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CHRISTIAN GAUSS DEPLORES MATERIALISTIC STANDARD OF LIVING

DEAN CHRISTIAN GAUSS of Princeton University, who was scheduled to give the commencement address, was detained by illness. The address was read by Dr. Layton D. McKean, assistant professor of public speaking at Princeton, and assistant to Dean Gauss. He spoke in part as follows:

I do not wish, even on your commencement, to dilate on winds of prophecy, but if some of you later go into college teaching and attend any of the large annual meetings of university professors, I think I can promise you one thing which you will see. In certain rooms they will be discussing the results of research but in the dark corners of the lobby, behind the palms, you will find groups of long-faced gentlemen, muttering among themselves. If you approach they lower their voices and you will notice that they are humanists and are weeping over the fate of the humanities. I speak in sorrow rather than in anger but if I speak at all it is because I believe the time has come when these low-spirited gentlemen must pick up heart, give up weeping, set up their own particular goal and proceed toward it with far higher assurance than they have shown in the recent past.

I think you will all agree that I have not flattered the humanists and I am going to add that they deserve some sympathy, a little less than they expect, but more than you give them because we live in a civilization largely dominated by economic interests.

MODERN SCIENCE

There is one fact which cannot fail to strike the humanist who is a student of literary history. When we read the classics, the older European masterpieces, we find there little discussion of the strictly economic problem, of financial status or of the money income of the characters. In most of them, in Homer or Sophocles, Virgil or Horace, gold talents or drachmae are scarcely mentioned at all. Financial accounting is altogether a modern science. Even in most of Shakespeare's or Molière's comedies, pounds and pence, ecus and livres are rarely mentioned. To make the struggle against nature for mere physical livelihood interesting it was necessary to deprive the hero of every possible assistance from society, as in Robinson Crusoe, and the climax in that book is to be found not in that he manages to make a living, but that he finally returns to society, to his own people.

STANDARD OF LIVING

During your college course you have no doubt read a number of discussions of our contemporary problems. We have many problems, let us admit it. Some of the volumes which discuss them mention over and over again a phrase, "the American standard of living." This is something which many of them regard as our great contribution to civilization. I recently tried to find out exactly what is most frequently meant by that phrase and I was compelled to reach a conclusion which to me was disappointing. Let me explain in confidence what I found.

As most frequently defined, the standard of living had to do only with financial considerations, with the amount of money income. If you receive more than a certain wage you can enjoy plumbing, a radio, a car; live up to our American standard of
living, even though you are not in the least interested in any work of art, in any religion or philosophy, have never read a book, or ever had an idea of your own. Do not mention it outside, but our American "standard of living" as generally interpreted is grossly materialistic. A Greek or Roman or a Descartes, a Spinoza or a Goethe would have been deeply shocked to hear us talk of standard of living in those terms. You could still enjoy it under a Mussolini or Hitler provided only he were a good and practical economist.

**LIFE OF THE SPIRIT**

It is necessary, therefore, that college graduates particularly recognize that an important change has been forcing itself upon our western European and American civilization. In all of our older classical and even our modern European literature, our tradition held that the life of the spirit, the most significant aspects of the life of man, were not imbedded in and conditioned by our economic struggle. The great questions which our literature discussed, the problem of Job or of Iphigenia or of Oedipus, Aeneas, or Racine's Phèdre, or Shakespeare's Hamlet or Othello or Macbeth, of Goethe's Faust, were problems which occurred in the world of the spirit and not in the economic world; and it was assumed that this world of the spirit was not a mere projection of our economic life but took place in what the philosophers called a different universe of discourse.

There are those who will tell you that our older literature was aristocratic, that it dealt only with the problems of kings and princes but that with the progress of democracy we are and we should be concerned with the problem of the average man, the average voter. If, however, we look at recent developments in Europe we shall see that neither in the countries that have advanced toward the fascist solution, like Germany and Italy, nor in Russia, the country that has advanced toward the Communist solution, is there any very whole-hearted recognition that man, even the average man, is to be allowed freedom to live as he chooses, in the house of his spirit.

**TWO ECONOMIES**

More and more modern life has come to revolve around the competition for this world's goods. I would be the last to deny that spiritual considerations, considerations of justice, should and must dictate to all men the conditions under which the material wealth of this world should be distributed but what I am going to insist upon is that there are two economies, essentially quite different, just as there are two worlds, the world of things and the world of the spirit, and that there is nothing more important for the college graduate to remember and indeed to exemplify than the essential difference between these two worlds and what I have chosen to call these two economies.

Let us deal for a moment now with that economy which is coming to dominate our age, which is involved in our American conception of the standard of living.

**MATERIAL ECONOMY PERVERSIVE**

Now this material economy is very pervasive and very important. It governs one whole side of our lives. You have it even here in the college. You are called upon, and I am sure your president regrets it, to pay tuition or fees. In other words in this material economy you cannot, as you know, give things away with impunity. This alas your university treasurer must also bear in mind. That is the economy of the treasurer's office. We are in such a state of confusion about the two economies that we sometimes speak of the man or woman who gives money to the college as an "angel." Now he is not really an angel for I am going to try to show you that the economy of the angels or the economy of the world of the spirit is a totally different economy, subject to a different law or principle. Let it be understood: I do not wish to discourage "angels." May there be flights even of these earthly angels.

