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Fellow Alumnae:

Another year ends, and again the Hunter Alumnae may well be proud and happy at the conclusion of a highly successful season. You have expressed your appreciation and love for Hunter not only in words but also in deeds—not only as a duty but in a friendly, cordial, coöperative way.

To all of you I express sincere thanks, repeating again that to each of you belongs any credit or earned applause.

May you enjoy a restful and joyous vacation, returning with renewed energy, to work unitedly for our Alma Mater.

Cordially yours,

HELEN L. SIMIS, President.

THE SPRING REUNION

Hunter's new home on the beloved old site proved such an overwhelming attraction that it drew fifteen hundred of her daughters to the annual Spring Reunion of the Associate Alumnae on May 17.

In his greeting to the Alumnae, President George N. Shuster enumerated sources of pride for all who love Hunter. "The students continue to win scholarships and prizes," the President stated. "The staff members hold important parts in the councils of learned societies and the civic and cultural organizations of the country. Hunter College is no longer a provincial institution."

Dr. Shuster went on to speak of the Alumnae and noted the significance of their increased participation in the work of the College. "We want you to do more of this work," he urged. "American democracy is likely to be healed, in the final analysis, by the little that we do, particularly for those who are going to constitute the heart of humanity to-morrow."

In this year of magnificent opportunity, the President concluded, "the ivy and the wistaria which once climbed over the walls of Hunter will not be more beautiful than the genuine sympathy and interest which you are going to bring in the future to your institution, and, I am very happy to say, mine own."

Mrs. Theodore E. Simis, President of the Associate Alumnae, welcomed the members and guests to the reunion. She presented a brief summary of the accomplishments of the Association during the past year, and announced the formation of the new Alumnae House Plan Group to help the undergraduates with the expenses incidental to the use of the building in connection with social activities.

A "merry festival" of music and dance was provided by the Faculty. Miss Anastasia Van Burkalow, of the Department of Geol-

ogy and Geography, an alumna, played the beautiful new organ. Her selections were the *Prelude—Third Sonata* by Guilmant, Schubert's *Serenade*, and *Badinage* by Victor Herbert.

Mr. Frederic Gutekunst, of the German Department, sang Shelley's *My Song*, and *Morning* by Oley Speaks, and, as an encore, Scott's *To an Old Love*. Miss Natalie L. Gutekunst was her father's accompanist.

The Bronx Faculty Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Herbert R. Inch of the Music Department, played the *Toy Symphony* of Joseph Haydn. The orchestra personnel included: Flora Rubin Kotlarsky (Music) and Beatrice Brown (Music), violins; Muriel Farrell (Education), triangle; Walter Helfer (Music), bassoon; Hildegard Kolbe (German), nightingale; Anna Mackey (Physical Education), trumpet and drum; Domis E. Plugge (Speech and Dramatics), rattle and quail; Anders Emile (Music), cuckoo. Mrs. Flora Rubin Kotlarsky was responsible for the organization of this number.

To conclude the entertainment, members of the Faculty danced an old-fashioned quadrille. Professor Anna Mackey of the Department of Physical Education directed, and in addition to her, the dancers were the Misses Helen Virrill (Physical Education), Olga Kulbitsky (Physical Education), and Marcelle Gaynor (Administrative Staff), Professor Henry Thompson (Geology), Dr. Gordon Darkenwald (Geology), Mr. Dwight Robinson, Jr. (History), and Professor Harry L. Levy (Classics).

After the election returns had been announced and Mr. Emile had led the singing of *The Ivy Leaf* and *Fame*, a delightful tea was served in the Commons while old acquaintances were renewed.

Among the guests of honor were Mrs. George N. Shuster, Miss Millicent Baum, Dean Eleanor H. Grady, Dean Emeritus Annie H. Mills, Dean Hannah M. Egan, Dean Anna G. Anthony, Dr. Elizabeth Jarrett, Mrs. William C. Popper, Dr. Estelle Forchheimer, Dr. Ruth Lewinson, Mrs. Otto Hahn, Mrs. Harry A. Day, and Dr. Jean F. Brown.

Mrs. Michael F. Curtin again served as devoted chairman of the Reunion Committee.

Class representatives acted as hostesses for the tea, while undergraduates of the Dean's Committee served as ushers, and later as guides for the tours of the building which demonstrated the marvels of the new home to the throngs of nostalgic alumnae and guests.

The consensus of opinion ranked this as an afternoon to be remembered and a reunion unique in its setting and its success.

JULIA A. DUFFY.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Patriotic Service Committee has voted to have a "Bundles for Britain Day" at our Alumnae Rooms, 204 West 55th St., on Thursday, June 19th, from noon to five. We hope every member of our Association will bring or send a bundle. The British need blankets, clothing (clean and in good condition), especially shoes and coats.

The Committee also decided to coöperate with the Special Campaigns Division of the British War Relief Society, Inc. They have devised a plan for securing the representation of all club women of the United States. Members of clubs are asked to contribute twenty-five cents. Names of all contributors will be written on special prepared sheets of paper. These sheets of paper will be bound in books and dedicated to "The Women of England, from the Clubwomen of the United States". Please send your quarter to me before June 25th.

B. ELIZABETH KALLMAN, Chairman,
102 West 85th Street.
