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CALENDAR—1931-1932

Sat., Nov. 7	Patriotic Service Bridge
Wed., Nov. 11	Executive Council
Sat., Nov. 14	Northrop Camp Movies
Sat., Nov. 21	Alumnae Day
Fri., Dec. 4	Lenox Hill Bazaar
Sat., Dec. 5	Lenox Hill Bazaar
Fri., Dec. 18	"Mikado"
Sat., Dec. 19	"Mikado"
Wed., Jan. 13	Executive Council
Fri., Feb. 12	Alumnae Breakfast
Wed., Feb. 17	Birthday Celebration
Wed., Mar. 2	Officers and Directors
Wed., Mar. 9	Executive Council
Wed., May 4	Officers and Directors
Wed., May 11	Executive Council
Sat., May 14	Reunion, Election
Wed., June 15	Commencement Day

THE COLLEGE OBSERVANCE OF THE HUNTER CENTENNIAL

The Centenary of Dr. Thomas Hunter was formally observed at the main building in the chapel exercises of October 21, the first formal chapel of the term. Among the guests of the College on this occasion were the Misses Anna and Jenny Hunter, Dr. Darlington, President of the Thomas Hunter Association, and Professor Emeritus Helen Gray Cone.

Dr. Darlington presented the first tribute as a representative of the "Boys of 35", describing the honor in which that man is still held by his pupils, whose sincere ardor and natural gifts as a teacher and organizer made the school of which he was once principal known throughout the city as one of the best. In the days when New York above 42nd Street was "country", boys came to P. S. 35 from all parts, and it lists among its graduates many outstanding men, one of the greatest perhaps being the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes. By thus contributing so much to the world in the training of its youth, Dr. Hunter fulfilled the noblest function of the teacher.

On behalf of the Alumnae Association, Professor Cone paid a tribute to the Founder of the College by reading again a poem which she wrote and read in his honor twenty-five years ago on the occasion of his retirement as President of the College—then Normal College. A sonnet also by Professor Cone, written at the time the name "Hunter" replaced "Normal", was read by Miss Adelaide Robinson, a student chosen by the Speech Department from the interpretative reading class. The dignified beauty of the lines can be shown best by quoting them:

Meet is it, that our Alma Mater, grown

To fuller stature with the ripening years,
Should take fit place, acclaimed and nobly known,
In the fair order of her marshalled peers.

What name then like a proud plume shall she bear,
Or scarf of favor, or bright banneret,
Dear as the purple flower her old walls wear,

Which, torn away, shall bloom in memory yet?

Ah, what brave name but his, whose faith forecast
In darkest dawn, what now the noontide sees?
So shall she bind her future to her past

With silken bonds of gracious loyalties;

So, blent forever with her mounting fame,
Reverent remembrance triumphs in her name.

HELEN GRAY CONE

Dr. Kieran presented the final address of the program, speaking for the College itself. He praised the work of the man who perhaps more than any other moulded the ideals of teacher-training in New York, contributing so much to its advancement from that early standard in which the only quality required of the teacher was a passing aptitude in the academic work of the school, rounded off by a period of training as a "monitor" who combined the roles of assistant teacher and drudge at a salary of \$50 a year. Following this came a period when all stress was laid upon the pedagogical education of the teacher, and none at all upon her academic background. Such lack of balance could never gain the approval of Dr. Hunter, who insisted upon, and incorporated into the course of study, those academic subjects which he felt should be part of the teacher's equipment.

In tracing the history of the buildings that have housed the College since that earliest home which consisted of a floor and a half in the building at Fourth Street, Dr. Kieran demonstrated also how indebted Hunter is to its Founder for its present development.

At the Bronx College, the centenary was commemorated at a student assembly held on October 19, and presided over by Professor Elliott. On the program arranged for this occasion were addresses by Miss Jenny Hunter, Mrs. Michael Mulqueen, senior trustee, and Dean Hickinbottom, who related anecdotes of the College under the administration of its first president. Miss Anna Hunter was another guest of honor. That the opening of the new buildings should coincide so closely with this notable anniversary, and that the commemorative exercises should be practically the first formal event to take place in the new auditorium, cannot fail to be regarded as particularly fitting.

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