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## Hunter College.

With the New Year and the new Mayor, hope for the new name of our beloved College sprang to life again. All of its friends went to work, silently, but strongly. Dr. Davis, who suggested the name "Hunter" on the occasion of his first commencement with us, fought shoulder to shoulder with the Alumnae Committee in its last short and sharp campaign. Mrs. Kramer, and Mrs. Day, Chairman of the Name Committee, seized just the right moment to win the support of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, Mr. Man and Mr. Churchill meeting them more than half way, and our bill went to Albany. There it was passed by both Houses and came down to our splendid young Mayor, who wasn't afraid to sign it for fear of the *sentiment* which prompted it. The bill went back to the Governor with the Mayor's strong endorsement. Governor Glynn signed it, and at that moment our College became "Hunter College of the City of New York."

It would not be possible to give all the details of these past few months of work. If the whole Association could have been present at the hearing before Mayor Mitchel, they would have been able to appreciate the strength of the movement for the new name. Dr. Davis marshalled the forces "*for the bill*" and presented speaker after speaker until the Mayor signified "enough." Mrs. Kramer made a *perfectly fetching* little speech, which so well expressed the feelings of the Alumnae present that it left nothing for them to add. Mr. Churchill in his speech admitted the sentiment at the bottom of the name "Hunter," while at the same time urging that a new name was needed for the college. Major Lydecker, a Trustee of C. C. N. Y., told why that other name of *hateful memory* would not do, and Mr. Man closed the speeches with his clean cut, logical summing up of everything in its favor. Dozens of other powerful friends were there ready to speak if needed, and among them we must not neglect to mention Mr. Daniel P. Hays, who through this whole struggle has been our firm champion.

After the victory comes the celebration, and this brings me to the announcement of our change of plans for the Spring Reunion. Alumnae have by this time received a notice that the meeting called for Saturday, May 16th, will be a business meeting only, but a very important one, neverthe-

less, as we must then hold our election of officers, hear reports of the year's work, and vote upon the new plans for Lenox Hill House. It would be too bad not to have a large attendance, for we must then vote to change our incorporation papers so as to make us "Associate Alumnae of Hunter College of the City of New York." Until such action we must bear the old name, which, much as we love it, does not now fit. For all these reasons we urge a large attendance.

Our plans for the big "Hunter College" celebration in conjunction with the College and the Thomas Hunter Association will be mailed to Alumnae in due time. We are waiting for Mayor Mitchel to accept our invitation to be present, and to choose a night which will suit his plans. When that is settled our invitations will go out.

Grace B. Beach,

B. Elizabeth Kallman,

Chairmen Reunion Committee.

## How the Name Was Won.

On February 24, 1914, Senator James A. Foley introduced a bill in the Senate to change the name of Normal College to Hunter College of the City of New York. On February 25, Assemblyman Le Roy J. Weed introduced a similar bill in the Assembly.

March 18th brought this telegram from Senator Foley:—"Hunter College bill passed to-day; now in hands of Mayor."

On March 26, at 2.30 P. M., came the hearing before the Mayor. The Associate Alumnae was well represented by about a dozen prominent women. President Davis, President Churchill of the Board of Trustees, Alrick H. Man, Chairman of Executive Committee, Charles E. Lydecker of the Board of Trustees of C. C. N. Y., Daniel P. Hays, and Mrs. Kramer all spoke for the bill. Mrs. Kramer in an excellent speech, gave great credit to Dr. Davis and Mr. Man for their work in behalf of our bill.

Mayor Mitchel signed the Hunter College bill on March 28.

On April 3, President Davis went to Albany to see Governor Glynn's counsel in regard to the bill.

President Davis telephoned to Mrs. Kramer on April 6 saying he had received word from Albany that the Governor had signed the bill. Congratulations all around!

The above in tabloid form is a history of the passage of the bill.