

AGNES SCOTT NEWSLETTER

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Louise Hale Fund Set Up by Friend

The Louise Hale Scholarship Fund, in memory of Associate Professor Louise Hale, was established this fall by a friend who expressed the hope that other friends of Miss Hale would add to it. The founder, who wished to remain anonymous, gave \$1,000 to set up the fund.

Its income will be used each year as a scholarship award for a student outstanding in French. Anyone may add to the fund at any time by sending a check to the President of the College, Dr. Wallace M. Alston, and designating it for this use.

Miss Hale, who died in June after a long illness, was a member of the Department of French at Agnes Scott for 30 years.

Inauguration Speeches, Full News in Fall Q

The Fall issue of The Alumnae Quarterly, due off the press later this month, will carry all the major speeches of President Alston's inauguration.

Dr. Howard Lowry's lecture, "The Time Beyond the Tower," in which the distinguished scholar and college president compares the careers of Agnes Scott and the Eiffel Tower, both opened in 1889, will be published, as will the address of President Sarah Blanding of Vassar—"As A Man Thinketh, So Is He," a spirited defense of the liberal arts college for women; President Alston's acceptance speech, and the informal talk of President Theodore Jack of Randolph-Macon.

In addition, the Fall number will carry what is believed to be the largest class news section in the history of The Quarterly. Alumnae who have contributed to the Fund by publication date will receive the issue.

'51, '12 Lead Fund Giving; Anybody Have \$7,025.75?

The Classes of 1951 and 1912 led the field as the Alumnae Fund went into November with \$7,025.25 still to be raised.

This year's goal, if reached, will provide much-needed support for the College in addition to financing the publication of The Alumnae Quarterly and the operation of the Alumnae Office.

In third place was 1910, and 1906 and 1950 were tied for fourth.

Leaders of their decades were 1906, 1912, 1926, 1937, 1948, and 1951.

The goal for this year's Fund is \$15,000. If attained, it will make possible a gift to the College equal

Do you hit the waste basket, the pigeonhole, or the ceiling? If so, see answers to your questions on Page 2.

Don't be a tooth-gnasher on May 31! See the Commencement Luncheon story on Page 3.

New Science Hall Opened

The John Bulow Campbell Science Hall, one of the largest educational buildings in Georgia and among the most modern buildings in the U. S. for the teaching of science, was dedicated at Agnes Scott on the afternoon of President Wallace Alston's inauguration, Oct. 23.

Given by the foundation set up in the will of Mr. Campbell, who before his death had been an Agnes Scott trustee for many years, the building has been called a "glass house" and yet blends with the gothic of the rest of the back campus. It is south of Buttrick and Presser, the stem of its T design forming a shady quadrangle with those buildings and the top of the T bordering the hockey field.

Campbell Hall contains a total of 77 rooms: 20 laboratories with preparation rooms, work rooms, and adjacent facilities; five lecture rooms and a large assembly room seating 165; departmental offices; a museum, a library, a reading room, and students' and faculty rooms.

At the dedication services Oct. 23 the principal address was made by John A. Sibley, Agnes Scott trustee, who paid tribute to Mr. Campbell. George Winship, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided, and President Emeritus James Ross McCain spoke on the uses of the building. A special booklet containing these addresses will be issued as a memento of the dedication.

to a year's income of \$100,000 in endowment. It is hoped that this gift may be increased gradually each year, as membership in the Association grows.

So far, 1,380 alumnae are on the active list. It will take almost that many more, assuming that the present gift average of about \$6 is maintained, to reach the goal. Alumnae sending their gifts in now can still get a copy of the Summer Quarterly, until the fast-dwindling supply is exhausted, and will receive the Fall issue when it comes out some time this month. They will also be invited to the big, new, different Commencement Luncheon (see Page 3, (Continued on Page 4)



Wallace Alston Inaugurated Third President of College

Forty-four college and university presidents and 170 other representatives of institutions of higher learning and learned societies came to Agnes Scott in October to attend the inauguration of its third president, Dr. Wallace McPherson Alston.

President Sarah Blanding of Vassar College made the principal address, asserting the worth of the liberal arts college in modern society and concluding, "In women's colleges like Agnes Scott and Vassar we will, I hope, continue to offer a broad general education, stressing intellectual interests and a sound system of personal values as a basis for living."

President Alston in his acceptance speech promised to continue Agnes Scott's traditional emphasis on high academic standards and the Christian concept of life.

"Unfortunately, we in America have not always recognized that the ideal of quality is just as necessary to the health of a democracy as that of equality," he said, asserting that an "aristocracy of competence" was necessary for the leadership of a good society.

"With no lack of appreciation of institutions stressing the principle of equality, Agnes Scott has placed her emphasis through the years upon the ideal of quality in education. This has been done by deliberately keeping the student body small, carefully selecting students of character and intellectual capacity who are seriously interested in college training," he continued.

Gaines Chapel in Presser Hall was filled with delegates, alumnae, trustees, faculty members and students for the ceremonies. The long academic procession of more than 300, including delegates, faculty, and a student escort, marched to Presser

from the gymnasium in a pouring rain which began precisely as the line emerged from the gym. Led by Dr. Ellen Douglass Leyburn, faculty marshal (whose brother, Dean James Leyburn of Washington and Lee, marched as a delegate a few places behind her), the column held nearly 50 college presidents representing institutions as far away as California, Texas, Illinois, Ohio and New York. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley, Smith, Radcliffe, Vassar, Bryn Mawr, Barnard — the old private institutions as well as the younger, together with state universities, city colleges, and learned societies, were represented. Each delegate was introduced by Dean Guerry Stukes, chairman for the Inauguration, and stepped forward to shake hands with President Alston, after the addresses and the simple induction ceremony administered by George Winship, chairman of the Board of Trustees. President Emeritus James Ross McCain presided.

Festivities attendant upon the inauguration had begun the previous evening with a lecture by President Howard Lowry of the College of Wooster, distinguished scholar in English literature and an eminent spokesman for liberal education.

Tuesday morning's ceremonies were followed by a luncheon in Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall, for official delegates, with President Theodore Jack of Randolph-Macon

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Gather Round, Hitters; Your Mysteries Solved

The Smith College Alumnae Association, which raises three separate funds every year (alumnae fund, alumnae dues, class dues), recently published a charming bit of literature entitled "Why is Mummy Hitting the Ceiling?" Ornamented throughout with the most expressive kangaroos, this sprightly document undertakes to explain those aspects of college financing which escape alumnae who do not read the pleading prose their Association ordinarily sends them through the mail.

No one could possibly help reading this Smith folder. It deals firmly with such recurrent questions as "What's the Mater with Alma?" (that she keeps asking for money) and "What did we Spend the Last \$7,000,000 on, Bubble Gum?" In conclusion it exhorts Smith alumnae thus: "Don't hit the ceiling, or the waste basket, when your alumnae fund appeal reaches you. Remember, it's alumnae support that keeps Smith College going."

Now, Agnes Scott has exactly the same problems Smith has, and our alumnae react to them in much the same ways as do Smith's. That is, they either write a check or hit something—waste basket, pigeonhole, or ceiling.

This column is for the hitters. The writers, nearly 1,400 strong, have raised more than half of this year's Alumnae Fund goal; so it is presumed that they already know the answers to the questions below. Hang on, hitters.

Q. How much are alumnae dues?

A. There aren't any. Active membership in the Alumnae Association is maintained by an annual gift, each alumna deciding on the amount of her own.

Q. Well, how much do most people give?

A. Gifts this year have ranged from \$1 to \$100, with fortunately few of the former and unfortunately few of the latter. The average is around \$6, but at colleges comparable with Agnes Scott it's a good deal higher. Ours will go up when we come to regard the gift as a part of our annual benevolence budget, like church support.

Q. Why do you say "fortunately few" of the \$1 gifts? Doesn't every little bit help?

A. Yes and no. It is better for an alumna to send \$1 than to send nothing at all, but actually it costs \$5 a year to serve an active alumna—that is, publish and send her the Quarterly, print and mail her invitations to various campus events, and render her the other services which the Alumnae Association carries on.

Q. Then why don't you set a \$5 minimum for Fund gifts?

A. This has been discussed, but two considerations have prevented it so far: (1) As long as there is no minimum, no alumna can justly say that inability to pay has kept her from enjoying alumnae privileges; (2) If there were a \$5 minimum,

many alumnae who might otherwise give more—thus making possible a gift to the College—would automatically give \$5, not realizing that it is the \$5-plus gifts which enable the Association to contribute to the College.

