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## WAR BONDS

We are over the top in our drive to purchase a C3 Ambulance Plane costing \$110,000! To date College and Alumnae have sold \$111,235.75 worth. Of this amount \$3,507.25 was realized at the Alumnae Breakfast—more than at any previous function.

The name of our loved Alma Mater, Hunter College, will be painted on the plane, and we can feel that Hunter College and the Hunter College Alumnae have played an important rôle in speeding the recovery of our boys and helping them to carry on.

It is needless to mention again what our boys in the services overseas are going through in order that you and I may enjoy our customary way of American life and liberty. Just stop to think how many lives can be saved by transporting our wounded in a few hours, instead of in many days of suffering, to reach a base hospital where blood plasma and other medical aid can be given them; then ask yourself this question, "Have I done my part towards the accomplishment of this magnificent work?"

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. R. Heintz and Mrs. James Picker on our War Bond Committee.

Your Chairman extends her deep appreciation to Dr. Dorothy Doob, Mrs. Flora Rubin Kotlarsky, Dr. Ruth Lewinson, Miss Sibylla Mellor, Mrs. Norma Newmark, Mrs. Beatrice Weinberg, Miss Celia J. Nooger, Mrs. Evelyn Zuckerman, Miss M. Silver, Mrs. Jane Manning Augustin, and Miss Louise Bruckman, for their magnificent coöperation and diligent work in the sale of War Bonds during this Fourth War Loan Drive.

Mrs. SAMUEL BITTERMAN, Chairman.  
Schuyler 4-3685. 275 Central Park West.

I am interested in purchasing War Bonds:  
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## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

In accordance with the Executive Council's vote at its January meeting, the following amendment to the Alumnae Constitution has been prepared by Mrs. Otto Hahn, Chairman of the Revision Committee, and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May: In Article IV, Section 3, after the words "the ten Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in the even-numbered years", add the following, "no one of them except the Treasurer may serve for more than three terms in succession".

HELEN L. SIMIS, President.

## CALENDAR, MARCH

Wed., Mar. 1—Officers and Directors

Wed., Mar. 8—Executive Council

## ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

The Alumnae were very happy to greet so many of the members of the Faculty and of the Administrative Staff at the Breakfast. It gave us the opportunity to express our thanks in some small measure for the many many times they have been our hostesses in the past.

HELEN L. SIMIS.

One of the most successful affairs of the past year was the annual Breakfast, held on February 12th at the Hotel Commodore. The program was delightful and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There were about 500 present, among them 52 members of the 50 year class, and about 40 members of both the Silver and the 35 Year Class. The following were members of the Committee:

Miss Martha Adler	Mrs. John Heintz
Miss Ethel Baum	Mrs. John Horgan
Mrs. Ethel Berl	Miss Babette Levy
Mrs. Samuel Bitterman	Mrs. G. B. McGill
Miss Dorothy Doob	Mrs. Joseph T. Mulligan
Miss Josephine Goldberg	Mrs. Charles Nehring
Mrs. Leslie Graff	Miss Frances Schneider
Mrs. Katherine Graham	Mrs. William Valet
Miss Sibylla Mellor	Mrs. T. E. Simis

MARY LOUISE DRADDY, Chairman.

The month of February is one of great distinction. It is not only the shortest month of the year, but also within its brief span it allows us to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Valentine's Day, the College Birthday, and that which I mention last but by no means hold as least, the Alumnae Breakfast.

The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore was the place; Saturday, February 12th, 1944, was the date; and Mrs. Robert E. Draddy was again the very able Chairman of a most enjoyable affair.

As an inspiring introduction to the afternoon, the Star Spangled Banner was played and was followed by the Invocation with Rabbi Louis I. Newman officiating. Luncheon followed, and was flavored by the Birthday Cake procession, which preceded the singing of "Happy Birthday" by the children of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House.

After luncheon we settled back and were entertained by a very fine program. The Chairman, Mrs. Draddy, spoke a few words of welcome and was immediately followed by Mrs. Simis, our President, who assumed the duties of Mistress of Ceremonies for the afternoon. Her first introduction was that of Miss Elizabeth Malcolm, a talented Hunter student who read the "Valentine" to Hunter College written by Helen Gray Cone.

