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From the past

EQUAL PAY FOR WHAT?

an article from "Talkabout" March 1949.

In today's environment of equal opportunity and attempts to link salaries to performance, it's good to know that controversy was as alive and well in 1949 as it is in 1998.

Today with ever increasing momentum women are clamouring equal pay for equal work. "We are the equal of men, give us the money we deserve." Full well they have cried and such has been their impetus on the structure of our social framework that we must turn for a moment and pay some attention to their claims. In making their cry, "equal pay for equal work," I feel that by far the greatest aspect to be considered has been omitted. Would not it have been much better, would not this cry have received much more attention if it had read, "Equal pay for equal work and equal responsibility." How many of the present female agitators have ever considered this aspect? If half the loaf is eaten surely we must expect them to eat the other half. How many women today are willing to accept the responsibility of men, to share the rougher aspects of a man's life. How many women today would be prepared to stand shoulder to shoulder with men in a crowded bus, and then not complain indignantly to their families about the indecent, barbaric practices of modern man, and that such a thing would have never happened in mother's time? Ah, no, my female friends, I do not clamour to be a Sir Lancelot, but society has decreed something better for women. We live in a new world, "in a brave new world," and if it must have such creatures in it, it would seem they must receive that particular place which destiny has decreed for them. Let us consider for a moment what would happen in this world where women receive equal

KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

As I have pointed out in my "President's Letter" in this issue of TALKABOUT, the WWTC Alumni Committee are seeking your support in two different areas. Firstly, there is the Alumni Scholarship Fund which is already up and running with donations received from colleagues who are anxious to see this project succeed.

It is an important project as it will serve to perpetuate the spirit and comradeship which was established so long ago and still exists. The WWTC Alumni Association will have direct input as to how this fund is managed and where the Fund will expend its monies. The Fund will be managed through the Charles Sturt University Foundation and ALL donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. All information pertaining to activities of the Fund will be communicated to our membership through TALKABOUT.

THE TEST

I suppose the ultimate test or our "Wagga Wagga Spirit" will be gauged

pay for equal work and are allowed equal responsibility. The first thing that must alter would be her physique. Permitted all the responsibilities of a man it would not be very long before some women would be debase enough to enter the field of manual labour. Can you imagine any man, no matter how dauntless, paying court to a woman with the build of a heavyweight wrestler?

Next thing to fall victim to the change would be many of our much-cherished and long-established social institutions,

by the support received from our colleagues not only in the financial aspect but with ideas and contributions of new and views.

The membership contribution can either be sent directly to June Hadley or be included with your donation to the Scholarship Fund. It will then be forwarded to June by the Alumni Office.

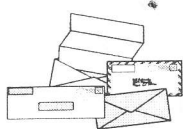
We are confident that the newly formed WWTCAA will evolve into a vibrant and worthwhile Association which will meet the needs of its membership. Your willingness and courage to "secure the future" by providing for the best possible education for members of the WWTC Alumni family is an outstanding goal. Please indicate your support for this appeal by completing the enclosed form and returning it with donation / contribution to the Alumni Office in the reply paid envelope provided.

Bob Collard
PRESIDENT

and to illustrate my point, I should like to discuss a very familiar one, marriage. Is it possible to conceive of a man accepting the invitation of a woman to marry her?

No, the right to accept or decline her mate for life has been the prerogative of the female for generations, and it would be only logical that it should remain so. Perhaps the worst fated institution in such a step would be the home. Or

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Letter from the President

This edition of Talkabout has been compiled by the sub-committee of the WWTC Alumni under the directorship of Lew Crabtree and Lou Morrell with the assistance of the Alumni Office. They are searching for a format that will be both informative and pleasing.

INFORMATION PLEASE

To realise this ambition, they will need information and contributions from all sections of the WWTC Alumni. Such news as to the whereabouts of members, whom we are trying to trace; names and addresses of the contact persons for the various sessions; news about planned reunions; reports about reunions; letters from our Alumni members who are seeking to renew contact with college

colleagues and any other contributions that will add to the quality of our main source of communication.

KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

This edition will see the launching of the WWTC Alumni Scholarship Fund. You are invited to make your donation to this fund, which will not only assist students who are related to members of our Alumni but will serve to perpetuate the deeds and memories of WWTC.

ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS

As well, the committee handling the affairs of the WWTC are seeking a contribution towards the running expenses of this committee. The Alumni Committee meets every three months. Our locations are expanding as we seek

to meet the discerned needs of our membership. We would welcome any and all suggestions that will guide us with deliberation.

SEND THE

donation to "The Scholarship Fund" to:-
The Alumni Office
Charles Sturt University
Panorama Avenue
Bathurst NSW 2795

contribution to the "WWTC Committee Fund" to:-

June Hadley
Treasurer, WWTC
2/41 Dean Street
West Pennant Hills NSW 2125.

Let us strive to keep the memories alive through Talkabout.

Bob Collard
PRESIDENT

Equal pay for What? cont.....

shall we reach that glorious stage in our civilisation when, like the creatures of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," we shall live pre-determined lives, owe our existence to some chemical concept, and do away with emotion, love, fear and all those other intriguing factors which make life so worth while? This is the sort of thing, the state of society, which such a trend would produce. Having considered what would happen we must now turn and see if women can justify their claims. Perhaps I as a man am not qualified to argue from this sphere, but rather than break the continuity of my test it must be considered. Today women enjoy a liberty to dabble in the affairs of the world, to muddle in occupations and to constitute a driving force that they have never been before. However, they fail and miserably so to satisfy the responsibilities which society has given them in their new-won freedom. It has gone three decades since women received the right to vote. Yet today it would be no exaggeration to say that the modern woman is politically ignorant and not aware of the detailed aspects of the political parties in power. The number of women who have bothered to enter parliament and the diplomatic field bears still further testimony to my arguments. When we turn to the field of teaching, it is found that the woman teacher along with her sisters in other professions has raised this vital issue. But the same grim argument still applies. Until the average woman teacher is willing to raise herself from her lethargy and fight for some more responsible sphere in the teaching

Notes from the Minutes

LAST MEETING

Held on Tuesday 10 February at Teachers' Credit Union, Homebush. Present were Bob Collard, Lorna Robinson, Dorothy Tanner, Lew Crabtree, Lou Morrell, John Riley, Phil Bastick, Col Crittenden, June Hadley and Ann Smith.

APOLOGIES

Lindsay Buck

TALKABOUT GOES WALKABOUT

Due to a hiccup in the Alumni database programme, former staff of WWTC did not receive copies of the first issue. This has been addressed and copies of the 1st issue will be received with the 2nd issue.

VALE

A letter was received from Mrs Faye Sherret advising of the death of her husband Stuart Johnston Sherret (1953-54) on August 1, 1996.

Included with this issue is a list of deceased Alumni known to the Alumni Office. It obviously would not be complete, so if you know of deceased Alumni please notify the Alumni Office

with details so that the records can be kept as accurately as possible

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations have already started to come in. David Farmer, Sylvia Andrews (Fogarty) and Lou Morrell have jumped the gun and got in ahead of everyone in 'KEEPING the SPIRIT ALIVE'.

WWTC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - ROLE & OBJECTIVES

The Committee would like some help in identifying the most suitable role for the Association in addressing the needs of its members. Please send in your comments and suggestions. It is generally agreed that the Association is not just a fundraiser but a catalyst and a facilitator for social and other activities and projects that will aid in 'KEEPING the SPIRIT ALIVE'.

ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTION

The committee agreed that it would seek from members a contribution of \$5 to assist with the administration of the Associations business and help defray costs of producing Talkabout.

profession she can't expect to accomplish very much. Perhaps I have been extreme in my argument here, but it is only because the situation warrants it. If what I have had to say has made the way clear for thought in the minds of some of the future women teachers in this College, then the time spent in writing

this epistle will not have been in vain. For until women have shown they are willing and capable of accepting responsibility, till the social framework can be reconciled to fit the new situation, it will remain, in the words of a present writer, "a man's world".

JCG

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Your say in TALKABOUT

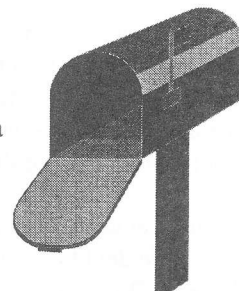
TALKABOUT welcomes any articles, letters, anecdotes, writings or snippets from all Wagga Wagga Teachers' College Alumni. It is hoped to publish this journal quarterly and to make it a popular communicator. We stress "all" as this publication is to cover the whole of Alumni - 1949-1972. It is not just for the "oldies" although some of us may be entering that category.

