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COMMENCEMENT last June was ideal. The day was fine, and the feeling of unusual interest was apparent. Dr. Gunsaulus gave an address on the Study of History, showing the future in relation to the past. After the giving of the under-graduate certificates, and preceding the diplomas to the Seniors, Miss Myra Watson, '99, the President of the Alumnæ, with most fitting words, presented

Miss Harrison, '81, with the "Elizabeth Harrison Scholarship." The Scholarship is in commemoration of Miss Harrison having completed her twenty-fifth year in kindergarten work. It is Miss Harrison's design to make the Scholarship a Junior Honor. After receiving it, Miss Harrison presented it to Miss Eva Plus, of Peoria, Illinois, the fortunate and surprised Junior, the first to receive a merit Scholarship in the C. K. C. Miss Harrison spoke with much feeling, both in accepting it from the Alumnæ Association and in presenting it to Miss Plus, whose work she characterized as "good, honest and earnest." Miss Plus had not expected to be able to return for another year's work, but receiving the Scholarship assured her Senior Year.

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"The best laid plans of mice and men  
Gang aft aglay."

Thus far the quotation fits, but these "schemes" have a happier ending. A friend of Miss Plus so greatly desired that she should serve as governess to his children that he offered her a salary, and, in addition, an amount equal to the Scholarship (\$125.00), to be used when she may wish to return for her third year's work. Miss Plus is now in Mexico.

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The Scholarship has been transferred to Miss Clara Stephens, the Junior President. Thus, happily, the first Elizabeth Harrison Scholarship has given the Senior Year to two students.

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The Alumnæ gave a banquet to the '05 graduates on May 20th. It was successful from every standpoint. Bernice Palmer, '02, had charge of the menu, its preparation and serving. Margaret Farrar, '99, was chairman of the decorations. The tables were in yellow and blue, the Class colors, and the decorations about the room were in the same colors. The windows of the Assembly Hall were covered with tissue paper posters, representing a shining sun rising into a firmament of blue, the rising sun being the '05 emblem. Above the tables hung tissue pennants, one for each Class since 1890, each pennant showing its Class year, Class color and Class flower. The tables were arranged after the approved banquet pattern, the speakers' table extending north and south and raised

about a foot above the level of the guests' tables. Miss Harrison, '81, was toast mistress. The greeting for the day was given by Myra Watson, '97, the Alumnæ President; Mrs. Crouse as Honorary Member of the Class of '05, gave a short talk of congratulation on their successful completion of their Senior work; Mabel Osgood, the '05 Class President, answered to the toast, "The Rising Sun;" Frances Hopson, '98, "The First and Only Alumnæ Annual." She spoke feelingly of their many trials and their various interesting experiences. Lillian Krimbill, '99, "Our Normals;" Ethel Johnson Baldwin, '00, "College Spirit;" Kate Gerts Lunsford, '02, "Class Spirit;" Elizabeth Brown, '03, "On the Training of Freshmen." Miss Brown was a Senior when the '05's were "Freshies," so she could do the subject full justice. Jessie La Salle, '04, having returned from Europe after a year's sojourn, was asked for a few words. She told the graduates how much her C. K. C. training had meant to her, and how it had enabled her to enjoy many foreign cities in both their architecture and art. Her talk was a loving tribute to the College, the appreciation of her student days was so evident. Miss Harrison saw among the guests, Mrs. George M. Clayberg, who graduated in the days when it took only one year to complete the course. She responded to a request for a few remarks, by giving some reminiscences. "Do tell me what became of Thomas," she asked in conclusion. "When I was a student we felt that Thomas was an essential to the College welfare." This started a dozen to their feet, and "Thomas stories" held the attention amid much laughter for some time. Sixty enthusiastic graduates enjoyed the good time.

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Once upon a time, long ago and far away, when knights gathered at the Round Table and minstrels journeyed from castle to castle telling stories, there were so few books that each listener remembered all that he could, and he, in turn, as he traveled about, told the stories as he remembered them. It took many years before they were gathered together, printed, and then bound into hand-made books. The books were all hand-made in those days. In these days we have a parallel. The Kindergarten stories are told by the directors on the circle, our Round Table, the students hear them, remember them, and repeat them—first at home to the little nieces and nephews, and later in their own Kindergartens. Many of these stories are not to be found in print, and are preserved as were the old legends, by word of mouth only. As in the olden times again, some of these stories have been gathered together and put into hand-made books. The Juniors presented the Seniors with beautiful manuscript (mimeographed) story-books, containing four stories: A Scroll with the Golden Letters; Story of the Three Butterflies; The Great Walled City, and Theodosia and the Pearl Necklace. The covers of the books are heavy gray mounting board tied with the Class colors, maize and light blue. Upon the covers are illumined in old English, "Stories '05-'06."

