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COLLEGE NOTES.

At Home.

The Classical Study has received a bequest of books from the late Mrs. von Minckwitz, tutor in Latin at the Hunter High School from 1908 until June, 1916.

On February 1, the first evening session of the College will be opened. In this session many of the courses will be counted toward a degree just as in the day sessions. The courses given will be the same as those given in the other sessions, but at first not every course will be offered. Some of the courses in the Department of Education will be designed to meet the needs of teachers. Sessions will be conducted from 4:20 to 9:20 P. M. Fees will be charged at the rate of \$4.00 a point, and a registration fee of \$2.00 will be asked. Registration will be held on January 28, 29, 30. After January 1, Prof. Busse, who is in charge of the evening session, will hold office hours every Wednesday from 6 to 8 P. M., and Friday from 5 to 7 P. M., in the College building, in order to give an opportunity to those who desire to consult with him about the work that they would like to do.

Abroad.

At the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, held at Goucher College, Baltimore, Professor Louisa M. Webster spoke on Students' Mathematics Clubs. Miss Tanzer took part in the discussion of the classical "Round Table" on "Latin and Vocational Studies."

Miss Kennerly and Miss McGrath of the Natural Science Department recently visited the science laboratories of the following nearby colleges—Pennsylvania, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Barnard.

On November 3, Professor Whicher addressed the students of Wadleigh High School under the auspices of the Hellenic Society. His lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was called "Some Glimpses of Classical Lands."

Hunter was represented at the annual meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Association of Monthly Magazines held at Barnard on December 2.

M. K. G. '14.

The Lecture Committee.

Professor William Starr Meyers of Princeton University will give a course of six lectures on Monday afternoons beginning February 19, 1917. His subject, "National Affairs and International Problems," is interesting to every American.

National Affairs, three lectures:

1—The Beginnings of Our National Problems.

2—Present-Day Problems, Institutional.

3—Present-Day Problems, Political.

International Problems, three lectures:

1—European Problems and the United States.

2—Asia and Africa, the Far-Eastern Question.

3—North and South America, Pan-Americanism, and the Monroe Doctrine.

Under the auspices of the Lecture Committee, Miss Virginia Keith will give a course of ten lessons on "How to Copy Pictures," the class to be held at Hunter College on Saturday mornings, 10-11:30 o'clock, beginning February 3, 1917. Students will work chiefly in water colors, but there will be opportunity for pencil and chalk work as well, and methods of teaching children how to copy pictures will also receive attention.

Terms for either course are \$4.00 for Associate Alumnae members, and \$5.00 for others. Application should be made to Miss Keith at Hunter College or to Miss Wilhelmine Peper, 213 East 68th Street.

Miriam B. Heidenis,

Chairman Lecture Committee.

House Settlement Question.

At the Executive Meeting in January, action will be taken regarding the disposition of our old settlement house, 446 East 72nd Street.

Calendar 1916—1917.

Wednesday, January 10, 1917. Executive Committee.

Saturday, February 17, 1917. Annual Breakfast.

Wednesday, March 14, 1917. Executive Committee.

Wednesday, April 11, 1917. Tea, College, Music Room.

Wednesday, May 9, 1917. Executive Committee.

Saturday, May 19, 1917. Reunion. General Election.

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Happy New Year to all and to all a new joy!

New Chairmen of Committees.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Adele Bildersee, 304 West 99th Street, has accepted the chairmanship of program for the Associate Alumnae Teas.

Mrs. P. J. Casey, 209 West 97th Street, has become chairman of the Hunter Chapter Board of Lenox Hill House.

Miss Agnes A. Ennis, 453 Convent Avenue, is the new chairman of the School Representative Committee.

Miss Miriam B. Heidenis, 10 East 130th Street, is the recently appointed chairman of the Extension Lecture Course Committee.

Nominating Committee.

Miss E. O. Long, Chairman.

Mrs. John C. Hume.

Mrs. L. J. Finch.

Mrs. Samuel J. Kramer.

Miss Helen G. Cone.

Mrs. Otto Hahn.

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Eva C. Wood,
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Open Letter.

Why Am I an Associate Alumna?

The answer to that question is very much the same as that to the question: "Why am I a patriot?" Because, since I am a graduate of Hunter College, there is that within me which would not allow me to do otherwise than be an acknowledged alumna, ready to work for the honor and upbuilding of my college. And the same statement applies to citizenship.

In the days of my undergraduate life we often heard about the alumnae. But I do not recall that the alumnae ever did anything for the undergraduates. We had no library; if there was a loan fund I did not know it; the alumnae gave no

prizes, or dances, or teas, nor did they try to get acquainted with us; and in the three years I was in college we were not allowed to have one "spread" of any kind. Yet the earlier classes, in proportion to their size, have provided more loyal, hard-working members of the Associate Alumnae than the later classes. Why?

After graduation I joined and attended the meetings. I did not meet many of my classmates, and aside from a few teachers in the College and Model School I knew no one. But as I tried to interest myself in the business and reunions of the society, I came to know graduates of other years, first by sight only, afterwards personally, and I can truly say that these associations have added materially to the richness and variety of my life. I am very sorry for graduates of Hunter who have missed the inspiration and breadth of view that have come to me from an acquaintance with the alumnae.

Personally I do not think that giving dances or receptions to the undergraduates will help very much to make loyal alumnae. It rests with the girl herself. If she joins and continues to attend, as I did, she will find many things to interest her and plenty of work to keep her busy. It ought to be considered a disgrace for a graduate not to join.

One would scarcely say, "I have no interest in New York or America!" and expect to be respected. Yet there are many who, having received the best that Hunter had to give at its various stages of development, do say, "I have no interest in Hunter College." The graduates of today ought to be proud to belong to the Associate Alumnae of Hunter. It is the collegiate thing to do, and to stay out is to weaken our college.

I do not think that the alumnae should entertain the undergraduates. Their college life is amply supplied with feasts and amusements. If you alumnae want to get in touch with them, subscribe for the Bulletin and interest yourself in some activity that appeals to you. You will find the Bulletin very illuminating, especially for the older graduates and those who are not in touch with the college life of to-day.

After all it is not the inducements we hold out but the kind of character that is being developed in our college that counts.

To the undergraduates my message is: "You must prove your loyalty to the lavender and white by your conduct after you graduate. The dues are too small for any one to put failure to join on the ground of inability to pay. A class reunion is of far less importance than the Alumnae Association. If you cannot do both, join the Association; it is vital to your college." Jessie W. Day.