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## THE SPRING REUNION

On May 20th, in spite of the lure of unusually clement weather, some four hundred members of the Alumnae attended one of the most successful Spring Reunions recorded. The Reunion Committee, under Miss Kallman and Miss Beach, had arranged a diverting program.

After music by the Hunter College High School Orchestra, Mrs. Popper extended a welcome, and reviewed briefly the high points in the year's work. Mrs. Popper emphasized the progress of Alma Mater in administrative activities, by the recent election of alumnae to the Board of Trustees of the College, so that now Hunter graduates constitute a majority on the board; the advance in intercollegiate affairs, by our recognition as member of the American Association of University Women; and the further development along extension education, as manifested by the splendid work of the Lecture Committee, under the indefatigable chairmanship of Dr. Forchheimer. The President then called upon Professor Cone to present the Resolution as drawn up by the Executive Committee, to commemorate the noble work of the late Alice R. Northrop, who was President of the Associate Alumnae from 1892 to 1896.

Dr. Davis in his greeting to the Alumnae spoke of the gradual recognition of the college in intercollegiate affairs, and praised the work of the teaching staff and the splendid spirit of the undergraduate body. The Hunter student, President Davis declared, learns in addition to her studies, how to manage and execute affairs.

Miss Theresa Prochazka then offered two charming chansons, after which the speaker, Mr. Christopher Morley, of the *Evening Post*, the author who has given a "Lamb" flavor to American letters, was introduced. Mr. Morley gave a whimsically humorous talk on every subject from the art of dishwashing to the domestic propensities of the *genus homo*, before reading some delightful verses from his "Songs of a Little House", including "Taking Title", "Vesper Song of a Commuter", and other scenes in the "metrical panorama of suburban domesticity" which Mr. Morley presents with the true touch of the poet, and the human touch of the father of three youngsters. Judging by the enthusiastic rush to the platform, after more music by the orchestra and the Alumnae Song, Mr. Morley's address was received most heartily.

Refreshments, daintily served in the gymnasiums of the New Building, concluded the afternoon's program.

Two important business proceedings were voted upon and passed by members present, namely, the acceptance of a constitutional amendment raising dues to \$2.00 beginning May, 1923, and the election of officers for service next year.

Mrs. Popper is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid work of the Alumnae for the past two years under her guidance, and the Spring Reunion stands as a fitting milestone of that work.

Lillian Goldman, '20.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADOPTED MAY 19, 1922

WHEREAS: The activities of the Associate Alumnae are more numerous than in its earlier years and the expenses involved are much greater, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That Article II, Section 1, of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

The annual dues of the Association shall be two dollars, payable in May, *except* that the dues of each member of the graduating class shall be one dollar for the first year immediately following graduation.

Fifteen per cent of the income derived from dues shall be devoted to the support of THE ALUMNÆ NEWS.

This amendment shall go into effect May 1st, 1923.

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MAY 19, 1922

Whereas, we, the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College of the City of New York, have heard with grief of the sudden death of our beloved ex-President, Alice Rich Northrop:

Resolved, That we desire to pay tribute to the rare beauty and force of Mrs. Northrop's character, and the high value of her civic work.

Resolved, That she will live in our memories as a type of perfect sincerity, complete self-effacement, nobility of purpose, thoroughness of method, and a power as deep and as quiet as that of Nature itself—that Nature, which she so earnestly loved, and the great gifts of which she so constantly labored to bring to the growing children of our city.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be preserved in the minutes of the Executive Committee, and published in THE ALUMNÆ NEWS; and that copies be sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Northrop's family.

Committee on Resolutions

Emilie O. Long

Hester A. Roberts

Helen Gray Cone, Chairman.

## IN MEMORIAM

The sudden death, on May 6, of one of our most distinguished and beloved Alumnae has been a shock to her many friends.

Alice Rich Northrop was at one time teacher of botany in Hunter College, and later president of the Associate Alumnae. For years she labored unselfishly to share her wonderful knowledge of nature with others, and her influence throughout this great city upon children, teachers, and mothers can never be measured.

On Monday, June 5, at 8:30 P. M., a memorial meeting was held in the auditorium of the Museum of Natural History, which all who had felt the power of this unique personality were invited to attend.

The committee will soon begin to work for a permanent memorial, the form of which has not yet been determined. Those who wish to contribute at once will please communicate with the chairman.

Emilie O. Long, Hunter College,  
Chairman Northrop Memorial Committee.

The death of Mrs. Northrop brings to me as to so many others the sense of exceeding loss.

From the time—years ago—when we were both members of the teaching staff at Hunter, I have followed her career of ever-widening interests with keen appreciation.

Added to vision and a progressive mind, she had the genius for hard work that enabled her to make her dreams come true. And the goal of her endeavor was that noble one of multiplying the sources of spiritual wealth for our young people.

The record of Mrs. Northrop's work will be an unfailing inspiration for the furtherance of that work. Betsey B. Davis.