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## In Consequence.

With a handful of Alumnae and a large delegation from the Clubs and Classes of the Settlement, the College Chapel looked different than usual the evening of April 19.

On the platform sat Professor Gillett, our president, Miss Grace Beach, and other officers of the association, embodying the spirit of the meeting, and present, perhaps at a sacrifice, in order to show their sympathy and interest.

In the seats of the college students sat men or women, boys and girls, who had never been at Normal College before; they were interested in everything, from the winding-stairs, up which they climbed two by two, carrying their club-banners, to the people on the platform. They themselves were most interesting—especially the three delegates who advocated increased facilities at 446 East 72 street, and pleaded for a summer home.

It was not easy to get up and speak from the platform of that big room, but they did it, and their addresses, although tremulous, were splendidly natural and direct, unprompted and effective. One young girl explained in a few words what a short stay in the country had meant to her, and the audience understood at once the advantage of extending such experience to others; a young man sketched the possibilities of our future settlement and somehow the picture of swimming-pool and gymnasium seemed less a dream and more of a possibility, while he spoke.

Mrs. Day presided with her usual grace. She welcomed the visitors and said many things were possible provided they and we (Sponsors of the Normal College Settlement) pulled hard together.

Mrs. Hill explained the origin of Settle-

ments, what they stand for and hope for. She sat with the people who have been her neighbors for three years; they clapped at every mention of her name and showed in many ways their love and appreciation. It would be hard to say whether they or we feel more sad at losing her. Perhaps the highest testimony to Mrs. Hill's work is the fact that she leaves things growing and active at the house, with plans and suggestions enough to keep committee and residents going for another year.

Mr. Gaylord White, Miss Cornelia F. Bradford and Mr. John W. Weed gave good advice and encouragement.

The Bohemian quadrille dance by eight young people in National Costume was like our lancers, polka, waltz and two-step intricately combined; even strangers found it charming and followed the figures closely, but how much more so the proud and happy relations of the dancers. The music for this dance and the Bohemian National Air conveyed something of sadness, intensified perhaps by the dim light in chapel. Otherwise the evening was cheerful and too unique to have been missed by so many.

## Tribute to Dr. Thomas Hunter.

I have the honor to announce that the Associate Alumnae of the Normal College will establish a prize of \$40 in gold, to be called The Dr. Thomas Hunter Prize in History.

Conditions for The Dr. