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The Spring Re-union.

The Spring meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held on the afternoon of May 11th. This is a little earlier than usual, but the reasons for choosing this date are very good, chief among them being that we hope to have with us as our speaker for the afternoon, Mark Twain. Mr. Clemens has promised us that date, and we trust nothing will interfere to prevent his being with us.

As the constitution calls for a meeting of the executive on the second Saturday of May, that meeting will have to be held on the morning of the same day on which the Re-union occurs. Will members of the Executive please note this, and keep the whole day, *May 11th*, clear of engagements? In all probability the Re-union Committee will make arrangements to serve lunch to the Executive Committee, so that its members may be spared the necessity of a second trip to the college.

Further notice of both meetings will appear in the May issue of the *News*, but it is well to be forewarned and waive engagements. A good attendance is desired for both meetings.

Science Distribution.

Winter reigned without the walls of the college, but spring was supreme in the hearts of Natural Science Committee, as they dispensed nature material at the February distribution.

Catkins and closely packed buds gave modest, but satisfactory promise of next summer's wealth. More than fifty representatives departed with labeled twigs of alder, horse-chestnut, hickory, elm, maple, tulip, apple, cherry and others, which, it is hoped, will successfully unfold their mysteries under the interested eyes of the children.

Thanks for material are due to the ladies of the Public Education Association, the Natural Science Committee, and especially to Mr. Willis Holly, Secretary of the Department of Parks, who sent literally a wagon load of labeled branches and twigs.

Science Committee Notices.

DISTRIBUTION.

On Tuesday, April 16, at four o'clock, the Science Committee will distribute aquarium material, early spring flowers, etc., to the School Representatives.

Friends who can contribute material for this distribution are requested to have it reach College Monday, April 15.

LOAN COLLECTIONS.

The Science Committee would be very glad to have more of the teachers make use of the Loan Collections in the Library. If those who wish to borrow specimens of minerals, rocks, birds' nests, fruits, seeds, leaves, etc., will notify the Secretary in time, a member of the committee will be in the Library to loan material from 3.30 to 4.30 on the Wednesday following the

In Memoriam.

In the death of Professor Woods on Friday, March 8th; the College has sustained an irreparable loss. For thirteen years she most ably filled the post of Woman Superintendent. Many girls during those years have had cause to be thankful for her wise, firm, yet kindly control.

In other days some of us knew her in the teacher's chair. Well do I remember, on one occasion, how a student in her callow ignorance dared to enter her puny protest against the present theory of sound vibration. With a kindly twinkle in her eye, Professor Woods replied: "Very well, Miss—, when you can advance a better theory we shall be glad to hear it." That was the teacher, keen, quick to stop profitless discussion, yet doing it in the kindest spirit imaginable.

Though her last illness was short and her death an unexpected blow to most of us, still we knew she had been a patient sufferer for the past year or so from some severe gastric trouble. Heroically she fought against pain and weakness, often coming to College when sick enough to be in bed.

Not soon will we of the College and Alumnæ forget her brave, kindly, helpful life.

Nor blame I death, because he bare
The use of virtue out of earth;
I know transplanted human worth
Will bloom to profit otherwhere.

—*In Memoriam.*

G. B. B.

The faculty and instructors of the Normal College, and the teachers of the Training Department are organizing a movement tending towards the establishment of a permanent memorial to Professor

Woods. The exact nature of the memorial has not yet been decided upon.

Members of the Alumnæ Association who would like to contribute to this object may send contributions to

GRACE B. BEACH,

Chairman of the "Eliza Woods

Memorial Committee" of the

Alumnæ Association.

Address — Normal College, or 322 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City.

The following resolutions are to be presented and acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, God, in his inscrutable providence, has removed from her post of usefulness, Professor Eliza Woods, for seventeen years an honored instructor, and for the last thirteen years woman superintendent in the Normal College,

Resolved; That to few women has it been given to fill so acceptably so difficult a position, and one so fraught with heavy responsibilities.

Resolved, That in her death the students of the Normal College have lost a most kindly guide, and the Associate Alumnæ a wise and warm friend.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed in the minutes of the Executive Committee.

A mistake appeared in the *March News* with regard to the gift made by the Association to the Senior Class on the College Birthday. These pictures were presented by the *Alumnae Association*, and not by the Education Committee as stated. Dr. Jarrett, in presenting them to the college, was careful to state that while the idea originated in the Committee on Education, the money was appropriated by the Association.