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ALUMNÆ HALL.

It is certain that every real Hunter Girl will be enthusiastic over the possibility of an Alumnae Hall. For the girl who has enjoyed her years at College, there is only one way to continue that happiness; that is, by becoming an active Alumna and thus prolonging indefinitely the friendship and happiness of College life.

The fact that the Alumnae need a place in which to carry on their many activities is entirely evident, yet it cannot be too strongly emphasized. Surely their officers and committees should have a meeting-place and work-rooms. For years the Association has been carrying on a tremendous amount of work without even a room as official headquarters, depending for meeting-places on the already over-crowded College and the hospitality of the Alumnae members themselves. For the Association, an Alumnae Hall is a real necessity—to centralize and carry on its work, to attract new members, and to hold the interest of the old.

For the Alumnae in business, who leave the office at five o'clock, participation in most Alumnae activities is out of the question. It is probable, however, that if the Association had a house, it could be used in the evening, and this large group who long to be a part of Hunter again, would be able to form some organization, to take part in Alumnae affairs and to renew old friendships.

To the Undergraduates, Alumnae Hall would afford a perfect opportunity to see the work of the Alumnae Association and feel its influence throughout their College years, preparing them to step into the organization and share in its activities.

Alumnae Hall is to be a memorial to President Hunter. That fact alone will rouse every loyal Hunter girl to give whole-hearted and sincere support to this splendid enterprise.

Pearl V. Tickell

Send along your checks and pledges with an enthusiasm worthy of the cause! All checks are to be made payable to the "Graduate Gift Fund," and sent to Mrs. Harry A. Day—Hunter College, 68th St. and Park Ave.

If any alumna has not received graduate gift literature before this, it is because her address is not correctly entered on her class-roll. She is requested to send her name and year to Mrs. John R. Sim, 536 West 156th St.

THE JUBILEE REUNION.

Our Fall Reunion was indeed a Jubilee in the number of alumnae who filled the Chapel and in the buoyant spirit which animated the entire program. Miss Huebner in extending to each one present a very hearty personal greeting, spoke of this meeting as the opening of a great campaign to enable our more than 17,000 graduates to get together and push, that we may do something splendid and wonderful for Alma Mater.

Dr. Davis, the first of the speakers to fulfill Miss Huebner's hope that the audience be thrilled with messages, reminded us of that sentiment, loyalty, which Dr. Hunter considered a cardinal virtue. "Loyalty means a little sacrifice, it means action. Show your enthusiasm and love for your college," hospitably urged Dr. Davis, "by your presence during the Jubilee celebration in February. Swarm over the college. You are the fruit of fifty years. We are proud of you. We want the public to know you: we want to show them what Hunter College has produced."

Mr. William G. Willcox, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented to us the importance of women's influence and help in making the country what it ought to be, by establishing standards of social and industrial justice. In serving our country, said Mr. Willcox, we serve our college, we justify the expense of our institution and prove it a valuable asset to the community.

Justice of the Supreme Court, the Hon. Bartow S. Weeks, President of the Thomas Hunter Association, was our next speaker. He characterized our golden jubilee as "the result of a broad vision and inspiration of the future which possessed our first President. This institution is an exemplification of Thomas Hunter's character and life. Dr. Hunter obtained for girls the opportunity for free higher education. It now rests with the women of the state to prove, by their wise and intelligent use of the vote, that the right of education is appreciated and deserved."

The Hon. T. W. Churchill addressed his audience as "lovers of Thomas Hunter, a man worthy of a niche in your hearts, not because of his lore, but because he was a man of heart. He had the only thing in life worth having, a bit of a mission, and his end was the epitome of a life well-performed." Mr. Churchill, in summarizing Dr. Hunter's life, emphasized his never-ceasing interest in Hunter College and in education,—this "agent of civilization, who was a personal force in developing the possibilities of the human soul."

Mrs. Alice Fischer Harcourt, founder of the Twelfth Night Club, contrasted her

profession with its very definite comradeship and "equal pay for equal work," with the teaching profession and its "vows of poverty." She emphasized the fact that no art can have fixed standards of values, and that the immortal part is the nobler part.

