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ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

At the meeting of the Executive Council held on Wednesday, January fourteenth, the Chairman of the Breakfast Committee commended the virtues of those members of the Associate Alumnae who had already made their reservations for the Breakfast. She applied to them such adjectives as faithful, thoughtful, and loved, at the same time promising that these adjectives and others equally honorable would be conferred on all alumnae whose promptness was only of lesser degree. While the Breakfast Committee hopes that the majority of the members of the Associate Alumnae have sent in their reservations for the Breakfast long before this issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS, the Committee wishes to make it clear that reservations are still available. Although delay in application is not encouraged, the Committee realizes that delay is sometimes unavoidable, and the latest comers will receive a hearty welcome.

It may be helpful to repeat, for those who are not familiar with the arrangements, that the Breakfast will be held at the Hotel Astor, Thursday, February twelfth, at one o'clock, with a reception from twelve-thirty to one by the officers, directors, and official guests of the Associate Alumnae.

Elsewhere in this issue is inserted a printed form for reservations. Tickets will be mailed on the day that the reservation with covering check is received. The report of the Breakfast Committee of 1930, accepted at the Annual Meeting and printed in the Annual Report, includes a recommendation to the effect that again this year a seating list be prepared and printed. Table assignments will be indicated in the seating list, and there will be no announcement of table assignments until the day of the Breakfast.

The 1931 program is to set a record for shortness. The officers are planning to be ready in close formation on the reception line at half-past twelve and to file into the ballroom promptly at one o'clock.

The January NEWS reported several occasions to be celebrated this year, including the sixty-first birthday of Hunter College, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Hunter, founder and first president of the College, and the golden and silver anniversaries of the Classes of 1881 and 1906. We are glad to note that Mrs. James M. Kieran (Kate Donohue), wife of President Kieran, is a member of the class celebrating its golden anniversary. Since the printing of the January NEWS the Committee has heard of other important events that call for cele-

bration and honor. With the multiplication of causes for celebration and with no lessening of business detail, the Committee has felt the need of addition to its forces. It is most happy to announce that Mrs. Harry Lilly, our first Vice-President, has graciously consented to act as a member of the Breakfast Committee and will be in charge of program arrangements. A most interesting program is anticipated.

Six hundred and eighty-three places were set for the 1930 Breakfast. In addition to several special guests, that number included five Trustees, one hundred and thirty-five members of the Faculty, and twenty-five undergraduates. The Committee hopes to see all these and many more Alumnae hostesses at the 1931 Breakfast.

MARGUERITE E. JONES,

Chairman

N. B.—For the benefit of those who wish to get in touch quickly with Miss Jones, it is added that she may be reached by telephone at her home, Cathedral 8—4040, or at Hunter College, office of the Department of Speech, Rhinelander 4—1501. Mrs. Powell may be reached from 9:30 A. M. until 1:30 P. M. daily at the Hunter Alumnae Rooms, Circle 7—2000, or at other times at her home, Westchester 7—5229.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee begs to report:

A meeting of the Committee was held on Saturday, December 20, 1930, at Alumnae Headquarters, with all members present: Miss Dorothy Cross, Miss Maud Hopkins, Mrs. Hortense Lion Jacobs, Miss Helen Kunte, Miss Helaine Newstead, Mrs. Edna Wallenstein Unger, chairman, and Miss Belle Zeller.

The Committee was called upon to nominate eleven members of the Board of Directors to take the place of the following members whose terms of office expire at the next Annual Meeting: Mrs. Samuel Bitterman, Miss Dora C. Deis, Miss Hannah M. Egan, Miss Anna M. Hunter, Miss Marguerite E. Jones, Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman, Mrs. Hannah Ottenberg, Mrs. William C. Popper, Miss Hester A. Roberts, Mrs. William Valet, Miss Eva C. Wood.

Your Committee felt at the very outset that its action was seriously hampered by a situation that has grown up with the years, and perhaps naturally so. Doubtless other committees in the past must have been confronted with the same perplexing problem, and those

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George Samler Davis marked an epoch in our college life; President for twenty-one years, he instituted and furthered the creation of standards which placed our college on a par with the standing of other colleges of the highest rank, thus bringing to realization the ideals of our Founder, Thomas Hunter.

Resolutions Adopted by the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College, at an Executive Council Meeting, January 14, 1931

Whereas: George Samler Davis, LL.D., formerly President of Hunter College of the City of New York, has now passed to rest after a period of enforced inaction and painful illness:

Resolved: That we, the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College, represented by the Executive Council of our organization, have heard with grief of his death.

Resolved: That we are at last enabled fitly to speak his praises, which his characteristic proud modesty disinclined him, in life, to hear. Building upon the foundation laid by his ever-honored predecessor, he raised the College to its present high rank. We owe to him the inception and encouragement of varied student activities, of student government, and of the honor system; the first public proposal of that happy change of name which has expressed our loyalty and signalized our progress; and the first public proclamation of the imperative need of new buildings for the proper carrying out of an enlarged course and for the general welfare of the students,—a plan long delayed in its consummation through no fault of his, and finally carried out in a manner not at first contemplated. He not only perceived these needs of our Alma Mater and forwarded their fulfillment as far as he might, but he gave us, for the best twenty years of his life, the

great gift of himself: the privilege of daily contact with a noble gentleman, whose every utterance was directed to impress upon the student body ideals of earnestness, honorable conduct, genuine scholarship, and devoted civic service.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this association, and transmitted in appropriate form to the members of his family.

Alumnae Committee on Resolutions
Helen L. Simis
Anna Michels
Helen Gray Cone, *Chairman*

Resolutions Adopted by the Faculty of Hunter College, at a Regular Meeting, on January 21, 1931.

Whereas: God in His Providence has called to rest George Samler Davis, President of Hunter College of the City of New York from 1908 to 1929; and

Whereas: Under the competent guidance of Doctor Davis the many complex problems presented by the phenomenal growth of the College found a happy solution in such action as assured the acquisition of buildings and a campus worthy of Hunter College; and

Whereas: He regarded no problem however slight as unworthy of his advice and cooperation, and gave whole-hearted and stimulating support to those charged by him with the execution of educational and administrative projects; and

Whereas: Still closer to his heart than physical growth were the ideals of scholarship which he inculcated in staff and students, with such signal success that he won for Hunter College recognition as an institution of first rank; and

Whereas: He was committed to the principle that on the students of the College must rest a large measure of self-government, and on the Faculty full responsibility for the educational policy of the Institution; and

Whereas: He was a scholar sensitive to the beauties of letters, of art, and of music; an administrator imbued with a spirit of service; and a citizen who recognized the cogency of civic obligation; and

Whereas: in him not only Hunter College but the City of New York has lost an eminent servant; therefore

Be It Resolved: That the President and Faculty of Hunter College record their appreciation of him and of his services and their sense of personal loss at his death by incorporating this testimonial in the minutes of the College; and

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy thereof be sent to each member of the family of Doctor Davis.

Faculty Committee on Resolutions
Edgar Dawson
Dora Davis Farrington
E. Adelaide Hahn
Henrietta Prentiss
Joseph J. Reilly, *Chairman*