

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

Hunter Alumnae Hall! Immortally associated with its organization in the past, its well-being in the present, and its preservation for all future time, is the name of Esther Moore Valet, recently deceased.

The members of the Hunter Alumnae Hall Committee mourn the loss of our beloved chairman. We shall miss her exceedingly—her smile, her constant good nature.

Those who came to the Rooms were at once aware of Mrs. Valet's fine qualities as a friend. The memory of her gracious friendliness and kindness will remain pleasantly in the minds of us all. How she loved the joy of others! How she suffered with those in sorrow!

Her cheerful spirit projected itself and irradiated her surroundings so that we felt the presence of a sweet, friendly, and loving lady filled with enthusiasm for Alumnae Hall, a project most dear to her heart.

Mrs. Valet gave generously of her time, her energy, and her talents; and with a heart full of love for her responsibilities, she patiently and conscientiously lavished that love on her Alma Mater and participated actively in all relating to the College and the Alumnae.

As we seek for the key to her character we recognize at once her ever-present and warmly-sympathetic interest in people. She had in her that which was ever young, and she had faith in the young. She knew how to give healing comfort to friends disturbed by grief and loneliness.

How privileged are all those who, having shared her welcome, her handclasp, and her smile, have received a portion of her boundless spirit.

Precious are our memories of our dear friend and associate, Esther Moore Valet.

"What can we do, o'er whom the un beholden  
Hangs in a night with which we cannot  
cope?"

What but look sunward, and with faces  
golden  
Speak to each other softly of a hope."

"St. Paul", by Frederic Myers

HUNTER ALUMNAE HALL COMMITTEE

Mary Abbott Curtin, Corr. Secy.

Elsie Ikelheimer, Rec. Secy.

The members of the Hunter Alumnae Hall Committee, deeply affected by the death of their beloved Chairman, Esther G. Valet, and in gratitude for the many years of service which she rendered the Committee and the Associate Alumnae, have set up the Esther Valet Memorial. The proceeds of this fund will be used for some form of child welfare work—a subject in which Mrs. Valet had a particular interest all her life.

Former members of the Committee and the many other friends of Mrs. Valet in the Associate Alumnae will wish to contribute to this memorial. Contributions may be sent to the Committee's treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Golomb, Hunter Alumnae Hall, 204 West 55th Street.

ROSE SEGAL GOLOMB

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ESTHER MOORE VALET

On Saturday, April 27th, 1946, was our last meeting with our beloved Esther, at the 25th Anniversary of the Gallery Gods. Her sweet presence will be deeply mourned.

At the Hunter College Golden Jubilee in 1920, the Associate Alumnae President, Miss Emma Huebner, requested each class to arrange a pleasing entertainment for Alumnae Day, February 12th.

I had written a little skit for my Class of 1888, but I could not get together my needed classmates to fill out the cast of "She Went to Normal College", so I sent out an "S.O.S." to four other classes, 1886, 1887, 1889, and 1890. Then I arranged a meeting, and Esther Moore Valet and Rosa Riegelman Heintz came immediately to my assistance (and ever thereafter through the years, to 1946).

We organized the Gallery Gods, which grew in numbers to a hundred or more charming members. I could mention many of our beloved G.G.'s, whom, alas, the passing years have called home.

Our beloved Esther Valet met with a severe accident, which proved suddenly fatal.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to her dear husband and family. Our Hunter Alumnae and our G.G. members will all miss and mourn the sweet presence of Esther Moore Valet.

VIOLA YOERG HARTMANN.

The remaining few of the Monday Morning Group feel a great loss in the passing of their beloved and inspiring leader, Mrs. William Valet (Esther Moore) of the Class of 1886. Mrs. Valet was also Chairman of the Filing Committee.

She was the sunshine of the Alumnae Rooms, always smiling, cheerful, and sympathetic. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and family.

RITA ASCHE  
FANNY HEIDEN  
BEATRICE M. POWELL  
GRACE STYLES

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS OF  
CONDOLENCE

"Mrs. Valet will be missed by many—her faithful good work for our Alumnae, her love for the work and the many friends she made by her gracious happy greetings to all who came to Alumnae Hall. We never shall find another just like her." —JENNY HUNTER

"How we all will miss her—and what a loss to the College and the Alumnae!"

—FANNY GILLET MACLEAN

"I mourn the death of our beloved chairman. It is a heartbreaking loss. Mrs. Valet was so lovable and kind and so efficient."

