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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first year has passed since I had the honor of being elected to the Presidency. It has been a busy year, for I have devoted a great deal of time to the work of the Association, I may say with some feeling of satisfaction, but with some sense of frustration, too.

I wish to express again my thanks to the many committee chairmen for the splendid job they have done during this last year. I have enjoyed working with them and have been grateful for the friendships I formed.

I hope that we may look forward to a year of successful activity in 1955-56, in which many more members will participate in our Association's projects. The burdens of the work of our Association fall on few shoulders. We need many more members to participate actively in the affairs of the Alumni and to carry to completion all our plans for the good of the College and the Community.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy summer to every member and to every Hunter graduate who may read these lines.

FRANCES R. ABRAMS

TREASURER SPEAKING

Delay in presenting a financial report is due to a change in the system of keeping accounts. In the first issue of the NEWS in the fall there will be a complete financial statement for this year.

It is hoped that with the increase in dues the membership will not decrease and the increase in income will take care of any unusual expenses.

As for investments—your Treasurer has tried to carry out the requests of the Board of Directors as far as her time would permit.

To do an adequate piece of work in this position one should have no other commitments.

A. D. MACKAY

SCHOLARSHIP AND WELFARE

On Tuesday evening, April 19th, a Theater Party was held for the benefit of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund at Radio City Music Hall. The fund gives financial assistance to needy students at Hunter College. Splendid cooperation between members of the staff at the College, members of the Executive Council of the Alumnae Association, and members of the Board of Directors of the Fund, made the benefit an outstanding success, with financial returns and attendance much better than in preceding years. Profits have passed the nine hundred dollar mark. The Theater Party Committee was headed by Mrs. Robert E. Draddy, President of the Fund; Mrs. Samuel Abrams, President of the Associate Alumnae; and Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Victoria M. Bitterman and Miss Laura Guggenbuhl. Other members of the Committee were Mrs. Cornelia S. Amster,

Dean Ann Anthony, Mrs. Dorothy Doob Baumritter, Mrs. Alexander Berl, Dean Marie K. Gallagher, Mrs. Joseph Golomb; Mrs. M. J. Hyman, Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman, Mrs. Flora Rubin Kotlarsky, Miss Olga Kuthy, Mrs. Helen Kunte Kutman, Miss Muriel G. Leahy, Mrs. Samuel H. Levy, Miss Isabel C. McLaughlin, Miss Anne D. Mackey, Miss Ray L. Miller, Mrs. Tillie Reiser, Mrs. Jacob Schechter, Mrs. Seymour R. Thaler, Mrs. Bernard B. Trinsey, and Mrs. Aaron Zanger.

The response to the appeal which has been sent to the members of the Alumnae Association has been most generous. As this issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS goes to press, the total received has passed the \$800 mark!

MARY LOUISE DRADDY, *President*

COMMITTEE ON REVISION

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws is pleased to report that the Constitution and By-Laws with the new provisions proposed in the form mailed to all members on April 15 were adopted at the annual meeting of the Association on the evening of May 17, with some few changes.

The principal change voted on May 17 was the cancellation of the proposal to exempt members from the payment of dues after forty years of membership.

Other changes voted on May 17 include a new standing committee on Vacancies on the Executive Council. The Finance Committee had asked for the restoration of the Auditing Committee as a separate standing committee, and this too was approved at the meeting. Another change approved was the addition to Article VI of the Constitution, concerning the Executive Council, of the words underlined in the following sentence from that Article: "The Class and Chapter representatives *sitting on the Council at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, or to be elected or chosen hereafter*, shall continue as members of the Council at the pleasure of the Class or Chapter."

The Revision Committee had had a number of long meetings since November. The President, Mrs. Abrams, had sat with the Committee throughout its deliberations, except for one meeting when she was out of the city. To her, and to Dr. Ruth Lewinson, the Committee is deeply indebted for much valuable help.

The chairman of the Committee wishes also to express her thanks to all of the members of the Committee, Mrs. Ethel Berl, Miss Lillian Corrigan, Mrs. Leslie Graff, and Miss E. Adelaide Hahn, who so generously devoted so much time and thought to the consideration of many matters in connection with the proposed, and now approved, changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

ANNA M. TRINSEY

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

We are now the proud owners of three vertical files for year-by-year folders holding programs of Christmas Entertainments, Commencement Exercises, debates, dances (Senior and Junior), basketball games, etc., from 1870 to 1910; also of an artist's portfolio to hold diplomas and Board of Education Teaching Certificates from 1870 to 1910. Having found Miss Laura Popper in the 1877 folder, we were delighted to see her name again in a large official letter in the bold and beautiful calligraphy of Professor August Schlegel, recommending her as a young lady of high attainments in the German language, and of excellent character.

Cataloguing one's subjects thus in the round makes it a jolly adventure, and we hope to have completed all our records and their implications by the end of June, and to recruit volunteer helpers for 1955-1956!

RISA LOWIE