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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Eagerly we look forward to 1938, in the hope that it will bring happiness to the world, and surcease from strife. There is no sentiment more beautiful than that contained in the words—"Peace on Earth. Good Will to Men." Let us therefore cherish that sentiment above all others so that it shall guide our every act, and bring to fruition the hope of the world—Peace and Happiness.

And that is my wish for you!

IRENE BRANDON GRAFF,
President.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs. Julia Van Dernoot has consented to take the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee. We are fortunate indeed that one so well equipped is willing to give us of her time and ability.

I. B. G.

ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

The Committee in charge of the Alumnae Breakfast, to be held on February 12th, is most eager to interest members of the Alumnae and other graduates of Hunter College who for various reasons may have temporarily lost their enthusiasm for the social side of the Alumnae Association, or who because of many interests and demands on their time have not attended the Breakfasts.

To those friends of Hunter we are now appealing, and we feel certain that a large number will respond to our call for attendance at the next Breakfast. Let us all work hard and pull together to make our annual party a social and financial success.

Please have checks accompany reservations and send them in not later than January 15, 1938. Tables seat ten persons. When reservations of less than ten are made, please state year of graduation so that you may be congenially placed.

Time of Breakfast, Feb. 12th, 12:30 P. M.
Place—Hotel Astor.

Price—\$2.50 per ticket.

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CALENDAR, JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Wed., Jan. 5—Officers and Directors

Wed., Jan. 12—Executive Council

Wed., Jan. 26—Commencement

Sat., Feb. 12—Alumnae Breakfast

Wed., Feb. 16—Birthday Celebration

COLLEGE NOTES

The annual Alumnae Chapel of Hunter College was held on November 24th, at the Central Synagogue, 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, at 11 o'clock. President Colligan welcomed the former students to their old Alma Mater. Mrs. Leslie Graff addressed the gathering. Professor E. Adelaide Hahn, Head of the Department of Latin and Greek, paid a tribute to the late Professor George Meason Whicher; and two students, Lucille Ryan and Tippins Brown, read two of Professor Whicher's poems. Joyce Gale, President of the Student Council, read President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Vocal and instrumental music by the students completed the program.

The seventh semi-annual Pre-Admission Program began with two assemblies in the auditorium of the Julia Richman High School, held on Thursday evening, December 2, and Monday evening, December 6, for high school students applying for admission to Hunter in February, 1938.

At these assemblies, which more than 1,200 students and their parents attended, the entrance requirements and the new curriculum of the College were explained and the students were advised on the election of courses. Speakers were Mrs. Mary Belden James Lehn, Chairman of the Committee on Admission; Professor Marie K. Gallagher, Chairman of the Bureau of Educational Guidance; and Professor Philip R. V. Curoe, Chairman of the Curriculum Study Committee.

After the assemblies, departmental conferences between the prospective freshman and a representative of the department in which she had indicated her first choice of a field of specialization were scheduled for the weeks of December 13, January 3, 10, and 17. At these conferences the individual problems of each student are discussed and advice on election of courses is given by the departmental counsellors.

The Pre-Admission Program, which was started in December 1934, under the direction of President Colligan, as an attempt to integrate high school and college experience, has proved very successful. The percentage of change from one field of specialization to another during the first term has decreased from 8% to less than 2% of the class, investigations made by the Bureau of Educational Guidance have shown, and the work of the students has indicated that they have been more judiciously and happily placed in a program of studies than were those who in the past did not have the advantage of the Pre-Admission Program.

IN MEMORIAM

EMMA M. REQUA

Died December 6, 1937.

The Associate Alumnae and Hunter College as a whole have suffered a grievous loss in the death of Miss Emma M. Requa, beloved by all who knew her.