For meeting notices, reunions, social events or snippets concerning Alumni, please forward these to:-
Lou Morrell, 25 Grandview Drive,
Newport NSW 2106
phone (02) 99971506 or to:-
Lew Crabtree, 54 Kiparra Street, West
Pymble NSW 2073
phone (02) 94985457.
To date, we've had no takers - come on - please!

It would be wonderful if someone from each session would volunteer to be liaison officer, social secretary, call it what you will, one who could gather

and submit items of interest concerning session reunions, happenings or news for publication.

You will notice in the first issue an appeal was made by John Riley for entries to "Teaching Memories". These are most welcome. Please forward them to John at 2 Woorak Crescent, Miranda NSW 2228 or phone him on (02) 95255304.



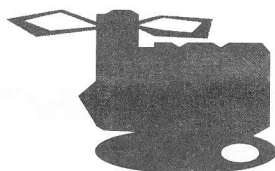
Vic on the Mend

Dr Victor Couch, lecturer in Education for the first four years of Wagga Wagga Teachers' College, is recovering at home after a serious accident late last year.

He tripped while walking and fell against a sheet of plate glass which shattered. A large sliver of the glass became embedded in his left arm, requiring surgery to remove the glass.

Vic spent nine weeks in hospital undergoing physiotherapy to restore the use of his arm following surgery and is now able to drive again and resume some of his former activities.

He was in his normal good spirits when seen at this home late February.



FOR ANECDOTES

John Riley has only received a few items and would like to express his thanks to those who have sent in so far. He sends an **URGENT appeal** to all WWTC colleagues to rouse themselves either from their lethargy or from hedonistic activities associated with retirement and send their items to him. So far he has received items from:

Dr Victor Couch - Killara
John F Pankhurst - Winston Hills
Bob Henderson - Berowra
Mrs Betty Dunn - Lavington
Mort Rawlin - Mansfield (VIC)
Yvonne Day (Harbrow) - Wantabadgery
Anon. - 6 snippets to which I somehow managed not to put a name
Keith Dunn - Wangi Wangi
Margaret McGowan (Jackson) - Central Coast
John Riley - Miranda (I have put some items on disk in readiness for the big event)

ALUMNI SERVICES ON THE WEB

at
<http://www.csu.edu.au/division/alumni/>
OR
email to alumni@csu.edu.au

"KEEP in TOUCH"

**For all your Reunion enquiries or anything
else please call:**

The Alumni Office

(02) 633 84629

1998 WWTC Alumni Association Meeting Schedule

The committee will meet each quarter at 11am on the second Tuesday of the month at the NSW Teachers' Credit Union, 28-38 Powell Street, Homebush.

Dates are:-

May 12

August 11

November 10

All Wagga Wagga Teachers' College Alumni are invited to attend each meeting and join in discussion. Please contact the Secretary, Ann Smith (02) 96350449 if you wish to attend future meetings and stay for lunch or just turn up on the day for the meeting only.

Vale

JOHN OGSTIN MITCHELL

John Mitchell, second editor of Talkabout, died just before Christmas 1997 at his house in Oatley, Sydney.

We remember him from College days as someone, who appeared at first to be a bit of a trouble-maker - a stirrer - a radical, and for many students fresh from school he was held in some awe. Even Ex-Service students, older and used to discipline felt some of this.

John enjoyed "poking the eye" of authority in college and there's little doubt he was an enigma for George Blakemore the Principal. But if George didn't understand him others on the staff did. He was befriended by Ron (Dutch) Holland on the English Staff. This was to be understood in terms of John's love of words for their power and their beauty and because Dutchy knew what John was about.

As editor of the student paper John didn't hesitate to "have a shot" at staff as well as students which on one occasion he did with the headline "PAST WORRYIN' - PAST CARING" -- Apathetic Attitude of Students and Staff". He turned out to be a good editor of Talkabout because he was a thinker, and above all, a questioner and these two qualities underpinned all that he did for the paper. He also encouraged writing talent, recruiting people as wide as possible to contribute articles and other items for publication.

It isn't known if George Blakemore recognised his value in College life but others certainly did.

