

BRYN MAWR ENDS WORKERS' COLLEGE

Unique Educational Experiment Brought to Close and Girls Go Back to Jobs

Everybody felt blue at Bryn Mawr College today. The hour had come for the going home of the eighty-three girls who left their positions in various fields of industry, eight weeks ago, to attend the unique summer school with which the college blended an educational treat.

There were suitcases aplenty and promises to write, and once in a while there was a stray suspicion of moisture in bright blue or brown eyes. Here was the rub. These girls who today must return to their positions as telephone operators, landladies, garment workers, waitresses and the like do not mind that. They are the type of girls who are honestly interested in their work.

It was to have to part with all the new-found friends that made the home-going a real sorrow. And the members of the faculty and the tutors who watched the girls walk their way slowly down the bright green campus felt every bit as badly as the girls. Some of the girls have to go as far as California to get home. They represent nearly every State in the Union.

"There was genuine regret on all sides," said Mrs. Chadwick Collins, an alumna member of the Joint Administrative Committee. "The girls were not dissatisfied to leave because they had to return to their positions, but it was just that they had to leave Bryn Mawr and every one hated to see them leave."

Wait for Results

The question that looms big in educational circles throughout the country is whether the Bryn Mawr School for Working Girls, the first of its kind in the country, will continue. This matter has not been finally decided. Mrs. Collins explained: "The experiment was undoubtedly an unequalled success and every one feels it would be a distinct calamity if the girls of industry should not by circumstances be permitted to come back."

"The question is more a financial one than anything else. At the present moment the outlook is bright and the general feeling is that the girls will be with us again next summer. The decision rests, however, with the Joint Administrative Board, composed of representatives of the women workers, of the alumnae and the college."

In summing up the results of the eight weeks' course Mrs. Collins said: "The question is so broad that it is

hard to know just where to begin. One of the important things the girls learned was tolerance. When they came here each had her own views and there were many arguments, but they learned to listen and hear the other side, and even to become interested in the other side.

"Another thing they learned was that theories only become of great value when an attempt is made to see how they would work in practice. Many of our girls were extremely bright, but necessarily they had many theories, and they learned to put them to a broad, liberal education not particularly to specialize. We wanted to fit them for working better and for playing better. One important thing was to teach them the value of relaxation and to show them everything taught and learned need not have an immediate relation to the job.

"The girls seemed to absorb these ideas. From the standpoint of the faculty and the students the experiment was an unqualified success."

CAMDEN PASTOR TO QUIT

The Rev. Henry J. Belting Asks to Be Relieved of Charge

Differences with certain members of his congregation have caused the Rev. Henry J. Belting, pastor of State Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden, to ask for his release from his charge.

The Rev. Mr. Belting is passing his vacation with his family at Ashbury Park. He made known to his congregation that he had requested Bishop Berry and District Superintendent Corson to relieve him of the pastorate of the State Street Church.

For some time past it has been known that certain officers of the church objected to the pastor's appointments on certain committees. Mr. Belting, it is said, decided he wanted a change.

Philadelphians Awarded Contract

The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings has awarded the contract for the completion of the south office building in Capitol Park to the Standard Construction Company, this city, at its bid of \$1,030,000. That was the lowest of six bids.

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