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The Spring Reunion.

The Annual Spring Reunion will be held on May 18th. Many of our graduates will be glad to take this opportunity of seeing how work on the new building is progressing. The committee hope for a large attendance and promise an interesting program.

Treasurer's Notice.

In last year's report there appeared for the first time, a list of those members of the Alumnae who were dropped from the roll, on May 1st, for non-payment of dues. A similar list will be published each year. It is an unpleasant entry to be found in a report supposedly embodying the progress of our association, but the Executive feels that publicity should be given to those who voluntarily join the association, accept its social and educational privileges for three years, are reminded by six bills and one personal letter of their financial obligation, and yet fail to meet it, in even so far as to show the courtesy of resigning honorably by paying their dues to date.

A larger number than usual, 170, are entering the new fiscal year beginning May 1, 1913, on the three year delinquent list. Will not each one promptly, on receipt of her bill, pay, in whole or in part; or if intending to resign, do so, that the association may not be at the expense of carrying them for the coming year, with no return?

It has been mentioned by many members that they would prefer to pay dues for two years at a time, instead of the small amount each year. Such advance payments will be acceptable, and carefully credited by the Treasurer.

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Lenox Hill Settlement.

Lenox Hill Settlement is beginning to make plans for the summer work and is hoping with your help to give a great many children a day's or week's outing this year. As most readers will remember, it costs only \$.16 to give a child a long, happy day at Midland Beach, with a health-giving bath in the sea water. We hope that you will all co-operate this year as generously as you have in the past to make the children happy and strong. The help of any who are to be in the city any or all the summer will also be greatly appreciated. We prefer to send small parties when possible for the day, and this is possible when there are enough volunteers; when, however, there are only the two or three resident workers, the children have to be sent off in large parties in order that as many can have the benefit of the trip as possible. Last year, a number of Normal College girls gave their time one day a week, taking parties of little girls to nearby beaches, or helping with the big Midland parties. Will you keep our needs in mind, and save your pennies for the children's outings and give some of your time if possible? A club of children in Long Branch raised nearly \$25.00 last summer by a sale gotten up and managed entirely by themselves. Don't you know of some children who would like to do this?

Fresh Air Fund.

All people living in the suburbs and a few living in the city, realize that at this season Nature is very busy, and that energy stored during the Winter is now bearing fruit. The result is seen in the budding of trees, the flowering of the Hepatica, Spring Beauty, etc.

City people, on the contrary, and in particular, your little east side neighbors,

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The Teacher.

Ah, the dull round, the littleness of things!

How often, often, in our drudging days
Girt round with rule, secret desire obeys

The call of the blue skies and the free wings,—

Fares forth, as in the half-forgotten springs,

Shaking off dust and flinging off delays,

Ardent along the new adventurous ways,

Alone, unheeding, with a heart that sings!

Then,—as we turn, to stoop and serve and share,—

From some one face, that shines among the rest

Of a sudden sacredly and strangely fair,
Leaps the young soul, the Soul, that princely guest.

For whom we sweep and garnish and prepare;

Then we bow down, owning our task is blest.

Helen Gray Cone.

(Reprinted from an early issue of the Normal College Echo.)

College Notes.

If you are in the college building one of these days, walk to the east end, climb up the stone staircase for one or two flights, and look out of the windows there. You will see the tops of a dozen or more foundation piers of concrete with their granite cap-stones, laborers trundling wheel barrows filled with slaty-gray slime, two giant cranes hoisting bulky timbers and iron girders, and a row of curious onlookers at every gap in the surrounding picketed board fence. Emphatically, there is "something doing." The work on the foundation is now practically completed and that on the superstructure is beginning.

In the meantime, we are making the best of the old building. Many of the class-rooms have been divided, so as to provide for the more numerous but smaller sections which are required by work of a collegiate nature. A water filter for the students on the ground floor has been in operation for some time past with the accompaniment of paper cups at a cent each or a check apiece. These checks may be procured in the Dean's office at the rate of two for one cent. On the grounds, the hyacinths which were planted last fall are in bloom and the tulips will shortly appear.

Bulletin boards by the dozen in the janitor's hall and elsewhere in the building will convince anyone of the variety of interests which have their centre in the college. The social interests are indicated by the notices of dances: the Junior Prom., on April 13; the Senior Prom., on April 20, and the Wistarion Dance, on April 19. The most important dramatic events of the present time are connected with the French Department: an afternoon performance of *Le Jeu de l'Amour et du Hasard*, to be given in the gymnasium on April 15, by *le Circle Francais*, and a *Soiree Dramatique* under the auspices of the French Departments of C. C. N. Y. and Normal College, at Carnegie Lyceum, on April 26. We find

also a notice of a meeting of the English Club which was organized lately with three divisions devoted respectively to literature, composition, and debate. One of the most recently formed societies is the Students' Athletic Association. Its bulletin announces that it already has a membership of 200, who are pledged to further the athletic interests of the college.

It is in connection with these interests that the Associate Alumnae and other graduates of the College have the power to do much for their younger sisters. We may aid them materially in securing an out-door recreation ground. There is a strong probability that the city will soon have an opportunity to acquire, at comparatively little cost, the block south of the college, which is at present occupied by three institutions, which it is rumored, desire to remove elsewhere. This is a site, which, in the closest proximity to the college, and sloping as it does, might well be used for a stadium. Moreover as President Davis in his annual report states: "It is needed, further, to protect the light of the college as well as its influence on the architectural beauty of the neighborhood; for if this land should be acquired by private persons, it would undoubtedly be used for the erection of very high apartment houses, which would not only overshadow the college

buildings, interfering with light and air, but would also seriously affect their artistic setting." Should the Alumnae come forward as being strongly in favor of the acquisition of this land for the benefit of the college, above all, should they, as indication of their true and deep interest in the welfare of their Alma Mater raise a sum of money—\$100,000, let us say—sufficiently large to pay for the erection of the buildings necessary, there is little reason to doubt the city's willingness to acquire it. To be sure, \$100,000, at the first blush, seems like rather a staggering sum. Let it not be forgotten, however, that it need not be secured immediately. We have still four or five years to get it together. An association which, in its youth, founded a college library and a college settlement, ought surely, in its maturity, to be able to raise the sum mentioned. An inspiring beginning has been made; the Class of '78 has already secured subscriptions for \$1,000, of which sum \$600 has been paid in. It is high time for the other classes to fall into line.

Prof. Mangold's Songs.

The Mangold Songs will be on sale at the Normal College on the afternoon of the Alumnae Spring Reunion, April 18, 1912. Kindly apply to Miss Ruth Messenger.

