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COLLEGE NOTES

The formal announcement by the Chairman of the College Board of Trustees, Dr. Harry Swift, that Acting President James M. Kieran had been unanimously elected to the Presidency of the College, was learned by the College with great satisfaction. The announcement was not unexpected, for it followed close upon Mrs. Maxwell Hall Elliott's address at the Christmas chapel, when she intimated that the College was to be the recipient of a unique Christmas gift. The suggestion of the event thus delightfully foreshadowed was received by the student body with an enthusiasm which manifested thorough appreciation of the selection.

Dr. Kieran received the degree of A.B. from the College of the City of New York, A.M. from St. Francis Xavier, and LL.D. from Fordham University. He entered the Elementary Schools of the City in 1883, serving as teacher and principal in the Day and Evening Sessions. In February, 1904, he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Education in our institution. He was made Dean of the Faculty of Education in May, 1927, and became Acting-President of Hunter on February 1, 1928. He is a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History.

The College is fortunate in having Dr. Kieran at its head, for he is well acquainted with its problems and with the problems of the student body. Dr. Kieran always has been and is a good friend to the students, and they appreciate and enjoy his kindness. He enters upon his office with heartiest good wishes and congratulations from all of Hunter College, faculty and students and alumnae.

The Faculty Club had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Kieran, the wife of our newly elected President, on Thursday, January tenth, when Mrs. Kieran acted as hostess at the Club's tea.

Friday evening, January eighteenth, saw the initiation of nine Junior Members in Course into the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa. Professor Hahn, who with Dr. Lewinson served as Delegate to the recent National Council, gave a report of that meeting, and also reported on the convention of the New York State Association, of which she was recently elected president. Dr. Lewinson, unfortunately, could not attend. Professor Haessler presented a very interesting discussion of Arnold Zweig's novel, "The Case of Sergeant Grisca."

Though three hundred and sixty-five students constitute the class which was graduated in January, the total enrollment for the Spring semester has caused the college authorities to engage an additional annex at Twenty-ninth Street and Lexington Avenue, to house some of the Freshmen and Sophomores. This is the third Manhattan annex that the College has acquired.

Recent dramatic performances at College have been the annual program of one-act plays offered by the Make-up Box Players, the producing unit of the Dramatics Organization, and *The Pirates of Penzance*, the annual light opera. Both these productions, handled entirely by the students, were very ably presented.

The Varsity Executive Committee has announced the selection of Edmond Rostand's *L'Aiglon* for the Varsity production of 1929. The play, under the direction of Mrs. Dingwall of the Department of Speech and of Professor Wells of the Art Department, will be presented late in March.

ELIZABETH-VERA LOEB

LAST NOTICE! ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

If you have not already made reservations for the Luncheon on February 12th at the Astor, please do so at once. Checks must accompany requests for tickets (\$3.) And will hostesses kindly send the names of their guests to the Chairman?

A Reception will be held at 12:30, and it is hoped that all members will come and meet the officers of the Association and the guests. Remember it is *your* Luncheon, and only you can make it a success.

MRS. LESLIE GRAFF, *Chairman*
12 East 86th Street.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the January meeting of the Executive Council, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the following nominations for the Board of Directors:—

Mrs. Samuel Bitterman
Miss Dora C. Deis
Miss Hannah M. Egan
Mrs. Leslie Graff
Miss Anna M. Hunter
Mrs. William B. Ingram
Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman
Mrs. Hannah Ottenberg
Mrs. William C. Popper
Miss Eva C. Wood

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