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THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Committee heartily hopes that long before you read the February ALUMNÆ NEWS you will have sent your reservation for the Alumnae Breakfast. But if by any chance you have been delayed in so doing, you will be glad to learn that reservations are still available on immediate application, and the Committee will be happy to locate you as favorably as possible.

• It may be helpful to repeat, for those who are not familiar with the arrangements, that the Breakfast will be held at the Hotel Astor in the Grand Ball-Room on Wednesday, February twelfth, at one o'clock. Tables seating ten, or individual places, may be reserved through Mrs. Beatrice M. Powell, Hunter Alumnae Rooms, 204 West 55th Street, New York City (Telephone Circle 2000). Tickets are three dollars each, and not only graduates of the College, but their friends, are welcome. The Breakfast is a pleasant way to introduce our Alma Mater to those who know her only by report. Checks should be made payable to the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College.

Younger graduates who have not attended previous Alumnae Breakfasts will be interested to know the traditions of the occasion. The Breakfast takes place annually on a date as near as possible to the College birthday. This year not only will the classes of 1880 and 1905 celebrate their gold and silver anniversaries, but the baby alumnae of the class of 1930 will make their first bow, and all of the classes from 1870 to 1930 will join in fêting the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the College.

The Faculty have already reserved several tables, a happy proof of the friendship between the College staff and the Alumnae Association. President Kieran will be our chief guest of honor, bringing us his annual message of accomplishment and of vision, and the members of the Board of Trustees have also been invited to be our guests.

We are glad to announce that the Breakfast Committee has succeeded in securing as special speaker Mrs. Alice Draper Carter, granddaughter of Charles Dana of the New York Sun, and sister of Ruth Draper. Her subject will be *World Wide Good Will*. We are sure that this topic will find favor with our members, who rejoice in our affiliation through group and individual memberships with the American Association of University Women and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, two of the eleven national organizations of women who for the past five years have united in a program to stimulate the widespread intelligent interest of women in all movements toward permanent peace

among the nations of the world.

Shall we give you a further hint concerning the Valentines referred to in the January News? The initials of one are M. R. E. and of the other H. G. C., and as with present day movies so with these Valentines, they can and will talk—but with what added distinction and charm!

MARGUERITE E. JONES,

Chairman Alumnae Breakfast

N. B.—For the benefit of those who wish to get in touch quickly with Miss Jones, it is added that she may be reached by telephone at her home, Cathedral 4040, or at Hunter College, office of the Department of Speech, Rhinelander 1501.

COLLEGE NOTES

This year will see the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the College. It is planned to have a Chapel Assembly on February 19, in honor of the College Birthday, February 14. A committee has been able to arrange a more elaborate assembly than usual. Music will be rendered by the College Choir and the Orchestra; the portraits of President Kieran and Mrs. Elliott will be presented to the College; Professor Helen Gray Cone will bring a message from the College of the Past, and Professor Dawson will speak on the College of the Present.

We hope as many of the Alumnae as possible will be present. Seats will be reserved for the Alumnae, and ushers will be in attendance. The time is 10:30 A. M. promptly, but the Dean advises that the Alumnae arrive shortly after 10 o'clock!

President Kieran appointed a committee of the Faculty on Vocational Guidance two years ago. This committee consisted of Professor Harriet H. Keith, chairman, and a member from each department. The purpose of the committee was to gather information for the students in regard to professional opportunities in various fields.

The committee, after a great deal of laborious research, has just published a pamphlet "What to Do in the World's Work." All the fields of vocational work known to the committee have been investigated. Miss Keith invites the members of the Alumnae who may have further information along the lines to communicate with her. Each member of the committee has contributed a great deal to an outstanding piece of work, but the greatest praise should go to Professor Keith, who has worked constantly over the Vocational Guidance problem for two years. Copies of this pamphlet may be found in our library.

Dr. Joseph J. Reilly, Professor in the Department of English and College Librarian, has given some very interesting data in regard to the College Library.

The catalogue for the "Normal College Alumnae Library" for 1889 lists 3000 volumes. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Professor Margaret B. Wilson, Honorary Librarian from June 1915 to December 1928, there has been a steady increase in the number of books. To-day we have 39,000 books. This is at the rate of 7.4 books per student. It is interesting to note the proportion in other colleges for women.