Q. Why don't I ever get anything from the College but appeals for money?

A. Alumnae who give do get other things—The Quarterly, bids to campus events, etc. They receive no further appeals until the end of the fiscal year, July 1. The Fund appeal is your invitation to become an active alumna. It is a cordial invitation. If you don't accept it right away, it is repeated. But if you never accept it, it doesn't seem fair that alumnae who do become active should pay to send you more interesting literature. They prefer that their gifts be used to support the College.

Q. Don't you ever stop to consider that the cost of living has gone up and I need my money myself?

A. Something ought to be done to make the cost of living go down for a college when it goes up for us alumnae, and vice versa. But there are very few alumnae of Agnes Scott who do not feel the importance of contributing to something beyond their individual lives, no matter how limited their resources.

Q. But do you realize how many calls there are for what I have to give?

A. Yes. There are more good causes than any one person can support effectively. But your College, like your church, looks to a rela-

Insert for non-Hitters, more positively known as Donors, or Active Alumnae: You will receive a full report on the Alumnae Fund, with a list of all this year's actives, just as soon as the Hitters add their part to yours and finish out that \$15,000 which you have started so well.

tively small group—its own family and friends who believe in its work.

Q. What exactly is that need? Why can't Agnes Scott get along without contributions?

A. If it could, it would be the only good independent college in the country to do so. It receives no support from church or state. Its life de-



THE ALSTONS AT HOME—This newspaper picture shows President Alston, Mrs. Alston, and their two children, Wallace and Mary, gathered for a musical session by mother and son.

pends entirely on those persons who believe in it. Boarding students at Agnes Scott now pay \$1,200 a year. This is about 70% of what it actually costs to keep and teach them. The same proportion ran true in your time. Somebody paid the difference for you.

Q. But if there are such essential needs, how can the College afford all the new buildings? and such beautiful ones?

A. All the new buildings are gifts (as were the old ones). Their donors have generously built them in magnificent style. They increase the assets of the College greatly, but they do not indicate any opulence on its part.

Q. Haven't I read that Agnes Scott is financially the strongest independent woman's college in the South?

A. This is true, and it means that Agnes Scott is the South's leading candidate for equality with the venerable Eastern women's colleges. It should be noted that financial strength consists in (1) buildings and equipment and (2) endowment. Endowment, in the long run and under good management, determines the quality of the faculty, the calibre of the students, the adequacy of the library, and the richness of the curriculum. While we lead the South, we are still far behind half a dozen Eastern colleges in endowment. We alumnae can help close this gap by giving every year to the Alumnae Fund, and giving generously. Agnes Scott will never win its goal—in fact, will not hold its present position—by resting on its present assets.

Q. How much did you say the dues were?

A. THERE AREN'T ANY. An annual gift, each alumna deciding on the amount of her own

(Please start reading again at the first question. Repeat this exercise until you have actually written and mailed your check to The Agnes Scott Alumnae Assn., Decatur, Ga.)

You're Invited!

Campus Events

Lectures, concerts, plays, art exhibits and stargazing sessions will draw thousands of Atlanta and Decatur residents to the Agnes Scott campus before the current academic year is out. The poet Robert Frost and a London touring company will be stellar attractions in the public events program as announced so far.

The Bradley Observatory is open on the second Friday of every month, at 8 p.m., to all comers. The opportunity to peer through the Beck Telescope, largest reflector in the Southeast, is regularly seized by Atlantans of all ages and many visitors from other cities. Dr. William A. Calder, professor of astronomy, conducts the sessions.

Blackfriars will join with the Emory Players in performing *The Servant in the House* in Presser Hall Nov. 16 at 8:30.

Monthly concerts presented by the Department of Music are in progress again this year. Irene Leftwich Harris, instructor in piano, will appear in recital Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in Presser Hall. The annual Christmas Carol concert with Associate Professor Roxie Hagopian directing the 100-voice student choir, is scheduled for Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in Presser.

