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ALUMNAE DAY

A sunny, brisk Saturday sent a sunny, brisk crowd of Alumnae and undergraduates into Chapel on November 16—Alumnae Day.

Miss E. Adelaide Hahn, who is without peer as Alumnae Day Chairman, opened the festivities with a speech of welcome, and a message from Professor Kieran, who was not able to be with us. Lyda Pinkus, Vice-President of the Student Council, voiced the greetings of the Student Body. Our president, Mrs. Elliott, then opened her address with her customary good story. She went on to discourse on the relative merits of the slang of the nineties and that of to-day, taking as specific examples the words "spoon" on the one hand, and "pet" and "neck" on the other. Who could help agreeing that the older word was the more adaptable to poetic and sentimental expression when the resourceful speaker sang, in illustration, a portion of that once popular ditty, "By the Light of the Moon"?

After Miss Alice Wachtell had led the assemblage in "Hunter, Hunter, Hunter", and "Fame", "An International Cantata", presented by undergraduates of the various buildings, under the direction of Miss Helaine Newstead, was given. Miss Newstead is to be congratulated on her success in carrying through such a large scale production. The cantata consisted of songs (and dances) from Italy, Germany, Spain, America, Scandinavia, Rome, and France, the various types of which were respectively directed by the Misses Lydia Palmerini, Lucy Raisman, Muriel Levy, Alice Wachtell, Viola Sponberg, Mrs. Helen Love, and Miss Dora Schatzberg.

"America the Beautiful" was sung by the audience and graphically displayed on the screen ("slides by courtesy of the National Cash Register Company", said the program). Three very vivacious dances by the Brooklyn Dance Club, trained by Miss Eleanor Dunn, and the general singing of "The Ivy Leaf" were at last followed by "Ship O' Dreams", the theme of which was that which is always to be absolutely inherent in the name "Alumnae Day". Hunter College girls of 1929, 1999, 1909, 1889, and 1879 were the motif about which the ever ingenious Miss Clara Byrnes wrote her clever fantasy. A prominent character was "Comrade Youth", originally created by Helen Gray Cone, who, it goes without saying, was present, and was enthusiastically applauded, as were also Dean Annie E. Hickinbottom and Miss Anna M. Hunter.

"Long May She Live" ended an eventful day.

SUE MOSKOWITZ, '28

THE HELEN GRAY CONE FELLOWSHIP

Applications for the Helen Gray Cone Fellowship, \$550, which will be awarded in June, 1930, must be made before March 1, 1930. Blanks for applicants, restricted to Hunter College graduates, may be obtained in the Office of the English Department of Hunter College.

This award was won in June, 1929, by Cecilia Hotchner, now studying in Radcliffe. She is pursuing courses in Medieval and Elizabethan English, with one or two in the literatures of Scotland and France. After a year at Radcliffe Miss Hotchner expects to continue toward the doctorate degree at Columbia, where the A. M. degree was conferred upon her in June, 1929.

The spirit of Alumnae Day was typified by an unsolicited contribution of \$25.00 to the Helen Gray Cone Fellowship Fund by an alumna present, Mrs. Hattie Bogart, 1894.

EMMA KEELEY TEMPLE

THE JOSEPH A. GILLET MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

One year ago the Class of '93, at its thirty-fifth anniversary reunion, decided to start a fund in order to establish a Fellowship in Pure Science in memory of the late Joseph A. Gillet, the beloved teacher of every Hunter girl from 1870 to 1908. During the year that has elapsed, the fund has reached the sum of \$1146.74, and this without special solicitation. Of this amount, \$40.00 were contributed by non-members of the class. Every penny has been a free-will gift, contributed gladly for a high purpose.

It has been thought best to let the fund grow for a few years, no limit being set as to its final size. If it should remain comparatively small, the fellowship might be granted every five years. But if it should reach the size hoped for, then it could be awarded every three, or even every two years.

From the beginning it was felt that every former pupil of Professor Gillet would wish to participate in this expression of grateful remembrance of one who never spared himself, but devoted his life to the cause of the higher education of women. If you ever came under his kindly influence, if you were one of the fortunate ones who profited by his teaching, you will want to help carry on, in his name, the work that was so near his heart. You are invited to join with us in honoring his memory in a way that he would approve.

Contributions, large or small, will be gladly received.

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