—BETSEY B. DAVIS

"The notice of Mrs. Valet's death was a real shock to me. She was such a bright, sweet

woman, and yet very decided in matters concerning the Alumnae. She will be missed by many." —ROSE HEINTZ

"I was shocked to hear of Mrs. Valet's death. We all shall miss her. How I tried to attend all her meetings! —ROSALIE M. COHEN

"I feel so lost without Mrs. Valet—I loved her so much. She was so kind and cheerful, so zealous in her work for the Rooms." —ANNIE L. EGBERT

"The news of Mrs. Valet's death was a shock. No one can fill our dear Esther's place." —CARRIE TAYLOR

"Mrs. Valet will be missed by all the Alumnae. I owe her a very personal gratitude, for it was she who launched me as an Alumna." —SIBYLLA ALICE MELLOR

"We have suffered a heavy loss in Mrs. Valet's sudden death. She was faithful and loyal and high-hearted in her services to Hunter. It will be desperately hard to find some one to take over the many responsibilities she carried for the Alumnae." —DORA C. DEIS

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mary Williams, daughter of Rev. William Daniel Williams and Mary Etta Williams, was born in Sterling, Kansas. While her father was stationed at the Church of the Holy Apostles in New York City, she attended Hunter (Normal) College, graduating from the Class of F4 in June 1900. As her father was appointed Archdeacon of Arkansas, the family moved west the same year, and she attended the University of Iowa, where she received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. Thereafter she taught in secondary and private schools of the west, until she married William Jerome English, a lawyer and an alumnus of the same University. After the death of her father, who was then rector of a church in Southington, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. English came east to be with her mother, who still resides at Armsmere, Hartford, Conn. Mary lived there until her death, on July 3, 1946. She was buried from Christ Church Cathedral in that city.

Though living in many states since her graduation from Hunter, she retained her love and admiration for her first College. Since her return to the east, she attended many class reunions; and only ill health and the sudden death of her husband in 1944 prevented her from attending class functions in the last two years.

Besides her mother, a brother survives, Captain W. P. Williams, for many years Chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

Mary Williams English was a loyal friend and a fine student, with a warm loving heart, a brilliant intellect, and a wonderful character. All who ever met her loved her.

L. F. STOEPLER

Estelle L. Silverman, '14, died on August 4th at Starlake, where she was spending her vacation. She was Principal of Junior High School 52, and a member of the Board of Governors of the New York Principals Association. In 1937 she attended the International Education Conference in Tokyo.

Resolutions by the faculty of her school ran in part: "We can testify to her kind consideration for the needs of her pupils and teachers, induced by her sympathetic understanding of their problems. Uppermost in her mind and heart was the desire to guide boys and girls in the ways of truth and human relations. Miss Silverman gave loyal and devoted service in the public school system, especially where it affected the growth of children in the ideals of democracy and community welfare."

It is with profound and deep regret that the Class of 1927 announces the passing of Clara Paley Sonkin on August 23, 1946. The death of a fine personality and creative teacher constitutes a great loss to our class and community. L. B. P.

#### BERNICE MACLEAN MEMORIAL

A memorial fund is being raised to establish the Bernice Maclean Zoology Prize to be given in the Department of Zoology at Mount Holyoke College.

Bernice Maclean's professional career was marked with distinction, beginning with her instructorship in the Zoology Department at her alma mater, Mount Holyoke College, from 1927 to 1929. Mount Holyoke awarded her the Mary E. Woolley Fellowship in 1929 for graduate work in the Department of Anatomy, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. The following year she received a fellowship from that department, then an instructorship, doing additional work also in the Department of Ophthalmology, Columbia University. In 1933 she was appointed to the Hunter College faculty, and from 1941 to 1944 served as Chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences.

The committee feels that there will be many among Dr. Maclean's colleagues and students at Hunter College who will wish to have a share in keeping alive the name and thought of one who stood for so much in every community in which she worked, and who meant so much to her friends. They are trying to reach all those with whom she had acquaintance. Any contribution is welcome.

It is planned to make the first award in May, 1947. Contributions should be mailed before November 1, 1946. All checks should be made out to the Bernice Maclean Zoology Prize Fund, or to the Committee Chairman, Dr. Dorothy Richardson, to whom they should be sent. Because of the immediate establishment of the award next year, war bonds cannot be accepted. When the fund is completed, the committee will let each donor know the list of contributors and the nature of the award.

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