

MEMORIAL FOR MISS BLAKE

On Saturday, June 10, about two hundred friends of the late Katherine Devereux Blake, '76, former Principal of P. S. 6, who died on February 2 at the age of 92, assembled in a Memorial Meeting in tribute to her at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, where in 1913 a similar service had been conducted to honor her mother, Lily Devereux Blake, a famous woman suffragist and an early war correspondent for the *New York Sun*. Dr. Randolph Ray, Church of the Transfiguration, gave the invocation; and Mr. Judson Rand, Minister of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was at the organ.

The Alumnae were represented by Mrs. Draddy and others. The Board of Education was represented by Miss Katherine E. Sullivan, President of the New York Principals Association. The National Education Association of 500,000 members, in which Miss Blake was the first woman to hold office, was represented by Dr. Charl Ormond Williams of Washington, who succeeded Miss Blake as Treasurer and later became President; she is also Honorary President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. Columbia University, of whose first President Miss Blake was a descendant, was represented by Dr. Margaret B. Pickel, Dean of University Women. Dr. Pickel and Dr. Williams both spoke, as did also Miss Estelle M. Sternberger, commentator over Station WLIB, and Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, the great statesman.

Mr. Baruch told how he came in 1880 to P. S. 69, a little boy of ten just arrived from South Carolina, sorely frightened by the unfamiliar noises of the great city, and how his fears were soothed by the gentle voice of his new teacher, Miss Blake. He held up a volume containing Dickens' *Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist*, and inscribed "Bernard Baruch for gentlemanly deportment and general excellence", given him by Miss Blake 70 years ago, and treasured by him as a kind of Bible ever since; it was the first prize that he had ever won, and "never have I received one so dear to me". He paid tribute to teachers in general and to Miss Blake in particular, who stimulated her pupils to do right because it gave them joy "to live up to what she expected of them", and who declared that if a pupil but did his best "he equalled the efforts of results accomplished by any other boy", so that she was responsible "if those of us who have benefited by this close contact with her have helped our fellow men in any way". He closed by expressing the hope that when he dies "it will be my good fortune to go where Miss Blake will meet me and lead me to my seat".

At the close of the meeting copies were distributed of her charming little poem, "The Road to Laughter Town", which her nephew, Devereux Robinson, remembers her

composing when he at the age of fourteen was riding home with her on the Jerome Avenue trolley car.

Relatives attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Devereux Robinson and Miss Florence Robinson of New York; Mrs. Williams McKim Marriott of St. Louis; Miss Leslie Ann Cooper of Seattle, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Robinson of Washington, D. C. Devereux and Beverley Robinson and Mrs. Marriott are the children of Miss Blake's late sister Bessie, also a Hunter graduate of the famous Class of '76.

In addition to the Memorial Meeting, a broadcast was given over Station WLIB by Miss Estelle Sternberger, in the Program *You and the News*. Speakers were Miss Sternberger, Commentator; Professor William H. Kilpatrick, Professor Emeritus of Teachers College, Columbia; and Dr. Charl Ormond Williams. E. A. H.

FULBRIGHT AWARDS

About 600 grants for study abroad during the academic year 1950-51 have been made under the Fulbright Act, Public Law No. 584 (79th Congress). Students are recommended by the campus Fulbright Committees and by the Institute of International Education, and are selected by the Board of Foreign Scholarships, appointed by the President.

We Alumnae may indeed be proud that four of these coveted awards have gone to Hunter. Two of the four are members of the Class of June '48: Beatrice Gershenson (a graduate student at the University of Chicago when the award was made), who will study Comparative Literature at the University of Rennes, France; and Margaret Leonore Gutwirth, who will study Comparative Literature at the University of Bordeaux, France. The other two are members of the Class of June '50, and were still undergraduates when the awards were made: Marian Astuti of the Classics Department, who will study Greek and Latin at the University of Padua, Italy; and Frances Bernice Schapiro of the Romance Language Department, who will study French Literature at the University of Paris, France.

GRADUATE GLEANINGS

Dr. Ruth Lewinson, June '16, Past President of the Alumnae and former member of the Board of Higher Education, is giving at the New School for Social Research, under the auspices of the School of Politics, a course in Practical Law for Women similar to one that she formerly offered in the Adult Education Division of Hunter. The course, which meets from 4:20 to 6:00 on Tuesdays for a period of fifteen weeks, is highly practical, and is available for teacher credit.

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