If you are really going to be exact, therefore, in your use of language you should not call the giver of money gifts an angel. Let me make a private disclosure. Your real angels are your teachers, or preachers or artists, your professors of the humanities, because the economy which governs their world of the spirit is a totally different economy.

**JEWELS IN HIS HEAD**

Your professor, humanistic professor particularly, like Shakespeare's toad has jewels in his head. He has riches up there as in his pocket. Let us say that this particular professor has in his head the Italian language and all the meaning of Dante's Divine Comedy. You go to his class and he pours this out of his mind into yours. Perhaps sometimes he does this so rapidly, so lavishly, that there is some waste, in the sense that you cannot take it all in. But here is what I wish to insist upon. No matter how much you profit by what he gives you, no matter how much richer you may be through this
experience, the giver is no poorer. He may go on all his life giving his riches away and on this side of his being he will never fall into poverty.

Now perhaps some of you will think this is exaggerated, fantastic. It is true that this economy of the true angels is not today very widely practiced or very highly regarded. There may even be those who will tell you that these gifts are not real. Do not believe them. They are quite as real as any $5 the professor may lose through his material generosity. Consider for a moment the gifts you have received from your teachers. They include such valuable and indispensable things as the English or the Latin languages, the multiplication table, the truths of religion, the philosophy of Plato, the history of humanity, the laws of health, medicine, the art of healing. Do not yield to the pressure of your time and let anyone tell you that these things are not genuine, that the study of religion, of philosophy, of literature and the arts—of the humanities, in short—is not as real, as important, as significant, as the study, for instance, of accounting and of that economics which deals with the exchange of material goods.

Treasure in Heaven

The true nature of the goods of the spirit is so hard to grasp, to get at, that no matter how ogreish a government may become, for all its ingenuity it can never tax them. Rejoice, O ye professors and students while business and industry tremble! It is you, who have laid up treasure in heaven, who are truly on the side of the angels. You are dealing in their economy. That is why I think you who still believe in the humanities, should shout it from the housetops, that truly higher education is not a preparation for business life, for life in the market place, is not training in vocational subjects by which men and women earn their losable dollars. The test of a true education is how much you have left after you have lost everything that can possibly be taken away from you . . .

If you have these gifts transfused into your spirit, no one can rob you. If you have learned to love beautiful things and the secrets of nature and of art, then living and dying, you can remember sweet Argos. It is literally true and not a fiction or mere pretty saying of Keats, that a thing of beauty is a joy forever. The Greeks were, as usual realistic when they held that our apprehensions of truth and beauty were everlasting possessions.

Paradox of Economies

You can turn material wealth into the riches of the spirit. That is the function of the university, but the paradox of our two economies is that you cannot so easily turn the riches of the spirit into material wealth. These riches of the spirit for the truly civilized, the truly educated man or woman are alone ultimate, absolute, inviolable.

Relative Importance

Just one more simple fact, to show you how incommensurable these two economies are and their relative importance. When you read the lives of the great figures in history, of Socrates, or Virgil, of St. Paul, or St. Francis, or Milton or Leonardo, of Galileo, or Kant, you will be struck by the fact that in the case of great men the biographer almost never tells you how his bank book balanced, whether he ended his life in the red or in the black. We are not much interested in our study of American history, for instance, as to how good as money makers our great men like Washington or Jefferson, Lincoln or Robert E. Lee, how successful or unsuccessful they were in their economic dealings with other men. Your teachers of English literature were not interested in telling you how Mrs. Browning’s or George Eliot’s bank book balanced. It was not necessary that they should. This neither adds to nor detracts from their importance as great benefactors of humanity, of great figures in the history of civilization. In the long run, these sharable contributions and not material wealth have always been, and if we are true to the history of our culture, must always remain the true and really significant measure of civilization and human welfare.

The problem to which I have called your attention is not one of which humanists alone are conscious. If I were asked to name the ablest historian living today I believe I should pick Werner Sombart. He is, as you all know, an economist, and it is because he is an economist and realizes to the full the havoc that is being caused by the substitution everywhere of economic for cultural interests that he gives us the most significant diagnosis of our own time. In his latest book, Der Deutsche Socialismuss, in other terms he comes to exactly the same conclusion that the humanist, approaching his problem through literary history, must reach.

Overshadows All Else

We have pushed the economic problem forward to a position where it overshadows
all else. That is why in most universities the humanities are at a discount; why, if we honestly face the facts, we have to admit that culture even on the American campus has lost the ring of true gold, is a desolate word, and cultural courses in many of our colleges are taken only as a sideline.

Our ideal, even our national ideal, has become one not of culture in its traditional sense but of what might be called "comfortism." Those older problems in which the significance of human life lay for the Bible, for Homer and Virgil and Dante and Shakespeare are treated as if they no longer existed or no longer mattered. That is in part because they are not amenable to the type of treatment which has resulted in our immense advance in the physical sciences. The laws of economics, as we have seen, will not solve them. Neither will the laws, even of mathematics. "I feel that my conviction gains infinitely," said Novalis, "when it is shared by a single other human soul." That is not good mathematics but it may still be true. In the world of the spirit, one plus one may be more than two.

**PRESIDENT BLUNT RECEIVES LL.D. DEGREE**

New London Day, June 15, 1936

Miss Katharine Blunt was exalted as a scholar, educator, and administrator as she was presented today at Wesleyan university for the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Gov. Wilbur L. Cross. Miss Blunt is the third woman in Wesleyan's long history to have been awarded an honorary degree.

