A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Eagerly we look forward to 1938, in the hope that it will bring happiness to the world, and sucrease from strife. There is no sentiment more beautiful than that contained in the words—"Peace on Earth. Good Will to Men." Let us therefore cherish that sentiment above all others so that it shall guide our every act, and bring to fruition the hope of the world—Peace and Happiness.

And that is my wish for you!

IRENE BRANDON GRAFF, President.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs. Julia Van Dernoot has consented to take the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee. We are fortunate indeed that one so well equipped is willing to give us of her time and ability.

I. B. G.

ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

The Committee in charge of the Alumnae Breakfast, to be held on February 12th, is most eager to interest members of the Alumnae and other graduates of Hunter College who for various reasons may have temporarily lost their enthusiasm for the social side of the Alumnae Association, or who because of many interests and demands on their time have not attended the Breakfasts.

To those friends of Hunter we are now appealing, and we feel certain that a large number will respond to our call for attendance at the next Breakfast. Let us all work hard and pull together to make our annual party a social and financial success.

Please have checks accompany reservations and send them in not later than January 15, 1938. Tables seat ten persons. When reservations of less than ten are made, please state year of graduation so that you may be congenially placed.

Time of Breakfast, Feb. 12th, 12:30 P. M.
Place—Hotel Astor.
Price—$2.50 per ticket.

GENEVIEVE BURKE CROTTY, Chairman, Alumnae Breakfast Committee.

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CALENDAR, JANUARY-FEBRUARY
Wed., Jan. 5—Officers and Directors
Wed., Jan. 12—Executive Council
Wed., Jan. 26—Commencement
Sat., Feb. 12—Alumnae Breakfast
Wed., Feb. 16—Birthday Celebration

COLLEGE NOTES

The annual Alumnae Chapel of Hunter College was held on November 24th, at the Central Synagogue, 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, at 11 o'clock. President Colligan welcomed the former students to their old Alma Mater. Mrs. Leslie Graff addressed the gathering. Professor E. Adelaide Hahn, Head of the Department of Latin and Greek, paid a tribute to the late Professor George Meason Whicher; and two students, Lucille Ryan and Tippins Brown, read two of Professor Whicher's poems. Joyce Gale, President of the Student Council, read President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Vocal and instrumental music by the students completed the program.

The seventh semi-annual Pre-Admission Program began with two assemblies in the auditorium of the Julia Richman High School, held on Thursday evening, December 2, and Monday evening, December 6, for high school students applying for admission to Hunter in February, 1938.

At these assemblies, which more than 1,200 students and their parents attended, the entrance requirements and the new curriculum of the College were explained and the students were advised on the election of courses. Speakers were Mrs. Mary Belden James Lehn, Chairman of the Committee on Admission; Professor Marie K. Gallagher, Chairman of the Bureau of Educational Guidance; and Professor Philip R. V. Curoe, Chairman of the Curriculum Study Committee.

After the assemblies, departmental conferences between the prospective freshman and a representative of the department in which she had indicated her first choice of a field of specialization were scheduled for the weeks of December 13, January 3, 10, and 17. At these conferences the individual problems of each student are discussed and advice on election of courses is given by the departmental counsellors.

The Pre-Admission Program, which was started in December 1934, under the direction of President Colligan, as an attempt to integrate high school and college experience, has proved very successful. The percentage of change from one field of specialization to another during the first term has decreased from 8% to less than 2% of the class, investigations made by the Bureau of Educational Guidance have shown, and the work of the students has indicated that they have been more judiciously and happily placed in a program of studies than were those who in the past did not have the advantage of the Pre-Admission Program.
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We have three opportunities of celebrate­
ing the College Birthday this year. Two
days ahead of time, on Saturday, February
12, we shall gather at the Astor for our tra­ditional Breakfast. On the day itself, Mon­
day, February 14, we shall travel to the
Bronx Buildings for a tea in our honor at
four, followed by a performance of Hunter's
own operetta. And two days afterwards, on
Wednesday, February 16, we shall join the
students of the Lexington and Park Avenue
Buildings at the regular Birthday Chapel.
Here's hoping we shall meet in great num­bers on all three occasions.
And here's to Hunter, three times three!

“A SCHOLAR AND A LADY”
The diploma granted by a school in New
Hampshire more than eighty years ago to
Lydia F. Wadleigh certified that she was “a
scholar and a lady.” She was also a teacher
who had a unique experience and distinction
as a pioneer, here in the very midst of the
great city. Before there were any public
high schools in Old New York (that is, Man­hattan and the Bronx) this scholarly lady­
teacher from New England conducted a
“senior department” for girls who wished
to go beyond the elementary bounds. When
the Normal College for the Training of
Teachers was organized she was made “lady
superintendent” of the institution; and when
the first high school for girls was established,
her name was given to it in recognition of
her pioneering work.

Today, the fortieth anniversary of the es­tablishment of this widely known school is
being gratefully celebrated by nearly five
thousand students now in attendance and
by many more thousands of graduates. “Wad­leigh” has approximately sixteen thousand
graduates, among whom are great numbers
of teachers and professional women; but she
is also “mother” of all the other high schools
for girls in Manhattan and the Bronx. The
present building is overtaxed and the celebra­
tion will not only review the glorious work
of the past but will also look forward to a
new and adequate building before the ju­bilee year is reached—ten years hence.—

THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUBS OF
WESTCHESTER
Plans are being made for a united meet­
ing of twelve college alumnæ groups, includ­ing Hunter, to be held on January 11th, at
the Contemporary Club, White Plains. With
the “Far Eastern Scene” as the subject, the
speaker will be Dr. Ch‘ao-Ting Chi.

Mrs. John C. Heintz, representing Hunt­er, invites all alumnæ residing in Westches­ter to communicate with her at once at P. O.
Box 140, Mamaroneck, N. Y. Mrs. Heintz
also wishes to announce that the Westches­ter Hunter Alumnae plan to have at least
two tables at our Breakfast on February
12th.

VIOLA Y. HARTMANN.

A IV OF 90
That age is but a convention and can be
dropped at will was demonstrated in a de­lightful way at the annual luncheon of A
IV of ’90 held on November 17th at the
Hotel Croydon.

This annual gathering, never once omit­ted through the changing years since A
IV was graduated, has been a striking testi­monial to the deep roots of old associations
and early school friendships. This occasion,
however, was a special one, for the call was
heard beyond the immediate circle of the old
girls. Not only did it bring them together,
twenty strong and as active and energetic as
if they were at least twenty years younger,
but — and here is where time was utterly
flouted— it brought two of the teachers who
had taught the class in the far-off days of
Training School.

There was Mrs. Tunis wearing her eighty
years as jauntily as she did her bonnet; she
had come by train from Boston especially
to see the little girls who had been hers in
the third and fourth years of primary school.
And there was Mrs. Douglas, formerly Miss
Rutter, beaming on us with the old remem­bered smile of kindliness and affection; she
had taught these same small children when
they had left Mrs. Tunis’s hands. They
peered into our faces to see us as we looked
back of the years, they called us by our
childhood names, they recalled little inci­dents of the class-room, they told us of their
own lives, of their struggles and successes.
It was strangely touching to be able through
the eyes of these older women to get again
glimpses of ourselves as little children, and
to realize that in spite of the lapse of time
we were still young to them and still loved
as part of their cherished past.

Are the teachers of our children and of
our grandchildren, we wondered, going to
remember them with like affection, and are
they in turn going to be so remembered? Or
was there something peculiarly personal and
close in the relationships between pupils and
teachers in the old, old days of Training
School?

INEZ C. POLLAK.