John was a significant founder of the "tongue in the cheek" Leninsky Society, a loosely knit group which to our

knowledge never held a meeting, but which held to the credo : "The darkness yields to the rising of the sun". There is a photo extant of this group performing what would be today, a Mexican Wave - with the right hand only.

John married Nita Chidzey (a Pioneer) and after eleven years teaching here moved to Canada to live; a large part of their lives has been spent as expatriate Australians living most recently in Calgary.

John retained his ability to "needle" authority but not from any other motive than that of trying to get authority to confront the facts. As a multi-degreed senior school Principal he often tried to alter the agenda of administrators, as he pursued the betterment of Alberta's education system.

He was of course more than a prodder of authority, being a very caring man as a teacher and administrator. He had a central concern for the well being of the children in his care.

He retained his wry sense of irony to the end of his life and always loved a joke. He remained very much the same as we knew him in Wagga.

John's sudden death about a week before Christmas came as a terrible shock to Nita and to those friends who had kept contact with him. He will be long remembered.

LAUTREC

Where are they now?

In recent years there have been attempts to compile a comprehensive list of names and addresses of the the Alumni. Whilst this has been moderately successful, many seem to have disappeared from the face of the earth.

Many of our colleagues downed chalk early in their careers and it would be interesting to hear of them. If you have any information on them please share it with us. How often when colleagues meet and chat do we hear the query "Whatever happened to so and so?"

I was recently reminded of this on the sad occasion of John Mitchell's funeral, where one of the mourners was Barry Jackson. Many had not heard of him since College days.

Those who knew him, all remember his prowess on the football field. Barry was a most versatile character. Do you remember him as "The Bearded Beaver from Bullamacanka" who wrestled "Gorgeous George" John Biscay, or his leading role as Father in "Life with Father"?

Well remembered is his famous dining room interjection.

Our Principal, George Blakemore, always dined with "his students" at dinner and said Grace: "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful for Christ's sake". At this juncture, Barry very loudly interjected with "Siddown"!

George glared furiously trying to

locate this blasphemous interjector amidst the tittering and highly amused students - all to no avail.

For many years, Barry was a high school Librarian. Still a most imposing figure, one can easily imagine "Silence in the Library" meant exactly that. Barry can be contacted, just write to The Great Barry Jackson, Gerroa NSW 2534.

All of us have some memories we would like to share - think about it.

What we would like from those of you who have kept copies of TALKABOUT of your era, is to photocopy items of interest and send them to us for comment and publication.

LAUTREC

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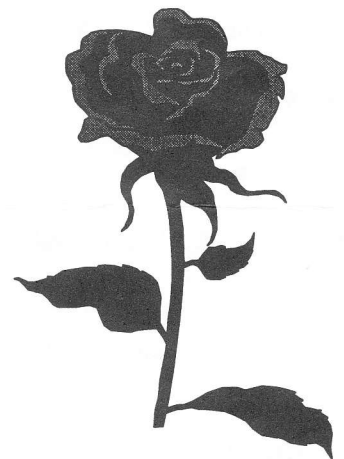
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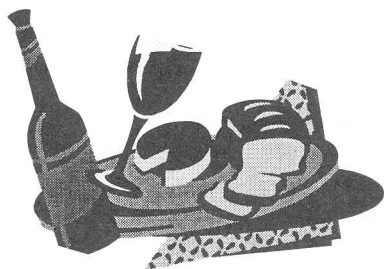
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NB: This list of names has been prepared from information received from family and friends. If there are some inaccuracies or additions to be recorded please contact the Alumni Office by phone, fax, email or as indicated on page 3.



Social Happenings 1998

50th Anniversary Follow-on

A small group of WWTC 1947-50 alumni members have met for lunch in Sydney on three occasions since the reunion in Wagga last June.

It was at first intended as a "girls" get together, but John Riley has joined us and attended each time, so "boys" are welcome, bring your spouse if you wish.

Those who have attended are: John Riley, Crystal Wangman (Cox), Mona Lyman (Cheney), Hazel Mann (Kaye), Fay Mitchell (Mullins), Lorna Robinson (Egan), Jeanette O'Connell (Urquhart), Norma Cook (Jenkins), Pat Carey (Plowman), Grace Wilson (Ferrier), Betty Punton, Eileen Donoghue (Ryan), Ann Smith (Broadhead), Dorothy Tanner (Williamson), Shirley Slater (Morcomb) and June Hadley

(Robinson).