Governor Cross declared that Miss Blunt had brought to her office experience in the organization of studies and standards of sound scholarship and had devoted herself to the intellectual, moral, and physical welfare of the students. In presenting Miss Blunt to President James L. McConaughy, who presided at the exercises, Governor Cross said:

"Mr. President, I have the honor to present, for the degree of doctor of laws, Katharine Blunt, president of Connecticut college. A New Englander by descent, a Philadelphian by birth, Miss Blunt received her bachelor's degree from Vassar college and the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago for studies in organic chemistry which gave her the knowledge and training for important research in nutrition.

"After experience as an instructor in chemistry at Vassar and the Pratt Institute, she was appointed to the chemistry staff in the University of Chicago, rising in due time to the rank of professor. During the next 16 years, she developed in the graduate school at Chicago one of the best departments of home economics in our American universities. During the period of the World War, she cooperated with the federal government as an expert in nutrition.

"In 1929 Professor Blunt was called to the presidency of Connecticut college. She brought to this office experience in the organization of studies and standards of sound scholarship. She has devoted herself to the intellectual, moral, and physical welfare of her students. By her efforts, funds have been obtained for new dormitories on a beautiful campus overlooking the Thames. Withal, she has kept expenditures well within income.

"As scholar, educator, and administrator, President Blunt is worthy of the honor you are about to confer upon her."

President McConaughy in presenting the degree said:

"Parental unkindness is seldom the cause of progress. When Wesleyan closed its door to women, alma mater was hardly gracious to her alumnae. But fortunately, we believe that the result of Wesleyan's action was the establishment of Connecticut college, of which we can, therefore, at least claim to be the foster father. The campus of your college is not unknown, I believe, to the members of this graduating class. The close ties between Wesleyan and Connecticut college are further strengthened today by the award to you of this degree. We are proud of the noteworthy accomplishments of this sister college. We are deeply appreciative of the splendid leadership you have given her for the past seven years."
AT THE annual meeting of the Alumnae Association on June 13, the following officers were elected:

President: Janet Crawford How '24 (reelection)
First vice-president: Alice Horrax Schell '20
Second vice-president: Ruth Ferree '33
Recording secretary: Marjorie Nicholson '35
Treasurer: Elizabeth Hartshorn '30 (reelection)
Counsellors: Virginia Eggleston Smith '24; A. Parks McCombs '25; Alys Griswold '36

Nominating Committee: Henrietta Owens Rogers '28, chairman (reelection); Jessie Wells Lawrence '19; Sarah Crawford Maschal '25; Elizabeth Gallup Ridley '28; Catherine Jenks '35.

Esther Tyler '33 was elected Editor of the ALUMNAE NEWS, with the following new assistant editors: Ruth Worthington '35, Ernestine Herman '34; business manager, Millicent Waghorn '34. Juline Warner Comstock '19 will continue as assistant editor.

AT THE annual business meeting of the Alumnae Association held on Saturday, June 13, 1936, announcement was made that the Board of Trustees had acted favorably upon the recommendation made in June, 1935, by the Association that the term of Alumnae Trustees be increased from three to five years. The terms of the present Alumnae Trustees, Agnes Leahy, 1921, Marenda Pretis, 1919, and Rosamond Beebe, 1926, will be increased by two years each. Thus the five year term goes into effect immediately.

It was further announced that the Board of Trustees reported that it is considering sympathetically the recommendation made in June, 1935, by the Alumnae Association that the number of Alumnae Trustees be increased from three to five.

The Alumnae Association at the meeting on June 13, 1936, again unanimously voted to send another recommendation to the Board of Trustees requesting that the number of Alumnae Trustees be increased from three to five.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association held on Saturday, June 13, of the election of Rosamond Beebe, 1926, as Alumna Trustee to succeed Gloria Hollister whose term has just expired.

Miss Beebe is excellently qualified to serve as Alumna Trustee. She is thoroughly familiar with the work of the Alumnae Association, having served as its First Vice-president from 1930-1936, and since her graduation having been an active member of the New Jersey Chapter. As First Vice-president she has been in general charge of alumnae chapters, advising them, and organizing and reporting their activities. For the past six years she has visited the campus frequently in the capacity of an interested alumna as well as a member of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association. She is, therefore, well informed of the changes and developments in the college.

Miss Beebe is now manager of the Macmillan Bookshop, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York. Her home address is 51 South Park Street, Montclair, New Jersey.
KNOWLTON AND WINDHAM HOUSES

AT THE laying of the cornerstone of the new dormitory, Miss Blunt announced that it is to be named Jane Addams House in honor of one of the country's greatest citizens. Miss Whitney, speaking for the trustees, stressed Miss Addams' intellect and hoped it would be an inspiration to the undergraduates. Others participating in the brief ceremony were Mr. Freeman, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Miss Louise Howe, representing a group of Norwich people who raised a fund toward the building; Ruth Hale of the class of 1939; Mr. Bodenwein, editor of the New London Day; Margaret McKelvey, representing the student body who contributed the balance of the blanket tax from the last three years.

WE CELEBRATE OUR TENTH

IN SPITE of the inauguration of the rainy season in New London, the tenth reunion of '26 was a tremendous success, with thirty-six matrons and spinsters present out of an original class of seventy-seven.

The first evening was largely spent in greeting old friends among the new arrivals and settling in Branford, which had been reserved for the tenth reunion class. A few wistful souls might have been seen drifting around in the mist outside Knowlton, watching the "glamorous girls" of '36 having their final prom.

