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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.

Hunter High School.

After listening to Miss Jobe's account of the work and play of the Camp Fire girls at Hunter High School, given in connection with the Faculty Tea on April 1, the writer of College Notes decided that it was time to tell the Alumnae something about the activities of the high school which belongs to their college,—especially the secondary activities. One of the most interesting of these is the organization already mentioned, the Camp Fire girls,—eleven groups, distributed among the three annexes. It is not possible for the writer to go into details concerning the movement. Suffice it to say that it has "taken" in the High School.

The athletics show what can be accomplished, in spite of all sorts of drawbacks, by an energetic and resourceful principal, heads of annexes and a teaching staff similarly endowed, and students who have a strong esprit de corps. The only annex which has a gymnasium in the same building is that at 108th Street. Basket-ball, then, is thoroughly feasible for the girls there. The Ninety-third Street Annex has been compelled to depend on one afternoon a week in the college gymnasium for its practice. The specialty of this annex has been hockey. Unfortunately, the girls found difficulty in securing a place in which to play, so that the success of the hockey team leaves something to be desired. However, all hope for better fortune next year, when Miss Taylor, the Physical Director at College, hopes to secure for the High School students the privilege of playing on certain days in Central Park. Seventy-seventh Street Annex has "specialized" in tennis. On Wednesday afternoons until late in the fall the courts were alive with Hunter High School girls,—often as many as eighty or ninety at a time. One branch of athletics in which girls from all the annexes have participated has been swimming. The pool at Sixtieth Street and Eleventh Avenue is reserved for our High School girls from half-past four until half-past five (admission by tickets given out at the annexes.) A number have learned to swim under the able direction of Miss Dorothy Beach, and many others who were already conversant with the art have gone regularly every week. One cannot help coveting better facilities for all these girls, who have made such good use of those that they could secure.

Athletics and the Camp Fires are not the only secondary activities in the High School. There are also debating societies. The civics students visited one of the polling places during April, at the time of the election for the amendment of the state constitution. The Suffrage Club at 108th Street was addressed last fall by Mrs.

James Lees Laidlaw.

There is a High School Orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. Egbert. But this statement is no news to Alumnae who heard it at the Aerial Theatre, at the performance of *The Prince and the Pauper*. The Orchestra also assisted the Children's Educational Theatre in connection with a performance of *The Little Princess* at the Fulton Theatre, Brooklyn, and at the Washington Irving High School, when *The Convict on the Hearth* was produced.

Music is a great feature of the assemblies. For instance, at 93rd Street was given a Seventeenth Century Program, with Milton's poetry and music associated with the period. Among the numbers on the program for Shakespeare Day was the overture from the Midsummer Night's Dream, a piano solo, songs from Shakespeare's plays sung by the school, and scenes from Macbeth and Henry V acted by selected students. The Shakespeare program at Seventy-seventh Street was similar. Another interesting program there was that devoted to *Tannhauser*. The Evening Star melody, suitably arranged by one of the students, was played on the violin; the scene of Tannhäuser's return, dramatized by three of the students, was acted, and the Pilgrims' Chorus, played on the piano, concluded the program. One of the interesting and encouraging features of some of the High School assemblies has been the presence and pleasant talks of President Davis.

The High School now rejoices in the acquisition of a real library, for which a sum of five hundred dollars has already been given, and an annual fund of four hundred to five hundred dollars is to be appropriated; and in the possession of a real librarian, Miss Edith Rice, who has been transferred from the College to organize and administer it. With her experience, her knowledge of the needs of the situation, and her intimate acquaintance with the "inside of books" Miss Rice is well fitted for the work she has before her. The books will be distributed among the three annexes, so that all the girls may share in the privileges of the library. D. C. H.

As to Caps and Gowns.

All Alumnae wishing to sell their caps and gowns to undergraduates are requested to communicate with Miss Mary Armstrong, Students' Exchange, Hunter College.

The complete list of our recent graduates granted temporary licenses to act as teachers-in-training in the city high schools shows the following figures:—Biology, 3; English, 5; French, 1; German, 6; History, 4; Latin, 7; Mathematics, 10.