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## THE SPRING REUNION

The Annual Spring Reunion will be held at the Hotel McAlpin on Saturday, May 19, at 2:30 P. M. The room used last year—which was so favorably commented upon—has been engaged for the afternoon.

An unusual group of entertainers will appear in musical, dancing, and pantomime numbers. Many may find the omission of speeches an innovation. The committee is planning a short program to insure ample opportunity to chat with old friends and to become better acquainted with new ones.

May we remind you that this is the meeting at which the biennial election of officers is held? We hope for a representative attendance and a representative vote.

MINA S. REES,  
For the Reunion Committee.

## COLLEGE NOTES

This year's College Varsity Play, *Rip Van Winkle*, maintained the high tradition of success that has been established. The production was under the direction of Mr. William H. Bridge of the Speech Department and of Miss Edna M. Wells of the Art Department. Dorothy Gillam, who was so impressive a Prospero last year, was the delightful Dutch hero of this year's play. The entire performance progressed with remarkable smoothness and finish. The acting in even the minor parts was well conceived and consistently faithful in characterization. The performance was presented in a very high key and found an audience most responsive to the humor of the text. Visually, also, the play was a joy. The outstanding scene was the home of the gnomes with its delicately mystical lighting and its merging of the actors into the scenery so that at times the little gnomes were solid rock, at others, the quaint creatures long associated with Hendrick Hudson. Miss Eleanor Standish was the student Chairman of the production.

The next two events of undergraduate importance are both musical.

The Choral Club Concert under the Faculty Advisership of Professor Frances Dütting, and with Mr. A. Y. Cornell as director, was given on Monday evening, April 30th, with the assistance of a number of student soloists, and was a highly successful performance.

The College Sing, the greatest event of the year, under all-student-management, takes place this year on May 4th at the Metropolitan Opera House. So great has been the demand for seats that those sections which

were not to be put on sale have had to be opened up. There is the usual delightful mystery as to the plans of each class, and many are the closed doors behind which rehearsals are being conducted with tempestuous energy.

Miss Katherine B. Mattison, Chairman of the Social Committee, has arranged a new method of acquainting junior and senior students with the Alumnae Association. Because of the great increase in the number of students, it has not been feasible to continue the teas. Instead of this, the Social Committee this year took two tables at the Alumnae Breakfast, to which representatives from each department club were invited.

The plans for the new building have so far progressed that the details of the first three units have been opened to the College Staff for inspection in Professor Hill's office. The spaciousness of the building, the details of comfort for both student and staff which have been planned, and the external beauty of the design have aroused a great deal of enthusiasm.

The Evening Session office has been enlarged to include rooms on the second floor, where the Director, Professor A. Broderick Cohen, is to be found in Room 201. The summer courses, under the auspices of the Extension Division, include three travel courses, one in classics, one in history, and one in art. These courses provide for European travel with experienced couriers and under competent instructors, and college credit is granted for work done under these conditions. Professor Cohen looks forward to announcing in the fall the list of courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in the Extension Division. At present, the degrees of B.A., B.S., and M.A. are offered. With the working out of the sequence of courses, students of sciences will be able to pursue their graduate work at Hunter College.

The Eastern Public Speaking Conference was held this year at Yale University during Easter week. Professor Prentiss of the Department of Speech was chairman of the division "Speech Problems." A number of members from the Speech Faculty attended this convention.

Professor Lillian M. Snow represented Hunter at the April conference in Cleveland of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars.

ELIZABETH-VERA LOEB

## IN MEMORIAM

Professor Edward Sandford Burgess, Professor of Natural Science at Hunter College from 1895 to 1926, and Acting President of the College from January to May, 1908, died in the New York Hospital on February 23, at the age of 73.

Professor Burgess was born at Little Valley, N. Y., a son of the Reverend Chalon Burgess. After graduation from Hamilton College in 1879, he studied at Johns Hopkins and Columbia. Before coming to our College, he had taught botany for thirteen years in Washington and at the Martha's Vineyard Summer Institute. Among his writings are "History of Pre-Clusian Botany", "Studies in the History and Variations of Asters", and many contributions to the Century Dictionary. He was a member of the Century Club and of Phi Beta Kappa, and was President of the Torrey Botanical Club from 1912 to 1913.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Hamilton Burgess, formerly of Fredonia, N. Y., whom he married in 1884.

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