

The Founder

the house we now call Roosevelt House. We all felt a nostalgia speaking to a member of a family that has long been a friend of Hunter.

As Representative Roosevelt is a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, we asked him to speak to us on the topic of Federal Aid to Education. In his talk he made the point that federal aid does not mean federal domination, but does mean the raising of educational standards in poorer states.

We celebrated the Birthday with the traditional cake. The candles were lit by the most recent graduate, Ruth Silverstein '63. (Ruth went back to school after the birth of her three children.) They were then blown out by Anna *Weiner* Hochfelder, Lena Garfinkel and Rose *Friedman* Levy, all of the Class of 1903.

The very rewarding afternoon ended with the singing of *Fame*.

Joan *Silverman* Kheel

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Rochester Chapter was honored this year at our Hunter Birthday Luncheon, held on February 13, to have in our midst an outstanding Rochesterian and a Golden Jubilarian, Johanna R. Miceli of the Class of 1915.

Johanna came to Rochester soon after graduation to spend forty years as a teacher of English in the Rochester High School system. In addition to her teaching career, Johanna followed, and still is following, a life of service to this community as a charter member and officer of a long list of charitable, civic, and cultural organizations.

As one of the organizers of the Italian Civic League and the Italian Women's Club, she worked to help thousands of Italian immigrants to feel at home here in America and she is still working with these two groups in their cultural, educational, and charitable programs.

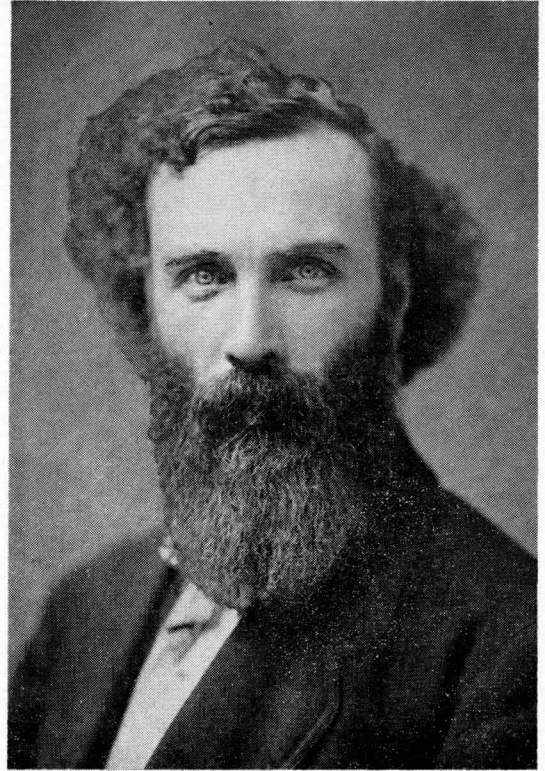
The Cosmopolitan Club, which she helped form early in the 1940's to help refugees from war-torn lands, still counts her as an active member in its foreign exchange program for high schools and colleges.

Johanna entertained us at the luncheon, reminiscing about her college days when there were *no men* at Hunter except President Davis and some members of the faculty, when there was no Uptown Campus, and when the graduating class numbered about 110!

Johanna is a charter member of our chapter and has acted as our treasurer since our beginning.

Present to honor Johanna were Paulette *Bolton* Aroesty '59, Helen *Strunsky* Austin '46, Ruth Geller '36, Marge *Termeer* Hebert '54, May *Kramer* Phelosof '43, Celia *Kaplan* Schwartz '35, Bea *Setzen* Shepard '38, Rhoda *Koenigsberg* Taylor '50, Mary *McGarvey* Woods '40 and Marion *Ralpsky* Zachmann '51.

Mary *McGarvey* Woods



Dr. Hunter in 1872 two years after opening of the College

“On the fourteenth day of February, 1870—on St. Valentine's Day of all the days in the year—the Female Normal and High School was opened. . . . About seven hundred girls, of all grades of qualifications, presented themselves for admission. Three hundred of these came from the celebrated school in Twelfth Street, conducted by Miss Lydia F. Wadleigh, a woman of extraordinary ability, recently appointed Lady Superintendent of the new institution.”

“A three-years' course of instruction was instituted. . . . This was the extent of the course in every normal school in the United States.”

Within three months of the opening the name of the new institution was changed to Normal College, and authority was obtained for the erection of a building north of Fortieth Street.

President Hunter himself drew the preliminary plans for the new building. He brooked no delay, and work on it was begun in the summer of 1871; the site chosen, Sixty-eighth Street and Fourth, later Park Avenue.

“Despite many obstacles, the College occupied its new and beautiful building on the opening day in September, 1873.” (See back cover.)