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PRESIDENT KIERAN'S INSTALLATION

Dr. James M. Kieran will be installed as the third President of Hunter College at formal exercises to be held in the College Chapel on Tuesday morning, March 26, at ten-thirty. The Officers and Directors of the Associate Alumnae will be invited to participate in the academic procession. Other Alumnae are welcome to attend provided they apply in advance to the Office of the Secretary, Hunter College. It is requested that each application be accompanied by a stamped and self-addressed envelope. Admission will be by ticket only, and all seats will be reserved.

THE COLLEGE BIRTHDAY

The first General Assembly of the new semester took place on the eve of Alma Mater's Birthday, and was thus the occasion of the bestowal upon her of a number of gifts from grateful daughters.

Clemencia Hand, President of the Student Association, presented to Dr. Kieran the undergraduates' offering of \$500.00 to be used for furnishing the Student Rooms in the New Building, in the glory of which the Juniors and Seniors present altruistically and vicariously rejoiced, contented in the knowledge that their personal share therein consists not in receiving, but in the still more blessed capacity of giving. Then Dr. Lewinson presented the Alumnae Gift to the College, a beautiful silver tray and water-carafe, which she assured the audience would prove a guaranty against dry speakers, and an exquisitely-engraved vase, gay with its appropriate contents of wistaria. Next Professor Cone read the graceful resolutions in honor of Dr. Kieran's appointment to the Presidency of the College, which had been framed by a committee under her chairmanship on behalf of the Associate Alumnae, and inscribed upon a scroll which she presented to Dr. Kieran. And finally Mrs. Elliott surprised Dr. Kieran by bestowing upon him the Alumnae's personal gift to him, a desk-set for his office.

That many absent daughters, too, were thinking fondly of Alma Mater was indicated by Dr. Kieran's announcement of the receipt of telegrams of greeting from a number of classes, as well as from the Washington Chapter of the Alumnae.

Dr. Kieran made a genial address, in which he particularly welcomed the new Lower Juniors, just arrived in the Main Building; and the program was completed by a selection from the Orchestra, and by the students' singing of "Hunter", "Fame", and "Mihi Cura Futuri."

E. A. H.

THE ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

At least one Alumna thought admiringly of Lincoln's obligingness in having been born on a day so near that one which, some three-score years and one later, was to be our College Birthday. Surely, the natal day of Alma Mater is a time most fitting for all good daughters to celebrate in unison. So that, thanks to Lincoln, 700 Hunter graduates, ranging in age from '70 to '29, seated themselves in the Grand Ball Room at the Astor. The Breakfast, following the usual informal reception outside the Ball Room, was formally opened with a rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*, played by the College Orchestra, which, under the leadership of Miss Flora Rubin, continued to furnish music at intervals throughout the afternoon.

That subject which has for a long time been Hunter's favorite current topic, came in for a goodly share of attention. Mrs. Elliott, having announced that building is to begin in the spring, discussed the proposed fence, which is to be the Alumnae gift to College in its new quarters. It is planned that the fence will be composed of sections, which will be given by the classes individually. The class of 1919, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, has already pledged between \$500 and \$600 for its section. Speaking with her customary ease and clarity, Mrs. Elliott pointed out the values of the project. To have such a fence, will be, first of all, to follow the tradition of many great educational institutions, such as Harvard. There is also the democratic element—the opportunity for the various classes to render homage to Alma Mater. Finally, the fence is to be a symbol of Unification—"the unification of all of Hunter's children"; and of Protection—"the protection with which we desire to surround our younger generation at the New Buildings at Jerome Park Reservoir". Two legacies of \$500 and \$100 already provide a foundation fund; and, for the rest, Mrs. Elliott cheerfully counsels optimism.

Our new President, Dr. James M. Kieran, provided more New Building information for willing ears. The contract is to be let next month; \$2,500,000 will be requested of the Board of Estimate; and the first unit will be begun without fail this spring. President Kieran hopes for the completion in September, 1930, of not only the first unit of instruction, but of two such units, a Social Building and Cafeteria, and Gymnasiums. He pointed out the increase of 5,000 students over the 548 who composed the regular sessions of the college in 1908; also the increase

A BIRTHDAY

Next October the Bureau of Occupations will be ten years old.

