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GIFT FUND NEWS

You can well imagine how thrilled and delighted your Chairman and her Committee are to be able to inform you that the contract for a new Aeolian-Skinner Organ was signed this very day, Monday morning, May 20th, at 10 A. M., at President Shuster's office, at 2 Park Avenue.

Since we plan to have the Organ installed in October in time for the opening of the new Hunter College Building, and as we have reached the sum of \$13,293, we still have time to reach the required goal, \$15,000; this is not a large sum in proportion to the thousands of graduates greatly indebted to Normal, now Hunter College. *This is the opportune time* for the classes that have not reached their \$300 quota and also for the three classes (January 1921, June 1935, and June 1940) that have contributed nothing towards the Organ Fund to get busy and "do their bit". We are most eager to have *every* class of *every* year from 1870 through June 1940 represented in the Gift Book of Hunter College, and in this way your class will be perpetuated. We plan to have the Book placed near the Organ in the new Auditorium, in addition to the Plaque to be placed there.

Before we announce the list of contributors received during the past month, may I express the sincere thanks of the Gift Fund Committee and myself to Mrs. Otto Hahn, our efficient Editor of the ALUMNÆ NEWS, for the manner in which she has published our detailed reports during the past fifteen months

Nor can I ever forget Mrs. Hahn's good work and splendid coöperation in proposing to every graduate to contribute the sum of two dollars towards the Gift Fund a few months ago. It was astonishing to see the huge number of two-dollar bills sent to me. To Mrs. Hahn for proposing, and to our appreciative Alumnae for disposing, may I say Thank you! Thank you!

We are happy to publish again the classes that reached their quota of \$300 and in some cases have gone "over the top": 1870-1876, (Seven-in-One), \$425; 1880, \$400; 1881, \$504; 1884, \$300; 1886, \$303; 1887, \$304; 1889, \$430; 1890, \$325; 1891, \$311; 1893, \$305; 1895, \$311; 1896, \$303; 1904, \$300; 1905, \$401; 1907, \$418; January and June 1917, \$300. There are a great many classes that have nearly made the goal, and I feel sure that when the fall comes around their years will be published in the News.

We gratefully appreciate the coöperation of the Staff of Hunter College and Hunter High School for their generous contributions to our Organ Fund. And to the Washington Chapter, through Mrs. Frank A. Linzel,

we offer our sincere gratitude for their contribution to our Gift Fund. To Mr. Samuel Weltz, through the efforts of Miss Providence K. Gambarro of the Model School, we express our sincere gratitude for his generous contribution. Our very deep appreciation we also extend to the Alumnae members of the Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority of Hunter College, who through Dr. Olga Kuthy sent a very generous check towards the Organ Drive.

Seven-in-One Group. 1874. Mrs. Sigmund Wolff, of St. Louis, Mo., sends us a generous contribution and her wish that "your efforts be crowned with success". Thanks so much, Mrs. Wolff. 1876. We express our sincere appreciation for the following: "I am enclosing my check toward the Organ Drive in memory of my dear mother, Clara Pollack Bondy of the Class of 1876—Marie B. Leffert." We gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution of Miss Emma Burnett of '76.

1878. Miss Minnie A. Scherzinger sent me a very touching letter enclosing a liberal contribution "in memory of our departed classmates". Our heartfelt thanks to this member of Mrs. Falk's loyal class. The class total is \$152.

1879. We gratefully acknowledge an additional contribution from Mrs. Harry A. Day, which brings the class total to \$246. Keep up your good work, Mrs. Day!

1881. We extend our thanks for the generous contribution of Mrs. A. A. Zucker "in memory of her mother, Alice Elasser, a graduate of Hunter College", obtained through the efforts of our dear Mrs. Jacob L. Heiden. This class has reached the enormous total of \$504. Congratulations to Mrs. Heiden.

1883. From Mrs. Hugo H. Ritterbusch, of Scotch Plains, N. J., we received a contribution towards the purchase of the Organ. Thanks so much, Mrs. Ritterbusch.

1884. We appreciate the splendid work of Miss Virginia Keith and Mrs. Adele D. Priess, who have been trying their utmost to reach their classmates, and with good results. We acknowledge with deep gratitude the generous contributions of Mrs. Anne C. Edsall, Mrs. Rosenberg, Emma Brazier, Mrs. Varian, Bertha Oberndorfer, Jane G. Campbell, an additional contribution from Miss Sophie Sperling, and another from Grace B. Beach that has taken the class safely "over the top". And finally this class includes the giver of the largest single contribution to date, our esteemed alumna Dr. Margaret B. Wilson of Washington, who has given \$150. She writes as follows: "Let me congratulate you on the fine work you have done for the College Organ Fund.

In honor of his twentieth anniversary at Hunter Professor Edward M. Lehnerts, Chairman of the Geology and Geography Department, witnessed the dedication of the rock garden named for him on May 29 at the Bronx buildings. The dedication, made to the students of the College, took place after four years of planning and construction. Speakers at the ceremonies included President-Elect Shuster, Professor Douglas Johnson of Columbia University, Dr. Gordon G. Darkenwald, Professor Henry D. Thompson, and Ernestine Friedl, President of the Student Self-Government Association. Miss Grace Carhart was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the dedication.

Since the project was begun four years ago, staff and students in the Geology and Geography Department have been hard at work collecting, arranging, and planting. The garden contains twelve rock benches made of the most important rock to be found in New York City and vicinity, specimens of iron ore and zinc donated by the Greek pavilion at the New York World's Fair through Professor Hahn of the Classics Department, and petrified tree-trunks from the Petrified Forest in Arizona. Specimens are arranged in historical geological order from the oldest to the most recent deposits.
