

# BILLINGS HALL



**Year Built: 1904**

“Excavations for the new building, Billings Hall, to stand directly back of Music Hall, were begun the first of March.” – The Wellesley News: March 9, 1904

“On Saturday afternoon, October 15, Billings Hall was formally opened. Tickets were issued to Faculty, Seniors and a limited number of other guests. Billings Hall, which has been presented to Wellesley, by the action of the trustees of the Billings estate, will be very much appreciated by all members of the College, but particularly by the Department of Music. It is situated just back of Music Hall, with which it is connected, and like Music Hall is built of red brick in a harmonious style of architecture. The main entrance and the porte cochere are on the west side. A door in the passageway gives direct access to the completely furnished dressing rooms immediately back of the stage, and the stage itself is full equipped with lights and bells. The main hall, with a seating capacity of four hundred and twenty-five, is overhung by a wide balcony. It has a complex electric switchboard which admits of great variety in lighting.” – The Wellesley News: October 20, 1904