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ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

At the meeting of the Executive Council held on Wednesday, January fourteenth, the Chairman of the Breakfast Committee commended the virtues of those members of the Associate Alumnae who had already made their reservations for the Breakfast. She applied to them such adjectives as faithful, thoughtful, and loved, at the same time promising that these adjectives and others equally honorable would be conferred on all alumnae whose promptness was only of lesser degree. While the Breakfast Committee hopes that the majority of the members of the Associate Alumnae have sent in their reservations for the Breakfast long before this issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS, the Committee wishes to make it clear that reservations are still available. Although delay in application is not encouraged, the Committee realizes that delay is sometimes unavoidable, and the latest comers will receive a hearty welcome.

It may be helpful to repeat, for those who are not familiar with the arrangements, that the Breakfast will be held at the Hotel Astor, Thursday, February twelfth, at one o'clock, with a reception from twelve-thirty to one by the officers, directors, and official guests of the Associate Alumnae.

Elsewhere in this issue is inserted a printed form for reservations. Tickets will be mailed on the day that the reservation with covering check is received. The report of the Breakfast Committee of 1930, accepted at the Annual Meeting and printed in the Annual Report, includes a recommendation to the effect that again this year a seating list be prepared and printed. Table assignments will be indicated in the seating list, and there will be no announcement of table assignments until the day of the Breakfast.

The 1931 program is to set a record for shortness. The officers are planning to be ready in close formation on the reception line at half-past twelve and to file into the ballroom promptly at one o'clock.

The January NEWS reported several occasions to be celebrated this year, including the sixty-first birthday of Hunter College, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Hunter, founder and first president of the College, and the golden and silver anniversaries of the Classes of 1881 and 1906. We are glad to note that Mrs. James M. Kieran (Kate Donohue), wife of President Kieran, is a member of the class celebrating its golden anniversary. Since the printing of the January NEWS the Committee has heard of other important events that call for cele-

bration and honor. With the multiplication of causes for celebration and with no lessening of business detail, the Committee has felt the need of addition to its forces. It is most happy to announce that Mrs. Harry Lilly, our first Vice-President, has graciously consented to act as a member of the Breakfast Committee and will be in charge of program arrangements. A most interesting program is anticipated.

Six hundred and eighty-three places were set for the 1930 Breakfast. In addition to several special guests, that number included five Trustees, one hundred and thirty-five members of the Faculty, and twenty-five undergraduates. The Committee hopes to see all these and many more Alumnae hostesses at the 1931 Breakfast.

MARGUERITE E. JONES,

Chairman

N. B.—For the benefit of those who wish to get in touch quickly with Miss Jones, it is added that she may be reached by telephone at her home, Cathedral 8—4040, or at Hunter College, office of the Department of Speech, Rhinelander 4—1501. Mrs. Powell may be reached from 9:30 A. M. until 1:30 P. M. daily at the Hunter Alumnae Rooms, Circle 7—2000, or at other times at her home, Westchester 7—5229.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee begs to report:

A meeting of the Committee was held on Saturday, December 20, 1930, at Alumnae Headquarters, with all members present: Miss Dorothy Cross, Miss Maud Hopkins, Mrs. Hortense Lion Jacobs, Miss Helen Kunte, Miss Helaine Newstead, Mrs. Edna Wallenstein Unger, chairman, and Miss Belle Zeller.

The Committee was called upon to nominate eleven members of the Board of Directors to take the place of the following members whose terms of office expire at the next Annual Meeting: Mrs. Samuel Bitterman, Miss Dora C. Deis, Miss Hannah M. Egan, Miss Anna M. Hunter, Miss Marguerite E. Jones, Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman, Mrs. Hannah Ottenberg, Mrs. William C. Popper, Miss Hester A. Roberts, Mrs. William Valet, Miss Eva C. Wood.

Your Committee felt at the very outset that its action was seriously hampered by a situation that has grown up with the years, and perhaps naturally so. Doubtless other committees in the past must have been confronted with the same perplexing problem, and those

WIDMAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Library has just been presented with a fine collection of modern poetry numbering 205 volumes and generally known throughout the College as the Widmayer Memorial Library of Modern Poetry.

In 1912 about thirty members of the Faculty who were accustomed to meet socially and exchange opinions on notable writers of the day, devised the scheme of collecting outstanding volumes of current poetry for their own delectation. This collection became known as the Poets' Corner.

Among the moving spirits in the Faculty group were Professors Helen Gray Cone, George M. Whicher, Marie T. Widmayer, Priscilla Fletcher, Dorothea Hess, Mabel Taylor, Lillian M. Snow, and Renata Remy. After the death of Miss Widmayer in 1922 the Poets' Corner received the name of Widmayer Memorial, and continued to be enriched through the regular voluntary contributions of the original group.

As time passed, this group diminished as its members retired from the Faculty, and the collection came under the care of the Treasurer, Miss Helen Messenger, of the Department of Physics.

As the result of a vote of the remaining members of this circle, the collection has been turned over to the Library together with the sum of \$200 remaining in the treasury, which will be used for further purchases from time to time. It is planned to devote an alcove of the new building to the Widmayer Memorial Library, each volume of which will be suitably marked with a special book-plate and an appropriate inscription.

JOSEPH J. REILLY, *Librarian.*