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The Seniors of '05 departed somewhat from the past customs. Their Class party was held in the Assembly Hall of the Fine Arts Building, and in addition to the reception and dance, at which the fathers and brothers were among the guests, there was a most unique exhibition of pictures loaned by Mr. Seymour Thurber and others, illustrating and emphasizing

sizing the general outline of a year's work in Kindergarten. The Class presented its guests with a splendid classified catalog of these pictures, for which Mrs. Crouse, their honorary member, wrote the preface, and Miss Harrison wrote the introduction.

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As a gift to the College, the Class presented a beautiful large carbon copy of Millet's "Sowers."

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There were twenty-six graduates in the Class: Mattie Beaton, Pauline Crouse, Helen Duncan, Jessie Davis, Grace Forbes, Anna Maulsby, Nettie Manthei, Carrie Newell, Frances Portman, Grace Thompson, Margaret Shepard, Lucia Sanderson, Clara Tostevin, Lillian Wybrant, Jean MacMillan, Mabel Waite, Julia Selover, Grace Hemingway, Mabel Osgood, Ella Neumann, Mary Bohn, Edith Minor, Annie Cobb, Florence Hollingsworth, Lillian Wanner, Bertina Bowen.



The first Social Tea of the season was in the form of a reception to the Freshmen. After the tea drinking, several of the Alumnæ were invited to the platform to act as judges in a novel entertainment. Georgene Faulkner made a regular "Georgene speech," explaining a large placard which hung on the wall bearing this legend: "The Salient Characteristics of Our New Gift, the Freshmen." The Freshmen were lined up before the judges, who made the following awards: The tallest, Miss Gordon, a foot rule; the shortest, Miss Caspry, a cake of yeast; the nearest, Miss Herring, a street car; the farthest, Miss Davis, a "chou chou" train; the heaviest, Jennie Russell, a pair of scales; the lightest, Miss Green, a loaf of French bread.

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The October Tea, in charge of Lotta Krum, '02, and Lillian Wybrant, '05, was postponed from the "first Thursday" to the succeeding Saturday. An account of the linen shower on that day will be found elsewhere.

The November Tea was in charge of Muriel Pettit, '02, and Mary Neff, '06. During the tea drinking Mrs. Arnold gave an informal account of the eventful summer in Italy.

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The December Tea will be a stereoptican entertainment of Christmas pictures from Professor Farrar's unusually fine collection. On account of the number of pictures to be shown, the tea drinking will be omitted.

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Margaret Farrar, '99, is Chairman of the Social Committee this year.



"Isn't psychology fine; it's so easy and interesting!" This was said by one of this year's Freshmen to a "long since graduate." The L. S. G.



marveled, remembering her own "rassels" with the "blue books," until the Freshman in her enthusiasm happened to mention how psychology is being presented to her Class. In fact, there are many changes this year in the Freshman work. There is no morning practice for the first three months! Imagine that! On Tuesday and Friday mornings the Freshmen are at the College having lectures in psychology and great literature, and playing games. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, they do observation work in specified Kindergartens, and make reports of designated observations under the direction of the supervisor, Miss Frances Wetmore, '98, applying their growing knowledge of psychology. When the L. S. G. heard all this she hummed to herself:

"Things aint now as they used to was been,  
And folks don't do as they used to did then."

and she rejoiced with the Freshmen.

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The C. K. C. has established a branch of the National Story Tellers' League. The original intention of the League by its founder, Richard Wyche, was to create some feature of school work that would tend to develop the elocutionary and memorizing faculties of the pupils under his charge. The work at the College will be done with the double intention of benefiting the elder members of the organization and developing the children under the direction of members of the League. All are cordially invited to join. The fee is \$1.00. No other expense. None but those willing to tell stories will be eligible for membership.

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The Summer School and Convention of Southern Kindergartners at Knoxville, Ky., last June was of unusual interest. Miss Harrison and Dr. Snider were there during the entire session, Miss Harrison lecturing on "Primary Methods" and "Story Telling," and Dr. Snider on "Literary Bibles: Shakespeare, Homer, Dante and Goethe." Mrs. Crouse was at the Convention several weeks, lecturing on the general subject of Kindergartens. During a visit of inspection to the Model Farm, about fifteen miles from Knoxville, Mrs. Crouse gave an address.

