mary Buchanan, '99, recently went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, to perform an eye operation for a patient of Dr. Edith MacBride, '10. Dr. MacBride is Vice-President of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, Secretary of the County Medical Society, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, consulting surgeon for two of the largest industrial plants in Sharon, and has a large private practice. We are proud of the activity of Dr. MacBride, and glad to point her out as one of our alumnae.
STUDENT NOTES

Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros, ’93, stopped in Philadelphia January 24th on her return to Chicago following a meeting in New York of the National Social Hygiene Association. Dr. Yarros spoke to a large group of students and faculty on “Social Hygiene and Its Relation to Health and Welfare,” under the auspices of Alpha Epsilon Iota. Refreshments were served in the reading room following the lecture.

Dr. Yarros has recently been appointed to the chair of social hygiene in the University of Illinois. This is the only professorship of its kind in the nation, and Dr. Yarros’ preferment is a point of pride with women everywhere.

Dr. George L. Richards, F.A.C.S., of Fall River, Massachusetts, was guest of honor at a tea at Brinton Hall on January 9th. Dr. Richards talked to a big attendance of Y. W. C. A. members and Student Volunteers on “The Lure of Medical Missions.” Miss Nellie Cassell, President of the Student Volunteers, and Miss Elizabeth J. Bucke, President of the Y. W. C. A., were in charge.

Brinton Hall is the scene of much activity this year. On Sunday, February 6th, the students held open house in honor of Miss Mary Taylor, field secretary of the National Y. W. C. A. Board. Miss Taylor spoke of the international relationships of the Y. W. C. A., stressing the conference to take place in India and the Pan Pacific Conference in China.

A MEDICAL WOMAN WHO IS NOT AN ALUMNA ENDORSES THE WOMAN’S MEDICAL COLLEGE

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Doyen du Madame,

Madame Martha Tracy
Medical College Fund (Pennsylvania)

J’ai lu avec intérêt, dans la brochure que vous avez bien voulu m’adresser l’exposé des travaux du Woman’s Medical College en Pennsylvania. J’ai eu plaisir à merendre compte, combien ce College a déjà rendu de services, et je pense qu’il est très désiré d’en augmenter l’extension et les moyens afin d’accroître encore son activité.

J’espère que votre effort, pour obtenir les fonds nécessaires, sera couronné de succès et je vous adresse mes meilleurs vœux pour la prospérité du College.

(Signed) MARIE CURIE

Madame Curie, who received the honorary degree of M.D. from the Woman’s Medical College in 1921, has recently returned from a tour of great activity in South America, and is again hard at work in the Radium Institute in Rue Pierre Curie. She gives university lectures, of course, and also public lectures which may be attended by students of the Sorbonne and those who have invitations or cards. Madame J. S. Lattes, in Madame Curie’s laboratory, has not only learned how to avoid necrosis of tissues in radium therapy but has learned why it occurred formerly.