The alumnae meeting in Fanning Hall Saturday morning achieved a quorum with the arrival of a goodly number of 26's late breakfasters, who were delighted to hear among other things that Rosamond Beebe had been elected alumna trustee, to serve for five years.

The trustees' luncheon at Thames Hall was
as usual a delightful occasion, although saddened this year by the announcement of the retirement of Dr. Weld from the music department, with which he had been associated for twenty-one years.

Helen Hood Diefendorf, president of '26, produced in her speech at the luncheon some vital statistics of the class which were very interesting, such as the fact that there are forty-two married members, thirty-five unmarried, some fifty or so children with a preponderance of girls for future C.C. enrollment, and that the professions engaged in run from art through the alphabet to teaching.

It was good to talk again to former professors and to find them unchanged among the ever changing undergraduates and the different aspect presented by the campus. It would, by the way, be worth while for anyone who had not seen campus recently to go back to have a look around, for it is perfectly beautiful with the new dormitories, new lights and charming landscaping. Because of the continued rainy season, some of the most delightful spots, such as the new outdoor theatre and the arboretum, were not visited, but one is told that they are equally charming.

The rain still pouring down, it was impossible to hold Class Day out of doors as had at first been planned, but the reception room at Knowlton housed the exercises adequately. The alumnae procession formed on the second floor and marched down the staircase into the reception hall, '26 dressed in white and carrying impressive wooden lions painted red, as the well remembered class symbol. During the exercises, Helen Hood Diefendorf as Class President presented the College with $150 as a gift from the class toward the Alumnae Scholarship Fund, the income of which is to be used to create a scholarship for the sister of a Connecticut graduate, and eventually for the daughter of a graduate.

It was learned that Dorothy Brooks Cobb was unable to return because of a new son, Sanford Cobb, Jr., and that the Cobb family is moving to Burlington, Vermont, this June, where they have bought a bookstore which Sanford, Sr., and Dorothy will run.

Grace Clark MacKain sent a telegram saying that she was kept at home by a new daughter.

Catharine Dauchy Bronson was unable to come because of the imminent arrival of a new one or the other, but which it was could not be announced at the time of going to press.

Annette Ebsen was just returning from a trip to Egypt and Palestine and was unable to make the last lap up to New London.

Harriet Gillette was too far away in California and too busy with plans for her coming wedding to return, and Jean Gillette Smith, who had at first planned to come back, decided to go west to attend her sister's wedding instead.

Imogen Hostetler, who is holding down a good job in Social Service in Washington, was unable to return as she had taken her vacation earlier because of over work, and had gone on a West Indies cruise.

Katharine King Karslake, who is living in Illinois, was unable to come East so early in the summer, but will be here later for the Chautauqua.

It was nice to see Marguerite Cerlian and Margaret Varian Proctor, ex-'26's of the old Nameaug days, who spent Saturday at the reunion.

The others who returned were Dorothy Andrews, Frances Angier, Dorothy Ayers, Katharine Bailey, Rosamond Beebe, Barbara Bell Crouch, Elinor Bond Armstrong, Barbara Brooks Bixby, Letitia Burt, Constance Clapp, Katherine Colgrove, Elizabeth Dam-
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erel Gongaware, Mildred Dornan Dean, Margaret Ebsen, Helen Farnsworth Schneidewind, Lorraine Ferris Ayres, Kathleen Garrity, Frances Green, Arline Haskins Funk, Alice Hess Pattison, Inez Hess, Theodosia Hewlett, Helen Hood Diefendorf, Clarissa Lord Will, Edith Low Hovey, Ruth McCaslin Eager, Adeline Muirhead Kimball, Hazel Osborn, Madelyn Smith Gibson, Margaret Smith Hall, Margaret Sterling Werntz, Emma Sternberg Jordan, Harriet Stone Warner, Marjorie Thompson, Harriet Tillinghast Glover and Jessie Williams Kohl.

After dinner a movie was shown of the College in its bloomers and middy days and in its present era, and was also received with cheers.

BY JANE MOORE '31

WITH everyone feeling and expressing the sentiment that five years couldn't possibly have passed so quickly, 1931 assembled for its fifth reunion. The fact that we had actually returned for such a celebration was the only thing that made real the years that had flown by since our parting at our commencement and our being reunited this June. But from the steady flow of conversation about jobs, husbands, and babies, it wasn't hard to gather that '31 had been busy ever since departing from the hilltop.

Several of our class collected Friday in Blackstone, our home for the weekend, and we had ample opportunity to get into conversational trim, for tongues wagged far into the night, everyone catching up on lost time. Jerry Smith Cook and Edna Martin held forth in the suite, and in spite of barren walls and curtainless windows, we got back into the swing of our college days with no difficulty at all. "Toot" Holley Spangler confided her traveling trouble for she journeyed from Wisconsin by bus, and her feet wouldn't reach the floor. The Greyhound may have all the other conveniences, but footstools are in order as far as Toot is concerned. She says her legs got tired dangling and finally went to sleep.

Saturday morn, noon and night continued Election of officers for the next five years was held with the following results: Margaret Sterling Werntz, president; Constance Clapp, vice president; Lorraine Ferris Ayres, secretary; Jessie Williams Kohl, treasurer; Marjorie Thompson, Chairman of Reunion Committee.