Miss Requa was born in New York City and received her early education in old Twelfth Street School, going from there to the Normal College when the latter was first established. She was graduated in the Class of 1870 and was immediately chosen to teach in our Training Department (now the Model School) which was just being organized. Later she was appointed to the College, where she taught gymnastics, history, and English, all with success. Next she was transferred to the Department of Mathematics and Physics. When this department was split into two, she was made a full Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics, while Professor Joseph A. Gillet remained Head of the Department of Physics.

Professor Requa filled this responsible position with the same dignity and capability that she had shown in all the others. Nothing connected with her work was unimportant in her eyes. Nothing was too much trouble. Every pupil, every fellow-worker of hers felt that here was a woman to whom one could look for sympathy, sound advice, and, above all, justice.

She was most successful in attracting to her department large numbers of brilliant students and in encouraging them to pursue post-graduate work. Her hold on her students did not relax after their graduation. She kept in touch with them, informed them when special courses were to be given at the universities or elsewhere, and notified them when examinations were to be held for teaching positions, even in other cities. She likewise followed up the results of such studies and examinations, and was justly proud of her pupils. An incredible number of these pupils are now teaching mathematics in the high schools of this city and elsewhere, and in Hunter and Brooklyn Colleges, besides thousands in the elementary schools.

In June, 1924, as she had passed her seventieth birthday, she retired, leaving regret in many hearts.

Among her colleagues in Hunter College she was highly respected and much beloved. Naturally, she served on many committees. She was one of the organizers of the Faculty Club and was its second president. It was she who established, during her régime, the custom of serving afternoon tea—a custom that has promoted good-fellowship among the staff at a time when the membership was growing so rapidly that social contact was becoming almost nil.

She was one of the founders of the Associate Alumnae and served as one of its early presidents. Her heart was in the work of the association, and she attended meetings

faithfully until increasing frailty prevented her from traveling.

A great personality has gone from our midst—a woman who was sweet, strong, capable, loving, and loyal.

We shall miss her.

EVELYN WALKER.

To her many friends the sudden death of Mrs. Carrie Bunzl came as a very great shock. Mrs. Bunzl was struck down by an automobile near her home Nov. 22nd, and died later at the Medical Center.

In her early days, Mrs. Bunzl had filled various offices in the Alumnae Association, and at the time of her death was Treasurer of the Graduate Club of Hunter, of which she had once been President. She was one of the founders of the City Federation Hotel for Working Girls. She had been many years a valued director of the Chapin Home and for 33 years was its Treasurer. She was a Daughter of the American Revolution.

After her graduation she became a teacher in the Training School of Hunter, which she left to marry. Upon her husband's death, many years later, she returned to teaching and served many years under Miss Helen Stein. She retired only a few years ago.

In her long life, Mrs. Bunzl had faced many difficulties and hardships, but these she met with an unswerving faith and courage. Courage may be said to have been her greatest asset. Nothing daunted her. She faced all issues and overcame them. She was essentially a home maker, as those who have lived with her at various times will testify. Besides her home in New York, she maintained another at West Booth Bay, where many of her friends have passed summers with her at different times.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Regina White of Florida, and a son, Dr. E. Everett Bunzel of New York.

ELISABETH JARRETT, M.D.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the deaths during 1937 of our dear friends and classmates, Mrs. J. B. Cleaver (Elizabeth Stronach), Mrs. Robert Boynge (Mary Riblet), Mrs. Martin Bamberger (Amy Viet), Mrs. S. Waxman (Sally Wartzfelder), Mrs. Frank Seymour (Kate Seymour), Mrs. Edgar S. Werner (S. Titus).

They are sadly missed by us and we mourn their loss.

ROSALIE M. COHEN,
President, Class of 1880.

GRADUATE GLEANINGS

Pupils who attend the Lycée Français de New York, the French Government secondary school, are being taught English by three Hunter College graduates. Irene Marsh, January '36, Margaret Giaugue, June '37, and Henrietta Wagner, June '37, are Assistant Teachers of English at the Lycée.

Miss Marsh is also Assistant Secretary at the French Consulate-General in New York.