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## SPRING REUNION.

On May 17 we held our Spring Reunion in the College Chapel. The 22nd Infantry Band, seeking shelter from the rain, made unexpected and welcome addition to our program with their stirring music.

President Davis in his cordial welcome gave the alumnae hearty greeting, and referring to the military guests expressed his gratitude for their male presence. Dr. Davis spoke with warm encouragement of Miss Huebner's task of obtaining the necessary appropriation for the new college building, and urged every one who has any influence or acquaintance in high quarters to give and procure assistance for Miss Huebner.

Miss Huebner then introduced the principal speaker of the day, one of our own members, Mrs. Harry Lilly, President of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs. The message Mrs. Lilly brought to us was that of loyalty to tradition, emphasizing Dr. Davis' reminder of the loyalty due Hunter. She spoke of the love the older alumnae have felt for Dr. Hunter, comparing it to the faith the girls now at College have in Dr. Davis. Mrs. Lilly dwelt upon the value of sentiment to the community, and spoke of the bond that should exist between the alumnae and Hunter, which is becoming a power in the community. She urged that love and devotion to our great institution be passed on as a tradition, and the effect of sentiment on community life be realized.

Professor Cone briefly outlined her plan for writing a history of the College, which she will undertake this summer, if there are enough pledges to pay for publication. This book is to be one of the events of Hunter's fiftieth birthday celebration in 1920. As a tribute to tradition, Professor Byrnes urged the alumnae to purchase the second edition of the College Song Book. There followed a group of community songs in which we all joined.

Mrs. Kramer announced the determination of the alumnae to give \$150,000 for the Alumnae House, as a birthday gift to the College. She stressed the fact that this is the first time we have been asked to make any return to College for all that we have received, and she called for ardent support.

A "Victory Dance" followed, which was arranged by Miss Neidhardt of the College Physical Training Department. Each of the allied nations was represented in this dance by a girl carrying a flag scarf. This spirited and effective dance was most enthusiastically received.

The refreshments and social meeting which followed were the concluding features of a well-balanced program which left with us a stimulus for increased devotion to Hunter College. E. V. L., '15.

## AN INSPIRATION.

How glad we were to see Mrs. Kramer's name on the program of our Spring Reunion, and catch from her once more "An Inspiration."

Three years have gone since she was President of our Alumnae Association, years, as she said, in which Hunter had been called upon to share in many forms of war service, and nobly had she responded to every request. Now she must go back and take up some of the old lines, that she was compelled to abandon because of the war work, and the one particular line of work most important at this time is the completion of the Graduate Gift to the College:—the erection of our Alumnae Hall, a memorial to Thomas Hunter. And the work has become an immediate work, because the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the College, of which *he was the inspiration*, falls in February, 1920.

Mrs. Kramer said she was sure we (who were clapping our hands off by this time) were not like one woman she had met, who said, "*The City* gave me my education, I am under no obligation to *the College*." This same woman also had a quarrel with the City, in that they "made the schools too beautiful any way. It was enough that public buildings should answer their purpose; they should not attract admiration." It seems scarcely possible such a pervert ever graduated from Hunter, for *we* feel that we want our Alumnae Hall to be a very beautiful building indeed!—a worthy tribute of the graduates of Hunter College, for the free education received there, under the masterful guidance of a great and greatly beloved man.

Mrs. Kramer continued, "Possibly there are younger graduates here who do not clearly know the high service Thomas Hunter rendered women.

"What was his service to women?"

"When, in pursuance of his profession, he had become head of the greatest school for boys in New York,—when he could have attained to any eminence in the gift of the City in its work for boys and men,—he put it all aside, *because of his inspired vision for women!*

"It was no small sacrifice for him to relinquish a great career already well advanced, to espouse *the unpopular cause*, 'The Higher Education of Women,' against

## AN ALUMNA HONORED.

Miss Pastoriza Flores, of the Class of January 1919, has been awarded one of the four Curtis University Scholarships which Columbia University bestows annually upon women students under the Faculties of Political Science, Philosophy, and Pure Science. These scholarships carry with them a stipend of \$150.

This is not the first honor received by Miss Flores. While studying at Hunter she was the recipient of a government scholarship from her own country of Ecuador, where she expects to return to teach some day. Her specialty is modern European history, and at Hunter she was enrolled in the history department; but naturally she has also taken a particularly keen interest in the study of Spanish, her native tongue. She is the founder and president of Hunter's flourishing Spanish Club; last year she conducted Spanish classes for fellow-students in connection with the program of the Fellowship of Goodwill in its crusade to promote a closer interest in Latin America; and she gave a Spanish course last summer in the Hunter College Evening Session—an unheard-of distinction for an undergraduate.

She is the third Hunter graduate to be honored by Columbia University.

We are pleased to be able to report that Miss Flores has already joined the Associate Alumnae.

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