The rain continuing, the Sunday morning picnic breakfast which had been planned to be held in Bolleswood had to be held in Holmes Hall, but was a right jolly affair and the last on the varied program of the weekend. The Reunion Committee merits many thanks and much appreciation for the splendid organization and smooth running of the tenth reunion of '26. Till the fifteenth—!

1931 HAS A REUNION

the influx of our class. By noon we had a goodly representation at the trustee luncheon, but we continued to gather the clan and momentum with each succeeding event. Our only regret all weekend was the weather, for it never ceased raining. But perhaps nothing could have made us feel more at home than the downpour, a fairly typical example of New London weather. It didn't keep us from enjoying ourselves, and though the skies were weeping, nothing but laughter was heard among us.

Class Day parade was held in Knowlton, where we proceeded to charm the assemblage with as noble an array of beauties as has been seen in many a year. The costumes were wonderful. Those who forgot their sheets wrapped themselves in counterpanes from the beds. It was a hectic moment getting dressed, what with voices yelling, "C. B., pin my bustle." "What'll I stuff my front with?" "How's the hat worn?" I think every girl was yelling at once, and mingled with it all were the shrieks of laughter that greeted each completely attired maid. Connie Ganoe Jones had a real old lace blouse, high collar and all. Betty Butler Shamel and Toot, being the smallest of the gathering, displayed minute waists that were the envy of all. Everyone stuffed the bosom with anything available.
ranging from tissue paper to underclothes. We bore a faint resemblance to pouter pigeons. Lorna McGuire marched into Knowlton and up the stairs to where the procession formed with the opening of her sheet gaping wide in back. A safety pin fixed her before our triumphal march began. If one can judge from the guffaws in the audience our costume was a tremendous success.

For dinner we gathered in the Dutch room of the Mohican Hotel, and when Rosemary, Cluthe, Ev Watt and Cathy Steele rushed in during the first course they brought our number up to thirty-three. We felt that that was a pretty good percentage for a reunion, but did wish that all one hundred and thirty members of our class could have been present. We had but one speech during dinner, and that was for a presentation of a gift to Toot for coming the greatest distance. In honor of her bus trip we gave her a small red and green auto, rubber wheels and all, to use on her next jaunt east.

Miss Burdick had extended an invitation to our class to come to her room after the play, and every last one of us showed up. Every available chair and every spot on the floor was filled by ’31. She brought out our Koine, and going through it, we discussed the doings of all our absent members. It really brought our knowledge of our classmates quite up to date.

Sunday was a day of partings, but before the march for home began, some decided to dine at Norwich Inn. Word passed around, and when we finally sat down, there were twenty-three of us at the table. The Inn had obligingly added table after table as more girls arrived. For an impromptu affair it was really a grand way to end what had been a wonderful weekend from start to finish. Jobs and families called most of us away before Monday, but we left Toot, Iz Metzger Brady, Mary Reed, Betsy Schaubley Grimes, Bea Brooks Carpenter, and Jimmy Colburn Steege to represent us at graduation. You’ll have to ask them how rain sounded on the famous tent in the quadrangle, for 1936 didn’t even get a break there. The rain continued to fall.

We made a valiant attempt to preserve our costumes for posterity. We tried a time exposure in Blackstone suite. In fact we tried five. Jerry Smith would burst out laughing in the middle of each picture and set us all off. Then Achsah would snap the shutter before we could blur the picture. The last time we were thoroughly under control and posing beautifully when Lorna made a few pertinent comments from the doorway, and we were convulsed again.

Over and above the cries of “Farewell” as we parted, was heard the constant refrain, “See you at our Tenth.” So let that be our watch-cry for the next five years. Mark June, 1941, with red ink in your calendars, and let us see if 1931 can break all existing reunion records with a 100% turnout. It’s worth it.

RESERVE
October 10 and 11
ALUMNAE WEEK-END

CLASS NOTES

1919

CORRESPONDENT: Grace Cockings, 82 Bel-levue Ave., Bristol, Conn.

Irma Hutzler, Prent and Julie Hatch attended the National Conference of Social Workers at Atlantic City in May.

Margaret Maher is leaving California, the first part of July, for New Haven. She has visited Frank Otten Seymour in Seattle and sails for home by way of the Panama Canal. Sue Wilcox planned to drive to Washing- ton, during Easter vacation with some friends.

Marion Kofsky Harris's husband has been made head of the Economics department at Elmira.

Lucy Haskell was in New York in April.
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and saw Rachel Smith '21, and Margaret Ives.

Clem Jordan Goulart has closed her town house in New Bedford, and is at the cottage in South Dartmouth, Mass. Clem is quite a gardener and has gone in heavily for all kinds of vegetables.

Ruth Potter was having lunch at Pete's one day, when Dot Stelle Stone and a friend came in. Dot is having a cottage at the Beach in August.

Although Rosa Wilcox never answers my plea for news, I hear that she is a fine gardener and had a lovely rock garden this year.

Juline Warner Comstock and her husband visited Mr. Comstock's father in Wisconsin in June.

1920

CORRESPONDENT: Fanchon Hartman Title, 727 Prospect Ave., Hartford, Conn.

Dot Muzzy sails July 8 on the Queen Mary for a trip to England with a cousin.

Loretta Higgins, who still teaches French at W.M.I., has kept up her music. Recently she sang as guest artist at a Coast Guard Academy musical.

1921

CORRESPONDENT: Loretta Roche, Old Lyme, Conn.

