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COLLEGE NOTES.

The new semester began with even more opportunity than the last for Hunter to render wartime service. Scarcely had the term started when there was presented to the Faculty a request for the services of a large number of students to help the Draft Boards and the Legal Advisory Boards. The Faculty accordingly released, for a period of three weeks, all students, except Freshmen and Upper Seniors, who wished to do this work. To the students were added many teachers who wished to serve.

During this period some instructors devoted their services to the Child Welfare Campaign and spent long hours each day visiting the more crowded districts and making the necessary inquiries as to the care of the young children.

Since college work has been resumed, President Davis has received numerous letters commending the aid given by the College when called upon.

While many were working in the way already described, others were preparing and beginning the drive for the Fourth Liberty Loan. Besides maintaining booths in and near the College, the workers were called upon to take charge of a number of other booths in railway stations, libraries, department stores, etc., and to cover a specially assigned district in the House-to-House Canvass. Professor Claudine Gray was chairman of the Hunter College Liberty Loan Committee; Professor Lao G. Simons was in charge of the canvassing, and Miss Evelyn Walker was chairman of the Finance Committee.

The High School, the Model School, and the Associate Alumnae coöperated with the College in the drive, and the result was a splendid total—\$751,950 of subscriptions secured for the loan.

The terrible disaster at South Amboy gave the College another chance to display its readiness to serve when needed. A number of instructors and students immediately answered the emergency call sent out by the Red Cross, and, from the testimony of Red Cross officials, have been rendering efficient and much-needed service. At the time of our going to press, some of them are still engaged in this work.

Of the teaching staff the following members have left for Europe to do the work indicated:—Miss Amy Drevenstedt and Miss Ruth M. Earle, Reconstruction Aids; Miss Bernice M. White, Y. M. C.

A. Canteen Service. Miss Rebekah Scandrett is preparing to go as a nurse with the Vassar unit. M. K. G., '14.

The Graduate Gift Fund of the Associate Alumnae has taken a one thousand dollar bond of the Fourth Liberty Loan. That makes four thousand dollars which it has been the privilege of the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College to place in "the hand of Uncle Sam."

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Social Club for Soldiers and Sailors stopped not for the heat of the summer, nor for the absence of College Seniors and the Orchestra.

The regular supper was served to as large a number of men as, and frequently to more than, during the winter season.

Juniors and Freshmen took the places of the Seniors and a band from Lenox Hill Settlement supplied the music.

The lawn was a centre for groups of happy boys, and through the kindness of Mr. Little many a tired lad was brought to the College Green in a Fifth Avenue 'bus: sometimes two 'buses full of boys arrived at our doors.

At the latest meeting of the Patriotic Committee it was decided to put the giving of cards of introduction or admittance into the hands of one member of the Committee. Under the old plan each member signed these cards; as a result on some evenings there were more members of the Alumnae present than could be accommodated. The members are requested when they apply for cards to ask for two dates at least, so that Miss Huebner, who will sign all cards, may be able to arrange for a certain definite number for each night.

The Chairman would like to be notified a week in advance of all donations of cakes, candies, or goodies of any kind. Some Saturdays there is a bountiful supply, and some nights little or none.

There is an urgent need for a husband or a brother of an alumna to take charge of the coat-room for the boys. Are there not ten men who will volunteer to take this work for one month each?

The expenses of the Club have increased and it is to be hoped that each member of the Alumnae will continue to encourage the committee in its good work by sending generous contributions.

Two card tables are needed. Please send to Chairman, Hunter College.

Jane W. McElhinney,
Chairman.

SENIOR NIGHT AT THE DANCES.

"I've had a perfectly splendid time!" said Miss 1918.

And well may she have said so, for it isn't every senior class that has its week of commencement festivities topped off with a military dance and a serenade.

The alumnae were the hostesses, Mrs. Daniel P. Hays being the lucky sister who was able to secure this great night for her own; the Soldiers' and Sailors' Social Club at Hunter was the place; and the guests were our girls of the graduating class and our boys in service.

The girls came down from the upper regions where they had been having their Senior Dinner, marching and counter-marching, singing their jolly college songs and cheering their famous cheers. Then came the surprise of the evening: the men serenaded them with a song which Miss E. Adelaide Hahn had written to the music of "John Brown's Body." It goes—

I.

Nineteen-Eighteen, you've been kind as you could be.

Nineteen-Eighteen, all the boys they will agree
Nineteen-Eighteen has us suited to a T,

So we wish you all good luck.

CHORUS.

Glory, glory to the Seniors!

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We wish you all good luck.

II.

Now you maids have changed to Bachelors of Arts,

Our best wishes we extend with all our hearts;
But each one regrets that now with you he parts—

So good-by and all good luck.

III.

Nineteen-Eighteen, we've grown very fond of you,

Nineteen-Eighteen, and we thank you all, we do,

Nineteen-Eighteen, now we say the last adieu,
And we wish you all good luck.

The girls, in turn, presented their compliments to the boys in song, and the pretty interchange of sentiments finally broke up in dancing, which stopped reluctantly at the fateful hour of eleven.

An event of the evening was the public recognition of the services of the members of the Hunter College Orchestra who have supplied the music for our dances. Miss McElhinney spoke in glowing terms of the generous and self-sacrificing activity of these young musicians, without whose tireless coöperation the dances could not have been given. In the name of the Associate Alumnae she presented ivy pins to Miss Clara Payor and Miss Anna Cherey, whom she welcomed into the ranks of the alumnae. College souvenir spoons went to the undergraduate members, Miss Della Cherey, Miss Agnita Duffy, Miss Clara Hawkes, and Miss Adele Rosenfeld.

It was indeed a great night, and the boys and the alumnae present joined Miss 1918 in saying, "I've had a perfectly splendid time."

A. B.