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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

HUNTER COLLEGE BUREAU OF OCCUPATION.

Since the first of May, 1917, the Bureau of Occupation has registered 550 women, nearly all being students of Hunter College. As there are 1,550 students registered, more than one-third of the students are anxious to obtain remunerative part-time employment.

The girls invariably ask for opportunities to tutor young children, or to do part-time clerical work; although the majority are not trained in the necessary office routine, such as typewriting, stenography, filing, switchboard and dictaphone operating, in general clerical work they give satisfaction. Forty-six calls have come from members of the Alumnae, for students to take care of children afternoons, or to bring them to and from school. It is not necessary for us to have these opportunities investigated, as we do in other cases, through the co-operation of the Mayor's Committee, and the Federation of Non-Commercial Employment Agencies, with which organization we are affiliated.

There is a list of names of fifty-five girls who are employed by Saks & Co. regularly on Saturdays and week-day afternoons, and a great many more work there occasionally. In fact, the manager has called on us for twenty-five girls at a time, and once or twice has asked for one hundred—an impossible demand when college is in session.

A great many calls are received for stenographers and typists, whom we cannot supply at present—we are not a business college.

Altogether one hundred and thirty-eight people have communicated with us in regard to positions for our students.

Three hundred and seventy-five applications have been made for these positions.

Each separate and individual member of the Alumnae and of the student body must do her share in advertising the Bureau. (Like every successful business, we need advertising, and then more advertising!) In spite of the lack of advertising, we can report the following positions successfully filled:

Six clerical positions with the Board of Exemption from Military Service.

Four with the Bureau of Attendance.

One at the Columbia Medical College of Physicians and Surgeons, for a stenographer.

One at the Lederle Laboratory at Pearl River, as Bacteriologist, and another as Bacteriologist in a research laboratory in New York; this student was excused from her graduation examinations because she was to take a man's place during the war. The Babies' Hospital employs one graduate, mornings. Several doctors have been supplied with office assistants, and we are hoping for a call soon for a student

who has taken a course in dental hygiene at Columbia.

The American Electric Railways Association is using a girl for part-time clerical work, and the American Education Press has used nine for afternoon work.

We have arranged for one member of the Faculty to lecture on the History of Art at the Ecole Francaise, and supplied a teacher in French conversation and for chaperone service at another private school.

Kurzmanns, the National Cloak and Suit Company, and Gimbel's as well as Saks have used girls in large numbers on special occasions.

Nine public schools have called upon us for substitute teachers, since the fall term started, and we especially request girls who are without an opportunity to substitute even for one day, to call us up early in the morning so that we may be ready to supply the demand.

Kindergartners have been placed in a variety of positions, such as assisting in a settlement house, amusing children at mothers' meetings of a church society, and serving as athletic assistant for children at a country club. One private kindergarten on Riverside Drive has several girls under consideration, and will use them according to the growth of the school, which is just being developed.

The College Entrance Examination Board used fifteen girls during the summer.

Four girls went as waitresses to a summer camp in Pennsylvania, and two as waitresses to a camp on Lake George, where another girl was governess for a child, and a fourth, typist and assistant manager of the camp magazine. One girl has been engaged to play piano for gymnastic work at a settlement.

Twenty girls are registered as piano instructors. Members of the Alumnae who have children will find these students thorough, diligent, and conscientious teachers of music.

The Wireless Class is beginning to send students to register, and so we can supply women radio operators upon demand.

Two girls from out of town who are working their way through college have found homes and pin money in return for service in homes of alumnae members.

The Woman Suffrage Party has asked for twelve girls as watchers at the polls. Fifty girls responded to that call!

These are just instances of the type of calls coming in, and the list does not include all. We have been called upon to find girls to solicit subscriptions for a magazine, to demonstrate nut butter, to manage households, to mend, to knit sweaters, etc. It is really surprising how many employments can be found for girls who can give only part-time, and we are always looking and hoping for more surprises.

Mrs. Edward J. Foignet, Director.