In 1919 Professor Estelle Forchheimer brought to the Associate Alumnae an appeal from the student body of Hunter, asking the Alumnae to establish a Bureau of Occupations. Before this, several unsuccessful attempts had been made by the students to establish such a bureau.

From a modest beginning the work has grown beyond all expectations, especially since our present director, Mrs. Harriet Loewenstein, has been in charge. To her should go the credit for this well organized and conducted department.

Although the Bureau is an Alumnae activity, it is not yet on a firm financial basis. The Committee on Fund Raising, Miss Eva C. Wood, chairman, has presented a recommendation that the Alumnae give an affair of some kind for the benefit of the Bureau of Occupations, with the idea of raising at least one thousand dollars. It is perhaps rather precocious for a ten-year-old child to suggest its own birthday gift. However, is this not the opportune time to carry out the recommendation of Miss Wood's committee, by raising the suggested sum in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Bureau?

It has been a struggle, but we have been able to carry on with the splendid help of our Presidents, Doctor Davis and Doctor Kieran, Dean Hickinbottom, the Faculty, the Alumnae, Student Council, and our patronesses. This coöperation has been most stimulating and our hopes for the future are very bright.

HANNAH OTTENBERG, Chairman

NEW WORK FOR THE BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONS

The excess of eligible candidates for the teaching profession over the possible openings for appointment presents a challenging situation. The College registration, according to statistics given by Dean Hill, is increasing at a rate that outstrips proportionately the increase in City population. Hence, if the school-building program does no more than keep pace with the increase in population, it will result that Hunter College students who formerly looked forward as a matter of course to teaching will, either through choice or through necessity, consider preparation for other vocations.

In other large colleges there are regularly established Personnel Departments covering Educational-Vocational Guidance and Graduate Placement. Since there is no provision in the budget of Hunter for the support of such a service, the Student Self-Government Organization recently voted a sum of \$800. to pay the salary for a limited time of a Field Secretary who, working under the Bureau of Occupations, should investigate the opportunities in professional, technical, and other occupational fields suitable to the college graduate. Mrs. Dean Smith was appointed to do this work under the direction of Mrs. Loewenstein.

The Faculty Committee on Vocational Guidance, the Student Council, and the Bureau of Occupations are coöperating in the effort to make Vocational Guidance an educational influence in the students' college life. A suggestive list of vocations attractive to the college woman has been prepared by the several Departments of the College, with mention of the courses affording part preparation. Hours are set apart for consultation between students and instructors on vocational preparation. The necessity for a broad cultural background is emphasized; graduate study is encouraged, and the factor of personality stressed. The data gathered by the Field Secretary of the Bureau will be placed at the disposal of the Faculty and registered students. The latter, in conference with the Bureau, will finally, it is hoped, find the opportunity suited to their temperament, interests, and abilities.

The \$800. voted by the students, therefore, finances a new type of activity, other than undergraduate placement which has always been the Bureau's function. It represents, also, the high degree of confidence felt by students and Faculty in the efficient work of the Bureau.

H. H. K.

MARIONETTES AT COLLEGE

In the hope of completing the fund which is to make Hunter a member in Perpetuity of the American Academy in Rome, the Classical Department is sponsoring a Marionette Show to be given in the Chapel on Friday evening, April 12. by the well-known puppeteer, Remo Bufano, and his wife, Florence Koehler, Hunter 1919. Tickets, price 25, 50, 75 cents, and a dollar, may be had from Miss Alice Kober, Hunter College.

E. A. H.

HUNTER COLLEGE VARSITY

presents

L'AIGLON, by ROSTAND

MARCH 21, 22, 23, 1929

8:30 P. M.

IN THE CHAPEL

TICKETS \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c

Tickets for sale in the Main Hall from 10 to 2 daily.