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ALUMNAE DAY

All Hunter graduates are cordially invited to come back to Hunter, to the dear old Chapel, for the Alumnae Day festivities on Saturday afternoon, November 16, at half-past two o'clock *sharp*.

All Hunter undergraduates are joyously combining to make them glad they have come. The Main Building will entertain with a gay one-act play, performed by members of the college dramatic organization, the Make-Up Box. The Brooklyn Branch will contribute a dance number. Thirty-second Street and Twenty-ninth Street Annexes will combine in the performance of a hilarious skit which promises to be the hit of the occasion, a Hunter fantasy written and directed by our inimitable and irresistible Alumna, Professor Clara Byrnes.

Miss Helaine Newstead of the staff of Eighty-fifth Street Annex, with the assistance of faculty and student members from various departments and various buildings, will prepare an interesting feature presenting the music of many nations. Eighty-fifth Street Annex will offer Latin, German, and English songs; Twenty-ninth and Thirty-second Streets, French and Italian songs; Brooklyn, Spanish songs, and instrumental selections representing the three Scandinavian nations. All participants will wear suitable costumes.

Of course, the audience, too, will have a chance to sing—to join in the dear old college songs. And, equally of course, good friends from the College and Alumnae will be on hand to tell them, in special greetings, how very welcome they are. We trust they scarcely need to be told! And we also trust that they won't fail to be on hand to see and hear for themselves!

E. ADELAIDE HAHN,
Chairman, Alumnae Day

BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONS

The month of October marked the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Hunter College Bureau of Occupations. To consecrate this service anew and to broaden the scope of the work, a special committee called the Tenth Anniversary Fund Committee was formed last March to raise funds for the Bureau of Occupations. Through the untiring efforts of this loyal group, almost \$1500 was raised, which was presented to the Bureau as a birthday gift.

(Mrs.) HARRIET L. LOWENSTEIN,
Director
MRS. HANNAH OTTENBERG,
Chairman

COLLEGE NOTES

While sessions began on September 19, the academic year may be said to have been officially opened with the formal assembly on October 2, when President Kieran and Mrs. Elliott were the speakers. Subsequent Chapel gatherings have been in the hands of the students, who have arranged a number of interesting programs, including an address by Daniel Frohman on October 23.

On the afternoon of October 23, the College had the privilege of entertaining Mayor Boess of Berlin, Dr. Jons Nydahl, Berlin Commissioner of Education, and Mrs. Nydahl. A reception in their honor was held in the Faculty Room, and there followed in the Auditorium, with Professor Busse presiding, a greeting from the Mayor, and an illustrated talk by the Commissioner on the work of the Berlin schools. The Auditorium was filled to overflowing by members of the staff and the student body.

Staff and students are acting jointly in two important groups: the Judicial Board, which administers the Honor System, and has provided for the election of a representative in each class section; and the Curriculum Committee, which serves as an intermediary between students and faculty concerning the introduction of new courses desired by sufficiently large groups of students.

In other ways, too, the undergraduates are showing their ability to carry on important enterprises. The Student Council Vice-President was in charge of the successful College Boat-Ride to West Point, held, as usual, on Columbus Day.

Secondary activities of all sorts are flourishing. The Athletic Association sponsors a variety of sports, including basketball, hockey, tennis, fencing, horse-back riding, and swimming. The Make-Up Box has invited the College to a series of one-act plays. Preparations are also under way for the production of *Patience*, this year's Gilbert and Sullivan operetta.

The Classical Club, which claims the distinction of being the oldest of the College clubs, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a dinner on November 24. Those interested should apply to Miss V. I. Schmid at the College. It is hoped that many of the old Classical Department girls will attend, including a goodly number of those who were present at the Club's Tenth Anniversary Luncheon on October 2, 1914, when Dr. Whicher was Toastmaster and Dr. Hunter himself one of the speakers.

E. A. H.

FOR THE FIRST GRADUATE OF
THE NORMAL COLLEGE

When a bird-flock flies southward, as August
days wear,
It follows a leader through highways of air;
And when in the springtime its course is
reversed,
Again the flock follows: *one has to be first.*

When the stars look through evening's
ineffable blue,
The soft veil of twilight one star pierces
through;
Before the full splendors of starlight out-
burst,
Comes a single faint sparkle: *one has to be
first.*

In those old days of Fourth Street, whose
memories abide,
When the earliest diplomas were handed
with pride,
In that pageant of Youth, so demurely
rehearsed,
Moved a tall graceful maiden—*she had to
be first!*

Now the sky's full of stars and the air's
full of wings,
And most marvelous changes each passing
year brings;
And our College shows larger through Time's
magic lens,
And counts her ten-thousands instead of her
tens.

But still that dear Friend whose successors
we are,
As brisk as a bird and as bright as a star,
If some praiseworthy project requires to be
nursed,
Presses forward to help, and *is sure to be
first!*

HELEN GRAY CONE