

## IN MEMORIAM

The year 1952 has marked the home-going of a rare and lovely woman, one of our distinguished alumnae, Mrs. John W. Williams of Leonia (the former Charlotte Bowtell). Her townspeople reverently recall that, with her husband and two little boys, she moved to their New Jersey home in 1910, and that she was soon working for the improvement of the public schools, and the creation of a high school and public library. For the latter she collected books and arranged and catalogued them with her own hands. She was first president of the Library Association, second president of the Women's Club, president and study leader of the Shakespeare Club, and active member of the Presbyterian Church and its Ladies' Aid Society. Still more potent than her manifold labors were her personality and influence, always exerted to help her community live on a high plane, ethically and spiritually.

It is of interest to Hunter folk that she taught in the Training Department (later the Model School and now the Elementary School), and named her son Palmer for the Miss Palmer who was her colleague there, and that she was the dearly loved teacher of a small maiden who has since become our own Irene Brandon Graff; that Professor Cone sometimes came as guest of honor to the Twelfth Night parties of her Shakespeare Club; and that Professor Cone's poem, "Comrade Youth", was a description of Mrs. Williams' younger sister, also later a teacher in T.D.N.C., Miss Jennie G. Bowtell, who, with her chum, used to walk home across the Park with their beloved teacher, Helen Grey Cone.

We who were privileged to be included in the circle of her personal friendship received many colorful cards from Mr. and Mrs. Williams' travels abroad where they visited places attractive to scholars, especially in England, Scotland, and the Holy Land.

When she was at home she shared with us plants and bulbs from her flourishing garden (which she delighted to tend) and gave gentle care to baby birds who were lost or orphaned, tenderly rearing them till they were able to fly and forage for themselves. Moreover, she seemed to possess the magic secret of youth, for, though about eighty-four years old this spring, she looked not a day over fifty!

ELIZABETH BENTZ

Mrs. Dorothy Silverman Helprin, '03, a teacher in the New York public school system for more than thirty years, died on Sept. 1, 1951. She had her complete education in the schools of New York City and received her training as a teacher at Hunter College. She spent most of her school life at P. S. 165 Brooklyn.

B. R. F.

Constance F. Mayer, June '42, daughter of Judge Alexander Mayer, was struck and killed by a train on May 21, her birthday. In her memory friends have presented to the Music Library on 58th Street two albums of records: *Songs of Auvergne* and *Amaryllis*.

## LONG MEMORIAL

On September 13 seventy-five friends of Emilie O. Long gathered at Northrop Camp on Mt. Washington, Mass., to dedicate the garden established there through the contributions of her many friends. Miss Long had devoted herself happily and inspiringly to "helping city children learn nature's lesson from field and garden" at Northrop Camp. It seemed fitting that her memorial garden should be a part of it. The simple ceremony demonstrated anew the richness of her life and her sharing of it particularly with the young. Each participant in the program in telling us of associations with Miss Long revealed the profound and lasting effect of that spirit of adventure that she communicated with her every precept either through her classes at Hunter, or at Northrop Camp. They well represented the diversity of the friends whose study of, and love for, nature, grew through companionship with her.

Personal recollections of Emilie O. Long were presented by a Camper, Mrs. Joan Gerber; a Counsellor, Mr. Alvin R. Cowan; a Director, Mrs. Alma Moldenke; a Co-Worker, Dr. Henry Gray; a Neighbor on the Mountain, Mr. Norman Melius; a Colleague, Miss Jean Conklin; and a School Nature Leaguer, Mrs. Robert M. Burns. The reading of her original poem in honor of Miss Long by Dr. Ruth Lewinson, standing by the marble fountain engraved "In Loving Memory of Emilie O. Long", marked the high point in the ceremony.

The program opened with an invocation by Dr. John Eason and closed with singing by recent campers under the direction of Dr. Ruth Peterson. Mr. Carl W. Buchheister, President of the Alice Rich Northrop Memorial, presided.

HELEN P. LANGNER, '14

Chairman, Arrangements Committee

## GRADUATE GLEANINGS

Ella O'Gorman Stanton, '85, was 86 years old on Nov. 3. Having herself gone to Washington in May 1943 in the capacity of Typical Mother of Greater New York, accompanied by two women, one a fellow-alumna, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, she was interested to read that our own Mrs. Draddy had accompanied the mother of 1952 to Washington. Mrs. Draddy was at Mrs. Stanton's eightieth birthday party in 1946. Mrs. Stanton has nine living children (she lost two sons who served in World War I), nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Alumnae will be happy to learn that she writes, "I feel fine."

Rose Zeitlin, June '11, a teacher of English at Washington Irving H. S., is the author of a recently published book, *Henrietta Szold—Record of a Life*, which has been receiving most favorable reviews. She engaged in intensive research in preparation of her material; and both for her love for her subject and for her fairness and integrity in treating that subject, she has proved herself of noteworthy stature.

The Chronica Botanica Co. of Waltham, Mass., has just published as Vol. 28 of their New Series of Plant Science Books *Plants of the Bible* by a husband and wife, H. N. and