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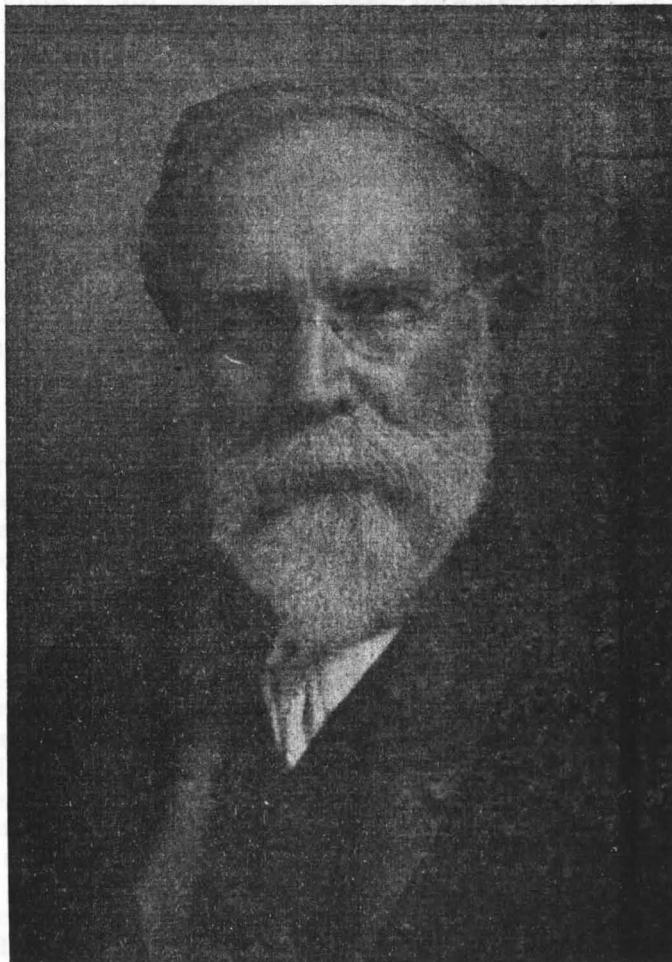
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THE FALL REUNION.

Love and Honor to Our President.

This was the spirit that animated our reunion, making it the most memorable, the most sacred in the annals of the Associate Alumnae.

Into the chapel, bright with banners and autumn flowers, thronged a host of graduates and friends of the College, each one eager to add a note to the chorus of praise which arose on all sides. The Thomas Hunter Association was well represented—boys from "the old school down in twelfth street"—as was also the Board of Education. We are very grateful to the Board for its courtesy in postponing the dinner it had planned to hold on the twenty-seventh, in honor of the former president, Mr. Tift. This was done in order that we might have the pleasure of entertaining its members on that evening.

When the President entered the Chapel the whole assemblage arose, and a momentary hush was followed by enthusiastic applause which could hardly be silenced. Miss Beach came forward with a few graceful words of welcome, and then presented the Resolutions adopted by the Association. The Resolutions appeared in a cover of lavender and white decorated with ivy leaves and tastefully garnished with purple pansies. But this is only a temporary form, and is nothing to the glory that will be their's when they appear in their permanent dress.

This will be of olive green levant lined with tan satin, the decoration will be an ivy wreath and the motto

"More is thy due than more than all can pay."

The occasion, Miss Beach explained, had placed at our command the services of orators, singers and poets, but had had no influence over the fetich bound-cult of the binder of books, in whose sanctum the word "hurry" is unknown.

Miss Roberts told of the plan to establish a yearly award in history to be

known as the Thomas Hunter Prize. She then announced a gift to the College from graduates, friends, and teachers in the College and Training department. As she spoke a curtain at the back of the platform was raised, revealing a beautiful portrait of Dr. Hunter.

The presentation was followed by addresses by Professor Joseph A. Gillet, Acting-President of the College, representing the faculty, and by the Honorable William N. Wilmer, who spoke feelingly of Dr. Hunter's influence, and of the loyalty of our alumnae. Mr. Lewis Sayre Burchard, President of the Thomas Hunter Association, had something to say of the old days in No. 35, and Mr. Tift addressed us in place of Dr. Finley, who was unable to be present.

Our old friend, Mr. J. Edward Simmons addressed us, and the Honorable Alrick H. Mann, who was introduced by Miss Beach with the words used concerning him on a former occasion by Dr. Hunter, "the friend in need who was a friend indeed." To our great regret, Mr. Winthrop, of the Board of Education, was unable to accept our invitation to speak as he expected to be out of town.

Mr. Louis Haslanger's rich baritone did full justice to the following song written for the occasion by Miss Jeanette Sewall, and set to music by Prof. Fleck.

Until the Shore Was Won.

The tide doth ebb. It was a tide with strength

To cleave the sea,

And set its burden on a rock at length,

Clear, high and free.

Let us remember how the tide pressed on
Chanting its creed, until the shore was
won.

From far, unswervingly, this tide hath
come—

Slow-moving, grand—

As a sure voyager returning home

To one dear land.