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## REPORT OF ALUMNÆ COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

The work of the Committee on Unemployment is progressing.

This committee was appointed by Mrs. Elliott:

Mrs. Emanuel van Dernoot, Chairman; Miss Elsie R. Kengla, Secretary; Mrs. Theodore Simis, Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman, Mrs. Leslie Graff.

Many communications and applications for help have been received and have been personally investigated by the committee. It has worked daily in its efforts to help our own graduates and undergraduates, and is happy to report that its offer to help has reached many needy cases. In a number of cases through the advice of the committee, the applicants have procured positions relieving them of immediate distress. If no position was available, *a job was created*, the committee pledging to pay a reasonable salary. *Money has been paid without delay or red tape at once to applicants in urgent need of immediate funds.*

All of this work, however, requires *more money* than we have at hand to carry on, and unless the small fund donated so generously by the Associate Alumnae is augmented by voluntary contributions, the work of the committee will be seriously restricted.

*An appeal to your generosity is therefore necessary. Any donation, no matter how small, will help.*

Address all communications and contributions to Mrs. Emanuel van Dernoot, 55 E. 72nd St., Chairman of Alumnae Committee on Unemployment.

## HELP!

In response to the Editor's plea for contributions to the Fund for the Relief of the Unemployed, the Treasurer has received donations amounting to \$59.00. Adding to this the \$500.00 given by the Associate Alumnae, our Hunter Relief Committee has received \$559.00 to carry on its work.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank those who have so generously given! So many requests for help have come to us from Hunter women who are in real need. It gives our workers renewed energy and encouragement to receive a generous gift signed "for Somebody's Christmas".

May we not hope that more of our members will send us donations, small or large, for Somebody's New Year!

HELEN L. SIMIS, Treasurer  
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New York, N. Y.

## A NEW HONOR FOR OUR PRESIDENT

Just as we go to press, we hear the interesting news that the Higher Board of Education has named Mrs. Elliott Assistant Dean in charge of the New Hunter College Building. This means that Mrs. Elliott will have especial charge of the entering Freshmen, who will be the first students to be moved up to the new building on Jerome Park Reservoir.

Our congratulations go to Mrs. Elliott and to the Freshmen who will be under her care.

## ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

In October, in November, and in December the Editor of the ALUMNÆ NEWS, anticipating Einstein's visit, generously offered "space" to the Chairman of Breakfast. In October, in November, and in December, the Chairman of Breakfast thanked the Editor of the ALUMNÆ NEWS, but pleaded for "time"; time for the Breakfast Committee so that their preparations might not be spread over too many months of the year, and time for the readers of the ALUMNÆ NEWS to celebrate Thanksgiving, Vergil, and Christmas before hearing the call to Alumnae Breakfast.

But now, when at last the call sounds, "space" and "time" become one, for space says it is time—time to make your reservation for 1931 Alumnae Breakfast!

Except for the baby alumnae of June, 1930, and January, 1931, who have ahead of them initiation and hearty welcome to their first Alumnae Breakfast, it hardly seems necessary to announce the when, where, why, and how of this friendly occasion. For, as usual, it will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Astor at one o'clock on Thursday, February 12th. The Committee hoped to schedule the Breakfast this year on the anniversary of the occasion it actually celebrates, the opening of Hunter College, February 14, 1870. But although February 14, 1931, comes on a Saturday, the Committee found to its regret that the Ball Room of the Astor Hotel was pledged to the Foreign Policy Association for one of its regular scheduled discussion luncheons. So once more we shall celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Lincoln's Birthday. But what is time to us who, like Einstein, are, relatively speaking, masters of both time and space?

The when and where having been thus simply disposed of, it is left only for you to realize the how and why.

The Editor of the ALUMNÆ NEWS, in friendly collaboration with the Committee, has inserted elsewhere in this issue a printed

## THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, INC.

On January 1, 1931, the New School for Social Research will open informally its new building at 66 West Twelfth Street. The building will be open from 2:00 to 10:00 P. M., January 1 to January 4 (Sunday) inclusive. It is the first one erected in America to house advanced adult education and will be unique among educational buildings. Mr. Joseph Urban has employed all his remarkable artistic abilities to unite fitness of purpose with sound design. Two great mural painters have generously volunteered their services. In the Board Room, Thomas Benton will present a series of brilliant panels giving his conception of contemporary American life. Senor José Clemente Orozco will decorate the dining room and a panel in the lounge with frescoes designed to express the ideals of the School. Katherine Dreier is bringing over from Europe an amazing exhibit of ultra modernistic paintings. Edwin Avery Park is arranging an exhibit of the best that is to be seen in modern furniture and household decoration.

