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Laus Almæ Matris.

POEM READ BY HELEN GRAY CONE BEFORE THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNÆ,
FEBRUARY 14, 1895.

The Alma Mater ! What is she,
The winter-born, with heart of spring,
To whom this night her children bring
In joyous wise a tribute free ?

Her name upon the lip doth leap :
Hast seen her face on any day ?
' Not I, nor thou ; not one can say
He felt her mantle's wing-like sweep.

And is she, then, in very truth ?
Or did we weave a lovely lie
Through all the golden tapestry
That made so fair the House of Youth ?

Great Presence, Motherhood benign,
Forgive me that I question thus !
Thy life hath lit the lives of us,
Thou art, behind the fading sign.

Thou wast not made of any man ;
Thine ends we serve ; and all the while,
A white Ideal, thou dost smile
O'er frustrate hope and faultful plan.

We serve ; judge thou our service blind :
The weak forgive, the false destroy,
And that thou find'st without alloy
Firm to thy shining Future bind !

For thou shalt live when we are dust,
And forward-bending Fancy sees
Glad girlhood lean about thy knees,
With starry eyes of tender trust.

Brave youthful spirits yet to be !—
To-night thy silver feast we hold,
But they shall keep the feast of gold,
And quaff the richer cup with thee !

Yet stoop thou, gracious, pure, unseen,
 Since Love's red cordial fills it up,
 To kiss the brim, to bless the cup
 Where ivy wreathes the silvern sheen.

And first, to HIM the pledge be passed :
 For lo, our love to thee must shed
 Its light about his silvering head,
 Since he hath loved thee, first and last !

A thornless garland of the years
 With filial hands for him we twine,
 And mingle memories with the wine
 As priceless pearls, and not as tears !

Report of Executive Meetings.

A regular meeting of the Alumnae Executive Committee was held on October 23d, 1894. There were forty members present. The minutes of the last meeting, held May 28th, 1894, were read and accepted.

Mrs. Williams, the Chairman of the Neustadt Memorial Committee, reported the progress of the work ; her report was read and accepted.

Miss Hester Roberts, Chairman of the Wood Memorial Committee, made an informal report.

Mrs. Charles S. Douglas (Miss Fanny Rutter, class of '75), was elected Treasurer of the Association, Mrs. Fridenberg having been obliged to resign on account of ill health.

The matter of omitting assessment notices at Reunions was discussed, but no action was taken. A communication from the Senior Class relative to the changing of the College colors was discussed. It was regularly moved and seconded that word be sent to the Senior Class that it was deemed unwise to change the College colors at present.

MABEL G. WETHERBEE,
Recording Secretary, pro tem.

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the library, February 28th, at 4 P. M., the President presiding. The roll was called, about forty members being present.

As Chairman of the Wood Memorial Committee, Miss Roberts gave a report, the substance of which is printed in another column.

Mrs. Williams, as Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, stated that a full report could not yet be given. She requested