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OUR CAMPAIGN MOVES FORWARD!

The seventy-sixth spring has anticipated the approach of commencement week at the College, and again it seems as though old ghosts, old memories, the echoes of past hectic conversations prior to May “finals,” were hovering in the halls.

New faces bend over the old books at the library tables, and new students sit in the old classroom seats. But the mass character of the women who have been graduated here has made its permanent impression on the mood of the school. No alumna from our Alma Mater can ever quite escape—even should she so desire—the fact that she obtained her “doctor’s” at the Woman’s Medical College.

We here at home saw visible evidence of the seal our College uses, at a dinner on Thursday, April 28th, of the Philadelphia alumnae. We were gathered together at the Bellevue-Stratford in response to a campaign call from Dr. Margaret F. Butler, 1894. Of course you all know that she is the chairman of the alumnae effort in support of our $1,500,000 Building and Endowment Fund.

We wish that all of us, wherever scattered, could by some magic have been brought together to see the spirit of that group. Across the three long dining tables, reaching down the room at right angles to the speakers’ table, sat facing each other women who had a tie in common—their Woman’s Medical College.

Dr. Butler, who presided, opened the program after the dinner in her own happy fashion. She looked for a moment at the rows of friendly faces. “We women aren’t emancipated yet, even though we think we have gone a long way toward our independence. We still are at a distance from our goal of free women,” she said. She pointed out the lack of general recognition of women in medicine today; the fact that though at the present time more women are practicing and studying medicine than ever before, they still do not in general receive outstanding appointments except in limited cases. “We must support each other,” she said, “and the way for us to do that is to stand together for the Greater Woman’s Medical College.”
Then Dr. Butler introduced Mrs. Henry D. Jump, wife of Dr. Jump, of our faculty. Mrs. Jump is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Greater Woman's Medical College, and has promised to help in our alumnae effort as a lay advisor. No one could be better fitted, for her years of activity in club work have given her invaluable experience.

Mrs. Jump introduced Dr. Laura H. Carnell, Dean of Temple University, a guest of honor at our dinner and heartily in accord with the spirit of our campaign. “There is no question of there being too many medical schools,” Dr. Carnell said. “We need a medical college for women today, just as we need the other women’s colleges in America, and I believe it would be a great loss to us, as women, if the Woman’s Medical College were to pass out of existence. Today, we must work and stand together to obtain full recognition in the world, and in this issue particularly, we can build up a great center for women in the place where women always have put up a fight for their right to enter and become important units in the medical profession.”

Mrs. James Starr, president of our Corporation, could not be with us on that evening, but Mrs. Jump paid tribute to her untiring devotion to the cause of the College. “I have known Mrs. Starr for many years, and have seen her worn with the struggles of this College. But she never rested, never paused, in her activities in behalf of your cause. I am proud to call Mrs. Starr my friend, and when Dr. Butler asked me to join in your effort, I felt that I could do no less when I have before me her example.”

Dr. Jeannette H. Sherman, 1899, immediately proposed a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Starr for her great work for our Alma Mater, and Dr. Ellen C. Potter, 1903, who had come down from Harrisburg to attend the dinner, seconded the resolution at once. It was passed with a hearty chorus of “ayes.”

The spirit of the graduates was impressive. One after another rose, said a few words, spoke in behalf of the College. Dr. Katherine L. Storm, 1893, made one of the best speeches that any graduate has given during the meetings of this campaign. “I picture the College as the hub of a great wheel,” she said, “and the graduates are spokes in that wheel. Some of those spokes are loose, some are as firm as when they first were inserted.”

Dr. Storm declared her intention of supporting the campaign in every possible way. “I have been one of the lost spokes,” she declared, “and now I want you all to know that I am back again to help make our wheel firm and steady.”

Dr. Lida M. Stewart-Cogill, 1890, proposed a resolution which reads as follows:
“I hereby offer the resolution that we alumnae of the Philadelphia unit, under Dr. Butler’s leadership, will not cease our efforts until the quota of $130,000, our allotment of the national alumnae effort, is secured; and that we endeavor to assure it by June of this year.”

But this description of that campaign dinner cannot imprison the spirit which prevailed. It is not a spirit to be caught, the sturdy independence which characterizes our alumnae. It had made its imprint on each of those women and their mass strength created a unified feeling of instinctive power.