Firstly, we met at Circular Quay on 15 July and lunched at the Intercontinental Hotel Buffet. On 10 November, we went to David Jones downstairs restaurant and again on 13 January this year. We plan to meet regularly, but no one is obliged to come each time, the average has been eight people.

The meeting place - David Jones, Elizabeth Street entrance - in the vicinity of the "piano man" between 11.30 am and midday when we move down to the restaurant for lunch.

Future dates: Thursday, April 16
Monday, July 13
Wednesday, October 14

To assist with possible numbers for a table reservation, it would be helpful to contact June Hadley on (02) 98753949 or John Riley on (02) 95255304. However, if you just arrive on the day, we will be pleased to welcome you.

Do join us.

June Hadley

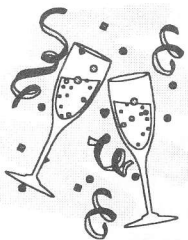
1953-55 Reunion

VENUE: Southern Highlands

Date: 18 & 19 April, 1998

For more information, please contact:

Noel Haberecht on (02) 62470738



WAC Old Boys Union Annual Dinner

VENUE: Wagga Wagga

Date: June Long Weekend - 6 & 7 June, 1998

For more information, please contact:

WACOBUSecretary, Debby Slinger on (02) 69241559 AH

1956-57 Reunion

VENUE: Ranelagh Guest House, Robertson near Bowral

Date: 18 & 19 April, 1998

For more information, please contact:

Irene Crittenden (Wilson) on (02) 97245931

1958-59 Reunion

VENUE: Wagga Wagga

Date: June Long Weekend - 6, 7 & 8 June, 1998

For more information, please contact:

Ruth Jeans (Cook) in Sydney on (02) 99533232 or
Lucy Denley (Jones) in Canberra on (02) 62952718

WAC 1949-50 Reunion

VENUE: Wagga Wagga

Date: June Long Weekend - 6 & 7 June, 1998

For more information, please contact:

WACOBUSecretary, Debby Slinger on (02) 69241559 AH

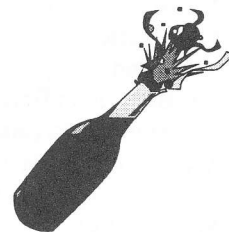
1966-67 Reunion

VENUE: Wagga Wagga

Date: 11 & 12 July, 1998

For more information, please contact:

Chris or Jenny Blake on (02) 63721338

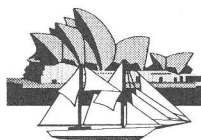


Harbour Cruise Lunch

Anybody for a Harbour Cruise Lunch on 1st September, 1998?

Cruise departs Darling harbour 12.15 pm returning to Darling Harbour at 2.25 pm

Cost: \$48 per adult



Closing date: 11th August, 1998

Contact: June Hadley, (02) 9875 3949

1951-53 Reunion

VENUE: Canberra International Hotel

Proposed Date: 22nd & 23rd September, 1998
(during Floriade)

For information on this "Get together" please contact:
R. McKinnon, 2 Clarence Street, North Ryde NSW
or phone (02) 98781857

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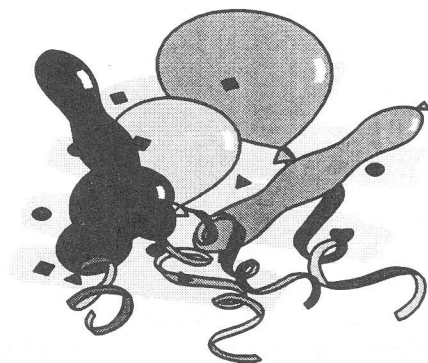
1947-51 Reunion

VENUE: Canberra

Date: April, 1999

For more information,
please contact:

Dorothy Judd (Collins)
on (02) 62487542



*Reply from
the past*

This is for What?

To "J.C.G." who wrote "Equal Pay for What?" No need to tell us you're a man. I could have guessed it. Who would insinuate that the other sex could so capably sum up the "true" position of women, who but a man of course could have such insight into woman's character, who else would have the insight to see that women do not want responsibility, that they have shirked responsibilities laid on them since the beginning of this century (there, I don't even remember the date), that they lack a man's physique, and that they are lethargic? Oh, yes, Mr J.C.G., you're a man, no doubt about that.

