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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SUC- CESSOR TO DR. COLLIGAN

To the Administrative Committee
of Hunter College:

The committee named by your chairman to make recommendations for an incumbent to succeed Dr. Eugene Colligan, who tendered his resignation as president of Hunter College on November 1, 1939, begs to submit the following report.

At the outset, the committee agreed that, if possible, Dr. Colligan's successor should possess the following characteristics: (1) High scholarly ability as evidenced by training and scholarly productivity; (2) Demonstrated administrative ability including a capacity to work in harmony with students and faculty; (3) Catholicity of interest and appreciation of the kind of world in which we live; (4) Wide acquaintance with collegiate education both in this country and abroad; (5) A person of integrity who possessed in high degree imaginative qualities and who was open-minded, sympathetic, and understanding; (6) Finally, a person who believed in Democracy as a way of life and who was in general accord with our democratic method of collegiate administration.

In canvassing possible candidates the committee made use of the lists prepared for the Brooklyn College Presidency and for the proposed Academic Dean of Hunter College. It also supplemented these lists by adding names of persons suggested either by the committee or by others. After numerous meetings, interviews, and consultations the committee narrowed its list to five persons, then to two, and finally to one. This one is George N. Shuster, at present Acting President of Hunter College. In the judgment of the committee, Dr. Shuster meets the high standards set by the committee. The committee has been deeply influenced by Dr. Shuster's competency as Acting President of Hunter College, and it therefore unanimously recommends him to the consideration of the Administrative Committee of Hunter College without mental reservation on its part.

For the benefit of the Administrative Committee, we append hereto a biographical note concerning Dr. Shuster and his work.

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ORDWAY TEAD
HARRY J. CARMAN
Committee.

GEORGE N. SHUSTER

Birth

Native of Wisconsin
Age, 45 years (born August 27, 1894)

Education

Received A.B. degree from Notre Dame in 1915 and M.A. degree from same institution in 1920
Certificat d'Aptitude from University of Poitiers, France, 1919
Graduate student at Columbia University, 1924-26
Passed brilliant Ph.D. examination. Doctoral (English) thesis "The English Ode from Milton to Keats" completed 1939; degree to be awarded spring of 1940
Speaks French and German fluently

Honors

Oberlander Trust Fellow to Germany, 1932
Carnegie Foundation-Columbia University Social Science Research Council Award, 1938

Author

Catholic Spirit in Modern English Literature (1922)
Newman—Prose and Poetry (1925)
English Literature (1926)
The Hill of Happiness (1926)
The Catholic Spirit in America (1927)
The Eternal Magnet (1929)
The Catholic Church and Current Literature (1929)
The Germans (1932)
Strong Man Rules (1934)
Like a Mighty Army (1935)
Brother Flo (1937)
Look Away (1939)
Notes for American editor of Mein Kampf (1939)
The German Center Party, 1914-1933 (in preparation under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation and the Columbia University Social Science Research Council)

Editor

Malta Books (1930)
Century Catholic College Texts in English (1932-)
Associate Editor, Commonweal, 1925-1929; Managing Editor, 1929-1937

Translator

Jesse and Maria, by Handel-Mazzetti (1931)

Professorial experience

Professor of English, Notre Dame, 1920-1924
Instructor in English, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, 1924-1925
Professor of English, St. Joseph's College for Women, 1924-1939
Lecturer in many parts of the United States

Administrative experience

Head of Department of English, Notre Dame, 1920-1924
Acting President, Hunter College, 1939-