And out of that atmosphere, while guests and graduates talked of women’s work and of the College, a sensitive observer might almost have watched a vision becoming a fact: a vision of a new College, a new Hospital and greater work by and for women, rising into concrete form out of the power and the strength of our alumnae.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

News from Boston

Boston graduates are in the busy midst of their New England unit campaign for the Greater Woman’s Medical College. Dr. Marianna Taylor, 1908, chairman of the New England Alumnae Division in the national alumnae effort, is giving splendid support to our effort.

Mrs. Oakes Ames entertained at a reception on April 25th at her home at 235 Bay State Road, in honor of Mrs. James Starr and Dr. Martha Tracy. Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, niece of Drs. Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell, was also a guest of honor.

More than sixty prominent Boston social leaders and women physicians heard Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Starr and Dr. Tracy tell about the past work of women in medicine and listened to their outline of plans for the future of the Woman’s Medical College.

“Today’s problem for women, and particularly for women in medicine, is to prove their ability by attaining the very highest positions,” Dr. Tracy said. “No other college in the country is quite as interested in training women to be doctors as is our college for women only, and no other college is specifically interested in training women for their peculiar fields. What women have not had, and what they do not have today in co-educational medical schools, is a training which provides the individual opportunity to fit them for high and independent positions. Our job today is to prove that women can fill these positions, and our medical college for women is our means of doing this.”

Following the tea at Mrs. Ames’ home, our alumnae adjourned to the Hotel Braemore, where Dr. Taylor is living. Here, over the
coffee cups, Dr. Tracy told about her recent trip through the middle west, south and southeast to visit other alumnae centers.

An important event was the organization of the New England Alumnae Association of the Woman's Medical College. Dr. Eleanor Way-Allen-Mellon, 1903, was elected president of the Association, and is throwing all her dynamic energies into helping our campaign succeed.

Philadelphia Items

Philadelphia alumnae are moving ahead in a splendid working unit toward their goal. Meetings are being held every Thursday night during May at the home of Mrs. Henry D. Jump, so that the workers may give reports on their interviews with friends of the College.

Dr. Jeannette Sherman, and Dr. Martha Bailey, 1917, are planning trips to the Pacific coast in the near future. They are both undertaking organization work and intend to call on the alumnae wherever they stop. Dr. Bailey will go to Los Angeles; San Francisco; Seattle; Portland, Oregon; Alaska; and will return to Philadelphia late in the summer through Colorado Springs; Denver; Omaha, Nebraska; Davenport, Iowa; and Chicago. Dr. Sherman's itinerary will include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Vancouver, Lake Louise, Glacier National Park, Denver and Chicago.

At the Washington Meeting

By the time this Bulletin is in the mails, many of you will be on your way to the Washington meeting of the American Medical Association. Of course you will attend the dinner which the Washington graduates of our college are planning for out-of-town fellow-alumnae on Tuesday, May 17th, at the University Women's Club. Dr. Amy J. Rule, 1908, has issued invitations through campaign headquarters here in Philadelphia.

Dr. Rule is in charge of the Washington Alumnae effort in behalf of the Greater Woman's Medical College.

FINANCIAL ENDORSEMENT FOR OUR NEW COLLEGE SITE

Big business interests in Philadelphia are already prophesying and planning a "city within a city"—the Germantown district in which lies our plot of nine and one-half acres for the Greater Woman's Medical College. One of the first great development projects will be the construction of a boulevard and bridge along the line of Henry Avenue to Roxborough, which will lead directly past the site.
Mr. K. W. Granlund, engineer of the Eighth Philadelphia District of the Bureau of Engineering, is actively engaged in creating the lines for the 100-foot-wide Henry Avenue Boulevard.

Mr. Samuel T. Banham, president of the United Business Men's Association, recently said, "The Henry Avenue Boulevard will open a new residential section and create a new artery for motor traffic. It will mean the building of thousands of homes on what is now farm land, and we believe these homes will come because the Twenty-first Ward is rated as one of the highest and healthiest districts in the city. (This ward is just across the Wissahickon from the Thirty-eighth, where we shall live.)"

"The announcement that the Henry Avenue Boulevard and bridge across the Wissahickon is to be constructed without delay has already started home building, especially along the tract formerly occupied by the Roxborough golf course."

With this new supplement of the established Germantown residential district, the new Hospital will be of definite service—particularly since there are no other hospitals within a two mile radius; and with the growing industrial organizations in the valley just below the new plot, students at the Greater Woman's Medical College will not lack in clinic material.

**ALUMNAE NOTES**

Dr. Jane Sands, 1918, professor of Physiology, was awarded the Sarah Berliner Research and Lecture Scholarship at the biennial meeting of the American Association of University Women in Washington on March 31st.

