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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.

Other men at the Mayor's hearing who besides those mentioned worked in our favor were Lewis Sayre Burchard, Henry Mottet, Charles Putzel, Harry W. Mack, Hugo S. Mack, Thomas W. Williams, Gilbert Holmes Crawford, Dr. Charles P. Foquani. Other prominent men who helped us greatly but were unavoidably absent from the hearing were Everett P. Wheeler, J. Hampden Dougherty, Herman Ridder, Frederic R. Coudert, William S. Bennet, J. Van Vechten Olcott, Judge Olcott, John D. Crimmins, Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, V. G., Dr. John R. Finley, Dr. Edward B. Fisher.

At the hearing before the Mayor, President Davis introduced the matter and suggested that the opposition be heard first. Mrs. A. H. Kellogg of the Graduates Club read a letter from the club opposing the name Hunter and favoring "New York City College for Women." Mr. Hays asked the lady some questions in regard to the size of the club. President Davis then called on President Churchill of the Board of Trustees; he was followed by Mr. Lydecker of the Board of Trustees of C. C. N. Y.; then Mrs. Kramer represented the Associate Alumnae of Normal College, the official, incorporated body of graduates. She made a fine speech telling how Thomas Hunter, Principal of the most famous public school, No. 35, might have risen rapidly in favor as a teacher of men. But, at a time when the higher education of women was not popular, he took it up in his arms and fought for it, and founded the Normal College.—Mr. Man then began a summing up, but very soon the Mayor said it was not necessary to add any more, that unless he heard more cogent arguments against the bill before the end of the week he would sign it. Applause and exit of the "small army of men and women favoring the bill," as one of the daily papers put it. Several of the men told us that they would go to Albany if the Governor had a hearing.—After the hearing, Hon. George McAneny, President of the Board of Aldermen, spoke to the Mayor in favor of the bill and received assurances that it would be signed.

Jessie W. Day,
Chairman of Committee on College Name.

Lenox Hill Settlement.

The Friendship Club of the Lenox Hill Settlement, which so successfully organized and supported a camp of its own last summer, desires to raise a fund for this year's expenses. The girls plan to have a "rummage" sale at the Settlement House about the middle of May. This will be the third "rummage" sale this year, and, although the girls fear they are imposing upon the good nature of their friends by again asking for "rummage," they are emboldened

thereto by the fact that the two previous sales were attended with no expense and not only realized money, but met a neighborhood need. So please send "rummage" to the Settlement House, 446 East 72d Street, any time after May first.

Rosalie Manning,
Head Worker.

School Representative Committee.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of my committee for the excellent work they have done for the Alumnae during the past year.

Now, at the beginning of a new year, when the bills are being sent out, it would be a still greater help and would facilitate matters very much if each representative would collect the dues from the members of the Associate Alumnae in her school and send them to the treasurer.

Since the last notice in the "News" the names of twenty-six new members have been received. From Miss Theresa Seligman, P. S. 77, one; Miss Daisy Hanson, Model School, one; Miss Gertrude Telke, P. S. 110, two; Miss Minnie Flaum, P. S. 79, six; Miss Elizabeth C. Babcock, P. S. 168, seven; Miss Mary Lumney, P. S. 105, nine.

Edwina L. Evans, Chairman.

The Ivy Pin.

I know it is a sin
There is no Ivy Pin
On my waist.
I forgot it with my fan
And my bracelet, as I ran
In my haste.

The above was overheard at the Reunion last year, but no doubt the young lady has since improved in the matter of leaving things till the last minute. However that may be, any alumna who desires to turn over a new leaf can be speedily assisted thereto by our chairman on ivy pins, who will provide a new leaf for any one who will mail the wherewithal.—Would it not be delightful if every one who loves Hunter College would wear one of our emblematic little pins at the coming, especially festal Reunion!

For this desirable pin, please apply to Miss Margaret McLaughlin, 256 West 139th Street, New York City. The price is \$2.75. Kindly make checks or money orders payable to our treasurer, Mrs. A. Stewart Holt. Add twelve cents in stamps to cover cost of mailing.

The Classical Weekly of April 4 contains a very interesting article by Dr. Carter, one of our alumnae and an instructor in the college classical department, on the direct method of teaching Greek as she applies it in her classes.