The class sends congratulations to Evelene Taylor Peters who has been granted a Ph.D. degree from the University of Berlin. Her thesis was a study of American and German Politics 1895-1905. She is now translating an 800-page book for her professor, but would like to return to this country, preferably with an executive position.

1922

CORRESPONDENT: Ann Slade Frey, 35 School Street, Hanover, N.H.

BORN—To Miriam Taylor Beadle, on May 2 (Miriam's birthday!), a son, Stanley Taylor. Evelyn Gray Talmage had a marvelous trip to California last fall. Evelyn and her husband went by rail to Seattle and after much gay visiting in all the principal cities of California came home via Panama by boat, stopping in Havana for a while.

1923

CORRESPONDENTS: Edith B. Goldberg, 32 Beverly Road, West Hartford, Conn. Helen Higgins Bunyan, 435 Webster Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y.

The class sends its sympathy to Mary Birch Timberman whose mother died on May 14.

Harry Leith-Ross, husband of Emily Slaymaker, has been recently honored by the National Academy of Design. He was given the right to use N.A. after his name for life. The Leith-Rosses have bought a farm outside New Hope, Pennsylvania, where there is a charming art and literary colony.

Caroline Francke is a reader for the play agents Brandt and Brandt, and still does considerable writing of her own.

The New Jersey dwellers of our class most actively assisted at the recital given at the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair for the benefit of the Alumnae and Scholarship Fund. Mr. Stocker sang Louis Adolphe Coerne's lovely composition, "As I Love You."

After a season of mumps, chicken pox and a variety of colds and grip, Jessie Bigelow Martin will spend the summer in Maine.

1924

CORRESPONDENT: Kathryn Moss, Connecticut College; New London, Conn.

MARRIED—On Saturday, June 13, Hazel Converse to Mr. George Laun of Waterbury.

Commencement week-end brought honor to several members of 1924. Gloria Hollister, in recognition of her distinguished achievements in scientific research and activity, was the only alumna taken into the IOfal chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Janet Crawford How was re-elected president of the Alumnae Association, to serve a second term, 1936-38.

Virginia Eggleston Smith was elected to membership in the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association.

Helen Douglass North has been elected president of the New Haven Chapter of the Alumnae Association.

Dougie was on the campus for the Class of 1911 banquet (all classes not having special reunions), having attended Hazel Converse's wedding in the afternoon.

Gladys Westerman Greene, who was visiting relations in New London, also attended the Commencement activities.

We hear that Clara Cooper Morton and
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her husband are successfully running a chicken farm in Damariscotta, Maine.
Eugenia Walsh Bent is both busy and happy getting settled in a new house.
Margaret Call Ladd, who is with the National Geographic Society, expects to vacation in Vermont.

1925
CORRESPONDENT: Margery Field Shaw, 4 Brewster Ave., Easthampton, Mass.
The editor is sad to report that Margery Field Shaw's mother died on Mothers' Day.

1926
CORRESPONDENT: Lorraine Ferris Ayres, 12 Suburban Ave., Cos Cob, Conn.
All our news revolves around reunion, which is reported in the front of the magazine.

1927
CORRESPONDENT: Lois Bridge Ellis, 159 Clearfield Rd., Wethersfield, Conn.
MARRIED—Rosemary Condon to Burton Irving Jones, on April 15 in Waterbury.
Helen Jordan to Charles Duffy, early in May. Address: 155 E. 73 St., New York City.
BORN—To Edna Linz Barnes, a second daughter, last summer.
To Louise MacLeod Shute, a daughter, Sandra Mary, on June 3.
The class extends its sympathy to Gwendolen Lewis Hoitt in the loss of her father.

1928
CORRESPONDENT: Dorothy Davenport Voorhees, Alpine Drive, Brighton Station, Rochester, N.Y.
BORN—To Helen Boyd Marquis, a son, Dean Anthony, March 22.
To Anna Lundgren Shearer, a son, on June 17.
A letter from Jane Hall tells me for the first time of the death of Anna Lundgren Shearer's little boy, by drowning in Rogers Lake, Old Lyme, last July. We are deeply grieved to hear of this and extend our sympathy to Anna.
Jane Hall is doing girl reserve work with about fifteen girls, giving an entertainment for the old folks at the Municipal Home among other things.
I expect to spend the summer at Thousand Islands. Daphne Joan is now one year old and beginning to walk. Dorothy Low, who will be four in August, has been to nursery school since Christmas.
Bessie Meyer received her M.A. at N.Y.U. Edna Kelley is going to Spain on a freigher. She finds that each letter from the shipping company lengthens the trip by a week, so that it now stands at two months.
Deborah Lippincott is planning a vacation at Bucksport.

1929
CORRESPONDENT: Winifred Link Stewart, The Embassy, 555 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
ENGAGED—Natalie Jane Sullivan, ex '29, to Dr. Edward Francis Shea.
MARRIED—Elizabeth Seward to Cleo Eldon Tarvin in Kingston, N.Y., April 25. Mr. Tarvin graduated from Grinnell College and is with the New York News.
Verne Hall keeps busy at her history teaching in Rockville, Conn. This summer she plans to study at Columbia again. Her address will be 418 W. 118th Street, New York City, c/o Paul Brunet. In November Verne was a bridesmaid in Elizabeth Weed's (C.C. '30) wedding in New London. In April vacation, Natalie Ide '33 and Verne took a trip to Bermuda having a grand time despite the horrible weather encountered on the island. Occasionally Verne sees Alberta Boardman who has an apartment in Hartford.
Bee Bent Baily has left the halls of learning for a new job in an insurance and real estate office in Lynn. Bob and Bee have recently moved to a larger apartment at 100 Stetson Ave., Swampscott, Mass., where Bee was interested in planting a small garden.
Edith Simonton is now living at 75 N. Main St., Thompsonville, Conn., but is planning to spend the summer in Maine. In May she was there on a fishing trip. In September she visited Cynthia Lepper Reed who has two children, a little girl who is almost three and a baby boy with beautiful red hair and blue eyes.
Jennie Copeland sailed on June 20 for London where she will study at the University of London. To quote, "between you and me the courses are a convenient alibi for being in London and thereabouts during the sum-
mer. The lectures have been described as a lot of 'charming froth.'"

