Memorial Exercises for Dr. Thomas Hunter.

In the old chapel, endeared by many associations, and particularly filled with memories of the man they came to honor, his devoted "old boys" of the Thomas Hunter Association, and the loving graduates and the faculty of Hunter College, met on the evening of January 15.

The Rev. Henry Mottet, D. D., opened the exercises with an invocation and reading of the beautiful portion of Ecclesiastical beginning, "Let us now praise famous men."

President Davis paid an earnest tribute to the President Emeritus, giving a moving account of the latter's last visit to the college, and his impressive parting from his successor, with a long look and lingering hand-grasp, and an expression of satisfaction in the college he so loved, as it is today.

Hon. Alrick H. Man, on behalf of the former Board of Trustees, gave a detailed account of his work with President Hunter in 1902 and 1903, at the crisis when the man of seventy, still vigorous and courageous, was suddenly faced by new problems and unexpected hostilities. The quiet narrative of Mr. Man, to those who understood its points, was really epic in its quality; and he ended the brave story on the note of triumph.

Hon. Thomas W. Churchill, on behalf of the present Board of Trustees, gave a glowing address, in which he brought out the true spirit of the occasion,—a spirit of gratitude, enthusiasm, and cheer, rather than of mourning. He emphasized the humanness of Dr. Hunter's teaching, and the immense importance of the teacher's personality, quoting in illustration an inspiring passage from Emerson.

Professor Cone, on behalf of the Faculty, spoke of the relation of President Hunter to the college, characterizing it as not merely an official relation, but something warm and vital, like a blood-relationship. Dr. Hunter was a practical idealist, attentive to necessary details, but inwardly paying his devotion to the secret shine of the ideal. His dominant idea was that the teacher, even in the elementary school, needed not only a technical training, but a liberal education. This idea is the corner-stone on which the President and Faculty of Hunter College are building today. It relates itself to the conception of the ideal teacher, and so brings us back to the thought that Dr. Hunter was from first to last a true teacher, such a teacher as "sets in the midst of the city the spire that points to a star."

In the regretted absence of Mrs. Kramer, who was too ill to be present, Miss Grace Beach spoke briefly and feelingly of President Hunter in his contact with the students,—his interest in their studies, his recognition of their individuality, his wonderful memory, and his optimistic attitude.

Mr. Charles Putzel, representing the Thomas Hunter Association, dwelt with loving enthusiasm on the old days of Grammar School 35; and told of the happy occasions when Thomas Hunter met, at the yearly dinner given in his honor, his former pupils. One of the reunions is remembered with especial pleasure, since it took place in the old school building, and the customary exercises of the old time were repeated—with a difference.

The Rev. Charles P. Fagnani, D. D., the speaker of the occasion, also recalled in his address these delightful reunions of "the boys" of old 35, and dwelt upon the wide influence of the great schoolmaster. Dr. Fagnani opened his address by quoting from Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach."

"Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! For the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor flight—
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And we are here as on a darkling plain,
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight.
Where ignorant armies clash by night."

The speaker brought out suggestively the striking contrast between the confused clash of armies on the other side of the sea, and the assembly of men and women, true to their love of their friend and teacher, gathered together for memory's sake. Memory is like the lingering light of sunset, keeping alive the beauty of some noble mountain. Memory is the earthly immortality; so long as we lovingly remember, those who are called dead abide with us. So be, who has joined the Choir Invisible, remains with us "in minds made better by his presence."
From Our Sister College.
December 1, 1915.

Mrs. Samuel J. Kramer,
President of the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College.

Dear Madam:

At a meeting of the Directors of the Associate Alumni of The College of the City of New York held at the College, October 23, 1915, the following minute was unanimously adopted:

The Directors of the Associate Alumni of The College of the City of New York note the death of Dr. Thomas Hunter with profound appreciation of his surpassing service to the cause of free education in this city.

As Principal of the school he made famous, old Grammar School 35, he prepared many of our alumni for admission to the City College and greatly influenced their characters, ideals, and lives. He was the pioneer in governing our schools and maintaining high discipline without physical punishment. As principal of the first Evening High School he was the founder of this branch of the city's widespread beneficence which offers every wage-earner the opportunity of self-improvement.

To the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College, we offer our sympathy in a bereavement which to them is both personal and institutional. As graduates of the City College, some of us remember Dr. Webster as our president, some General Webb, and others Dr. Finley, but, except for the very latest classes, every graduate of Hunter College cherishes the memory of Dr. Hunter as Founder, President, Counselor and Friend. The College was his creation. He devised it, shaped its beginnings and raised it to a splendid maturity of efficiency. For every day of every college term, his students were privileged to hear words of wisdom which fell from his lips and to feel the inspiration of his character. As sons of one of the city's colleges, we assure the daughters of our sister college that we sympathize with them in their loss and in their pride in his memory. He held a unique place as leader and benefactor in our common cause.

If the pupils of his pupils be included in the estimate of his impress upon the community, many thousands of men and women of New York owe him a debt of gratitude.

To the daughters of Dr. Hunter we beg to offer our respectful sympathy in their great bereavement, and our appreciation of the great heritage of widespread honor, gratitude, and affection which their father's lifework has won.

Gabriel R. Mason,
Secretary of The Associate Alumni of The College of the City of New York.

College Notes.

The work of producing the college play in the spring, partly to commemorate the Shakespearian tercentenary and partly to remind us that by so doing we are carrying out the plans of Mrs. Sargent, late associate professor of English, is begun.

We would again remind all those interested in the college that our production of "Judith Shakespeare" will be only a part of a city- and country-wide celebration. The colleges in and near New York will cooperate under the direction of a Committee on Celebrations in Colleges. We want to make our contribution a noteworthy one and we need the support of every Hunter woman in order to accomplish this.

Information will be given later as to when and where tickets may be procured for the performance, which will be given on the evening of April twenty-seventh.

The following alumnae who have been teaching in college on temporary assignment have now received appointments as assistant instructors: Miss Sallie Kutz, '09; Miss Mable Ritti, '13; Miss Blanche Brine, '13; Miss Augusta Neidhardt, '12; Miss Hannah M. Egan, '11; Miss Jule McGrath, '11.

It may be interesting to some of the Hunter alumnae, not already acquainted with the fact, to know that Hunter in her student activities is entering more and more into cooperation with other eastern colleges.

For the past two years the Echo staff has been represented at the annual meeting of delegates representing publications in a number of neighboring colleges.

During the Christmas vacation delegates from the Menorah Society of Hunter College attended a convention of representatives from the Menorah Societies of forty colleges in the United States and Canada. The convention was held at the University of Pennsylvania, December 27th to 30th.

On Saturday, January 8th, the Orchestra and the Glee Club gave a fully appreciated concert at the Home for Incurables. A similar entertainment was given last year and led to a request for another one this year.

Recently in the New York "Times" appeared a statement to the effect that the honor system was in full swing during the examinations, despite the fact that the reporter had visited the college and had been informed to the contrary. The old system of the supervision of examinations by procurors is still being used, and we, therefore, take this opportunity of correcting any erroneous impression due to the above-mentioned article.