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IF YOU WENT TO THE REUNION.

You were shown to your seat by a pretty girl in Red Cross costume, and you chatted with old college friends whom you always see at college festivities. Then some more girls, a combination of members of the Hunter College Orchestra and the Hunter High School Orchestra, played a stirring march, and down the aisle swept the impressive procession of officers and guests. You joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner, and somehow it seems that only at College among old class-mates is the anthem sung with the right fervor.

Miss Huebner spoke the words of greeting. She reminded you that as graduates of a great democratic college you were especially prepared to play your part worthily in these stirring times, and she alluded to your achievements Over Here and Over There, individually and collectively.

You felt that you had a right to be proud, and President Davis thrilled you still more when he pointed out the service flags—the college flag with its stars for those members of the teaching staff who are in the service of their country, and the flag of the Class of '78 with stars for sons and brothers and other dear ones. There was a touch of sadness, too, in your pride, for on each banner was a star for one who had fallen on the field of battle.

President Davis spoke of the noble response of the students to all appeals—Red Cross, Liberty Loan, War Savings Stamps, draft, census work, and many others. Nor are the members of the teaching staff less enthusiastic in their service. Applause greeted the statement that many of them have voluntarily dedicated to the College war service an equivalent of the income tax which, as city employees, they are not called upon to pay. And the Associate Alumnae joins the ranks with its \$800 for the X-Ray Class in the Summer Session and its other generous contributions. Self-sacrifice and personal responsibility are the distinguishing traits of all those associated with Hunter College, and in the young women who are going out in June the Associate Alumnae will gain valuable recruits.

The Four Minute Song Men made your heart beat to martial rhythm with their stirring rendering of spirited songs. You could have listened to them all afternoon.

Then the Honorable George Gordon Battle, in his turn, made you feel what a privilege it is to be associated with Hunter when he told you what the College means to all New Yorkers. No assembly is more

important than one of teachers, for on them rests the responsibility of preparing the generation which shall take the place of those who are sacrificing themselves on the altar of their country. War itself is a great educator—terrible but efficient. It has brought all to a realization of the vital importance of the work of women. Food conservation, the administration of the household affairs of the nation, nursing—these are as important as actual fighting. And most important is the duty of supporting the courage of the nation through the terrible days that are before us. This realization that man and woman must work together is bringing with it a greater sense of unity, of social justice, a broader view of life. It is influencing education, leading to a closer relationship between teacher and pupil and a greater emphasis on the generous impulses of youth, the finer ideals. Upon this spiritual note Mr. Battle closed his address.

In this high and elevated mood Miss Grace Parker, National Commandant of the National League for Women's Service, found you and kept you. She, too, made you glad that the women of the world are looking to college women. Shoulder to shoulder with men you must fight. She made your eyes fill with tears when she told you of the simple, uncomplaining heroism of the women of England, in munitions factories, on the farm, in the shipyard, in the hospital, and in canteen work. In their war-darkened streets, in the absence of their men-folk, in the peril of Zeppelin raids, they are "keeping the home fires burning," their watchword "Think what our men are doing!"

Compared with their self-sacrifice all your striving seemed only a beginning. You had not begun to conserve—you with your substitutes for wheat flour in pie crust.—Miss Parker was very scornful of your pie crust.—English women are giving up more than pie. They are running a hospital.—all women from orderly to head surgeon. They are giving the boys, as they pass through, the wholesome companionship of good women in club and canteen, where a duchess and a cockney second lieutenant may equally discover that the war has levelled all social distinctions. They are volunteering as motorists,—but you are not behind them there, as the presence upon the platform, in uniform, of Captain Baylis proved.

All cannot do spectacular work, but each can do her bit, if only as a private in the ranks. All can stand squarely against

BUREAU OF OCCUPATION.

