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THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

February 12, 1930

The Hotel Astor

One o'clock

Christmas is over and Hunter Alumnae (Miss Snow tells us there are eighteen thousand five hundred and ninety-six of them, not counting January 1930) are planning to attend the Alumnae Breakfast. As this is a St. Valentine's party, it does not behoove the committee to tell in advance what the Valentines will be (one will be large and jolly and one will be lovely and small), but a very simple sum in subtraction will prove that a breakfast table accommodating one thousand of the daughters of Hunter will leave seventeen thousand five hundred and ninety-six of them wishing they had made their applications earlier.

We shall be celebrating our sixtieth birthday too, so please get out sedan chairs, buggies, bicycles, Cadillacs, or baby carriages and speed to the nearest post office with your promise to be present. Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare and don't depend on a last minute sprint. Address your applications to

The Alumnae Breakfast Committee
Care Mrs. Beatrice M. Powell
204 West 55th Street
New York, N. Y.

Tables (10 seats) \$30 each
Seats \$3 each

It will be helpful if you will use the following form—

Enclosed please find check for \$.....
for tickets.

Name

Class

Address

Telephone

Date

Make checks payable to the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College.

Prompt acknowledgment of the receipt of checks will be made, but tickets will not be mailed until early in February.

MARGUERITE E. JONES,

Chairman, Breakfast Committee

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

During the week of January 6th, when the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the League of Nations will be celebrated, there is to be an exhibition of books, pamphlets, and periodicals relative to the League and to international cooperation, in the College Library, under the direction of Dr. Joseph J. Reilly, the librarian.

DORA C. HESS

COLLEGE NOTES

The Contract for the construction of the Power House-Cafeteria-Social Unit (Unit No. 2 of the new buildings) has been given to the firm of John T. Brady & Co. Grant's Tomb and the new County Court House are two well-known buildings built by this firm. It is expected that the building will be completed in 1930.

Plans are under way to ask for funds for the Administration Building, for equipment for the existing buildings, and for grading and landscaping.

President Kieran went to Washington during the week-end of December 7th. He was one of a delegation that presented a petition to the Senate urging the reduction in the tax on earned income.

For many years the American Association of University Professors has had a number of the staff of Hunter College as members. Now a chapter of this association has been established at Hunter, with Professor Riess as Chairman, Professor Simons as Vice-President, Professor Young as Secretary, and Professor Hess as Treasurer. The purpose of this organization is to promote the interests of higher education and research, and to bring about closer relationship of one college with another. To college and university professors this association is analogous to the American Bar Association for lawyers and the American Medical Association for Doctors.

Hunter has been fortunate indeed in securing the famous Joseph Cummings Chase as the new head of the Art Department. Mr. Chase is not only a portrait painter of renown but a teacher of art as well.

Professor Chase studied at Pratt Institute, at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and in Paris at the Académie Julien and Collorossi's.

During the World War Professor Chase was selected as the official portrait painter of the American Expeditionary Forces. He painted 142 portraits of generals and dough-boys, among these being Generals Pershing and Foch. Professor Chase has also painted the portraits of four presidents, and fifty of his portraits hang in the National Gallery at Washington. He has also exhibited in the Paris Salon and elsewhere. He has held two exhibitions of his own work in New York.

He has taught at City College and Cooper Union, and has given numerous talks on

various subjects of art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Arts Club, the Barbizon, and Pratt Institute.

Besides being a portrait painter, a lecturer, and a teacher, Professor Chase is also a writer of note. He has written such books as "Decorative Art" and "Soldiers All", and numerous articles on art for magazines, among these being the Saturday Evening Post, Golden Book Magazine, the Nation's Business, and the Herald Tribune Sunday Magazine.

The versatility of Professor Chase is also shown by the fact that he has been a newspaper artist, an illustrator and designer for magazines and books, and a painter of advertising pictures such as those for Chesterfield cigarettes and Arrow collars.

