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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The first year of my term as President of the Alumnae was both historic and encouraging. The Diamond Jubilee, in which I represented you with the public, was something of which we can long be proud. The events attracted wide interest and attention in both scholastic and government circles, and served the added purpose of bringing into the fold many Alumnae who had allowed their interest to lag.

Under date of May 23rd, 1945, the Board of Higher Education has added its word of thanks to that of President Shuster for the gift of \$7,500.00 from the Associate Alumnae on the occasion of the Jubilee. To this have been added the gift of the Silver Class, and at the Annual Reunion, on May 19th, the gift of the 50-Year Class.

The meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Council were well attended, and many problems and plans were vigorously discussed. We have made a good start toward increasing the membership among recent graduates, who are ably represented at the meetings of the Board by young chairmen who speak for them, and who, through the Committee on Special Activities, are creating projects of particular interest to the younger graduates.

It is, of course, the view of your President that every Hunter graduate should pay the nominal dues of \$2.00 and be a member of the Associate Alumnae. To that end an appeal was made in the *Hunter College Bulletin* to the students, asking them to secure for membership their grandmothers, their mothers, their aunts, and their sisters; notices were published in medical journals and the *Key Reporter*, which brought hundreds of answers. During the course of the year your President personally brought in over seventy-five members; but the membership picture is still far from satisfactory. We are, therefore, formulating a statement of what membership carries with it by way of concrete benefits, so that those who find it not enough to belong merely in support of the great College which gave them an opportunity for a free higher education, will know that they get far more for \$2.00 than any one would dream could be furnished. There are the Alumnae Day in the Fall, the Spring Reunion and Tea in May, the Sunday night Supper Dances for servicemen at the Con-teen, invitations to College events, Officers' Dances at Roosevelt House, opportunities to meet classmates and friends at the Alumnae Breakfast and the Bridge, and, above all, the ALUMNÆ NEWS.

For the coming year, we had planned to have gymnastics and swimming at the College on Friday nights in classes and groups,

for the Alumnae only. Although there seemed to be a substantial demand, the response has been disappointingly small. We plan an evening meeting for those who are not free during the day. Just what form that meeting will take has not been determined. If any of you have any suggestions, we would be glad to get them.

I hereby publicly express my appreciation to my Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and all of the workers who have made the past year a success. I trust they will all come forward with greater plans and new members, and that every activity which is announced will have unqualified and enthusiastic support.

RUTH LEWINSON, President.

SPRING REUNION

In spite of a dreadful downpour an enthusiastic audience assembled in the Assembly Hall of Hunter College on May 19th. The rain could not keep away many who look forward to the Annual Spring Reunion to meet and say Hello to old friends.

The program began with organ selections by Miss June Zinckgraf of the Class of '46, followed by singing of the National Anthem.

Dr. Ruth Lewinson, our President, welcomed the members, and with a good supply of humorous stories got the audience into a jovial mood. In a more serious vein she went on to recount the numerous activities of this past year, our Jubilee Year, paying tribute and giving thanks to Mrs. Helen Simis, Mrs. Louise Draddy, Mrs. Edna Luetz, and all other members who have helped in any capacity whatsoever to make this year as productive as it has been. A special tribute was paid to well beloved Mrs. Otto Hahn, who symbolized "the News itself".

Our membership has increased, our younger members have begun to participate more actively in the Association, our Patriotic Service has continued. Our sale of bonds, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Samuel Bitterman and all her co-workers, is steadily mounting.

Dr. Lewinson urged continued coöperation with the College, support of concerts, funds, and the Roosevelt House League.

The Hunter College Alumnae Choir delighted the audience with a program of charming music well sung. This included Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, Humperdinck's Prayer, and Grieg's My Johann.

President George N. Shuster extended his greetings to the Alumnae of the College. He outlined briefly the extensive work toward the war effort in which Hunter College is participating. He mentioned the money being raised for Victory Ships, one of which will be called *S. S. Hunter*, the Bond Drive,

the Navy Rehabilitation Program at Hunter College. He gave special thanks to all who have contributed to the Diamond Jubilee Gift to the College, the income from which is to go to needy students.

Miss Lois Wilson, star of stage and screen, who has played opposite Robert Taylor in *There's Always Tomorrow*, and who has appeared in *The Women*, *Junior Miss*, and *Chicken Every Sunday*, was our guest speaker. She made an appeal for the Seventh War Loan. She was direct and charming, and was enthusiastically received by the audience.

The gifts of the Class of 1895 were presented by Miss Katharine J. Brigham and Mrs. Joseph Mulligan. Miss Brigham, in an enthusiastic and inspiring manner, recounted the achievements of the Class of '95, also the contributions in effort and money of the members of the class to Hunter College. "Surely these things prove our gratitude and love for our Alma Mater."

Mrs. Mulligan, President of the Class of '95, presented "to Hunter College a \$1,000 U. S. Government Bond, the interest on which shall provide an annual prize to the student who has shown conspicuous creative ability either in musical composition or in the literary treatment of a musical topic. In order that this prize may be awarded for the first time in this momentous year of 1945 we also have here a check in the amount of \$25." The Class of '95 also presented to Hunter College, "in memory of our deceased classmates," the Flag of the City of New York.

The Ivy Leaf was sung and the election returns were announced. The following members will serve on the Board of Directors for 1945-1947: Mrs. Selma L. Berliner, Miss Dorothy Doob, Miss Marie K. Gallagher, Miss Sarah Goodhart, Miss E. Adelaide Hahn, Mrs. Gertrude Hackes Hanauer, Miss Jenny Hunter, Miss Emilie O. Long, Miss Sibylla Mellor, Mrs. Norma L. Newmark, Miss Margaret Plumb, Miss Helen Witmer.

After the singing of Fame the members adjourned to the Lounges for tea.

Special thanks for a delightful afternoon go to Miss Thelma Vint, Chairman of the Spring Reunion. ETHEL G. BERL.