Dr. Sands has been doing an important research on heart-beat tracings in the embryonic heart. Her earliest record of the heart-beats so far was taken on a twenty-four hour embryo. Previous to her experiments, the earliest recorded embryonic heart-beats were with a fifty-two hour embryo.

Dr. Sands read a paper on "An Electrocardiographic Study of the Embryonic Heart (Chick)" before the Rochester meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology and Affiliated Societies, Rochester, New York, April 14th-16th.

Dr. Faith Fetterman, 1916, of our gynaecological staff, went to Chicago on April 27th to read a paper on "The Rôle of Focal Infection in Diseases of the Urinary Tract," by Dr. Fetterman and Dr. Catherine Macfarlane, 1898. The Chicago Council of Medical Women had invited Dr. Fetterman to present the subject at their joint meeting with the Cook County Medical Society at the Hotel Sherman.
Dr. Ellen C. Potter, 1903, has just been appointed medical director of the North Jersey Training School at Towata, New Jersey, and will also act as advisory consultant of the State’s Welfare Department. “Politics” plays no part in the New Jersey Welfare Department, as it has been removed from political jurisdiction for the past ten years, and there is therefore a tremendous opportunity for work and advancement with this state service. Dr. Potter’s appointment will take effect on July 1, 1927.

Dr. Mary Noble, 1901, of the Pennsylvania State Department of Health, spoke recently in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on the mortality rates of babies less than one year old, mothers and expectant mothers. The Clearfield Progress reported: “Clearfield Rotarians had another opportunity of hearing ‘one of the best men’ of the late Pinchot administration when they were addressed by Dr. Mary Noble of the State Department of Health. Dr. Noble had a wonderfully interesting address which she delivered with an earnestness and sincerity which won for her, not only the most intense attention, but a place in the esteem and regard of the men present which could be won by few men.”

Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith, 1910, is doing excellent work with the New Jersey State Department of Health. Dr. Smith lectures on sex hygiene before women’s clubs and girls of high school age.

Dr. Grace Tankersley, 1916, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is in the midst of flood relief work just now. “Conditions in some places near here are heart rending,” Dr. Tankersley writes. “We will probably never know how many people have been drowned; others are going to starve. . . . Some have had no food in four days. Those who were able to carry food with them may die from exposure. . . . Many of the refugees are in the hospital. Several babies were born in barn lofts and on levees. In one of the refugee camps possibly seventy-five miles from us there are two hundred fifty cases each of measles and whooping cough and fifty of mumps, besides much influenza. There will be much typhoid and malaria following this overflow. I am going to start typhoid shots today.”

ALUMNAE IN THE FOREIGN FIELD

Dr. Marian Bottomley Hall, 1924, writes from Haiju, Korea: “We are in Seoul for a few days (April 10, 1927) and have just said good-bye to friends. . . . They came here from Peking, the last tourists who will go there for some time as all the white folks are evacuating. Seoul is an interesting place now. Refugees arrive every day. Missionary homes and hotels are taxed to the limit to provide accommodation. . . .
You will be interested to hear that Dr. Mary Stone is here—she arrived from Shanghai last week. . . . The Nationalists threatened to take Dr. Stone's life in twenty-four hours if she didn't preach Sun Yot Sen instead of Christ."

Dr. Lulu Disosway, 1925, writes from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Shanghai: "I arrived in China on September 24th and started in to study Chinese on September 27th at Soochow Language School. I was to study here for one year, then go to my station at St. Andrew's Hospital, Wuseh. Instead I studied four months, then . . . due to conditions here in China and various other reasons . . . I find myself at the end of six months with a hospital of 150 beds which are always filled on my hands. Truly I gasped when I realized it. . . ."

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Installation Service of the Young Woman's Christian Association was conducted Tuesday evening, May 3d. In procession line, the old and new Cabinet members appeared, dressed in white and singing the "Hymn of Lights." The old members carried lighted candles and took their places in the front of the room with the new members facing them.

After an appropriate devotional service, conducted by the Vice-President, the transfer of duties from old to new members was beautifully symbolized by a transfer of lighted candles. Each member of the old Cabinet, as she passed over her lighted candle, made a few remarks concerning the work she had done, and that which she hoped her successor might carry on more fully.

Dr. Myers spoke on opportunities for service for the new Cabinet, giving most practical suggestions.

The service was concluded by singing "Follow the Gleam" and repeating the Mizpah benediction.

The incoming officers are: President, Bethel Harris; Vice-President, Ida Scudder; Secretary, Harriet Green; Treasurer, Beatrice Rettinger.