Then Miss Diana Blythe Barrymore, lovely actress of stage and screen, spoke simply, sincerely, and effectively in behalf of the Fourth War Bond Drive.

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Fifty years seem but to have enhanced the charm and prolonged the class spirit of famous 1894. We were held spell-bound by the vivacity of the President as she recounted the achievements of the various members; our only regret was that she did not mention her own. The poem was a "thing of beauty", and the occasion "a joy forever".

## "HUNTER, '94"—THREE PICTURES

### MORNING—JUNE, 1894

The sun is rising o'er our ivied towers,  
And on this happy day emotions blend:  
Something of grief, as friend must part with  
friend;  
A backward look on all our sunny hours;  
A look ahead—an urge to try our powers;  
"Commencement" means beginning—not the end!

### HIGH NOON—1919

The tides of Life are swiftly, strongly flowing;  
But through the years fond memory recalls  
The lessons learned in those beloved halls,  
And Alma Mater still her care bestowing  
On all her daughters—ever warm and glowing.  
"Sursum" our motto still, whate'er befalls.

### LATE AFTERNOON—1944

The sun is setting in the western skies,  
But o'er the land the magic afterglow  
Illumes the gathering shadows, and we know  
That in its rosy gleam a promise lies  
That with the dawn a brighter sun shall rise.  
Have courage, O our hearts, and prove it so!

EDITH DERBY ROBINSON.

## THE CLASS OF '94

The Fiftieth Anniversary Class, 1894, presented its gift of appreciation to Hunter College on Saturday, February 12th.

In making the presentation, Dr. Martha Adler in a stirring speech drew attention to the fine pioneer spirit of the members of the class. Not yearners for the past, but pioneers for the future, have they been.

A pioneer settler of Oklahoma, and still a resident of the state, flew to New York to be at the reunion. About one-third of the class have been teachers for longer or shorter periods. About twenty have been supervisors. Among these were pioneers in the work for physically-handicapped children, in the guidance of elementary school graduates, in victory garden work, and in most of the projects in the new concepts of education.

Among the members too were a professor at Wellesley College, five poets and writers, a composer of music, the chief librarian of a western city, the executive of a town, a physician, and the first woman pharmacist in New York City.

Many are members of that greatest of all professions—that of mother. The outstanding mother of the class has twelve sons and one daughter. All are fine young people working professionally, patriotically for America. Yet this mother found time for literary work besides.

The class is at present still a pioneer, never a yearner. Almost every one is engaged in civic betterment, and is working for national causes.

One member is Chairman of the Red Cross, with a 25 year service badge; she is Director of the Civic Department of Women's Clubs, Trustee of the Community Chest, and Vice President of the Council of Social Agencies. This is indicative of the many activities in which members of the class are engaged. Among these are the President of the Auxiliary of a hospital, organizers of civic and religious groups, A. W. V. S. leaders, special workers for the blind, a trustee of Roosevelt House, etc.

And, for the defense of America, 1894 mothers have written, "I have three sons, all in the armed services." "I have one son; he is a lieutenant colonel." "My son, son-in-law, and grandson are all in the service." There are mothers and grandmothers of majors, captains, lieutenants, ensigns, and privates. Most of these patriotic young people enlisted, they did not wait to be drafted.

The many letters received by the committee bear tribute to Hunter. One letter from a member in Massachusetts stated, "My appreciation of Hunter is indeed very deep. Repeatedly I comment upon our wonderful courses, and pay no end of tribute to the wonder-men and women who guided us in our search for truth."

The essence of the spirit of Hunter as chiselled on its walls was noted: "We are of different opinions at different hours, but we always may be said to be at heart on the side of truth."

While no tangible gift could adequately express the profound gratitude and affection of '94 for Hunter, yet the money collected, \$1270 to date, was used for the furnishing of a room at Roosevelt House. The class hopes that "those who shall come after" will enjoy the gift. They hope too that their gift may grow—for

"Gifts that grow are best,  
Hands that bless are blest,  
Give—life does the rest."

The annual appeal of the Hunter Alumnae Hall Committee for contributions to maintenance has met with gratifying results, and I wish to express my personal thanks to the many friends who have so kindly responded.

ESTHER G. VALET, Chairman.