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PRO BONO PUBLICO.

The gifted players of our fine High School offer us the double opportunity of doing good and having a good time. On Saturday afternoon, November 17th, they will repeat at Hunter College their brilliant performance of Sherwood Forest at popular prices, for the benefit of our beautiful Settlement House. Contributions to this field of endeavor are really factors in the great work of Americanization which patriotic spirits know to be the salvation of our nation.

For tickets, which range in price from 50 cents to \$1.50, please apply to Miss B. E. Kallman, 1185 Lexington Avenue. The Alumnae may find this presentation a fitting occasion for organizing class theatre parties.

THE FALL REUNION.

As our dear president observed, she could not bid us come into the college walls—and rest. Our country's call is too urgent to permit the intrusion of personal desires and aspirations, and so Miss Huebner struck the keynote of the Annual Fall Reunion when she asked if each one of us had helped *until it hurt*?

We turned from her thrilling appeal to a delightful rendering of a soprano solo by Miss Rosalie Zeamans, and then Miss Beach presented to us one whom she called the "live wire" of a great movement which is afoot to-day: Patriotism by Education. Professor Moore certainly impressed us as a mighty exponent of so worthy a cause. We travelled back with him one hundred and fifty years, and we saw our country, then a struggling little republic in an autocratic world, striving to prove that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, could survive. We watched that ideal carrying all before it, until England and Italy had caught it to their hearts, and even China and Russia struggled to embrace it. We saw ourselves, at last, a prosperous nation, receiving the ignorant and oppressed immigrant, and sending him home again uplifted and inspired, to spread the gospel of liberty and equality and self-control. Finally we turned to Germany, and there beheld once more the spirit of democracy stirring in the souls of a little gathering at Frankfort in 1848, drawing up a constitution, to be refused, alas, by the king of Prussia. We followed Germany, united under Bismarck's iron will, and formed into so powerful a state that the government could regulate the life of the individual. We watched a fixed idea being in-

culcated into the mind of the German people, so that from a great nation, Germany became a greater nation than others, then greatest on earth, and finally, destined to rule the universe. Thus at last we realized that centuries of reasoning along this line could but lead to the present dreadful calamity.

Then our interesting speaker told us of his own experiences in Alsace; how he had seen Alsace twenty-five years ago, suffering under German militarism, and how, returning there five years ago, he had talked in German with the descendants of Frenchmen, and witnessed for himself the Prussianization of trade and government and people, until the thoughts and language of their loved France could be indulged only behind locked doors. Finally, bringing us back to the heart-breaking thoughts of today, Professor Moore appealed to us to close our hearts to sentiments of hatred and revenge, and to remember only the ideal for which we strove—to make the world safe—for democracy.

When the speaker had been clearly made to feel our appreciation of his inspiring words, the college orchestra aroused our admiration. It seems to grow better every year, and we are indeed proud of our younger sisters.

Miss Prentiss next made an eloquent appeal for the ambulance which Hunter is to send to Italy and which is to bear the name of our beloved Professor Cone. The sum of almost two hundred dollars was cleared by the Alumnae. We were also reminded that the history of the College written by Professor Cone cannot be published until two thousand pledges have been received. The formal reunion then closed with the singing of our Ivy Song, but the social gathering continued far into the evening, as sister met sister and clasped hands once more under the shelter of the Alma Mater. C. B., '16.

FOR THE HELEN GRAY CONE AMBULANCE.

The Hunter College Fellowship of Goodwill is arranging a concert for the benefit of the Italian Ambulance Fund, to take place in the College Auditorium on Thursday evening, November 8th, at eight o'clock. Tickets, price fifty and twenty-five cents, may be obtained from Miss Adele Bildersee at Hunter College. Some first class musicians, both vocal and instrumental, have promised to appear; and the committee in charge is delighted to announce that it has succeeded in inducing

Professor Cone to give a reading from her own poems.

It is hoped that many of the Alumnae will attend. They are promised a most delightful time if they do.

COLLEGE NOTES.

