

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

Published Monthly by the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College of the City of New York

Entered as second class matter, 1895, at the post-office at New Rochelle under the Act of March 3, 1879.

VOL. XXXIII NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., FEBRUARY, 1928

No. 2

## COLLEGE NOTES

Dr. George Samler Davis, President of the College, has been granted a year's leave of absence by the Board of Trustees. It is with a very real and keen regret that the College surrenders Dr. Davis to the demands of his health, and it is with real affection that the College wishes him "Bon Voyage."

Dr. Davis came to the College under most difficult circumstances. He stepped into the place which until his arrival had seemed to belong exclusively to Dr. Hunter. The traditions which he inherited were not those established by a line of varied personalities but traditions all of which had been built up around one predecessor.

This is a warm recognition of the vital, forceful, creative contributions that our two presidents, each in his own way, have made to the College. Out of the plan of an institution for higher learning for women which Dr. Hunter had conceived and fostered and established as the Normal College, Dr. Davis has built up an institution which not only has the physical distinction of being the largest women's college in the United States, but which has maintained and increased its standards of scholarship in the individual student, and of service to the community. Dr. Davis's quiet, even, constantly reassuring presence has been a needed stabilizer which has kept our good ship Alma Mater afloat on many a troubled sea. He has been a wise, beneficent father and a loyal friend to all of Hunter College—staff and student body. He has been generous in giving his time for conference, creative in his advice, and steadfast in his upholding of the value of the College.

To assemble expressions of gratitude as offerings to a friend who can enjoy them is an enviable opportunity. Those members of Hunter College who have had the opportunity to work under Dr. Davis know that his own place is firmly and well assured him.

Dr. James M. Kieran, Dean of Education, has been appointed Acting President of the College during Dr. Davis's leave of absence.

At its January meeting, the College Board of Trustees approved the plans for the new buildings which had been prepared by Messrs. Thomson, Holmes, and Converse, in association with Charles Meyers. After passage by the Board of Higher Education, the plans go to the Board of Estimate for final approval.

The Honor Board—Miss Beatrice Schnur, Chairman—is a committee composed of student and faculty members whose object is

to help the College maintain certain standards of honor in its academic work and in its examinations. The Honor Board has an especially difficult task before it this year, since the five-year trial period for the Honor System comes to a close in June, 1928. At that time the College is to vote as to whether it will permanently establish an Honor System. As part of its campaign this semester, the Honor Board has held a series of public meetings in the College. The College *Bulletin* has cooperated by publishing faculty and student opinion on the question. The subject of the Hunter College Honor System has been taken up by the New York newspapers. After an initial sad misinterpretation of the situation, the newspapers have given very accurate and careful reports of the situation at College and have valiantly supported the idea of an Honor System. Authorities at the College have been grateful for the publicity given this question, since it has aroused College public opinion to a very careful consideration, and further has brought out very definitely the fact that faculty and students do want an Honor System. There seems little question as to how the College will vote in June. Various details in connection with the Honor System are being discussed. The Honor System itself, it is firmly believed, will endure.

Professor Parks of the English Department, who is giving a course in debate, announces the first two of three intercollegiate debates to be held during the spring semester. On Friday evening, March 16th, in the Auditorium of the College, the Hunter College Varsity Debate Team will meet Rutgers College of New Jersey. On Friday evening, April 20th, in the Auditorium, the Hunter Debaters will meet a team from George Washington University of Washington, D. C. These debates are open to the public in two senses. The public is asked to come as audience, and is also given an opportunity to take an active part in this new debating method—a method initiated by Hunter College and eagerly accepted by other colleges of the country.

Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Director of the First Region of the League of Women Voters, addressed a very responsive audience on January 4th in the College Chapel, defining women's place. She granted that woman's place is in the home, but said that now woman's home is her city, her state, and her nation.

ELIZABETH-VERA LOEB