Having just closed an exhibition of its own work which drew more than 700 visitors to fourth floor Buttrick, the Department of Art announces a showing of lithographic prints by Stow Wengenroth, one of the outstanding printmakers of this century. The display, including about 20 prints, will be on view in the third-floor Buttrick gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday, from Nov. 15 to Dec. 3.

Robert Frost will visit the campus in January and probably will give one of his famous informal lectures on the 23rd. Lecture Association will present the London Repertory Company in *The Tempest* Feb. 29.

Commencement Luncheon, Reunions to be Combined

The Commencement Luncheon for 1952, on May 31, will be a grand combination of Trustees' Luncheon, reunion dinners, and annual meeting of the Alumnae Association, with greetings from College leaders thrown in.

The new plan envisages a program of brief talks while the luncheon is in progress. Active alumnae, seniors, and some faculty members—as many as can be seated, probably chosen by seniority—will be invited. Faculty places will be filled on the day of the deadline for alumnae reservations. This means it will be impossible to admit alumnae who are late in making reservations, unless other alumnae cancel theirs — and not many do.

The reunion classes—1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1951—will have special tables, with extra flourishes planned by the class officers. If they wish to have sessions by themselves later in the day, parlors in Main will be assigned to them. There will be no reunion dinners on the campus that evening, but of course any class is free to arrange one for itself in Atlanta or Decatur.

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held immediately after the luncheon, in the dining hall. After that, alumnae will be on their own to tour the campus or visit faculty members until 4:30, when Class Day begins in the May Day Dell.

All active members of the Alumnae Association — that is, those who are contributors to the 1951 Alumnae Fund or who are life members, will be invited to the luncheon. Any

alumna who is in doubt as to her status may test it by inquiry at the Alumnae Office or by noting whether or not she receives The Alumnae Quarterly this month (toward the last of the month, probably). Alumnae who are not active, and who wish to be included in luncheon and/or reunion plans, should send in their contributions at once, checks payable to the Agnes Scott Alumnae Assn.

Two Departments Have New Heads

Among 19 new members of the faculty and administrative staff this fall were two department heads and three assistant professors.

From Pakistan, where she has practiced for 30 years, came the new college physician and professor of physical education. Dr. Janet Alexander was twice decorated by the King of England for her work among the Indians.

Professor Ferdinand Warren, head of the Department of Art, distinguished himself and Agnes Scott soon after his arrival by taking a first prize at the Southeastern Art Exhibition. Previous work of Mr. Warren hangs in several of the country's largest galleries, including the Metropolitan Museum. Marie Huper, holder of the M.A. and B.F.A. degrees from the University of Iowa, and a winner of numerous awards

The President's Letter

November 1, 1951

To Agnes Scott Alumnae
My dear Friends:

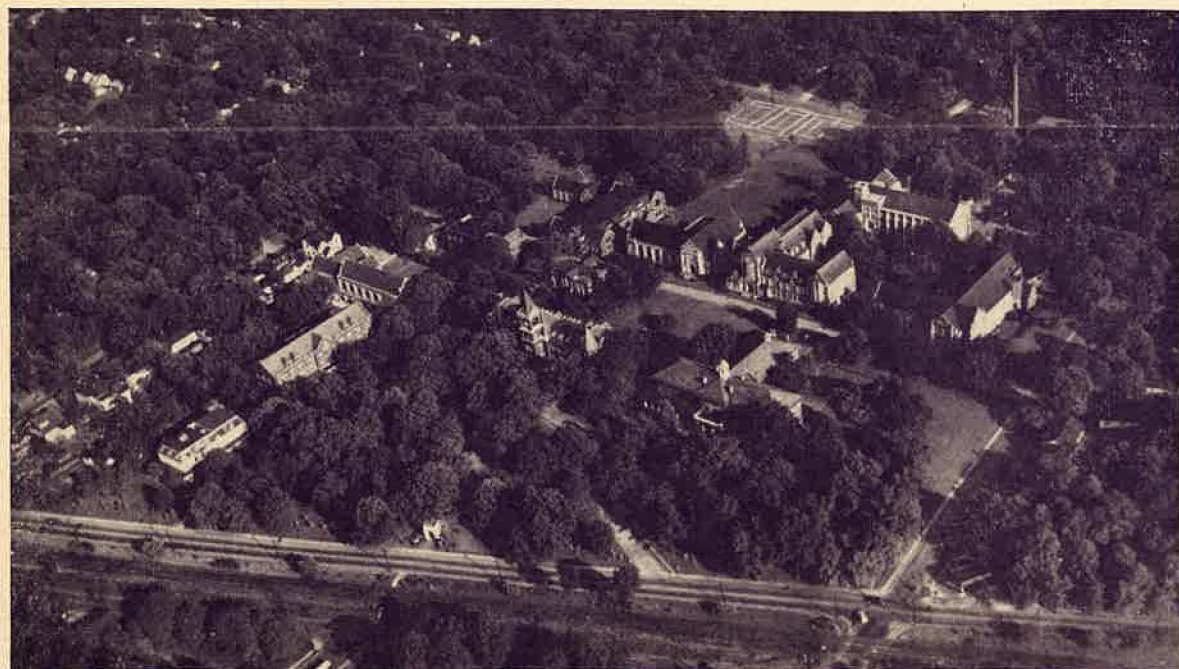
This is my first opportunity to greet all of you since assuming the presidency of the College. I am glad that we are not strangers. I have had the privilege of meeting many of you personally. Others have written encouraging letters. Moreover, your loyalty and willingness to cooperate have been abundantly proved during my three years at Agnes Scott.

