

Textile School Alumni Meeting

THE sixteenth annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia Textile School was held in conjunction with the graduating exercises of the school, on Thursday, May 24. The meeting was preceded by an informal reunion and luncheon which were greatly appreciated by the goodly number of members who attended the gathering, as this feature adds much to the social spirit of the occasion.

At the business meeting, President Bradley C. Algeo occupied the chair; following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by W. J. Maurer, secretary; the treasurer's report was submitted by Willis Fleisher. This showed the association to be in a most satisfactory condition, with a balance of \$1,158 on hand, May 21. The report of the loan fund was also submitted by Mr. Fleisher, showing the effective

work of that fund, with a balance of over \$1,000 on hand. These reports showed the association to be in the best financial condition in its history, which is largely due to the efforts of the treasurer.

Messrs. Robb, Lockwood and Pomeroy were appointed as a nominating committee, and George A. Denny, as committee on resolutions. Mr. Algeo briefly reviewed the activities of the association during the past year. The membership was shown to consist of 369 members at June, 1916, with 50 new applications; losses by death, resignations, etc., showed a present active membership of 392, with 35 associate members, and 37 honorary members. One loss by death during the year was Caryl A. Grammer, one of the most popular and active members; his death was a distinct loss to many of the members, as well as the association.

TECHNICAL PAPERS PRESENTED

The following papers, prepared by members of the association, were then read by title: "Modern Methods of Pattern Designing," Charles M. Schwartz, '05; "Reclaiming Wool," J. Elmer Hahn, 1911; "Wool Oils," H. H. Benedict, 1911, "Turkish Towelling," Sidney L. Kapp, 1912.

The part played by the School and the Alumni in the present war situation was also brought to the attention of the members. Between thirty and fifty students at the school have become identified either with the military or naval forces, or with the quartermaster's department in the handling of supplies of textile fabrics. A list will be compiled of these activities for the records of the association. In this connection, J. V. Pomeroy, Greensboro, N. C., offered a motion that the Board of Governors investigate the methods used by other institutions of learning for se-

curing information and data regarding the graduates as to their fitness and qualifications for assisting the Government in various lines as needed, and to proceed along these lines at once. This motion was unanimously adopted.

William C. Robb, as chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following nominations as officers to serve during the ensuing year. President, Bradley C. Algeo; honorary vice-president, Theodore C. Search; first vice-president, William C. Robb; second vice-president, A. G. Sherwood; third vice-president, George A. Denny;

treasurer, Willis Fleisher; secretary, William J. Maurer; members of the Board of Governors to serve three years, B. Kendall Archer, Herbert S. Landell; auditors, R. J. Carson, A. B. Coppes. These officers were unanimously elected.

George A. Denny, as the Resolutions Committee, offered the usual resolutions, thanking the members for the time and trouble spent in preparing the papers; also the speakers at the dinner, who were elected as honorary members of the association. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.