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HELEN GRAY CONE FELLOWSHIP

The Helen Gray Cone Fellowship Committee takes great pleasure in reporting the completion of the \$10,000 endowment fund in June, 1928. A gift of \$700 from Student Council and proceeds of the Wistarion marked the final step towards achievement of the goal set in 1926 when the idea of the fellowship was conceived.

Of the \$10,000 now constituting the endowment, the sum of \$1,862 was contributed by members of the faculty and administrative staff, \$3,544.77 by members of the Associate Alumnae, \$112.25 by members of The Poetry Society of America, and \$4,519.87 by the students.

The first award of the fellowship in English established in honor of Professor Emeritus Helen Gray Cone will be made in July, 1929. Any qualified graduate of Hunter College who has displayed exceptional ability in English work may apply for the award of \$550, to be used towards defraying the expenses of graduate study in an approved institution outside New York City. Preference will be given to an applicant not over thirty years of age at the beginning of the year in which the graduate work is undertaken. A Committee of Award consisting of five members, two of whom are members of the Associate Alumnae, will pass upon the credentials and qualifications of all candidates.

Application blanks may be secured after November 1 from the Chairman of the Committee of Award, Dr. Blanche Colton Williams, Hunter College of the City of New York. Application for the award of 1929 must be filed before March 1 with the Chairman of the Committee of Award.

EMMA K. TEMPLE,

Chairman for the College,

Helen Gray Cone Fellowship Committee.

THE CLASS OF '78

"Grow old along with me.

The best is yet to be."

So sang the poet; and if one questioned his philosophy a glimpse of the women assembled at the Biltmore on Saturday, June the second, in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of their graduation from Hunter College, would have completely dispelled any lurking doubt.

Mrs. Carrie Smith Gibson, their president ever since the Class organization, presided, and with her inimitable charm and grace, bade her guests welcome. There were one hundred and seventy in all, ninety graduates of the Class of '78, their daughters, grand-

daughters, and friends. Auld Lang Syne preceded the very good luncheon, the chef d'oeuvre of which was a huge birthday cake with fifty-one glowing candles, born aloft by two daughters of '78. The Class Ditty followed; and then came Mrs. Gibson's message, during the course of which, in the name of her beloved class, she presented her Alma Mater with the Class of '78 Fellowship Fund—\$6000 contributed by the members of the Class, the interest of which is to be awarded each year to a member of the graduating class for graduate study. Mrs. Hannah Goldenberg Ottenberg, Class Historian, presented a most interesting history; and to judge by the applause her humorous reminiscences were appreciated.

Mrs. Fanny Gibson Titus read letters and telegrams from those who had been prevented from attending the festivities, and President Kieran's address followed. A unique birthday cake in the form of a telegram was sent to the Class of '78 by Ruth Helen Davis of California.

Four of the "Girls" journeyed from afar. Mrs. Maud Doake Fitzgerald, President of the California Chapter, came by automobile from her far western state. Mrs. Minnie Jerome Day, her daughter, and Annie Goethals Prout, sister of General Goethals, also came from California; and Jane Burgess Crooks and her two daughters from Dublin, Ireland.

Sitting at the Guest Table were President and Mrs. Kieran; Mrs. Maxwell Hall Elliott, President of the Associate Alumnae; Mrs. William C. Popper and Miss Emma Huebner, past Presidents of the Associate Alumnae; Miss Laura Friend, one time instructor at Hunter College; Miss Jane McElhinney; Mrs. P. J. Casey, recipient of the first diploma issued by Normal College; and Mrs. James MacGregor Smith, Vice-President of the Associate Alumnae, all of whom said a few words. Mrs. Smith brought the message that she had discovered the whereabouts of the trowel used in the laying of the cornerstone of the old Normal College at 68th Street and Park Avenue, and that this same trowel would be used in the laying of the cornerstone of the new building on Jerome Park Reservoir.

Special mention must be made of two guests who had "crashed in" on the festivities, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Leubusher, both of the Class of '78, College of the City of New York. Regally were they welcomed by their sister class, and both entered into the spirit of the occasion.

HUNTER, '78!

O "Gibson Girls" of '78,
Once more you do amass!
All lovely, smart and "Normal"—
Sweet graduates!—Some class!

Greetings from the Alumnae,
And congratulations, too,
For your sons of brainy mothers—
They all came "smilin' through!"

Mrs. Carrie Smith Gibson,
O Chief Huntress of the Praised,
We thank you for the Fellowship,
With its funds your class has raised!

Hail! Hunter maids of '78,
With skirts and tresses long,
When "sheiks" swung croquet mallets,
And then "parked" your parlors, strong!

Though far above the "A. B. Sees"
Your virtues shall be sung!—
The golden class of '78
Is fifty years more young!

O Class of Hunter, '78,
With memories so fond,
May you have more glad reunions
'Til you meet with those beyond!

MARION RHOADS ELLIOTT