

THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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HUNTER'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Plato said: "Only that state is healthy and can thrive which unceasingly endeavors to improve the individuals who constitute it."

In Plato's time, and for many centuries thereafter, *men* were the only individuals with whom the state was concerned. Fifty years ago, in New York City, Thomas Hunter won the privilege of trying an experiment based on the hypothesis that *women* are individuals whose improvement is vital to the general welfare.

That was the beginning of Hunter College. The record of these fifty years is one of struggle and steady advance toward ever higher standards of scholarship for this free institution. This Golden Jubilee finds Hunter in the first rank of women's colleges, sending out its graduates not only into the schools as teachers, but into every branch of the world's activities open to women. We can have no better confirmation of Hunter's rating among other colleges at the present time than the formation of a Hunter Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which is part of the program of the Celebration.

The past is very fine—but the future must be even better. This is an occasion for every graduate to show her appreciation of what her Alma Mater did for her, and to proclaim her conviction that the College is worthy of public confidence and support. She is now celebrating the completion of her first fifty years of existence. The foundation is laid—and laid well. Recognition of her scholarship has been attained, but she has long outgrown her present habitation. Let us all work now toward the new building she needs so badly. Our Alma Mater asks your support in her effort to build herself more stately mansions. Show your loyalty by your presence at her Golden Jubilee Celebration.

Program of the Celebration.

Wednesday, Feb. 11th, 8 P. M., College Chapel. OPENING CEREMONIES. Academic exercises, including the formal address of investiture by Dr. Talcott Williams, Senator of Phi Beta Kappa. The honorary degree of Litt. D. will be conferred upon our distinguished Alumna, Helen Gray Cone. This is the first honorary degree our College has had the honor and privilege of bestowing.

Thursday, Feb. 12th, commencing promptly at 10 A. M. ALUMNÆ DAY. All graduates are invited to come back to

school for a day of fun and renewing of memories.

Friday, Feb. 13th. COLLEGE DAY. At 11 A. M. in the Chapel will be produced *The Masque of the Feast of Gold*, written by Professor Cone and produced by undergraduates.

Saturday, Feb. 14th, at the Hotel Commodore, noon. THE JUBILEE LUNCHEON. Please secure your reservations at once if you have not already done so. Tickets \$3.50 per cover. Apply to the Jubilee Chairman,

Harriet Webb Moffett.

Mrs. James H. Moffett,

75 Fifth Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

PERMANENT EXHIBIT.

The Alumnae Permanent Exhibit is now ready for inspection. All the material is perfectly filed and will be placed in room 112, on the ground floor of the Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. The room will be open to Alumnae and their friends every day from nine o'clock to five, and on Sundays from nine o'clock to one, during the month of February. No tickets of admission are required.

You are cordially invited to visit the Library, where you will find members of the committee to greet you. You will find a most interesting collection of the work done by the Association from the time of its organization to the present day.

A. M. H.

"SCISSORS."

Once upon a time, a man and his wife had a quarrel as to whether a knife or a pair of scissors was the correct implement for some operation. He said: "Knife." She persisted in saying: "Scissors." Finally, hoping to escape the perpetual sound of the word scissors, which she continued to repeat, he threw her into the river. Just before she sank for the last time, she held up her right hand; and, with the fore and middle fingers, indicated the motion made by the two blades of the scissors. She had the last word!

No drowning for THE GRADUATE GIFT COMMITTEE, but a last word!

As we float on a stream of donations of every size and kind—with February 14 in sight—we raise our hand and with our last breath ask:

Have you sent in your contribution?

Have you given as much as you possibly can?

Will you help to build Alumnae Hall?

L. P.