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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATRIOTIC SERVICE.

The President of the Alumnae Association receives numerous appeals for volunteers in different lines of work for national service. Some of them make a direct call for college women.

Bellevue Hospital offers a nursing course for non-resident students. No tuition will be charged. Full information may be obtained by writing to Miss Amy Hilliard, General Superintendent of Training Schools, Bellevue Hospital, East 26th St., New York City.

The Mayor's Committee on National Defense offers to provide a series of motion picture films illustrating the up-to-date war activities of the United States. These films are available for exhibition by clubs, churches, societies, etc., at a nominal cost. Apply to Mr. G. Osgood Andrews, Hall of Records, telephone Worth 2635.

The Mayor's Committee on National Defense issues a call to American service among new Americans in New York City. Volunteer speakers on citizenship, American history, industry, etc.; community visitors, club leaders, entertainers are required. Special training for various kinds of service is available. Apply to Committee on Aliens, Stewart Building, 280 Broadway, telephone Worth 2635.

We have been requested to circulate copies of Ex-President Taft's notable address, "The Menace of a Premature Peace." A number have been distributed. Copies may be obtained by applying in Room 251 at the College.

The need of an auditorium at Camp Upton has been brought before the women of New York by Major General J. Franklin Bell. There is no building at the camp in which the men can receive instruction in large numbers or hear visitors of note address them. General Bell has said that it was "the wish nearest his heart," to have an auditorium where large groups of men—ten thousand or more at a time—could meet to sing, for "a singing army is a victorious army." The men are contributing a dollar each to the fund. Certainly each member of our organization will appreciate the privilege of doing the same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE INVESTS IN A LIBERTY BOND.

The Finance Committee of the Associate Alumnae takes pleasure in reporting that it invested one thousand dollars of the Reserve Fund in a Liberty Bond.

AUXILIARY NO. 1

Of the New York County Chapter,
American Red Cross.

Established by the Pupils of Hunter High School, February, 1917.

The Red Cross Auxiliary of Hunter High School is not only the first school auxiliary but the first Red Cross auxiliary of any sort established in New York. At present the Auxiliary is devoting all its energies to the making of knitted garments, 614 articles having been completed and sent in up to date.

The money for the purchase of materials has been raised by the girls in various ways. Individual students have contributed generously; classes have pledged sums amounting to about \$40.00 monthly; the girls have even sold old newspapers, tinfoil, etc. Five classes have subscribed to the Liberty Loan, each class buying a \$50 bond to be given to the Red Cross in payment for yarn already obtained on credit. The yarn so secured will be used up in a few days. The Red Cross furnishes the Auxiliary with thirty pounds a month, free of charge, but this is far from sufficient. About six hundred girls have been doing the work regularly; fifty-seven of these are now on the waiting-list, as it has been impossible to provide them with material. A great many more have expressed a desire to aid in the work, but cannot afford to buy supplies.

It can be seen from the above that a larger regular income is urgently needed. The girls are giving freely of their time, money, and energy; must their work be limited for lack of support? Every cent contributed is spent for material, the almost negligible expenses of administration being supplied from another source. Will you not help, either by making a donation outright or by pledging yourself to send a fixed sum however small at stated intervals? If the Auxiliary could be assured of an adequate monthly income, its power to serve would more closely approximate its will to serve.

Contributions may be sent to

Mary M. Fay, Chairman,
Finance Committee of the Hunter High School Red Cross Auxiliary, Hunter High School Annex, 108th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

LECTURE COMMITTEE.

Professor William Starr Myers of Princeton University has agreed to give a course of lectures on Political Problems for American Women, to be held in the Collège the Mondays of February beginning with the eleventh. Miriam B. Heidenis, Chairman.

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PAX VOBISCUM!

May the New Year bring universal peace as a result of the triumph of democratic principles!

PROFESSOR AUBERT.

On December 7th there passed away the last to survive of the grand old group composing the Faculty of the Alma Mater of early days, Professor Eugène Aubert. Professor Aubert was born at Wissembourg, France, in 1833. In the late 40's he came to America and engaged in the teaching of French in private schools in New York until 1875, when he was appointed to our College. In September 1906, he tendered his resignation, which took effect the following February, but awaiting the appointment of his successor, he continued to serve *voluntarily and without compensation* until June 1907. The last ten years of his life were spent in retirement.

From 1870 to 1875 the number of students electing French in the College gradually diminished to such a degree that the Board of Trustees seriously considered dropping this language from the curriculum. It was decided, however, to establish a separate department of French and to appoint Professor Aubert at its head. President Hunter, in his Annual Report of 1877, said of Professor Aubert, "He has taken great pains to build up a beautiful structure from a mass of ruins which he found only two short years ago." The highest aims sought to-day in modern language teaching, the tenets and methods now held as the best toward the attainment of these aims, are none other than those of Professor Aubert over four decades ago. "All my efforts," he wrote in his Report in 1876, "tend to make the study of French one of a really living idiom, valuable at any moment for purposes of immediate service and usefulness."

His stateliness of bearing, his dignity of manner, his elegance of gesture, his rhyth-

mic step as if he were marching to the strains of martial music, the rich and sombre cadence of his voice, his gentleness, kindness, sympathy, refinement, and courtesy made Professor Aubert a distinguished and striking personality, and a purity and loftiness of purpose gave him a far-reaching influence for good. He impressed his gracious and noble personality upon others so as to help them and inspire them to higher ideals. In his faithful devotion to his daily task, as if it were a holy ministry, he stood forth as standard-bearer of all that is best in a teacher and a guide. A deep insight into his soul is left to us in two volumes of poems dedicated to the memory of his wife, which reveal even in poignant anguish the same beautiful qualities that characterized him till he fell asleep—patience, fortitude, and sublime submission to the will of God. C. G.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE FACULTY.