As an institution for the intellectually adult the New School has long recognized the need of an organization of those who attend its courses year by year and take a permanent interest in its work. Such an organization has existed informally for a number of years, in the group of Associate Members of the School. In the new building the fifth floor has been set aside primarily for their use. It consists of a large reception room or lounge, which will also serve as an art exhibition room, the Orozco dining room, and a smaller dining room especially suitable for group luncheons or dinners. A private staircase leads to the library on the floor below. Associate Members are thus offered virtually the facilities of a club.

The curriculum, as the subjoined titles indicate, covers fairly the principal current interests in thought and art.

### *In Philosophy and Education:*

- Horace M. Kallen—Dominant Ideals of Western Civilization  
 Aesthetics in the Machine Age  
 Human Nature and Education  
 Harry A. Overstreet—Building a Modern Creed  
 Morris R. Cohen—The Philosophy of Liberalism  
 Joseph Ratner—Main Currents in Contemporary Philosophy  
 Henry Neumann—After Disillusion—What?  
 Sidney Hook—The Philosophy of Karl Marx  
 David J. Snedden—Toward Deeper Foundations of Education

### *In Literature, Music, Art, and Architecture:*

- Waldo Frank—Contemporary Literature  
 Mark Van Doren—The Contemporary Drama  
 Gorham B. Munson—Contemporary Novelists  
 J. E. Spingarn—Literature and the New Era  
 Robert Frost—The Bounds of Poetry  
 Terry Ramsaye—The Moving Picture  
 Ralph M. Pearson—Pictorial Analysis  
 Design Workshop  
 Katherine S. Dreier—Fundamentals of Present Day Art  
 Thomas Benton—Craftsmanship and Art.

- Henry S. Churchill—Tendencies of Modern Architecture in America  
 Edwin Avery Park—Contemporary American Interior Architecture  
 Henry Cowell—What the Twentieth Century has Added to Music  
 Charles Louis Seeger, Jr.—History of Music  
 Paul Boepple—Dalcroze Eurythmics  
 John Martin and Others—The Art of the Dance Series of Nine Concerts

### *In International Affairs and Social Science:*

- H. N. Brailsford—Twelve Lectures on International Affairs  
 Parker T. Moon—The International Relations of the United States  
 Salvador de Madariaga—Two Lectures on Disarmament  
 William Starr Myers—Contemporary Politics  
 Harold Laski—The Present and Future of British Political Institutions  
 Harry Elmer Barnes—The Historical Development of Modern Intellectual Life  
 Modern Problems in the Light of Sociology  
 Bernhard J. Stern—Anthropology and Some Aspects of Contemporary Culture  
 Freda Kirchwey—The Independent Woman  
 Edna Lonigan—American Capitalism of To-day  
 David J. Saposn—The American Labor Movement in Transition  
 Walter E. Lagerquist—Present Day Financial Organization

### *In Psychology and Related Topics:*

- Joseph Jastrow—Psychologies of the Twentieth Century  
 Problems and Issues in Contemporary Psychology  
 Kurt Koffka—A Brief Outline of Gestalt Psychology  
 Fritz Wittels—General Principles of Psychoanalysis  
 Psychoanalysis Seminar  
 David M. Levy—Behavior Problems in Children  
 Case Studies in Mental Hygiene  
 Ira S. Wile—Family Relations and Parental Education  
 Bernard Glueck—Problems in Criminology  
 Alexander Paterson—Problems of the World City: London  
 Julian Huxley—Two Lectures in Biology  
 Henry J. Fry—Modern Biology and Human Affairs.

CLARA MAYER

### "ROBA D'ITALIA"

Professor George M. Whicher's just published volume, *Roba d'Italia* (The Bookmart, Amherst, Mass., 1930), gives us the double pleasure of meeting old friends once more and of making new ones. In keeping with its name, it includes first a selection of the Italian poems from *Roman Pearls*, his charming book of four years ago—the chain enlarged by two more gems in the form of *The Arc at Tusculum*, inspired by the site of Cicero's vanished villa, and a dainty bit, *The Roses of Assisi*. Those who have been disappointed by vain attempts to obtain *On the Tibur Road*, long out of print, will be delighted to learn that old favorites from that volume, so full of charm and wit, make up the next four divisions of the book. A sixth division, *Fly-Leaves and Dedications*, is of particular interest to Hunter folk, including as it does graceful epistles to B. B. D., M. T. W., and E. M., all staff members of our Classical Department in the olden days. And finally—magic number!—there is a seventh division, made up of seven selections, *Vergiliana*: here we have translations (all entirely new) representing all of Vergil's various works, and thus especially befitting this Vergil year of 1930-1931.

E. A. H.