The decision to come to Agnes Scott in 1948 was motivated by a life-long respect for its purposes and accomplishments. This respect has been deepened as I have come to know the College intimately as a member of the administration and faculty. The association with Dr. McCain and others whose lives have enriched Agnes Scott has been a rare privilege. I gladly dedicate my service to the welfare of a college that embodies the standards and ideals in which I place my confidence.

The task before us is not an easy one. The independent liberal arts institutions throughout America, as you know, will have to justify their right to exist in the period ahead. My optimism about the future of Agnes Scott is based not alone upon a conviction that small Christian liberal arts colleges are essential to the integrity of a democratic America, but upon my belief that Agnes Scott College has a unique mission among independent liberal arts institutions in this country.

In all that lies ahead, I covet your prayers and your comradeship.

Cordially your friend,
Wallace M. Alston
President



NEW AERIAL VIEW—This is the first view of the campus from the air since the newest buildings were finished. Note the Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall next to Inman, the Frances Winship Walters Infirmary adjoining the gymnasium, the John Bulow Campbell Science Hall behind Buttrick and Presser, the new front entrance to the campus on College Avenue. See also the new all-weather tennis courts!

in both painting and sculpture, is assistant professor in the department.

Pierre Thomas, acting assistant professor of French, is a former member of the Middlebury College faculty and holds degrees from Lille and the Ecole Centrale in Paris. C. Benton Cline, Jr., assistant professor of philosophy, held an assistantship at Yale last year and has the B.A. from Wooster College, the B.D. and Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Davidson Inaugurated Louisville President

Dr. Philip G. Davidson, head of the Department of History at Agnes Scott from 1928 to 1942, was inaugurated Oct. 30 as president of the University of Louisville.

Dr. Davidson left Agnes Scott to become dean of the senior college and graduate school at Vanderbilt University. He later became provost.

Did you see the July, August, and September issues of *Mademoiselle*? Agnes Scott was in all of them.

Alumnae Help Pick Students

Agnes Scott's enrollment problem has always been, not to find students who wanted to come, but to find the best qualified students who wanted to come. In the last year or so, an increasing number of alumnae clubs has enlisted vigorously — and successfully — in the cause.

The Birmingham Club last year increased the Agnes Scott enrollment for that city from two students to eight. This year it's ten. The Charlotte Club has never relaxed its efforts, and for many years there have been plenty of good students from Charlotte. New Orleans had only two students at Agnes Scott before the alumnae club there got busy. Now it has six. Similar examples could be drawn from the files of several other clubs.

The most satisfactory means of acquainting good high school students with Agnes Scott seems to be an after-school party in someone's home. Either Su Boney, the alumnae field representative, or local Agnes Scott students at home on holiday may be asked to attend and talk with the guests. It's a pleasant idea to invite the girls' mothers, too. Color slides of the campus are available from the Alumnae Office on loan for use at the party, and the Registrar's Office will send literature. Transportation should be definitely arranged; it seems high school girls have a way of accepting an invitation and then not turning up.

