

# HUGHES ASKS PARITY FOR GIRLS' COLLEGES

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The need to develop women's colleges on a parity with institutions for men was stressed last night by Charles Evans Hughes at a dinner of the Alumnae Committee of Seven Colleges at the Hotel Astor, attended by about 1,000 alumnae of Smith, Vassar, Mount Holyoke, Bryn Mawr, Radcliffe, Barnard and Wellesley, for the purpose of stressing the financial needs of these colleges.

Mr. Hughes asserted that such equal development was necessary at this time when women were extending their activities into every field, since there was a coordinate need for educational opportunities for the training of leaders or women. With opportunities for enjoyment of cultural attainments growing, continued Mr. Hughes, it was imperative also that women obtain educational equipment, equal to that of men.

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"I suppose," said Mr. Hughes, "you will agree with the adaptation, in this view, of the saying of one of our Admirals, and that you believe in faith, hope and parity, and that the greatest of these is parity. Certainly political equality, which we assure for women, would be a hopeless achievement without equality of educational opportunity."

"It is unnecessary to speak of the essential preparation for the many pursuits now open to women, of which, for economic reasons, she is increasingly inclined, or even compelled, to avail herself. In any activity for which a college training is recognized as a necessary preliminary in the case of men, that training is equally indispensable for women. They have an equal right to it.