Resolved, That we the Faculty of Hunter College hereby express our deep appreciation of the life and work of the late Professor Eugène Aubert, for many years our colleague here. We are keenly sensible of the great service which he rendered to this institution, coming to it in its formative period in 1875, building up the French department here and for many years advancing by his personal influence the knowledge and high repute of the French language and literature in this city. We are gratefully mindful also of his many services to this college in other ways, and of his years of efficient labor as Secretary of the Faculty. We recall his eminent distinction of bearing, his unflinching sympathy and high courtesy; and his influence has stimulated hundreds of our students to high ideals. We have not failed to remember him through his later years of quiet retirement, and we now see in him "Earth's noblest, nobly garlanded."

Resolved, further, that these resolutions be included in our College Minutes, and that a copy be transmitted to the Trustees and to the press.

Edward S. Burgess,
Helen Gray Cone,
Emma M. Requa,
Committee.

ELIZABETH A. JACOBS

Class of 1880.

Suddenly, and while she was in the full flush of life, the Call came on December 8, 1917, to our most loyal and patriotic sister in Alma Mater, Elizabeth A. Jacobs, daughter of Philip and Sara Jacobs.

No alumna ever served her Alma Mater with more ardor, devotion, self-sacrifice, loyalty, and faithfulness, than Elizabeth Jacobs. Ever since her graduation in 1880, she has rendered service a thousand fold, acting on many of the committees of the

greatest importance in the development of the College. Ready to fight if Alma Mater was assailed, ready to serve to the fullest extent of mental and physical ability, she has labored vigorously and aggressively, and has accomplished work that told immensely in the results.

As Chairman of the Statistics Committee, Miss Jacobs has been the zealous guardian of the Alumnae Roll; and woe betide any one who did not cherish it! She could give information concerning almost any known member of the Association, and kept in touch with all statistics pertaining to alumnae. Her service was beyond price and cannot be over-estimated.

Acting as Secretary of the Building (afterwards the Graduate Gift) Committee with Miss Hester Roberts as Chairman, she gave of her time freely, was ardent in service and indefatigable in securing funds.

She served with a large-hearted loyalty that gave expression in tender sentiment. One year when the clinging ivy on the College walls had been winter-killed, she succeeded in obtaining ivy leaves for all who attended the reunion. It was she who selected the personal favors for the Breakfast Guest Table, notably the tiny log cabins at the Lincoln Breakfast. Finally she gathered autumn leaves for the bier of Dr. Hunter and fashioned them with loving hands.

In her school life she was no less loyal—full of zeal for her work, devoted to her principal, inculcating her flawless patriotism in her class-room—altogether following the teachings of Dr. Hunter, and exemplifying the true teacher.

Essentially she was the embodiment of the symbol of Alma Mater, the Ivy Leaf, in loyalty, honor, faithfulness, and tenderness. So may we emulate her life and the emblem that

"Hides the scars all tenderly;
It crowns with grace, it girds with power,
Survives the snow, outlives the flower,
And closest clings in stormiest hour,
The lovely leaf of loyalty!" C. M. W.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Miss E. O. Long, Chairman.
Mrs. John C. Hume. Mrs. H. A. Day.
Mrs. L. J. Finch. Mrs. W. C. Popper
Mrs. Otto Hahn. Mrs. C. G. Stamm.

CALENDAR, 1918.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1918—Executive Committee.
Thursday, Feb. 14, 1918—College Birthday.
Wednesday, March 13, 1918—Executive Committee.
Wednesday, March 27, 1918—Annual "Alumnae Day," College Building.
Wednesday, April 10, 1918—Tea, College Music Room. Special Guests, Graduating Classes 1918.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Hunter College is again offering its services in doing census work in connection with the next selective draft. Through the Mayor's Committee on National Defense it will aid in assisting men who are eligible for the draft to answer the questionnaire on which their classification and their claims to exemption will be based. The work will be done in the offices of Local Exemption Boards.

To aid in this labor all students whose class work so far has been satisfactory, will be excused after December 21st, without qualifications, from all uncompleted work for the term. Such students must give six and a half hours daily for six days a week from December 26th to February 3rd, unless the need for their assistance should end before that time.

Students engaged in this work are urged to attend recitations if their assignments should permit; but they are not to be held responsible for the preparation of homework assigned to the class.

We feel sure that in this work, as in the past, it will be found that the Hunter College students, when called upon, are ready to render most satisfactory service.

The new responsibilities which have been laid upon the women of New York State by the granting of the suffrage have naturally led institutions interested in the higher education of women to make some provision for training for citizenship. Professor Dawson, the head of the Department of History and Political Science, has been giving a course of lectures the last of which will take place on January 2nd and January 4th at 4:45 P. M. in Room 102.

For next term, the evening session is planning a course in Civics for teachers and social workers. The classes will be conducted from February 7th to May 31st and will be in charge of Professor Dawson.

The Evening Session will open in February under somewhat new conditions. *No fees will be charged* to students who have matriculated for academic degrees. For others, the charge will be \$2.50 per credit in academic subjects. Special fees will be charged in vocational subjects.

Many new and interesting courses are offered: A course in French Literature at the End of the Nineteenth Century, conducted by Professor Bargy, who, it is hoped, will have returned from France by that time; one on "The Modern European Drama," by Ludwig Lewisohn; one on "The Mediaeval Art and Life of Our Ancestors," by Clement Heaton; a course in Vocational Guidance under the supervision of the Department of Education; and many others. Complete information may be obtained from the Director of the Evening Session, Hunter College. M. K. G. '14.