Mr. Chase is a member of the Players, Dutch Treat, Niantic, The Artists' Guild, and the American Artists Professional League, and he is President of the Art Alumni Association of Pratt Institute.

The news of the sudden death of Dr. Roy Floyd Dibble of the English Department on December 3rd came as a great shock to his many friends and students.

Dr. Dibble came to Hunter as an Assistant Professor in 1927, after having spent fifteen years in study and teaching at Columbia University. He was one of the foremost biographers of the country. His most important biographies were: Albion W. Tourgee, Strenuous Americans, John L. Sullivan, Mohammed, and Martin Luther. Besides these he contributed several articles to such magazines as The Century, American Mercury, and the literary sections of the New York Times and the Herald Tribune.

One of the finest tributes paid to Dr. Dibble was this by Dr. Thorndike of Columbia University: "No one will think of him unkindly. Modesty, kindness, reserve, were the qualities of his temperament. Something of these virtues, too, he taught to all of us through his life."

According to Dr. Blanche Colton Williams, Head of the English Department, it will be difficult to find a worthy successor to Dr. Dibble.

The Mathematics Department has been very fortunate this year in securing the services as lecturer of Dr. Martin Nordgaard, head of the Mathematics Department at St. Olaf's College, Minnesota.

Ten members of the Department of Mathematics have contributed articles to the recently published book "A Source Book in Mathematics". Three of these contributors are members of our Alumnae: Professor Evelyn Walker, Dr. Laura Guggenbuhl, and Mrs. Anna Shiff Savitosky.

Another outstanding member of the Department of Mathematics is Dr. Roger A. Johnson, who has recently had published a book called "Modern Geometry."

Two members of the Department are on leave, working for the doctorate. Miss Mina Rees is at the University of Chicago and Miss Helen Kunte is at Columbia.

A number of graduates of the Mathematics Department are doing worth while things. Among these are Eleanor Imbelli, June '29, who is teaching at the Fellowship School, Gland, Switzerland; Bertha Boschwitz, June '29, who is studying at the University of Berlin; and Anita Tuller, June '29, who is studying at Bryn Mawr.

The members of the Department of Romance Languages gave a surprise dinner to Professor Claudine Gray on November 23rd at the Hotel Lafayette. The Romance Language Department consists of three sections, French, Italian, and Spanish. A representative of each group spoke for the respective sections. Profound appreciation was expressed to Professor Gray for her untiring devotion to the members of her staff and to her students, and for the high ideals disseminated by her among all her associates.

The Classical Club held a dinner at the Barbizon on November twenty-fourth in honor of its twenty-fifth anniversary. Among the guests were President and Mrs. Kieran, and two of the original members of the Club, the Misses Adele and Dorothy Bildersee. The program opened with a greeting from the President of the Club, Helaine Levin. A letter was read from Miss Jeanette Seligmann, the first President of the Club, and a tribute was paid to Professor Carter, the first Faculty Adviser, by Miss Schmid, the present Faculty Adviser. The speakers included President Kieran, who emphasized the importance of the classics, especially of Greek, in all liberal education; the head of the Classical Department, Professor Riess; two Faculty members who had been associated with the Club from its inception, Professor Hartt and Professor Tanzer; and the Club's Faculty Adviser, Miss Schmid, who had been President of the Club when it celebrated its fifteenth anniversary, in 1919. Professor Hahn, who had been President of the Club when it celebrated its tenth anniversary, in 1914, acted as toastmistress. Latin and English songs were sung, and various guests were assigned to the pleasant duty of lighting the thirty candles on the huge birthday-cake, one for each year of the Club's life, and a few extra for it to "grow on."

President Kieran and Mrs. Kieran attended the Fall Musicale of the Hunter College Choir, held on Monday, December 9th, in the Auditorium. President Kieran welcomed the guests in his usual cordial manner. A delightful program was rendered by the Choir, assisted by Geraldine Marwick, Hazel Kessler, Harriet Marcus, Lucile Kadine, Helen White, and Blanche Whinchell.