First of all, the question of physique. My dear man, a woman weighing 7 stone 6 lbs is capable of bearing as much responsibility as a man of 12 to 14 stone, "big and strong" though he may be. So much for that aspect of responsibility.

Next you say "it would not be very long before some women would be debased enough to enter the field of manual labour". Now you either mean that some women would be base enough to or that some women would debase themselves. Obviously, my big he-man your knowledge of the verb "to debase" is not all that it should be. Nor are we fooled by your apparent concern for the women who are debasing themselves. Your only concern is that you may be left aesthetically and sexually unsatisfied.

"Can you image any man, no matter how dauntless, paying

court to a woman with the build of a heavy-weight wrestler?" Are you afraid of getting all the belttings when your someone comes home from work? As for the much-debated question of seats for women (in buses and trams, that is) I feel certain that once women were given equal responsibility, they would willingly give up their seats to the poor hard-working men who take their responsibilities so badly.

Mr J.C.G., have you ever heard of Russia? Russia is a country where the sexes are equal, i.e. where women do their share of the dirty work, their share of the important work of the country. Do you think women in other countries of the world do not realise what is involved? Do you honestly take us for such fools? Do you not know that there are countries in the world where women do more of the manual labour of the country than the men but have none of the privileges of equality. Women want the right to pay for their own meals, the right to inquire, to explore, the right to think for themselves and to act for themselves. They know what is involved.

Next you bring up the problem of the home. Obviously you are still young enough or naive enough, Mr J.C.G., to believe that the man proposes to his future mate. Study the psychology of women a little more thoroughly, my boy, and find a book written by a woman. And you are still young enough to be frightened by bogey men, "the creatures of brave new world!" You omitted in your reasoning to explain how we were to become like these "creatures". It seems that the man and woman of Russia still lead a sexual life, still produce children who are in every respect quite normal, intelligent and adjusted. As yet there is no suggestion of monstrosities.

A little further on, Mr J.C.G., you make your only penetrating remark, when you say "women enjoy a liberty to dabble in the

affairs of the world." None of her attempts are taken seriously by you, Mr J.C.G., or your colleagues the world over, excluding Russia. You say she has had three decades, long enough, you imply too long.

You, Mr J.C.G., and your kind have had from the beginning of time, and what can you show? The results are nothing but war and hatred and meddling, yet you have the audacity to say that in three decades women have failed miserably. Have Dame Enid Lyons and Senator Tangey, who had to fight against the prejudice of a man's world to win their positions, failed? Has Eleanor Roosevelt failed? Have May Hollingworth and Doris Fitton, who keep theatre alive in Sydney, failed? Has Henry Handel Richardson or Virginia Woolf, Marian Anderson, Amy Johnson, Eileen Joyce, Helen Keller, Marjorie Lawrence, Edith Sitwell and thousand of others failed? Are you mad?

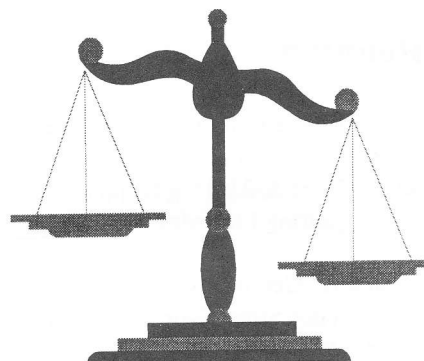
That is a bird's-eye view of what women have done in only three decades. Being a man you would not of course realise the prejudice which any of these people have had to fight. "You don't want to spend all your years studying. In one or two years you'll be married and what good will books do you then?" You see - and that is nothing.

Give women time and the opportunity to educate themselves and we shall see. Take the teaching profession as an example of prejudice. No woman can become mistress of a school

where there are men on the staff. A man cannot suffer the indignity of having a woman, no matter how brilliant, above him. So she has to remain only the mistress of a girls' school, no more. That is the lethargy, Mr J.C.G., that you talk about. It is "a man's world," don't we know it. But women will get over the barriers and then the scene will assume its right perspective.

Meanwhile, poor fellow, tremble and be afraid.

"Brunnhilde"



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