

In 1886, the Associate Alumnæ of the Normal College of the City of New York, recognizing the need of a reference library for the use of the students of the College, determined to meet this want by founding the Alumnæ Library.

Through the efforts of Dr. Hunter, some 400 books belonging to the College, but stored away unused, were given to the Associate Alumnæ as a nucleus about which to center its progressive work. Funds for the purchase of books were obtained by subscription and entertainments, and through the gift of persons interested in the project; while many books were given by friends of the College and of the Alumnæ.

In 1887, the Executive Committee of the Normal College granted the Associate Alumnæ the use of a room for Library purposes, where the general business of the Association might be conducted.

At first the work of distribution was carried on by volunteers from among the College instructors and students; later, a librarian was employed by the Association. Since that time, the work has

been operated upon approved library principles, and while the Library is not large, it is ready for development with increased resources.

The present catalogue numbers 4,400 volumes. During the past year, 4,069 books have been in circulation among the students and Alumnæ. The College recognizes the value of this Library inasmuch as its program of work provides that certain classes shall spend appointed hours there under the supervision of their respective instructors.

The Alumnæ Association now wishes to present this Library to the Board of Trustees of the Normal College, with the request that in consideration of its gift that body shall grant to the Associate Alumnæ, in the future, the privileges it has enjoyed in the past, namely: That the Alumnæ Association shall continue to hold its meetings in the present Library Room, or in such room as may in the future be assigned for Library purposes. That the Library be kept open daily for the use of the College and its Alumnæ.

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