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SUMMER SESSION NOTES.

Those who are planning the work of the Summer Session this year are making a special effort to provide courses that will prove valuable to graduates as well as undergraduates. As the NEWS goes to press, it is too early to lay the whole syllabus before the alumnae; that will be sent later through the schools of the city, where alumnae-teachers are urged to look for it; or it may be obtained by addressing a request to the Director of the Summer Session, at Hunter College.

Meanwhile, however, there are certain groups of courses in which alumnae are sure to be interested. Professor Claudine Gray of Hunter will offer several courses of particular value to those teaching or preparing to teach French: geography of France, methods of teaching French, and historical French grammar. Dr. Luetscher of Jamaica High School will give a Course in the Methods of Teaching Civics, with particular reference to the new course being offered in the New York City schools. Teachers in the elementary schools who are preparing themselves for the Promotion License Examination in Drawing cannot afford to overlook a Methods Course in Drawing, to be given by Miss Edith L. Nichols, Supervisor of Drawing in New York public schools.

Business courses appeal to many nowadays, and for these there will be courses in shorthand, both Pitman and Gregg, and courses in typewriting. Mr. Beygrau, widely known as head, at one time, of the shorthand department at Columbia University, and for the last twelve years principal of the same department in the West Side Y. M. C. A., will teach Gregg shorthand. Miss Eva A. Reinke, who has had a varied experience, both academic and commercial, will teach the Pitman system. The typewriting classes will be in the hands of Miss Abbie A. Morrill, who is the director of the commercial department of a private school near New York.

The academic courses are, in many instances, duplicates of courses which are popular in the regular college session, but there are also some new ones. Alumnae who are to be in the city for the summer might well want to polish up their French, for example. They will find that M. Cru is giving several fascinating courses,—one, Practice in French Conversation, intended for students who have already had at least four years of high school French, and covering such topics as Life in France, French Art (illustrated with stereopticon slides),

France in the Great War, The Problems of France To-day; and a Course in Reading and Conversation, planned for those who have begun French and who wish practice in reading such texts as *Tartarin* and *Pecheur d'Islande*. M. Cru offers also a course in Commercial French.

A particularly interesting course, in Contemporary Poetry and Fiction, will be given by Sidney Hayes Fox, instructor at Columbia and writer for such reviews as *The English Journal* and *The New Republic*.

Perhaps an alumna wishes to add pleasantly to her knowledge of history or economics. Professor Murchison, who this year joined the Hunter staff, is giving courses in Industrial Management and in Labor Problems, including the causes of the present industrial unrest.

The Department of Education presents courses in Logic, History of Education, and Psychology. In the Classical Department, there is a new course of general interest, The Classics in Translation, to be given by Miss E. Adelaide Hahn. And so one might go on, through the courses in Spanish and the sciences, with another special glance at the work in the Spoken English Department, especially the course in Methods of Teaching Dramatics in Secondary Schools, to be given by Miss Raymond, who has had a wide experience in teaching dramatic work.

The session begins on June 30 and ends on August 12, so that there is still a fairly satisfactory fragment of vacation left before the schools open. An enrollment fee of \$3 is charged. Tuition fees are not absolutely uniform, but the usual charge is at the rate of \$3 a credit-hour. The Director will be glad to furnish any additional information.

Adele Bildersee,
Director, Summer Session.

BUREAU OF OCCUPATION.

The figures of the Annual Report which has just been completed show how enormously the work of the Bureau has grown in the short time since it was founded.

Its aid swings back and forth like a pendulum, helping our Alumnae who need assistance particularly now that summer is approaching, and then the tender graduates who wish to do something profitable during vacation.

Elizabeth Foignet.

CALENDAR—1919

Wednesday, May 14, 1919—Executive Committee.

Saturday, May 17, 1919—Reunion. Election.

THE DAY OF THE IVY LEAF.

