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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."

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## 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

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO DR.  
DAVIS AT A MEETING OF THE  
TRUSTEES, JAN. 17th, 1929.

*Whereas*, Dr. George Samler Davis, for twenty years President of Hunter College of the City of New York, has now sought the rest and retirement to which his distinguished service so eminently entitles him.

*Resolved*, That we, the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College, acting through the Executive Council of our organization, desire to express to him our grateful recognition of his great accomplishment, and our warmest good wishes for his future years.

*Resolved*, That it has been his endeavor from first to last to raise the academic standard of the College, and to adjust its usages to those which prevail in the first women's colleges of our country; and that his efforts have been crowned with most gratifying success.

*Resolved*, That he has sought to promote self-activity among the students, and has fostered to a remarkable degree their powers of independent thought and action; and that he has, without preachment or pressure, set before them the highest ideals, and influenced them to "approve the things that are more excellent."

*Resolved*, That we seize this opportunity to assure him of our deep appreciation of his work and worth, and our enduring loyal remembrance.

*Committee on Resolutions*

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