Ruth Dudley is being very high-hat these days with a new Ford coupe and a two months' vacation from her library job in Albany. She will probably be touring about New England and vicinity. Arline Brown and her fiancé drove up one weekend in May to see Dud.

This winter Nita Leslie had a social work job in the Albany Hospital.

Betty Kane Marshall and Paul were in New York the weekend of April 18.

Phil Heintz Malone writes most enthusiastically of her new home in Scotch Plains, N.J. and of the experience of learning to cook.

You can imagine with what a thrill I read "Message from a Little Ghost," an adorable poem about a dog in the May Delineator, written by no other than Muriel Whitehead Jarvis, ex '29. In the June issue is an instructive article on "Jay Walking Dogs." I recommend the reading of both.

Speedy Greer and I were the only 29ers at the May meeting of the Connecticut College Club of New York at the Midston House. Mrs. George Wyeth, second vice president of the Women's National Republican Club, gave an excellent talk on "The Young Woman In Politics." Speedy was planning to spend the following weekend with Chili in Washington stopping off en route to see Paul Williams Wood, '30, in Ardmore, Pa.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I announce that Janet Boomer was elected president of the Connecticut College Club of New York for next year and Betty Williams Moody vice president.

Virginia Karfiol plans to go to Spain in the fall to see the Pifiols and other friends. In the meantime she is holding down a most interesting job with the Drama League Travel Bureau, the educational department of the Drama League of America. The Bureau plans tours and awards scholarships for study abroad as well as acting as an authorized steamship agent to all parts of the world. Do get in touch with Virg at Essex House in New York City if you are dramatically minded and want to travel or just want to "see the world."

In April I had a nice letter from Fran Wells Vroom who had given up teaching for the rest of the winter and was planning a trip to Boston for several weeks.

Eleanor Fahey was among those at the Conference for Social Workers in Atlantic City.
Chaffee, Thalia Fuller Duncan, and Winnie Beach Bearce, each now has two children.

Bea Brooks Carpenter is now living at 50 Meadow Road, Woonsocket, R.I.

Al Kindler was a bridesmaid at Marg Fishburne's wedding, and C. B. took the wedding photographs.

Dot Rose Griswold is living at 330 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, N.Y.

Don't miss the story of our reunion in the front of the magazine.

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1932

CORRESPONDENT: Gertrude S. Butler, 7105 Greene St., Philadelphia.


Janice Egel to Lewis H. Ruslander, graduate of Yale and University of Buffalo Law School.

MARRIED—Isabelle Heins on June 5.

Isabelle Ewing Knecht and her husband and daughter will be living in Philadelphia by fall.

Peggy Cochran Sard and her husband have moved to Newark.

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1933

CORRESPONDENT: Esther White, 17 Fernwood Rd., Summit, N.J.


DIED—Rose Gillotti, on June 19, in New London.

Virginia Stevenson, who is in the National Education Association, attended the St. Louis meeting of the Department of Superintendence.

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1934

CORRESPONDENT: Ann D. Crocker, Stoneleigh College, Rye Beach, N.H.

ENGAGED—Dorothy Bard to Joshua Derry, Atlanta, Ga.

Lillian Bacon to John Halford Hearne, Wesleyan '34.

MARRIED—Lucile Austin to Solon L. Cutler, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Marjorie McLerie (ex '34) to John Blackmer, South Orange, N.J., April 30.

Catherine Baker to Morris Delfield Nordstrom, June 27.

DOMESTIC—Ethel Russ Gans is established in a new house in Norwalk, Connecticut and is very busy—more news from Ethel in the next issue!

Emily Benedict Halverson is still working, but plans a canoe trip "through the wilds" with her husband in July.

Kay Baker Nordstrom will continue to teach math and biology next year at the Tomas School in Rowayton, Conn.

Dotty Bard plans to be married in the fall.

Lucy Austin Cutler and her husband have moved to Indianapolis, Ind.

GENERAL—Jean Berger starts for Berkeley, Calif. on August 1! Some sort of research work.

Ernie Herman continues to write her letters on the backs of Browning notes—and is social servicing in Chicago as before.

Marge Young and Cupie Teter still have their jobs in New York.

Emily Daggy has been teaching French in the Norwalk High School—she was maid-of-honor at Kay Baker's wedding.

Muriel Dibble just completed a year at the Danbury Normal School and expects to do grade teaching next year.

Peg Worthy is still teaching in the grades.

Jan Pickett was at Rogers Hall for her second year.

Betty Archer spent two months this spring in New Orleans—was there for the Mardi Gras festivities.

Anne Shewell has been very busy at the Yale School of Nursing—gets a month's vacation in August. Haven't heard from Ginny Case, who has finished her second year of training there.