Alumnae Day was a day to be stored away in memory with all the other illustrious days—with Commencement Day and the day of your first real party and your wedding day—if you have one. It began with a delightful element of excitement in scurrying through corridors no longer familiar and settling down into seats like honest-to-goodness undergraduates in classrooms where you said wistfully of a new course, "I wish *we* had had opportunities like this in *our* day," or where you exclaimed ecstatically over an "old" instructor, "Isn't she just as splendid as ever? Wasn't she just wonderful in interpreting that passage?" These, by the way, are *bona fide* quotations.

And then, if you had foresight, you left your second-hour classroom before the bell rang, so that you might find a good seat for the Chapel exercises. And it was well that you did come early, for how that Chapel filled up! And what should we have done if the sun had been shining brightly and the other alumnae, who were afraid to risk their Easter bonnets, had ventured out! Of course there was singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," and there was music by the Hunter College orchestra, and there were speeches by the three presidents,—President Davis, who told of the only way of keeping up with the manifold activities of the undergraduates, which is, as all should know, by reading assiduously the "Bulletin" and the "Echo"; President Huebner, who spoke of the delight of the alumnae in being back again in college; and President Caldwell of the Student Council, who made every one realize how rich and varied the life of the Hunter student is today.

And then—and then the curtain rose on the event of the day—on Youth, whose distance from Commencement Day is marked by three milestones; Youth who has lost the sense of rightness and wellbeing that once was his, and who is helped by Comradeship and Loyalty and Memory, with her lovely Spirits of the Wistaria, to find his way back to the gracious Alma Mater, who places upon his heart her talisman, the Ivy Leaf, so that he may never again be lonesome and unhappy. Against the dull gold of a beautiful new curtain-background the charming figures of the actresses made a picture that will not soon be forgotten, and their lyric voices in the lyric cadences of Professor Cone's masque were so poignant in their appeal that they brought pleasant tears to many eyes.

After the masque came the exultant Victory Dance with its rich flag colors and its lithe young dancers. And then the audience would have Professor Cone, and Professor Cone had to say a word of greeting to all her "girls", who filled her arms

with great red roses. And Miss Katherine D. Blake gathered into her own ringing voice the sentiments of all who were there when she said, "I'm glad I came." She had a word of serious appeal, too, for Hunter women when she urged them to try to repay in part their great debt to the College, the municipality, and the nation by teaching at least three years.

Luncheon—and a fine luncheon it was, too—was served in the Music Room to an accompaniment of chatter and cheering—the first abundantly supplied by alumnae, the second by undergraduates who marched past singing out in their fresh young voices the most charmingly complimentary opinions of their older sisters.

Even then the day was not over. In the Gymnasium the Alumnae showed the College team, in a basket ball game, that age had not yet made them so decrepit that they could not beat their little sisters in a fair game with no favors—Hip! Hip! Hurrah! And in the Auditorium, the Fellowship of Goodwill was hostess at one of the most inspiring meetings that any organization has ever held in college. Dr. William Frederick Slocum put the case of the League of Nations on the very highest ground, and struck a note of spiritual exaltation that fittingly closed an ideal day.

Only one misgiving intrudes upon its perfect memory: how is it possible that next year—the great year—can provide its equal? But that we can safely leave in the hands of the committee that made this Alumnae Day what it was. A. B.

SPRING REUNION.

May 17th—2 P. M.

Come! See! Take!

Know all members by these presents, that the Reunion Committee has planned a "Big Day" for Saturday, May the seventeenth, and those who secure seats in the Chapel at 2 P. M. will be considered fortunate indeed.

The world-stirring events of the year have made 1919 important in history, and your Reunion Committee has seen fit to make a dent in Reunion annals by presenting to you a most unique and interesting program in this important year.

If you have been to every reunion in the last twenty, fifteen, ten, five years, or if you haven't been to any in similar periods; if you've been out of college one or twenty years—come—come to this "Big Day" Reunion and you'll never miss another!

A. M. B.

THE BIG SIX.

The representatives and members of Classes '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, and '75 are invited to meet in the Music Room, College, on Monday, May 12, at 3:30 P. M., to effect a group organization of 6 in 1.