Mrs. Harry Lilly, President of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, and one of our Alumnae, made a stirring "\$150,000 speech." She exhorted us to realize that our graduate gift is made not only to ourselves and those who come after us, and to the city, but to the principle of remembrance and to the memory of Thomas Hunter. "What is it worth to you financially, to be a member of the educated class of the community? to look at life with cultured eyes? that 'mystical plus,' the training to see beauty, how much is it worth to you? Recognize how much it is worth to you to be able to face life unafraid, to have your profession. Make that your offering. Write down a sum that's *big* for you!"

A pleasant addition to the program was the opportunity given us to sing college songs, with the accompaniment of the College Orchestra under Miss Flora Rubin. Miss Isabelle Rackoff entertained us with violin selections, her interpretation of the Dvorak-Kreisler "Indian Lament" being peculiarly appealing.

No reunion is ever completed until we have had the pleasant opportunity to clasp hands all around, and be especially glad we came; and to hope that "the rest of us" will surely come next time to enjoy another splendid program and appreciate the work of the committee. E. V. L., '15.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the College Music Room on October 8th, Miss Huebner presiding. For the Convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Hays were elected delegates. Miss Huebner, Mrs. Ottenberg, and Mrs. Finch are to represent the Alumnae at the City Federation meeting. In the course of the City Convention, the president, Mrs. Lilly, who is one of our Alumnae, plans to have a "know our city" program. She has invited Dr. Davis and Mrs. Sim to speak for College and our Association, and this resolution is to be presented:

WHEREAS, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has pending before it a request from the Board of Trustees of Hunter College of the City of New York for funds to complete the Park Avenue section of the new building, and

WHEREAS, It is a matter of deep concern to the people of this City that the young women attending Hunter College should be healthfully and adequately housed in buildings properly equipped, be it RESOLVED, That in view of the great service which this institution renders as

well as the opportunity for higher education which it offers freely to the young women of the Greater City, The City Federation of Women's Clubs heartily endorses the Trustees and the Alumnae of Hunter College in their efforts to obtain funds for the new building and respectfully urges the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to grant their request.

Miss Huebner announced the appointment by Dr. Davis of a Joint Committee of College and Alumnae for the Jubilee, of which Miss Huebner is to serve as Chairman and Dr. Williams as Secretary. Mrs. Moffet, Jubilee Chairman for our Association, presented the plans for a three days' celebration. Thursday, February 12th, is to be "Alumnae Day," when all Alma Mater's graduates will come home for a delightfully old timey "get together." Friday, February 13th, will be "Undergraduates' Day," with the college students in the chair, under Professor Cone's guidance. Saturday, February 14th, will witness the formal academic celebration, of which Professor Dawson is to take charge. This will be followed by the Alumnae Breakfast at the Hotel Commodore.

Mrs. Sim, in making her report for the Graduate Gift Committee, told of the formation of an auxiliary composed of former Presidents of our Association and of Dr. Hunter's "boys."

Mrs. Smith reported that the officers of the Association had desired on behalf of the Alumnae to give a remembrance to Mrs. Clara Williams, one of our directors, and the first college woman to have served on the Board of Education. Mrs. Williams, after a long and dangerous illness, is going to reside in Canada. The officers decided that a college ring was a most appropriate token, and Mrs. Williams was very happy to receive it.

Professor Cone reported that the "College History" is taking shape and reminded the meeting of the desirability of more subscriptions.

The dates of the Bazaar for the Lenox Hill Settlement, November 21st and 22nd, were announced, and notice was also given of a card party for the benefit of the settlement to be held at the Plaza Hotel on the afternoon of October 30th. October 15, 1919. E. V. L., '15.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The regular meetings of the Finance Committee are held on the first Tuesday in October, December, February, and April. Chairmen of committees having business to bring before the Finance Committee will please appear in person at one of the regular meetings.

Helen A. Smith, Chairman.

THE TEAS.

Don't forget the Tea in the Lenox Hill House, on Friday, November 14, from 3:30 to 5, and the one in College for the Sophomores, Wednesday, Dec. 3. A. B.