The Hunter College Bureau of Occupation has been in active operation for one year, with the exception of an interlude during the latter part of July and the first weeks in August. During that time, out of nearly sixteen hundred students on register at the College, nine hundred and eighty have applied personally for an opportunity for earning money. These girls have applied for full-time work, as in the cases of those graduating, or those obliged to leave before graduation, for economic reasons; or for part-time work, as in the case of students who can devote a few hours each day to something outside of college work. Members of the Alumnae have not applied in any great number; we would urge all those who have had any teaching experience connected with commercial work to register with the bureau.

As our work is becoming more widely known throughout the business district, calls are coming in for college graduates of maturity, who have had experience in particular lines other than teaching. For instance, the Pace Institute and the Cortlant Electric Light Co. have required experienced expert accountants. B. Altman & Co. need another teacher who has had commercial experience, in their extension school. The first woman we sent became so deeply engrossed in the commercial end of the business that they are again in need of some one to fill the place of teacher. We have been able to place in laboratories every student recommended by Miss Frances A. Hallock, A. M., instructor in Bacteriology. The Lederle Laboratories at Pearl River are constantly in need of more girls than we can supply. The Surgeon General at Washington sent two officials here last week, to look over our equipment and the details of the courses, and these gentlemen expressed themselves as being perfectly satisfied with the outline of the work given, and have promised that the United States Government will use as laboratory aides as many of our graduates as care to apply. One of our graduates from that department has come back to see us in her uniform. She is stationed at the distributing hospital in Washington, awaiting her sailing orders. A short intensive course in Clinical Pathology will be given to the graduates from this year's class to advance them further along this line of endeavor.

Over eleven hundred women have been sent out to apply for positions; most of these are for part-time. For instance, at Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, and holidays that come at week-ends, Loft's Candy Manufacturing Co. have required from seventy-five to one hundred girls for three days, or for a week at a time. Some of this number are then engaged permanently for part-time work, mostly for Sat-

urdays throughout the year.

For three Saturdays previous to Easter, Wanamaker's used twenty girls, and paid each girl three dollars per day with hours from nine to five. Saks', Gimbel's, and Hearn's also engage our girls, during special sales.

All graduates from the last June and February classes with licenses to teach, both in the elementary schools and high schools, were quickly absorbed, and judging from the number of schools calling each morning for substitute teachers, we could have placed at least two hundred more graduates. Besides the need of public schools for girls with licenses, the Bureau of Attendance and the Board of Education have needed those who can also do stenography and typewriting. Teachers for ungraded children and instructors of, Spanish are also in demand.

As a result of the advertising letters, personal calls of members of the Committee, and the satisfactory work done by Hunter girls, five hundred and ninety different firms or people have called on us for assistants. This number does not include the public schools of the city.

Besides positions in commercial firms, scientific laboratories, hospitals, insurance and real estate offices, orphanages, private schools, and settlements, we have placed students as tutors, camp councilors, and sometimes as mother's helpers in exchange for a home.

This Bureau is affiliated with the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupation, and with the Federation of Non-Commercial Employment Agencies.

Miss Anna Anthony is the delegate from Hunter to the Intercollegiate Bureau. Mrs. E. J. Foignet attended the Annual Luncheon for the meeting of the delegates from the different colleges in the United States. She also attends the monthly meetings at the Clearing House for Employment Offices, as well as the weekly meetings of the special groups, which do specific field work, as for instance, finding positions for part-time work, a problem which confronts high schools as well as Hunter College. All of this activity is in coöperation with the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense. These meetings keep us in touch with the needs of new kinds of training as they are indicated through the employment bureaus, and with courses preparatory for war-work.

On the 7th and 8th of February, Hunter sent three delegates to the Second Annual Convention of College Employment Bureaus, held at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.: Miss Ruth Ford of the Senior Class, Miss Geneva Caldwell of the Junior Class, and Mrs. Foignet of the Hunter Bureau of Occupation. A suggestion was made at this convention to form a National Association, and a committee nominated to

carry out this suggestion.