Of course it doesn't necessarily take a club to do this; any individual alumna may take the initiative. But it requires real planning, and personal follow-up work on the individual girls after the party has been proved of high value.

Whoever does get up the party should beware of inviting girls who haven't the credits to enter Agnes Scott. Juniors and seniors taking the academic, or college preparatory,

Dr. McGeachy Passes

The Rev. Dr. D. P. McGeachy, a trustee of Agnes Scott, died Aug. 16 in Decatur, at the age of 79.

From 1918 to 1942 Dr. McGeachy was pastor of the Decatur Presbyterian Church. He wrote the words to "God of the Marching Centuries," of which Emeritus Professor C. W. Dieckmann composed the music and which is often sung at the College as a hymn belonging to Agnes Scott.

McCain Fund Augmented

About \$350 has been added by alumnae and others to the McCain Library Fund since its presentation in honor of Dr. James Ross McCain last April.

This fund, the income from which is used to buy books for the McCain Library, is to be kept permanently open for further contributions.

The College Library was named for Dr. McCain on his 70th birthday, April 9, a short time before his retirement from the presidency of the College.

Inauguration

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Woman's College as speaker and with faculty, student, and alumnae greetings brought by Dr. Mary Stuart MacDougall, professor of biology, Sybil Corbett, president of student government, and Catherine Baker Matthews, president of the Alumnae Association.

course make a good group.

Recently the Atlanta Agnes Scott Club gave a wonderful informal tea for 200 promising girls. The Decatur Club is to give one Nov. 26. The Atlanta party was so well organized that Julia Napier North '28, its chairman, was asked to write a detailed report on it for the benefit of other groups planning similar gatherings. This account is available in mimeographed form to anyone, on request from the Alumnae Office.

Alumnae Fund

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top left). And they will go down in history among the preservers of independent education.

The spirit of givers to the Fund has been that which accounts for all Agnes Scott successes. Here are some notes which accompanied donations—and the donations were not as small as you'd gather from reading the notes:

Enclosed please find a very small check for the 1951 Alumnae Fund. How fervently I wish it could be at least a thousand times larger! But, as our Scotch cousins say, "Mony a muckle makes a mickle," so the combined gifts—though small—of many givers, with prayer, will add up to the required amount and go far beyond it. Yours with love . . . (Inst.)

I wish this check were for a thousand dollars! My visit to the College was a heavenly experience. (Inst.)

Many high school students do not find out requirements for admission to the college of their choice until it is too late to secure the necessary credits.

Many have no idea how to choose a college. Such factors as the amount of endowment per student, the ratio of faculty members to students, the quality of degrees held by the faculty, the size of the library, and even the state of the buildings and equipment, seldom enter their deliberations.

Few know the difference between a liberal arts college and a trade school.

Hardly any have accurate information on campus life at any college. Most put their trust in groundless reports, both good and bad, of the few colleges whose names they know.

All this ignorance is to blame for great waste and misplacement every year in American higher education.

If you know a promising high school girl (from freshman up) who might like to have the facts about Agnes Scott, and if you will fill out this form and mail it to the Office of the Registrar, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., she will receive the material she needs.

NAME (Please print)-----

Address -----

School attending-----Date of college entrance-----

NAME (Please print)-----

Address -----

School attending-----Date of college entrance-----

Your name -----

I'm betting on us to raise that \$15,000. Good luck. ('35)

I am so happy to send on my bit toward the great cause and hope that even though it is small (I mean the check!) it will help assure an adequate fund. ('17)

As usual I wish it were larger—but as usual it has with it my deep interest. You grow more aware each year of what Agnes Scott really means. ('46)

I am enclosing a small check which does not approach payment for the benefits I feel I receive from the Association. I wish it might be much larger. In fact, if I could pay all I really owe ASC, the Alumnae Association would not have to worry about finances for some time. ('35)

I am enclosing my gift to the Alumnae Fund and hope more than \$15,000 will be raised. ('25)

Enclosed is a check for 1/1000 of the sum you wish—and hope that the other 2,000 faithful alumnae will double your quota. (Inst.)

MISS ELIZABETH F. JACKSON

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