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## NEW BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Representatives of the Board of Trustees, of the Associate Alumnae, of the Faculty, of the Student Council, and of the various undergraduate groups met in the College Auditorium on December tenth to plan the desired action on an intensive campaign for a new building. President Davis, who, with Dr. Swift, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, issued the call for the meeting, spoke of the hearing which is to come up shortly before the Board of Estimate. Mrs. Maxwell Hall Elliott, Alumnae President and Chairman of the New Building Committee on the Board of Trustees, then took the chair for the meeting.

She introduced Professor Hill, who vividly summarized the crowded conditions at College: the maximum capacity of the building is supposed to have been 1,800 students, and in 1924 this maximum was reached; to-day there are 2,700 students crowded into the Main Building. Lunch hour has been abolished; classes run on late into the afternoon, sending students home during the city's rush hours; and the overcrowded conditions further enlarge classes already large, eliminate small ones, and postpone indefinitely laboratory subjects and those which require special equipment and large rooms. Professor Hill anticipates that at the present rate of increase, in another five years, College will have 4,200 students to house on this block where 1,800 were considered the ultimate capacity. Prof. Hill had thrown on the screen a lantern slide showing the architect's drawing of the new building. On this same site 242 rooms, with lunch-rooms, libraries, studies, offices, gymnasiums, and chapel, are planned to take the place of the present eighty-eight rooms. This building will house 5,000 students. As Hunter College supplies many of the teachers for the schools of the City, as it is the source of the best teachers, and as the physical conditions of the present building are so appalling (staircases are used as study-halls; laboratories are congested with twice the number of students for which there are accommodations; and the fire hazards, because of inadequate exits, narrow stair-cases, and inflammatory materials, are great) Professor Hill urged a new building.

Dr. Swift said that the new building is as far away as it was two years ago, except for the plans and rough estimates as to its cost. The total expense for a new building will be \$5,700,000 for the Park Avenue side, which it is proposed to erect first. The total outlay for constructional equipment will be \$2,250,000. This outlay would not all come out of one year's budget. Dr. Swift emphasized the fact that Hunter is well entitled to con-

sideration at the hands of the city, for while only ten per cent. of the City College graduates go into the service of the city, ninety per cent. of Hunter students enter the city school system.

A resolution, presented and signed by those present, to the effect that the city authorities and the public be impressed with the acute need of Hunter College for a building and equipment, and that the work begun twelve years ago to meet this need be at once carried to completion, is to be submitted to the municipal government. Prof. Williams was appointed Chairman of a committee whose members were to interview each member of the Board of Estimate before its meeting on December thirteenth. On motion, Mrs. Elliott appointed a campaign committee with Professor A. Broderick Cohen as chairman, to arouse public sentiment.

ELIZABETH-VERA LOEB

## THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

Have you your table for the Breakfast on February 22, at the Hotel Astor? If not, write at once to secure it, and show that you are eager to meet old friends and the Officers of the Association.

Please send all names to the Chairman, and simplify her work. Remember tickets cost \$3, and tables seat ten.

The speaker will be Stark Young, Dramatic Critic of the *Times*. Do not miss this opportunity to hear him.

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## COLLEGE NOTES

On Friday evening, December seventeenth, the third annual debate contest for the Amelia Ottinger Prize was held in the College Auditorium. The question "Should the United States Intervene in Nicaragua?" was discussed from three points of view: the negative, the affirmative, and that of intervention with modifications. The contestants showed great poise and presence, winning most favorable comments from Judge Nathan Ottinger, representing the donors of the prize, and from the three judges, Dr. Ruth Lewinson, Mr. Milton Spurgeon Kenney, and Mr. Samuel Guy Inman. The prize was divided among Miss Mary Cronin (\$60.00), Miss Eleanore A. Regan (\$20.00), and Miss Mary Clare Callan (\$20.00).

Under the auspices of Miss Jeannette Doernberg, Student Chairman of Dramatic Activities, and in coöperation with Columbia University and New York University, a cut-rate ticket bureau has been opened at College,