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At a critical period of Jewish history their law-giver, Moses, laid down a principle of action which has proved invaluable ever since, where people have been trying to live and work together. He told them first to “Stand still and see,” and secondly to “Go forward.”

The Y. W. C. A. of the College asks you to join with us a few moments this afternoon in standing still and looking over our work.

The administration of Dr. Hattie Frank Love, closing March 1, has been marked with an unusual degree of success. The remainder of the debt incurred in renovating Brinton Hall was paid. Even that sooty speck of past years, the balance of the coal bill, was successfully remanded to the tomb, there to remain, we hope, forever. The year closed with a balance of $76 to our credit—an unparalleled stage in our history. The total expenditures for the year were $1658.44.

Our estimated expenses for the ensuing year (to March 1, 1912) are $1165, which includes maintenance of Brinton Hall; dues to National and State Boards of the Y. W. C. A.; Missions, and $200 for an emergency fund.

Our sources of income are rents from rooms at Brinton Hall, membership dues, and various sales and entertainments given during the year. An apron sale is held each year at the opening of College. Materials are given by students and friends, and the aprons are made by the students. They are made suitable to the needs of the students in the various laboratories. The rummage sale has become a yearly affair, and one of the best means of adding to our income, as at it we can sell anything and everything.

At present we have 64 active, 13 associate, and 60 life members. Since March 1 we have added 7 life members from the outgoing class and 3 from former classes.
Two new members have been added to our Advisory Committee. They are from different churches in the city.

The Association, through the help of the Advisory Committee and Mr. J. O. Williams, a lawyer, who has kindly given his services, has been enabled to straighten out all legal points concerning the perpetuation of a Board of Corporators. It is, therefore, ready to meet other obligations expected of a chartered corporation, and is living up to the duties outlined. In straightening out our legal status it was necessary to revise the by-laws. This has been done with the assistance of Dr. Potter and Dr. Tracy, also Dr. Leffmann, who gave us the advantage of his wide experience in such matters.

Brinton Hall, as you know, is one of the largest features in the home life of its members. It offers several cheap rooms and the facilities of laundry and kitchen to the girls who are "fending" for themselves as to board. It reserves three of these rooms each year for incoming freshmen. This only leaves two rooms possible as a permanent home through the course for the students. It would be most desirable if by temporary cots we could accommodate new girls over their first night in Philadelphia, giving them more time to find clean, comfortable, reasonably priced rooms.

Brinton Hall medical library grows slowly, a trifle too slowly for the good of the girls who need to use it. The magazines in its reading room furnish delightful hours of recreation, and the daily evening paper keeps one in touch with the outside world. Our few books of fiction have been in great demand as a means of relaxation after a tedious examination, and are a solace to those students who have been unfortunate enough to be ill.

Our hopes are for a larger Brinton Hall, with a greater number of reasonably priced rooms to meet the demands of students who wish to live at Brinton Hall. We are even now planning for this day while not overlooking smaller needs, as a rug and furniture for the parlor.

At the opening of the College year an evening reception was given for the new students. During the fall weekly teas were held that the students might become better acquainted with each other. Various social affairs were held during the year.

Our weekly prayer-meetings have been well attended, and at these meetings we have had the privilege of hearing many well-known speakers. In addition to these meetings we have held, in both the College and the Woman's Hospital, each Sunday afternoon, a ward service of song and prayer. Our meetings at the College Hospital are somewhat handicapped for want of an organ. One meeting each month has been devoted to the missionary cause.
In addition to the regular Mission Class, meetings were held during February and March, one afternoon each week, at which we learned much of the work in the foreign field from those who had seen it. By voluntary subscriptions $150 was raised for Ludhiana Medical College and Hospital for Women, in India.

In connection with Bible study, Dr. C. A. R. Janvier gave a course of ten lectures on "The Fundamental Principles of Christianity." Dr. Everitt will give a series of talks this coming year.

We expect to have four students to attend the summer conferences, three of whom bear their own expenses. Two students went as delegates to the State Conference last fall. It is now a ruling of the Association that those students who go as delegates at the expense of the Association consider the same as a loan to be paid back soon after graduation, said money to constitute a Conference Fund.

We are desirous of serving the Alumnae at any and all times, either in finding accommodations for themselves or in helping any student of whom they may write us to become comfortably located in our midst.

We trust this report meets with the approval of the Alumnae Association, and that we may continue to have the cooperation of every member in our efforts for true womanhood and a high standard of character among professional women.