

## DR. THOMAS HUNTER'S LECTERN RESCUED

Through the combined efforts of Anna Trinsey, Helen Love, Faculty member, Isabelle Weill, Archivist of the Association, and this writer, a famous lectern has been saved from the way of all trash and acquired as memorabilia for our College.

Battered and covered with varnish and paint, the lectern was discovered by Joseph Benenti, antique dealer of the Golden Falcon, who skillfully restored it and placed it in his window for sale. Its brass plate of identification still screwed on, it was revealed as a handsome walnut reading stand, the fluted pedestal and legs hand-carved, the side scrolls in ornate Victorian cast iron.

The plate reads as follows:

From this desk Dr. Hunter  
Read the Holy Scriptures  
From 1850 to 1869

In Old Grammar School no. 35

Late one Saturday night, five minutes after it had been put on sale in the Golden Falcon, it was spotted by Mrs. Love who made Mr. Benenti promise he would not sell it to anyone but herself. On Sunday morning, when the store was closed, the writer spied it in the window. Early Monday morning she placed a deposit of twenty-five dollars on it and telephoned Mrs. Love whose number she had obtained from the antique dealer. It was a relief to learn that Mrs. Love wanted to obtain the lectern for the same purpose—to secure it for the Memorial being planned for Dr. Hunter.

A call was made to Archivist, Isabelle Weill, who thought that with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association, funds for the purchase of the lectern might be forthcoming from the Alumni Association. Mrs. Trinsey gave the purchase her blessing, money was subsequently obtained from the Lydia Wadleigh Fund, and the lectern may now be seen in the Thomas Hunter Room of Roosevelt House. It is to be hoped that a place of honor will be found for the lectern in the Memorial Hall to be dedicated to the founder of our College.

Helene Ferro Avery '11

The Board of Directors of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund has elected the following directors to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Sol Amster, Mrs. Bernard S. Deutsch, Miss Vera J. Gordon, Mrs. Jack Zuckerman, Miss Isabel C. McLaughlin.

The Nominating Committee, in preparing a slate to be presented to the Board, will welcome any suggestions from members of the Fund.

MILDRED Intner THALER, *Chairman*

## Thrift Shop News

Tax deduction receipts were mailed to donors of "thrift" on January 15. If you have sent packages to the Shop in the calendar year 1964 and have not yet received your deduction slip, please send a post card to the Thrift Shop Committee at the Alumni office, 47 East 65 Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

Since the Thrift Shop is still a new venture for us, a word of explanation may be in order about the evaluation of merchandise.

The regulations agreed to by the sixteen participating units in Everybody's Thrift Shop call for each unit to price its own donated merchandise. Pricing committees learn through experience what various items will bring. They therefore try to put an initial price on each item which will insure its quick sale. The condition of the article sent in for sale determines the sale price, not the original value of the article when new. Tax receipts are calculated on the sale prices set.

In sending "thrift" to the shop, please

be sure that each package is *clearly labeled* with *your name and address* and marked for:

Hunter Alumni Unit  
Everybody's Thrift Shop  
330 East 59 Street  
New York, N.Y.

The label should be *firmly fastened* to the *outside* of the package. Unfortunately the donors of a few packages could not be identified because labels were lost.

Remember that the Shop will make pick-ups. Phone too for arrangements for truck pick-ups of large items. Call EL 5-9263. Smaller articles may be mailed, brought to the Shop or the Alumni office, or to the College post offices.

The Committee wishes to thank again all who have sent "thrift" since May 1, when we began to sell, and hopes that these donors will continue to send packages, and the Committee urges those who have not yet sent packages to begin to do so now. It is only with the help of many of our Alumni that this undertaking, so well begun, can bring ever-increasing benefits to the College.

In the seven months (the Shop is closed in August) since our unit has been in operation, our net income for the Centennial Fund has been approximately \$2800. To *double* our monthly income we need your gifts of "thrift" articles and the assistance of more Alumni volunteers at the Shop.

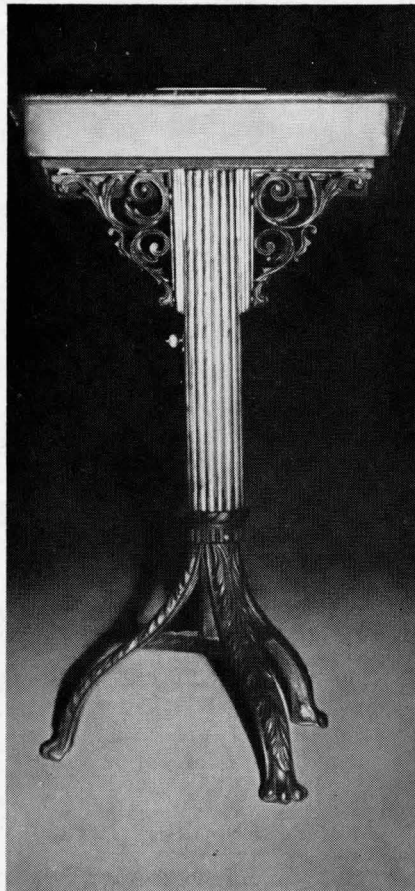
The members of our Committee continue to serve loyally: Margaret Butterweck, Lena Dahme, Mary Epstein, Rose Golomb, Frances Lewin, Belle Lubetsky, Helene Rejall, Meta Schechter, Freda Barlow and Ruth Walcott have also joined the Committee. But we need to double the Committee's numbers, so that each member may have an alternate co-worker. Four people are needed for selling every Friday afternoon. Once a month, on Saturdays, we need three people, for morning or afternoon selling.

We price and tag our articles for selling on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and we also need more help for this work. If we can get other volunteers we can set up a pricing session for a third morning each week.

Please write to me at the Alumni office if you can volunteer to serve.

FRANCES GROSSMAN, *Chairman*

*Dr. Hunter's Lectern*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 8—  
Spring Reunion

Wednesday, May 19—  
Annual Meeting