At the close of the last semester Hunter, aided by many of the alumnae, presented to the American Red Cross Society a check for five thousand dollars to be used for the purchase of three ambulances which were to be sent to France for the use of the French, the English, and the American armies respectively. Each ambulance was to bear on a small plate the name of Hunter College.

Now it is proposed to send an ambulance to the Italian front. At an assembly on October 3, Mr. Robert Underwood Johnson told briefly of the very successful efforts of a group of American poets, among whom is our own poet, Helen Gray Cone, to send ambulances to Italy. President Davis mentioned the fact that the College was already planning to raise money for an ambulance to be sent to Italy, and added that, since these ambulances are being named after living poets, we have decided to call ours the Helen Gray Cone Ambulance. Certainly there can be no doubt about the hearty coöperation of all the alumnae of the college in this project.

Miss Lillian Snow, Registrar, is now at Washington working in the Department of Public Information, where she is helping to organize the business end of the work. She has leave of absence for as long as she is required by the Government. Miss Tanzer of the Classical Department is also serving in the same department in the censorship division.

M. K. G., '14.

IT "STRONGLY BINDS."

Now that the graduates of Hunter are being scattered far and wide for patriotic service, there is still more urgent need of a symbol that will help us to recognize one another. What more appropriate than an ivy pin to show we belong to our beloved Hunter? For those who stay at home an ivy pin is likewise indispensable as an attractive but inconspicuous badge of honor. If you desire a pin please make out check for three dollars payable to our Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Daily, and apply to Miss Margaret McLaughlin, Chairman, 415 Washington Avenue, Pelhamwood, Pelham, N. Y.

GRADUATE GLEANINGS.

Miss Jenny B. Merrill acted as supervisor of kindergarten and Bible work in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools during the past summer.

Four students of the Hunter Kinder-

garten Training Class received appointments in these schools and filled their positions very satisfactorily.

Mrs. A. Minnie Herts Heniger is again directing at Columbia the popular course entitled "Methods of Using the Dramatic Instinct in Education and Recreation."

In this class students are taught to put into dramatic form a chosen story. The story is dramatized by class members and the scenario is criticized by George Pierce Baker of Harvard University. The best play is chosen by him and is then produced under the direction of Jacob Heniger, state manager of the Children's Educational Theatre.

There are to be 22 periods of 45 hours on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 in Room 305 Schermerhorn, beginning October 20, 1917, and ending April 13, 1918.

Among the many distinguished educators who are to conduct certain of the sessions are G. Stanley Hall, LL. D., President of Clark University; Professor George Pierce Baker, Professor of Dramatic Literature in Harvard University; and Professor John Dewey, Department of Philosophy in Columbia University. It is seldom indeed that so many notables are brought together in one course.

REUNION OF THE CLASS OF '88.

On June 9th last, the Class of '88 held a most delightful reunion at the charming country home of Mrs. Richard Sutro (Ella Hunt), at Port Chester, N. Y. Luncheon was served at one long table of fifty guests, on the spacious porch, overlooking the rolling hills of Westchester and with Long Island Sound and Oyster Bay plainly visible. It was a "perfect day" in every respect. The class was honored by the presence of our President, Miss Huebner, and also of the President of '98, Mrs. Gibson.

A souvenir appreciated by all, was an original poem of Mrs. Sutro's, daintily printed on papers ornamented by little photos of our dear old college. A most happy address was made by Miss Huebner, and a number of the class expressed a desire to become members of the Alumnae.

The Class of '88 unanimously elected as President, Miss Elizabeth Blair, of the Wadleigh High School.

The Class of '88 is also proud to announce that its members include the following: Mrs. Howard Humiston (née Winterton), the brilliant lawyer in the Cruger case; Edith Finch Baldwin, wife of Stephen Baldwin, lawyer in the Gugenheim and Manning-O'Brien cases, and mother of the magazine writer and book-reviewer, Faith Baldwin; and Helen M. Brown, the recently appointed secretary of Mr. Baker at Washington.

Viola Y. Hartman,
Secretary-Treasurer, '88.