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## The May Reunion.

We are all still young enough to enjoy surprises, and the delightful one furnished by the Reunion Committee on May 15 was most successful. We sat with the tense interest of children listening to a fairy tale, while the very human and dramatic story of *The Yellow Jacket* was unfolded to us by Dr. Frederic Poole. His representation of all the characters and the manner in which a few descriptive touches set the scenes were a most powerful call upon the imagination, so powerful that the touching farewell of the mother to her child brought tears to the eyes of many. The dramatic climax, where the heartless coquette, Tso, meets her fate, was thrilling in Dr. Poole's rendering. It made a stronger impression upon us than the stage representation which we had seen several winters ago. Dr. Poole gave us the spiritual and literary values of the old masterpiece of which we had been only dimly aware.

His wonderful transformations from one gorgeous aspect to another by removing one layer of Chinese costume after another, added much to our pleasure, as did his artistic blackboard and chalk illustration of Chinese words and his interpretation of their imaginative and often humorous symbolism, with which he prefaced his performance.

The singing and dancing of the Misses Huey in beautiful Chinese costumes were most interesting and enjoyable and were a suggestive indication of the extent and variety of the resources of our own members and of the students of the college and high school.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Davis made short addresses and received their usual warm response from the Alumnae.

Professor Cone set forth the aims of a new college society, the *Fellowship of Goodwill*: "To deepen in the life of the individual, and thus to spread in the life of the community, the spirit of goodwill to men, irrespective of differences in race or nationality, and all other distinctions tending to become barriers." She remarked that the play which we had been enjoying through Dr. Poole's recitation strikingly illustrated, by its moving human quality, one of the beliefs of the Fellowship—the faith that the study of comparative literature will reveal an essential kinship underlying all difference. She stated that the membership of the society was now about one hundred and seventy; that all Alumnae, as well as students of the college and members of the staff of the college, high school, and model school, were eligible for membership; and that notifications and further particulars would be sent to any one addressing her at the college.

## Hunter College Trustees.

We have won the privilege of having our own Board of Trustees for Hunter College, which was hitherto under the control of the Board of Education. The full text of the new measure was printed in the February NEWS.

## John Jasper Memorial.

A large and noteworthy audience assembled in the College Chapel on Thursday evening, May 28, in order to honor in fitting form the memory of the late John Jasper, former Superintendent of Schools. The College orchestra contributed appropriate music in the most commendable manner. On the platform were the distinguished speakers of the evening, all of whom had known Mr. Jasper most intimately, and who referred to his many sterling qualities of mind and heart in the most impressive manner. Mr. Churchill, President of the Board of Education, presided. The Honorable Everett P. Wheeler, John Jasper's intimate friend, paid a most beautiful tribute to his departed friend. Our own Dr. Hunter then delivered in impressive fashion a most eloquent address in honor of the former superintendent of schools. Our esteemed President Emeritus concluded by reading the following poem, which he had written in Mr. Jasper's honor:

We meet to honor him, the brave and true,  
The greatest Chief Manhattan ever knew,  
Commanding forces many thousands strong;  
But not with shot and shell, he battled long  
'Gainst latent darkness deep, and sin and  
crime,  
With all the nameless vices of the time.  
His banner bore the Justice he had taught,  
Tempered with Mercy and with Love in-  
wrought.

He was no stoic centered in himself,  
Nor selfish seeker after gain or pelf;  
He was in truth an honest, simple man,  
Whose gen'rous heart his ample means outran.  
Endowed with humor, sign of genius pure,  
And wit whose shaft was keen and sure,  
Imparting power to gain his noble ends,—  
These gracious gifts endeared him to his friends.  
Born near the Hudson where it meets the sea,  
He loved the flowers that grew upon the lea;  
He loved his native town with passion grave;  
He loved the land that Lincoln toiled to save.  
At home with wife and children always gay,  
And ever cheerful as a summer's day.  
How they will miss his never failing care  
That neither time nor sickness could impair.

President Davis made a motion that there be some permanent memorial to Mr. Jasper, perhaps to take the form of a tablet, in addition to the proposed naming of the present large school Number 9 after its old pupil. Mr. Churchill, in pursuance of the motion, appointed a committee to take charge of the matter, the members being President Davis, Chairman, Associate Superintendent Straubenmuller, Mr. Wade, Mr. Jameson, and Miss Hester A. Roberts.