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## THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST.

It would be hard to imagine a more thoroughly delightful occasion than the Alumnae Breakfast of Saturday, February 17, at the Biltmore.

The large and beautiful hall furnished a fine setting for the festivities.

The members of the Hunter College Orchestra delighted us all with their charming music.

We had a notable list of guests headed by President Davis, including all the former presidents of the Associate Alumnae, and winding up with three famous undergraduates, Miss Helen G. Hume, President of the Student Council, 1917, Miss Edith Brittan, President of the Class of June, 1917, and Miss Catherine F. O'Hara, President of the Class of January, 1917.

Our president in her hearty greeting and incidental remarks struck the keynote of happiness and good-will which characterized the whole affair.

President Davis gave us a most interesting account of the recent development of the college in many new directions, and emphasized the need of those additional facilities which would be provided by the completion of the building already begun. It is the part of loyal alumnae to influence public opinion in this respect in order that the city authorities may be moved to supply funds for carrying on the work. President Davis concluded his remarks by calling for a silent toast to the memory of our dear President Hunter.

Mme. Katharine Evans von Klenner, President of the National Opera Club of America, gave a witty address, enlisting our interest in the establishment of municipal opera houses.

The jollity of the occasion was increased by our efforts, at first somewhat timid, but later crowned with success, to render the college songs.

The former presidents of the association had been invited to contribute reminiscences, and a number of them were present at the guest table, forming what Miss Beach characteristically referred to as "The Presidential Range." Dr. Merrill, Professor Cone, Mrs. Northrop, Mrs. Gibson, Dr. Jarrett, Miss Beach, and Mrs. Kramer each spoke briefly of some activity of her administration or suggested plans for the future. This rapid and vivid review of the history of the association by such a number of distinguished and able women gives the

alumnae just cause for honest pride in our past and a stimulus for future accomplishment.

## Recommendations of the Committee on Closer Affiliation between the Alumnae and the College; adopted at the Meeting of the Executive Committee, Feb. 19, 1917.

1.—That the Alumnae each year give in December an Alumnae tea to receive the freshmen, and in April a tea to meet the graduating class; and that a special committee be formed to explain the aims of the association to the graduates at the April tea, and to receive the graduates formally into the association on Commencement Day, if it be found feasible.

2.—That if the coöperation of the college authorities can be obtained, an annual Alumnae Day, to occur in the week before Easter, be inaugurated. On this occasion the Alumnae would be invited to take part in a general college assembly, and also to visit classes in session; and later, to meet the faculty for the purpose of becoming acquainted with recent developments in the college work.

3.—That the department of College News be continued in the ALUMNÆ NEWS, and that a corresponding department of Alumnae News be suggested for the College *Bulletin*; that the Alumnae be urged to subscribe for the *Bulletin*, and that copies of the NEWS be sent to the members of the Student Council.

4.—That the Associate Alumnae endeavor to coöperate with the undergraduates in the establishment and maintenance of a vocational bureau, for the use of both.

5.—That on the occasion of the College Birthday, the Alumnae recognize the day in such a manner as may be feasible.

6.—That the Alumnae invite the undergraduates to join them in such enterprises as shall yield funds for the purchase of land for a college athletic field and a site for the proposed Thomas Hunter Memorial Hall.

## CALENDAR, 1917.

Wednesday, March 14, 1917.—Executive Committee.

Wednesday, April 11, 1917.—Tea, College Music Room.

Wednesday, May 9, 1917.—Executive Committee.

Saturday, May 19, 1917.—Reunion. General Election.

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At our recent Breakfast the large gathering arose with love and reverence in response to the beautiful toast of President Davis: "In honor of the father and founder of our country; in honor of the father and founder of our college."

Address Given at the Nineteenth Annual Breakfast of the Lydia F. Wadleigh Association, February 3, 1917, by Helen Gray Cone.

I am very glad to be with you to-day at this feast of memory. It is good for us to be here; good for us to remember together that grand woman who has been a moral power in all our lives. We need her continued influence, the influence of the ideals she has represented for us, in the perplexities of the present day.

She stands in our remembrance as an incarnation of all that has been strong and righteous in our American past. We need to-day, I think, in our training of young people, as in our national life, precisely those elements that Miss Wadleigh most strikingly embodied. Kindliness, sympathy, she had, and of rare quality; but the thing that stands out as we look back is her essential justice, her clear sense of right and wrong, her power of moral indignation. Far be it from any one to suggest that there can ever be too much of love in the world; but are we now sufficiently stressing the truth that there can never be too much of righteousness? and that righteousness is based on love, the purest love of all, which is the love of good—which is the love of God!

"Thy righteousness is like the great mountains," says the Psalmist. It is always as a strong mountain that I think of Miss Wadleigh—as one of the everlasting hills. And I feel her spirit in certain great poetry born of the mountains,

though I never happened to hear her quote it—such poems of the mountain-born poet, Wordsworth, as "The Happy Warrior" and "The Ode to Duty."

"Stern Daughter of the Voice of God!  
O Duty! if that name thou love,  
Who art a light to guide, a rod  
To check the erring, and reprove:  
Thou who art victory and law  
When empty terrors overawe,  
From vain temptations dost set free,  
And calm'st the weary strife of frail human-  
ity!"

It is because of this association with the great mountains—of which I spoke to you, I think, many years ago—that my feeling on this occasion has expressed itself in a little poem called

## THE STRENGTH OF THE HILLS.

Let us go back in thought to those large-souled  
Women and men that were about our youth,  
Lives granite-based in righteousness and  
truth,  
Like the great mountains in their massive  
mould.

Our hearts possess a homestead in the hills:  
Old faithful Memory keeps the keys; and  
there  
In weariness and faintness we repair,  
And courage, like the wine of sunset, fills

Those childhood rooms we knew and held so  
dear:  
And from those windows we look out and  
see  
The unmoved mountains in their majesty,  
Great Presences that once we dwelt so near.

The stars are over them. We lift our eyes;  
Their strength flows through us as we gaze  
and gaze.  
We turn renewed to our bewildering days,  
Having breathed an air that tasted of the  
skies.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Miss E. O. Long, Chairman.  
Mrs. John C. Hume.  
Mrs. L. J. Finch.  
Mrs. Samuel J. Kramer.  
Miss Helen G. Cone.  
Mrs. Otto Hahn.  
Mrs. C. M. Williams.

## LOST AND FOUND.

An ivy pin has been found and given over to the care of our president. The owner may have it upon notifying Miss Emma D. Huebner, 345 West 121st St., as to when and where she lost it.

By the way, if any one has been so unfortunate as to lose her ivy pin and not have it returned to her, she can always obtain another by applying to Miss Margaret McLaughlin, 256 West 139th St., and enclosing a check for three dollars made out to Mrs. George M. Daily.

At the Executive Committee meeting of February 19th, a rising vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Pearl V. Tickell, '15, for her able management as Chairman of the Breakfast Committee.