

vanced study. The advantages of this program to the students are obvious; but the main purpose from the standpoint of the Seminar has been to provide young instructors with the experience of guiding superior students in individual study.

Another activity of the Seminar was a program of faculty intervisitation among its members. Each senior member was associated in this program with three or four of the junior members. They visited each other's classrooms to observe the teaching which went on there, and, later, to discuss their observations. In some cases the senior and the junior member took over each other's classes for a period or two. It is hoped that this program has achieved some of the goals of classroom observation without the tensions and strains of the ordinary supervisory visit.

Though the Ford Seminar as such will have ended its activities by the time this goes to press, the College intends to maintain, on a less elaborate scale, a regular program of induction for new members of the teaching staff. At the very least, this will include an orientation session at the beginning of the academic year for those newly appointed to Hunter. An advisory board under Dean Rees' direction is now working on the details of the new program.

HARRY L. LEVY

Director, Ford Seminar, 1956-57

FACULTY FACTS

Dr. Mina Rees, Dean of Faculty, appeared as guest speaker on NBC's Educational Television program on Saturday, April 27, discussing "The Calculus". Dean Rees was introduced by President Shuster, and assisted by Trude Robinson, a senior who expects to teach the kindergarten class in Babylon, Long Island, next September.

The *New Yorker* for March 30 contained as one of its famous series of *Profiles*, headed *A Giant in Her Field*, an account by Morton M. Hunter of the scholarly work of Professor Helaine Newstead of the Hunter College English Department, who is a specialist in the medieval Arthurian romances.

Ernest C. Hunt, who will be remembered as former Secretary of Hunter College (a post which he held for 49 years), celebrated with Mrs. Hunt on Saturday, May 18, their seventieth wedding anniversary.

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IN MEMORIAM

Professor Marie Bell Coles, '81, a retired member of the Hunter College staff, passed away last June in her ninety-third year. Professor Coles had attended every Hunter College Kindergarten Alumnae Reunion since her retirement in 1926. In all, she had served the interests of Early Childhood Education over a period of seventy-eight years. She was a graduate of the old Normal College, a teacher in the Model School, and later a Professor in the Education Department of Hunter College. Then after her retirement she maintained an active membership in the Hunter College Kindergarten Alumnae, which is composed of those who have been graduated from Hunter College (and Normal College) as Kindergartners.

Professor Coles spoke at every Fall Reunion of the Kindergarten Alumnae. Many graduates attended in order to greet her. She was a very good speaker, her talks well-organized yet informal. She had a sense of humor; and she spoke with a consciousness of the changes that time brings. Several times she mentioned that she was graduated in 1881. She also told of her feelings when she was honored by appointment as the Training Teacher for Kindergartners at the time that the first Kindergarten Training class was established in Normal College in 1889 under the direction of President Thomas Hunter. She spoke of other well-known educators of the 1870's and 1880's.

Professor Coles maintained a warm, personal interest in her former students. As time went on she extended this to later graduates. She always asked the Alumnae members to call at her home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

After Professor Coles' retirement from the College she continued a long-time active association with the Missionary Training Institute in Nyack, N. Y.

Eleven years ago, the Hunter College Kindergarten Alumnae established the "Marie Bell Coles Award". This is given to an Early Childhood Education student at graduation.

Professor Coles was a sister-in-law of Professor Helen Graham Coles, who was also a member of the Education Department, and who retired at a later date. The two daughters of Professor Helen G. Coles (nieces of Professor Marie B. Coles) are also Hunter graduates.

The Kindergarten Alumnae Association realizes that it has lost an unusual, contributing personality. It was an enriching experience to have had Professor Coles as a member of the Association for such a long period.

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