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THE BREAKFAST

More than six hundred Alumnae and guests celebrated the seventy-first birthday of Hunter College at the annual Breakfast on Saturday, February 15, in the Hotel Astor.

Mrs. Theodore E. Simis, President of the Associate Alumnae, who presided, read from Helen Gray Cone's "Valentine to Alma Mater", and called on Miss Mary F. Lindsley, an Instructor in the English Department, to read her winning Valentine to the College.

Dr. Ordway Tead, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, observed that the college was "so consistently doing that which it has the opportunity to do" in providing increased scholarship help of various kinds. Dr. Tead favored "a regional interchange of students on a scholarship basis". He said that he saw no defeatism in youth to-day; they will "face and cope with the world they see". The Presidents of all the City Colleges, Dr. Tead reported, had stated their belief that the colleges must develop the emotional, physical, appreciative, and spiritual aspects of the boys and girls no less than the mental.

Since Dr. George N. Shuster, President of the College, had to attend a National Defense Conference, he sent his greetings through Professor James M. Hendel. In his letter to the Alumnae the President wrote, "All of us at Hunter know very well how to appreciate the cordial geniality with which you have undertaken the art of being helpful." This help may be seen in material symbols of Alumnae interest and in the readiness of the graduates to share in the college work, ceremonies, and festivals, the President said.

"Need I remind you," his letter continued, "that human society has changed and is changing, that education has a fateful rendezvous with American destiny? . . . The fortunes of a college are not those of a college merely, but of a country, an age, a decision."

The Alumnae, the President concluded, "are the living present of our city, even as the students of to-day are its living future."

Madame Tamara Daykarhanova, Director of the Tamara Daykarhanova School of the Stage, said that she looks on the theater as a means of exploring and developing the creative powers of youth. The training youth receives in the theater will bring out "all its potentialities of mind, spirit, and body".

Mrs. Jean Starr Untermeyer interpreted the invitation to read her poetry as an answer to those who believe that poetry is not essential to-day. She read a poem written in light vein for the occasion, "A Parable of Poetry," and other poems from her new volume, "Love and Need".

Mrs. Letitia Raubicheck, Director of Speech of the New York City Board of Education, stressed the special burden of speech teachers "to dissolve sectional prejudice and build a conception of national unity". She pointed out the need to strengthen the common bond of language among the varied national and racial strains, and to develop individuals who would use free speech as an effective means of preserving the democratic way of life.

Mrs. Gertrude Hanauer presented the gifts of the Silver Anniversary Class, 1916, present at the Breakfast one hundred and two strong. Their gifts included an electric tea urn for the Student Lounge, a bridge table and chairs for the Alumnae Room in College, and a fund of five hundred dollars to be administered by the Dean to pay fees for students in need.

Miss Louisa Bruckman, bringing the greetings of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1891, read Mary Cromwell Low's poem written to her classmates for the occasion, and presented a fund to be used for the completion of the Wadleigh Memorial Room.

The Sixty Year Class greeting took the form of the presentation to the College of a picture of its first faculty. A watch won fifty years ago as a literature prize is to be presented to the College by Mrs. Heiden.

Arline Carmen of the Class of 1942 sang. Instrumental music was provided by the Hunter College Trio, including Shirley Fichler, violinist, Lucille Fisher, pianist, and Harriet Silverstein, cellist.

The traditional birthday cake was presented by the Alumnae Committee of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association as the children sang happy birthday to Hunter.

Mrs. James A. Crotty was Chairman of this successful breakfast. Her committee included Mrs. Michael Curtin, Miss Dorothy Doob, Mrs. Robert Draddy, Mrs. Leslie Graff, Mrs. John Heintz, Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman, and Miss Babette M. Levy.

JULIA DUFFY.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S VISIT

More recent generations have heard with awe not unmixed with envy of the distinguished guests whom it was our Alma Mater's privilege to entertain during the first thirty-five years or so of her existence. The Visitors' Book of Dr. Hunter's "glorious days" contains many a signature to thrill present-day readers. Perhaps these achievements go in cycles, for it now looks as if these good old days were returning. Last semester Hunter College was visited by the President of the United States, and this semester by the First Lady. The date of her coming was February nineteenth.

WADLEIGH MEMORIAL

The Wadleigh Memorial Committee is gratified to be able to report that considerable progress has been made toward the successful completion of its objectives—the furnishing and dedicating of the room allocated for the Memorial by the College authorities. To date there have been ninety-eight donors to the fund. At the same time that I herewith express the committee's thanks to them, I desire earnestly to make an urgent plea to those of you who have so far given nothing to the Memorial to do so at your earliest convenience. Much has been accomplished, but much more remains to be done, and we need funds with which to carry on. I wish herein to acknowledge with thanks some gifts, among which are a framed picture of the beloved "Old Building" given to us by Mr. Ernest C. Hunt, and a valuable center-table generously given to us by Miss Betsey B. Davis. We look forward to the receipt of a bookcase to be given to us by Miss Jenny Hunter, daughter of our dear Dr. Hunter, and a lovely picture of "The Dancing Maidens" is promised by Mrs. Walter Kuebler. We hope to be ready to dedicate the room some time in the near future.

Even though every mail brings to your desk heaps of pleas for contributions to a myriad of worthy causes, won't you try hard to squeeze in one more, and if you have not already done so won't you send along your contribution? Please make checks payable to The Wadleigh Memorial Committee, and mail them to the undersigned.

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