Mt. Holyoke has 100,000 volumes or 96.9 books per student.

Bryn Mawr has 102,875 volumes or 240.3 books per student.

Wells has 105,758 volumes or 66.9 books per student.

Vassar has 142,090 volumes or 123.5 books per student.

As we look at these figures we can see that there is a great need for more books for our library.

The number of students in attendance in our library for the first eleven months of 1929 was 153,504.

We all know that the library in modern education has come to be considered one of the most vital elements, and we are most eager to build up our library. In our present quarters we are limited for space, but room has been provided in the New Buildings Library for eight times as many books as we now have.

When some of the graduate classes are looking about for a Birthday Gift or for their class anniversary presentation, what more fitting present could they bestow upon College than books?

Many interesting items have come from the Department of English. Miss Marie Webster was married to Mr. Raymond Seymour in June, 1929; Miss Sylvia Lerner to Mr. Saul Ravitch in January, 1930; Miss Edith Mosher to Mr. Clyde Beals, of the New York Times, in December, 1929. Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Ravitch have both resigned from College, together with Mrs. Florence Leshner Hovdesven, whose husband has been appointed Professor of Music in Mercersburg Academy, Pa.

Assistant Professors Clara M. Byrnes, Dora C. Hess, Emma G. M. McCague, and Emma K. Temple have been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor; and Dr. Charlotte E. Morgan has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Thomas Ollive Mabbott has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of English. Before coming to us Dr. Mabbott was Assistant Professor of English in Northwestern University and Brown University. He has published "The Life and Works of E. C. Pinkney" in collaboration with Captain E. L. Pleadwell; "The Half-

Breed and Other Stories" by Walt Whitman (hitherto uncollected stories); "Select Poems of Poe" for Macmillan's Modern Readers Series; "Doings of Gotham", hitherto uncollected newspaper sketches by Poe, in collaboration with Mr. J. E. Spennuth. Dr. Mabbott has also written two pamphlets on early methods of printing never described before—"Seal-Prints and a Seal-Paste Print of the Fifteenth Century". Dr. Mabbott is now editor of the Columbia Press edition of Poe.

Dr. Eleanor Grace Clark has been named to succeed the late Dr. Dibble. Dr. Clark is now in charge of the graduate work in English at Bryn Mawr.

Dr. Blanche Colton Williams, Head of the Department of English, has added another list to her already lengthy record of books, "A Panorama of the Short Story" with Maxim Lieber, Heath & Co.; "O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories," Vol. XI, Doubleday, Doran. These two books were published in 1929. At the present time Dr. Williams has in press: "Handbook of Story Writing" (Revised and Enlarged Edition), Dodd, Mead; "A Book of English Literature" (with John Macy), Appleton. Dr. Williams is also preparing with Dr. Anderson an Anglo-Saxon Reader. We who know the enormous amount of work the heads of departments are required to do to-day wonder when Dr. Williams finds the time to accomplish so much.

Professor Joseph J. Reilly expects his book, "Master of Nineteenth Century Prose," to be released by Ginn & Co. some time in March.

On January 20th, Dr. Reilly lectured on "Cardinal Newman as a Man of Letters" before the Women's Club of Detroit.

Dr. Charlotte A. Morgan has the galley-proof from the Columbia University Press of her work, "The Origin and History of the New York Employing Printers Association." This book will be one of the Columbia Studies in Economics, History, and Public Law.

Through the efforts of Professor Farrington, the Journalism Club of Hunter is a member of the National Association of College News Bureaus, and receives its bulletin. Professor Farrington is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Journalism.

Professor Clara Byrnes heads a movement to present a Shakespearian play annually.

Graduates of the English Department are also doing worthy things. Alice Glasgow, June 1926, has published "The Twisted Tendril" and "Bright Tiger", and is now working on a third novel.

Ethel Feuerlicht, June 1917, uses the pen-name of Ethel Fleming and has just published a descriptive book—"New York."

Dora Albert, 1917, is publishing in "The Writer" of Cambridge, Mass. a series of articles on Journalism.