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It seems utterly impossible to realize that death has taken Marion Rhoads Elliott from our midst. Her vital personality, her vigor, her energy, are present in our minds. Our shock and our grief are profound. If there be any consolation, it must be that she went at the height of an active career, having achieved her goal. To not many is this granted.

The Association at large has sustained a great loss, and, with her many friends, mourns her passing.

IRENE BRANDON GRAFF, President

COLLEGE NOTES

It is hardly necessary to say how deeply affected were the members of the staff and student body by the unexpected death of Professor Elliott, who had so long been a vital part of Hunter in all its activities. Her services to the College are too well-known to require reviewing, even were it possible to treat them adequately in our limited space.

Long before her appointment as Assistant Dean, she had become a familiar and popular figure in the eyes of the undergraduate body as a Trustee. In the period from 1922 to 1932, during which she served in this capacity, few College functions occurred in which she did not participate with the lively enthusiasm which was such a characteristic feature of her personality. It was the same enthusiasm that she carried into her drive to provide Hunter with a new home, and when the plans for this had been consummated, into the many schemes, great and small, too numerous to be recounted, which it was her great delight, as Assistant Dean at the Bronx College, to help put into execution.

On two occasions during her lifetime, Professor Elliott's work received signal recognition outside of Hunter. In 1924, Ohio Northern University conferred upon her an honorary Master of Arts degree; and in 1930, a tree in the Honor Grove of Central Park was dedicated to her. The large and distinguished attendance at her funeral rites, which were held in the College Auditorium on January 14, and the exquisite floral offerings were only two more expressions of the esteem which her loyalty and rare devotion had won for her.

At its recent meeting, the Board of Trustees passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Marion Rhoads Elliott, Assistant Dean of Hunter College of the City of New York, and former member of the Board of Trustees of the College, departed this

life on January eleventh, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-three; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elliott's service to the College as a Trustee and as a member of the Staff was marked by tireless energy and intense devotion to her work; and

WHEREAS, Her tact, executive ability, knowledge of human nature, and her charm of manner won and held the enthusiastic admiration and support of her colleagues and students, and enabled her to contribute so largely to the material and spiritual growth of the College; be it

RESOLVED, That this Board records its profound regret at her death; its deep appreciation of her coöperation as a Trustee, and her tireless energy for and unflinching interest in the affairs of the College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this expression of our sorrow at her passing and appreciation of her service be spread on the Minutes of the Board, and that a copy be sent to the members of her family.

The disbanding of the three Teachers' Training Colleges under ruling of the Board of Education will effect a noticeable swelling in the Hunter enrolment beginning with the February semester. Although it is too early to give complete details of the working out of the new system, about 840 students, constituting the total registration of women students at the Jamaica and New York Training Colleges, will be absorbed by Hunter, the 600 women students from the Brooklyn Training College going to Brooklyn College, and all of the men students to City College.

Many of the incoming students will be accommodated by fitting into courses which at present lead to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. This course in the Day Session will be available only to those who have been admitted from the Training Schools.

For those who prefer it, Hunter will offer also a three year course, upon completion of which there will be granted a certificate which it is understood will be satisfactory to the Board of Examiners.

It is expected that a certain number of the transferred students will prefer to avail themselves of the opportunities to obtain a B.A. at Hunter, and for such of these as have not advanced too far in the course of their original choice, provision will be made.

Since it is assumed that the Colleges will cope with the additional enrolment without extra facilities, the proposed changes will effect a substantial saving to the city.

Dr. Margaret Barclay Wilson, Head of the Department of Physiology and Hygiene, will retire from active service on February 1, 1933. Her appointment as Professor Emeritus, in recognition of her outstanding services to the College, will become effective on the same date.

Dr. Wilson holds the degree of A.B. from Hunter, M.Sc. from New York University, and M.D. from the Women's Medical College of the New York Infirmary. She has been a member of the College Faculty for 46 years, and Head of her Department since 1910. In addition to performing her regular duties, she served as Honorary Librarian from 1915 to 1928, during a period of rapid expansion, when it was essential that library facilities keep pace with the growth of the College. Hunter owes much to her efforts and benefactions in this direction.

Her many-sided interests are indicated in the numerous societies in which she holds membership. Some of these are: the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Academy of Sciences, the American Philological Association, the American Classical League, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Archaeological Institute of America.

Dr. Wilson's pleasure in the honor conferred upon her by the Administrative Board, is largely occasioned by her feeling that, as Professor Emeritus, her active association with Hunter will not be entirely at an end. Our pleasure at the prospect of that continued association is no less than hers, and in a sense moderates the regret we should otherwise feel on the occasion of her retirement.

MARY ROSE SHEEHAN