I expect to be registrar-ing at Stoneleigh all summer, except for about two weeks' vacation (I'm hoping to spend it sailing). We had our first commencement in June—never realized before just how much work is connected with the "inner workings" of a graduation!

Marge Thayer Biddle has a new address: 17014 Kenyon Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

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1935

CORRESPONDENT: Sylvia Dworski, 315 Ferry St., New Haven, Conn.

ENGAGED—May Kaffenburgh to Arthur Sondheim, Jr., Brown, '31 and Boston University Law School, '35. They will be married in the early fall.
MARRIED—Mary Jane Barton to Arthur Van Devear Shurts, on May 9. They will live in New London.

Nancy Boyd to Robert Martin in the latter part of May. They spent their honeymoon in New York and Bermuda, and are living in Latrobe, Pa.

MISCELLANEOUS—Betty Merrill, Ruth Fairfield and Frances Rush received their master’s degrees from Columbia Teachers’ College this June.

Gertude Park has been teaching at the Windsor School.

Harriette Webster is working in the statistical department of an insurance office.

Ginnie King is the secretary of the Young Republicans’ League in her town.

Lois Pond will spend the summer in Maine and in the fall will teach at the Lincoln School in Providence.

Jane Cox is spending the summer abroad in study and in travel. She will teach French in the East Haven High School which will be opened this coming fall.

Elizabeth Dutch will teach French next fall in a country day school for girls just outside of Saint Louis called Mary Institute. She expects to be at the Middlebury French School again this summer.

Helen Baumgarten will work at the State Farm for Women in Clinton, N.J., this summer.

Ethel Feingold expects to study at Harvard this summer.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

A contribution of fifty dollars to the Alumnae Association is the most important item of news from the Chicago Chapter.

At a tea in April, both students and alumnae of the Meriden Chapter were entertained at the home of Ruth Stevens Thornton. The program was presented by Ruth Wheeler, chairman, and Maidda Stevens, director of the Alumnae Association Films. In May, Elizabeth Hartshorn addressed the group at the home of Marjorie Backes Terrell. A June picnic concluded the year’s program, at the home of Marjorie Doyle Sullivan at Lake Beseck.

The closing meeting of the Hartford Chapter was held at the home of Barbara Rohrmayer ’35. A buffet supper was served, and the following officers were elected for next year: president, Ruth Worthington ’35; vice president, Dorothy Wheeler ’22; treasurer, Margaret Brewer Bunyan ’30; secretary, Doris Miner Chester ’24. Alice Ramsey, guest of honor, discussed current activities of the Personnel Bureau and read letters from alumnae who have unusual jobs.

At a dinner meeting in February, 30 members of the New Haven Chapter enjoyed two reels of moving pictures sent by the Alumnae Office. In March Prof. George E. Nichols of the Botany Department at Yale gave an illustrated lecture on alpine vegetation in North America. In April the club joined with Skidmore alumnae to give a dance at the New Haven Country Club, while the undergraduates of the two colleges were home for spring vacation. Over 300 people attended and the $94.00 that we cleared was divided between the clubs. In May the annual meeting was held after a very nice luncheon at the Y.W.C.A. Ten members were present. Janet Crawford How, president of the Alumnae Association was the guest of honor. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Helen Douglass North ’24; vice president, Laura Dunham Sternchuss ’26; treasurer, Esther Watrous ’21; social chairman, Jane Cox ’35; publicity chairman, Mercia May Richards ’32; membership chairman, Ruth Brown ’30; nominating chairman, Betty Moyle Gold ’23. The secretary will be elected in the fall from the graduating class.

In April the New Jersey Chapter offered a benefit performance at the Upper Montclair Women’s Club, by Leonard Stocker and Geraldine Kress. The former, a young baritone, has been curtain boy at the Metropolitan for several years, and Miss Kress, who is not yet twenty, has a brilliant future as a violinist. The concert was a success in bringing the name of Connecticut College before the public. The last meeting of the year, held...
at the home of Mrs. Howard Vernon, was well attended by several very attractive girls who will be freshmen at college next year. Movies of the College were shown. It is hoped that Helen Oakley will accept the presidency for next year when she returns from Europe this month.

The Pittsburgh Chapter has had no meetings since the tea given for Miss Blunt in February, but will start activities again in the fall.

At a recent dinner meeting, held at the Heathstone House, the Providence Chapter elected as new officers: president, Harriet Isherwood '34; vice president, Adeline Anderson Wood '29; recording secretary, Amy Kugler Wadsworth '19; corresponding secretary, Edith Mitchell ex-'32; treasurer, Betty Farnum '35; program chairman, Marian Geer '30; publicity chairman, Nanci Walker '35. With the proceeds from the May bridge party, the chapter voted to start a fund which will ultimately become a scholarship loan for a local girl. The June picnic, featuring the attractions of the Gloucester Country Club, was too late to be reported here.

The Waterbury Chapter held its May meeting at the home of Dora Milenky '25. A most instructive talk on modern art was given by Mr. Edward Balthazar, a local lawyer. In June the Stone family entertained the chapter at their home in Southbury. A picnic supper and sports were enjoyed and a short business meeting was held to elect the following officers for the coming year: president, Marion Pierpont '28; vice president and chairman of the program committee, Bertha Moskovitz '30; secretary, Eleanor Penney Herbst '28; treasurer, Harriet Stone Warner '26; chairman of publicity, Dora Milenky '25; chairman of nominating committee, Katherine Colgrove '26.

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