

As the outgoing President, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to the Alumnæ my strong sense of the ability and fitness of the new corps of officers they have just chosen, and to congratulate them particularly on having secured Dr. Mary Augusta Requa as Chief Executive. The work of the Association is concentrating more and more on educational lines, and Dr. Requa, as you will see from her record, is pre-eminently fitted to develop and advance it.

A graduate of the class of '70, Miss Requa taught in Grammar School No. 47 and in the Berkeley School for Boys; then, deciding to study medicine, she was later graduated from the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary (Dean Blackwell). After practising for a time, Dr. Requa became greatly interested in the subject of Physical Culture and had a large share in organizing the Ladies' Berkeley Athletic Club, of which she became a Directress. In order to equip herself thoroughly in this department, Dr. Requa studied with Dr. Anderson, Assistant Director of Physical Culture at Yale, and was graduated from his school in New Haven. Under Dr. Enebuske, she also took a course in Pedagogical and Medical Gymnastics.

In addition, she has taken the Course of Study at the School of Pedagogy of the University of the City of New York, and has received its degree of Master of Pedagogy. Dr. Requa's special qualifications were recognized by the Board of Education, and last June, as you know, she was appointed to the responsible position of Supervisor of Physical Education in the city schools. Surely the Alumnæ Association may well feel proud to have at its head a woman with such a record, and although Dr. Requa has taken no active part in the work of the Association of late years, she was one of its organizers in 1872 and was the first Secretary.

In her capacity of Supervisor of Physical Education, Dr. Requa will have unusual opportunities of making the acquaintance of the teachers, and we do not doubt that, through her, many College graduates who are teaching in the schools, and are not members of the Associate Alumnæ, will be brought into the fold.

The new President is also fortunate in having a strong corps of officers to support her. The First Vice-President, Mrs. Daniel P. Hays, served on the Executive Committee for four years and has done excellent work on other committees. Her great executive ability and her long experience in organizing and conducting club work of various kinds, will make her a most efficient officer.

The important and highly successful work of Miss Anna Hunter, as Chairman of the Shakespeare and Literature Committee, is known to you all. She was one of the first to carry Alumnæ work into new lines, and her long and close connection with the affairs of the Association will make her official assistance most valuable.

Miss Jessie Winterton, the Third Vice-President, has ever been one of the Alumnæ's most willing and faithful servants. She has been a most valuable member of the Executive Committee, has been Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and has been most useful on numberless other committees.

The Association is greatly to be congratulated on being able to retain the services of Mrs. Charles S. Douglas, as Treasurer; Miss Blanche H. Arnold, as Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Georgianna Mendum, as Recording Secretary. Their work speaks for them, and no words of mine are necessary to tell you of its value to the Association. Mrs. Douglas has been in office the greatest length of time, and it would be impossible to speak in too high terms of the thoroughness and system with which she administers our financial affairs. The assistant officers, one and all, seem admirably adapted to the positions to which they have been called, and there is no doubt but that they will very materially lessen the labors of their principals.

In conclusion, let me remind you that the new officers will have entered upon their duties by the time this article is in your hands, and that the "At Home" on October 9th will be the first reception under the new regime. I hope that on that date the Library will be overflowing with members who wish to make the personal acquaintance of their new officers.

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