Miss Emilie Hutchinson, Manager of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupation, gave a series of lectures on Vocational Opportunities for Women, under the auspices of the Hunter Evening Session. They were both instructive and enjoyable.

The Hunter Bureau has access to the statistical records of the Intercollegiate Bureau, which is under the direction of Miss Emma P. Hirth.

The Bureau Committee invited all members of the Associate Alumnae to become patronesses of the Bureau. Many accepted, and this brought about a closer affiliation between the Alumnae and the student body, which helped finance the work. We are also greatly indebted to the Alumnae Association and the Student Council for their generous donations and coöperation.

Another year we hope to be able to present specific statistics regarding results. This will be made possible by a return-postal-card system introduced last March.

Elizabeth Foignet, Director.

Hannah Ottenberg, Chairman.

FROM THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF LENOX HILL HOUSE.

So widespread is the havoc of the present war, so world-wide its effect, so disastrous its results, so compelling and far reaching its demands, that one must be very sure of the ground taken and convinced of its need before asking the generous people of this city, *the city of the world*, to stop a moment and consider one corner of it.

Two years ago we spoke of our new building as a dream realized, last year of its opening; this year naturally follows a sequel. Sure as was our anticipation of its needs, great as was our knowledge of the neighborhood, neither gauged the pulse exactly. We believed, in building, we were providing for the future; the future is today. We believed the neighborhood would learn slowly of its objects and benefits. It has seized its opportunities and made its objects theirs. Situated as it is in a polyglot neighborhood, surrounded by peoples of varied races, it has but one nationality within its walls, it breathes but one prayer, AMERICA and a world safe for Democracy.

Never before in the history of this city has the need for houses like Lenox Hill House been greater; never have their opportunities for service been greater. The people of many tongues are ready for a new world. They want to be taught, they are eager for all this great country stands for, and ours is the task, the duty, and the privilege. Give to us who believe in the future, who are fighting, living, and loving that the world of to-morrow may be safe and free, the means to ensure to the pres-

ent and coming generations a glimpse of a generous, open-handed friend, ready at all times to assist, counsel, and advise.

Help us to keep our beacon lighted! Wisdom and experience have taught us our duty to our neighbors. Let love provide the means to keep the work at its highest point of efficiency.

The to-morrow of this city will need the boys and girls of to-day. Ours is the privilege to be the way, yours the opportunity to provide the means!

WILL HUNTER HELP?

After one has read the ALUMNAE NEWS for last month with its ringing patriotism, it seems well nigh impossible to find place for another activity among students or Alumnae, nevertheless I note one omission. This omission is the more surprising in view of our beloved Alma Mater's history in relation to little children.

Where are the College Kindergarten students and other lovers of the little people who can pledge themselves to help take care of the children who might otherwise spend all day on the street during vacation time?

Last year five Hunter College young women taught and played games and told Bible stories during six weeks in July and August in connection with the daily vacation Bible Schools.

Recently the officers of the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools passed the following resolution:

In view of the fact that a million and a half men are already mobilized in the Army and Navy, and that thousands of children are in consequence deprived of the protection of these, when public schools are closed,

RESOLVED, that we the International Board of Daily Vacation Bible Schools appeal to all Churches of all Creeds, to synagogues and religious societies, to open their buildings and grounds daily next summer for the community children of all races and creeds and provide competent leadership of programs and play free from all denominational propaganda. Further we appeal to all colleges and seminary faculties to coöperate by urging their students who are not designated for direct war-work to enlist in safeguarding the children from the demoralization and disorder that has so noticeably developed among children of the warring nations. And be it

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Wilson and be communicated to all the churches and colleges of the Nation.

The International Association headquarters are at 90 Bible House, New York.

Who responds from Hunter?

One of our Alumnae is now superintendent of the Kindergartens in these schools. She is ready to welcome volunteer helpers