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At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College, held on Wednesday, December 6, 1939, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas: Dr. Eugene A. Colligan has resigned as President of Hunter College, and

Whereas: Under his able leadership the Scope of the College Curriculum has been greatly widened, and

Whereas: his devotion and untiring efforts have helped to further the plans for the New Building, and

Whereas: during his entire administration he gave the fullest and most gracious coöperation to all activities of the Associate Alumnae, now therefore be it

Resolved: That we the Associate Alumnae desire to record our deep regret at his resignation, and are moved to voice our sincere appreciation of his outstanding work for the fame and prestige of Hunter College.

IRENE B. GRAFF

GENEVIEVE B. CROTTY

RUTH LEWINSON.

ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

Make your first reservation on your new 1940 calendar for the Alumnae Breakfast on Saturday, February 10th. It will be a gala occasion. Jean Starr Untermeyer, the well-known poetess, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Philip Kraus, a Hunter alumna, will be the guest soloist.

The committee has arranged a delightful program. The winner of the valentine contest will read her poem to the Alma Mater. This contest was inaugurated last year and is being conducted throughout the College with the kind coöperation of the English Department under the guidance of Professor Wyman.

Round up your classmates and make this a grand reunion. Send your reservations early for good locations. Tickets are \$2.50.

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CORNERSTONE LAYING

Anticipated for almost three years by faculty, alumnae, and students of Hunter College, the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$6,000,000 building at 68th Street and Park Avenue took place on December 6, with Mayor LaGuardia and administrative officials taking part in the ceremonies.

The Mayor pleaded for national child labor legislation, development and perfection of pension and retirement systems, and realization that the youth which is graduating from colleges to-day must be provided

with an opportunity to earn a decent living. This is a national problem, the Mayor warned, since hopeless youth unable to find necessary occupation will believe any propaganda, even if false, which offers hope. "Personally, we know that not only our hope, but the hope of all the world lies in the salvation of the American system of government. But the only way to offset propaganda is by being realistic and doing something actual for the youth of America." He said it would be necessary for some time to come to continue the National Youth Administration and to create employment artificially for some people. "But is it not better," he added, "although risking a charge of extravagance, to spend millions of dollars for youth of the land in keeping them usefully employed, instead of spending billions of dollars to put them in the army to kill and be killed?"

Dr. Ordway Tead, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, said: "We are here to seal the cornerstone of a habitation of shared learning, of associated truth seeking, of organized and sustained inquiry into the ways of mankind's mastery of its world. Here will be forwarded a deliberate conservation of the body of human culture and a devoted attempt to enrich that culture through our own effort."

The copper cornerstone box was presented by Mrs. Theodore E. Simis, President of the Associate Alumnae, to Acting President George N. Shuster, who placed it in the cornerstone, which was closed by Mrs. Walter S. Mack, Jr., Chairman of the Administrative Committee. Among the contents of the box were: copies of the College catalogues; a copy of "What To Do in the World's Work", the bulletin issued by the Faculty Committee on Vocational Guidance; the latest issues of the *Hunter Bulletin* and the *ALUMNAE NEWS*; copies of the metropolitan newspapers; and signatures of the members of the Board of Higher Education, of the executive officers of the College and its instructional and administrative staffs, and of members of the faculties of the Hunter College High School and Model School. Also included was a motion picture film, "Hunter College Prepares Women for the World of To-morrow", which was shown at the World's Fair.

Among the guests of honor who attended the exercises were Mr. Albert Weiss of the Board of Higher Education; Miss Pearl Bernstein, Administrator of the Board; Miss Millicent Baum, aide to Mayor LaGuardia; Dr. Ruth Lewinson, First Vice-President of the Associate Alumnae; and Miss Jenny Hunter, daughter of Thomas Hunter, founder of the College.

CLAIRE GLASSBURG.

*From the address of William F. Havemeyer,
Mayor of the City of New York*

“There are those now present who will live until millions of persons will dwell within a circle of less than fifteen miles from this spot. What vast crowds will then swarm through all the central avenues of this great city. Such immense masses, animated by a common purpose, would be as resistless as the ocean, unless controlled by an agency equally powerful. That agency can operate only upon their fears or their consciences, and must be either the sword of despotic power or the intelligence of the people. Let every wise man, therefore, as he loves his children, and would secure the welfare of those who are to come after him, give an earnest support to the great cause of universal education.”