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A Faculty Wedding.—On June 2, at three in the afternoon, in Emanuel Baptist Church, Miss Jean Carpenter was married to Francis Arnold. Mrs. Crouse and Miss Harrison were witnesses on this happy occasion. A small reception followed the ceremony, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Crouse. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold left that evening for the East, en route for a summer among the Italian pictures. They had been studying art preparatory to the trip for a couple of years. They are keeping house at 125 Pearson St., Chicago, and are with their accustomed classes at the C. K. C. as formerly. The members of the Alumnæ Association wish them many happy years together.

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The regular October "Tea," the "first Thursday," was postponed to Saturday, October 7th, at 2:00 p. m., and was in the nature of a linen

shower for Mrs. Francis Arnold. Mrs. Arnold was the recipient of many ornamental as well as useful gifts.

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Mr. Arnold is giving a series of hour talks every Monday at 4:30 p. m., to continue during the Thomas Concert season. He deals with each program in advance, supplementing his talk with piano illustrations.

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Our Mr. Snider has out one new book: Architecture. His latest, "The Psychology of Feeling," is nearly completed.

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Eleanor Smith had 2,000 students in her Summer School classes of the University of Chicago.

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The I. K. U. at Toronto. Miss Harrison, '81, Belle Woodson, '02, Margaret Farrar, '99, Lillian Matthias, '04, and Georgene Faulkner, '96, represented the C. K. C. Miss Harrison lectured on "Program Work." Netta Faris, '02, Principal and Supervisor of the Cleveland Kindergarten Training School, and Mabel McKinney had an exhibit of hand work.

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Normal students 1905-6, C. K. C. Mrs. Alma O. Ware, '00, Miss Bertina Bowen, '05, Miss Helen Duncan, '05.



Grace Fulmer, '93, is at the head of the Kindergarten Training Department which was added to the Washington, D. C., Normal School last June. The public school buildings are so crowded that the Kindergarten Department is in a private house, one floor of which is given to the Kindergartens in which the first year girls observe for the greater part of the year. The second floor contains Miss Fulmer's office, and the Rest and Study rooms for both Juniors and Seniors. There are eight Seniors entered and eleven Juniors, the number of Juniors being limited at present to twelve.

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In her letter Miss Fulmer gives a most cordial invitation to any of the C. K. C. girls to visit the work at 1017 12th Street, N. W., Washington.

Miss Fulmer, in addition to her Washington work, will give a series of six lectures at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, during January. She will give four lectures on "Practical Suggestions for the Use of Gifts and Occupations," and two on "Children's Plays and Games."

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Georgia Allison, '94, one of the foremost kindergarteners of the East, and head of the Kindergarten Training School in Pittsburg, died of appen-



dicitis, November 7th. She was to have married Mr. Frederick Bayley of Los Angeles, on Thanksgiving Day.

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Those who know Mrs. Edith Jenkins Logan will be saddened to hear of the death of her husband, Mr. William A. Logan, a banker in Keokuk Iowa. Mrs. Logan has a little boy two years old. Rosa Belle Knox, '07 has been with her this summer.



FROM LOTTA KRUM, CHAIRMAN.—The Correspondence Committee last autumn sent out 600 printed letters each accompanied by a personal note, to all students who ever attended the C. K. C. for any length of time. The chief purport of this letter was the proposed scholarship and Thanksgiving Day letter shower, and the announcement of the Teas. After Christmas 600 more printed letters with nearly as many personal notes followed, telling of the success of the Teas, and the as yet unobtainable Scholarship, besides news of the College and the girls. In March about 100 more personal notes followed, inviting memberships to complete the Scholarship fund. Responses were received daily from all over the country, the majority containing membership dues, and practically all expressing extreme loyalty to the College and a desire to hear oftener from the C. K. C. Letters came from many from whom the College had not heard for years. The Committee feels well repaid for its efforts and although the expense of printing, stamps and stationery was in the neighborhood of \$50.00, the membership of the Association is increased from 35 of last year to 217, and the once hoped for Scholarship is now a reality.



IN THE SPRING NUMBER.—A description of the beautiful Florence Lawson memorial room in the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

"A Brief History of the C. K. C.," by Mrs. Emma A. Beebe.

The Cleveland news. From the letters received we find they are "doing things" there.

Extracts from a letter of Grace Fulmer about her stay in Europe.

The Treasurer's Report for 1904-5.

Many personal items of interest.

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