Incoming Cabinet chairmen are: Social, Margaret McCarthy; Fellowship, Janet Anderson; Publicity, Esther Smucker; Elsie Curtis was re-elected to the chairmanship of the Membership Committee and Ruby Lehman to the Social Service Committee chairmanship.

Outgoing officers were: President, Elizabeth J. Bucke; Vice-President, Leigh Stoek; Secretary, Ida Scudder; Treasurer, Janet Anderson.

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COMMENCEMENT WEEK IS HERE AGAIN!

Do you ever pause in your routine of work to recall your Commencement Week? The tension which followed your relaxation after the “finals” were past . . . The hopes, the ambitions, the holiday spirit at the luncheons and the banquet, where your classmates were familiar figures in a group of people who were coming “home” for class reunions . . . The alumnae banquet—event of the week, next in importance to the Exercises, which brought you close up to face the future. . . .

Commencement Week will be here again in one short month. A new class of women will be graduated to take its place in the ranks of medicine; new hopes in old forms will be generated, under the stimulus of Commencement excitement, and old as well as new alumnae will be here to share them.

You, whose hopes may be fact by now, or well on the way to fulfillment, will recall again the mood of happy exaltation in which you once turned from your days of training.

Let us all come together, this one week in the year, to renew old friendships, old contacts, and to make new friends! Let us all join here, in memory of our Alma Mater, and in honor of our new College—the Greater Woman’s Medical College; for in its existence we shall be an essential and indissoluble part.

The days will be crowded with events, and the Hospitality Committee of the Alumnae Association is working now to make your return a joyful occasion. On Wednesday, June 8th, Commencement Exercises will be held, as usual, at 11 o’clock a.m., daylight saving time, at Warburton House, 20th and Sansom Streets, the new building of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania.

The address of the day will be delivered by Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, director of the special Commission on Medical Education which is now studying the whole subject of the training of physicians for the service which the public of today is demanding of them.

A reception to the graduating class and to their friends, and a buffet luncheon will follow the exercises.

On Thursday, June 9th, there will be a Business Meeting at 10 o’clock, followed by a Scientific Program at 11 a.m. The President of our Alumnae Association, Dr. Margaret C. Sturgis, will give an address, and Dr. Alice Johnson, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, will talk on “The General Physician and the Neurotic Patient.” Luncheon will be served in the gymnasium at 12.30.

The afternoon session on June 9th will be a second Scientific Program, opening at 2 o’clock. Dr. James C. Small, of the Philadelphia General Hospital, will speak on “Clinical Experience with Sero-Therapy in the
Treatment of Acute Rheumatic Fever.” “The Cardio-vascular Lesions of Rheumatic Fever” will be the subject of a paper by Dr. Alwin M. Pappenheimer, Professor of Pathology at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Ethel Pierce, of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital, will read a paper on “Recent Advances in Chronic Arthritis.” At 6:30 p. m. on June 9th, the annual banquet will be given at Warburton House.

On Friday, June 10th, a second Business Meeting will be held at 10 o’clock, at the College Building. The morning Scientific Program at 11 o’clock will be given over to a report of the Woman’s Medical College, by Dr. Martha Tracy, and a report of the Campaign Committee of the Greater Woman’s Medical College, by Dr. Margaret F. Butler. Dr. Tracy will also read a paper on “What Has Become of the Woman Graduate in Medicine?”

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 in the gymnasium, followed by a final Scientific Program at 2 o’clock. Dr. Mary Spears will present a paper on “Diagnosis in Biliary Disease,” and Dr. D. Case Blechschmidt will speak on “Duodenal Ulcer. Report of Case of Perforation.”

The alumnae here in Philadelphia are waiting to welcome you, both in mass as fellow-alumnae and as house-guests. The Hospitality Committee is also making arrangements to furnish you a room in Brinton Hall if you desire.

Please regard this announcement as an invitation in advance, both to the Exercises and luncheon, and to the other events of Commencement Week. The formal invitations must be mailed always at the last possible minute, and might fail to reach you in time.

Dr. Margaret C. Sturgis, president of the Alumnae Association, will take care of details for your reunion homecoming, if you will mail her the attached coupon.

**DR. MARGARET C. STURGIS,**
250 South 21st Street,

I am planning to come to Commencement Week to join in my class reunion.

I will attend the luncheon on Thursday □: also the one on Friday □.

I will attend the Alumnae Banquet on Friday □.

I shall be happy to accept the invitation as a house-guest at the home of a fellow-alumnae □.

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