

# THE ALUMNAE NEWS

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## CALENDAR, MAY-JUNE

Wed., May 7—Board of Directors, 8:15  
Fri., May 9—College Sing  
Sat., May 10—Reunion and Election  
Wed., May 14—Executive Council, 4:15  
Sat., May 24—Bronx Square Dance  
Tues., June 3—Party for Mrs. Draddy

## SPRING REUNION

The Spring Reunion will be held on May 10th, at 2:30 P.M. This is your last reminder!

A delightful experience is in store for you when you see the Hunter College Film. All Alumnae and their children will be welcome at the reunion. The younger children will have their own separate program of activity, and the older ones will enjoy the film with the oldsters.

Last call for reservations for group meetings at 1.30 P.M., or at the Fellowship Hour which will be held in the Student Dining-Room immediately following the meeting. Please telephone Alumnae Hall—BU 8-3202—to leave last-minute word about reservations.

THELMA VINT,  
Chairman

## LET US HONOR MRS. DRADDY

The friends of Louise Draddy, those outside as well as those inside the Alumnae Association, are planning to honor her at a Cocktail (or Punch) Party to be held in the air-conditioned Vanderbilt Suite at the Hotel Biltmore on Tuesday, June 3, from 4 to 7 P.M.

Part of the proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund; the remainder will go to the establishment of a Louise Draddy Award which will be given annually to a worthy graduating senior at the College.

The price of admission to the Party is \$5.00. If you care to send us more and thus swell the fund, we shall be extremely grateful to you. On the other hand if you are unable to come, we shall welcome any contribution you may wish to send us and we shall be very thankful to you for it.

Please make your checks payable to "Louise Draddy Award Fund" and send them to Mrs. Alexander Berl, Hunter College, 695 Park Ave. We shall be happy to forward your tickets to you.

Please try to come. Let us all get together and pay a lasting tribute to Louise Draddy, a great lady, whom we admire for her charm and wit, respect for her public service and devotion to the College, and love for her warmth and kindness.

MRS. ALEXANDER BERL  
MRS. J. LARUS  
Co-Chairmen

## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Elizabeth Jarrett, a former President of the Associate Alumnae, passed away on Wednesday, March 26th, at 87 years of age, after a few months' illness.

Older members of the Alumnae will remember vividly her distinguished leadership during her two terms as President (1900-1904) following that of Mrs. Kasson C. Gibson.

Elizabeth Jarret was graduated in 1883 from the then Normal College with high honors, winning the Kelly Bronze Medal for Methods of Teaching and the Offendorfer Gold Medal for German. After graduation, she taught in a public school for a brief period, and when a vacancy occurred in the Training Department of the College, Miss Parsels was anxious to have her there as a critic teacher; which position she filled with distinction until approximately 1889, at which time she began study at the New York Woman's Medical College and Hospital, where she received her M.D. degree in 1893 with high honors and a prize—the Dr. Lozier Medical Award for some special branch. It was not long before she began to teach there, and she was later made Professor of Gynecology. When the New York Board of Education started periodic examination of school children, she was appointed Examining Physician. Later, she was one of two physicians to examine College and Training School graduates in line for License No. 1. She found the girls in such poor shape at the end of all their Senior Examinations that she persuaded the Board to change the time of the physical tests to the beginning of the Senior year.

Throughout all this time her participation in the activities of the Alumnae Association was unabated. She was deeply interested in the establishment of the "Alumnae Settlement and Free Kindergarten". In January 1902, the Alumnae Settlement Committee issued its Fifth Annual Report in a charming booklet which deserves to be reprinted in quantity.

The urge to knowledge and service was in the air at the birth of the 20th century, and it was in high gear among the Alumnae of the Normal College. There were Committees working on "Child Study", on "Natural Science", on "Education", making frequent reports that appeared in the ALUMNAE NEWS. Dr. Jarrett brought distinguished persons as guests to the regular meetings of the Association, people of prominence in the literary and educational world; among them, Mark Twain, Mrs. Ernest Seton Thompson, Professor Earl Barnes, Dr. John L. Finley, and Rev. Merle St. Croix Wright.

In May, 1920, Professor Earl Barnes consented to give a course in Genetic Psychology under the auspices of our Alumnae Association. This was followed later by a course in the History of Civilization. These courses were very popular and established a precedent for other lecture courses under the aegis of the Alumnae Association, when Dr. Jarrett succeeded in getting their recognition by the Board of Regents. They were thus the forerunners of the College Evening and Extension Division.

In 1905-06, when the College faced the dark uncertainties due to the imminent retirement of President Hunter, the two just preceding Presidents of the Alumnae, Mrs. Gibson and Dr. Jarrett, joined by some kindred spirits, initiated a small discussion group where in intimate and frequent meetings they could thresh out the many proposals that were agitating the Alumnae. Like the proverbial snow-ball it grew, gaining many likeminded adherents, and soon developed into what they fondly named the Graduate Club of Normal College (later of Hunter College). Mrs. Gibson for years was its capable President. After her death, Dr. Jarrett was elected to that office, which she filled until 1946, when she retired because of failing health. She had relinquished her medical practice a few years before.

Dr. Jarrett had many remarkable qualities. She was forward-looking and unafraid of the new. She was vivacious and a ready speaker. In short she was a born teacher and a born leader, with even the occasional intransigence that is apt to be part of that quality, and must be forgiven. Her interests were deep and varied, humanitarian and cultural, and she stimulated them in others. She wrote stories for children and articles on education for magazines. She loved children and she loved Nature. She spent many of her summer vacations by the sea in Maine and in the vicinity of Montauk, where she loved to watch the surf roll in. The grandeur and mystery of the ocean stimulated her poetic imagination. One of her many poems, two stanzas of which are printed herewith, beautifully and strangely becomes a most fitting Requiem today.

HARRIET H. KEITH

MABEL S. RICHARDSON