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## THE INSTALLATION

"Pomp and Circumstance"! Back in the second decade of this century, the Commencement processional music used to be the march from "Le Prophète". But now that so many prophecies and hopes and dreams have come true, and far, far more, Hunter, greatest of women's colleges, has changed its tune of ceremonial. And never was there fitter occasion for the stirring strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" than March twenty-sixth, the day of the Installation of Hunter's third President, James M. Kieran.

"Pomp and Circumstance" indeed! And to its measures, marching majestically, with our new President at the head, a long, long line, of City Officials, Hunter's own Trustees, Hunter's own Alumnae Officers, members of New York's Board of Education and Board of Superintendents, delegates from over a hundred colleges and universities of the country, and our own faculty and teaching staff—all in the dignity of academic sable, a dignity at once brightened and heightened by the gorgeousness of multi-colored hoods, with again and again the gold tassels and azure stripes of the many Doctors of Philosophy, and now and then the vivid red of an Oxford or Manchester gown, or the quaintly shaped cap and ermine trimmings of some Latin University.

Through a Chapel gay with banners and greenery they came, to a platform banked with verdure—though so old, yet a new Chapel, a new platform, for this brave new day of the new order that will keep all the best of the old.

A solemn gathering it was that stood hushed, with bowed heads, while the Reverend Francis P. Duffy pronounced the Invocation.

Then the genial Presiding Officer, Dr. Harry P. Swift, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, after a word of welcome to the distinguished guests, "all," as he truly said, "friends of Dr. Kieran," paid tribute to our three presidents,—to the indelible influence of Dr. Hunter, to the sturdy character and loyalty of Dr. Davis, and to Dr. Kieran, a worthy successor to both, the deliberate and unanimous choice of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Swift glanced at the bright future of Hunter—paid his courtesies to Mrs. Kieran—and then came *the* moment of the exercises, the Installation, by Dr. Swift, of the new President, with the conferring on him of all the rights and privileges of that office, and of its symbols, the key and seal.

The first to felicitate President Kieran was the Honorable Joseph V. McKee, President

of the Board of Aldermen, husband of a Hunter Trustee, and Hunter's constant friend, who was the next speaker on the program. In his address he dwelt on the ideals of education, in contradistinction to the materialistic views of those who would view education as a mere commodity, and pointed out Dr. Kieran as truly typifying the highest of these ideals, and thus as having well earned his ascent from the lowest post in the teaching profession where he had begun, to his present heights as president of the largest unit in the city, and of the largest woman's unit in the world.

This was a day of Presidents! After the President of the Board of Aldermen, spoke the President of our own Alumnae—Hunter Trustee as well—Mrs. Maxwell Hall Elliott. The text of Mrs. Elliott's address is printed elsewhere in the News: hence the manner rather than the matter of her speech is referred to here. It was delivered in her usual way—clearly, fluently, feelingly, in a voice that reached every ear, and from a heart that met every heart. One felt as one listened, as one always does when Mrs. Elliott speaks, that she had done her audience the courtesy of preparing her speech carefully and completely, and yet that the heartfelt sincerity with which she presented it gave it an effect of spontaneity that added greatly to its charm.

The departing College President, Dr. George S. Davis, was scheduled on the program to follow Mrs. Elliott; but Dr. Swift explained that Dr. Davis was prevented by illness from attending, and had sent a letter which was to be read by Professor Adolf Busse, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the ceremonies. In this farewell address, Dr. Davis, after expressing deep regret at his unavoidable absence on the occasion of this so well deserved elevation, glanced at Hunter's future, and made two earnest recommendations concerning her curriculum,—first, that greater freedom and independence on the part of the students should be not only encouraged as at present, but required; and second, that there should be a separate Department and Chair of Philosophy. He closed with the wish that President Kieran might have the same satisfaction and encouragement from Trustees, Alumnae, Faculty, and Students as he had had, and with the quotation, "Long may she live, our College fair."

Next in order was another ex-President—Dr. John H. Finley, sometime President of the College of the City of New York, and sometime President of the University of the State of New York. Dr. Finley spoke with

## THE BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONS

Dear Alumnae:—

In October the Bureau of Occupations will celebrate its tenth anniversary, ten years of service to the students of Hunter College. In 1921, the year the present Director took over the Bureau and the first year for which records are available, three hundred and fifty positions were filled; last year, more than two thousand. Such has been the growth.

To consecrate this service anew and to broaden the scope of the work a Special Committee has been formed to raise funds for the Bureau of Occupations. This Committee has carefully considered the more usual ways and means and has dismissed all because the expenditure of energy is out of all proportion to the financial return. The plan evolved is this—You are asked to join us in a Free Will Offering—you are called upon to pledge yourself to donate or raise Ten Dollars. To many, such a sum means a sacrifice, and they may properly ask, For what am I making this sacrifice? Our answer is—There is no material reward, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making possible the continuance of one of the most worthwhile activities of your Alma Mater; that you are helping your young sisters to help themselves by liberating them from an economic pressure which in many cases would prohibit their attendance at College or materially interfere with it.

Will you be one of the Ten Dollar Donors?

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Fraternally yours,  
MRS. HANNAH OTTENBERG,  
*Chairman.*