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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?

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Fifty years ago occurred a mighty event for untold good—the inception of Hunter College. For half a century this glorious institution has been conferring the boon of the higher education upon the daughters of the metropolis, sending forth every year hundreds of graduates with unlimited power for doing good among the masses (as well as the “classes”).

Founded as a training school for teachers, the old Normal School developed into a college conferring a bachelor's degree equal to any in the land.

How proud and fond we are of the founder of our college! How greatly devoted to the memory of the man who sacrificed personal interests that the daughters of the city might benefit. Blessed indeed is the name of Thomas Hunter.

Fortunate are we who are graduates of Hunter. Happy as well as profitable were our college years. On Graduation Day we feel heart hunger for vanished companionship, and our prevailing question is, “When and where shall we meet again?” There are the splendid reunions of the Associate Alumnae, but they occur only twice a year and do not admit of much informal intercourse. What the Alumnae need most is a home, a meeting-place, open at all times and so devised and constructed that there will be rooms for every kind of activity elevating to the individual and beneficial to the community. We want a building worthy of Hunter and a credit to the city. How can we embody this ideal? By presenting to Alma Mater a sum of money for the erection of an Alumnae Hall. Hither may Hunter graduates come at any time, from all quarters of the globe, for every kind of inspiration and recreation. Here the “girls” can run in at any time and find that sweetest of all life's gifts—a welcome home!

IN MEMORIAM.

Clara M. Williams.

The Class of '72 of Hunter College at its annual meeting held on Jan. 23, 1920,

at the residence of Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, 350 West 88th Street, note with deep sorrow the death of their classmate Clara M. Williams.

While known to the educational world by her many achievements for and in behalf of women, she was dear to us as a classmate and companion of our girlhood days.

And as she fashioned her pathway through life, ever working in uplifting causes, gaining distinction by her service in the Board of Education, and in other fields of public life, we have always felt that the Class of '72 was being honored by her work.

When the idea of organizing our class was proposed, she entered upon the work with that energy which was so characteristic of her, and was one of our main workers and advisers.

We shall miss her presence at our meetings and the charm of her rare personality as well as her wise counsel and advice: but we have been enriched by her friendship and count it as one of the precious treasures of our lives that we were permitted to know her and count her as a member of the Class of '72.

Rachel H. Hays,
President Class of '72.

[The following letter reached the editor after the death of Mrs. Williams.]

3937 Osler Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
December 8, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Hahn,

Again I am laid low, and am writing in bed, longing for all my dear friends of the Alumnae and all its great doings this year.

I have found a few notes which I compiled when Chairman of the Silver Jubilee in 1895, and thought possibly they might be of interest to publish in the NEWS. Am asking Miss Hunter to send them to you, if she and you think it worth while.

I feel as if I could write a book on Hunter, for it has been part of my life since 1870, and I, like the ivy, cling to it and its memories. It is a comfort, as my active life draws to a close, to have so much to think of that has been dear to me, that has moulded my life and has given me my dearest friends.

May this Golden Year place a Golden Crown upon Dr. Hunter's memory—his work—and his great service to the women of New York.

Very sincerely,

Clara M. Williams, '72.

Please send me the NEWS.

[Mrs. Williams' notes are indeed most interesting and well worth while, but unfortunately lack of space crowds them out this month. We hope to print at least excerpts from them in the next issue of the NEWS.—Editor.]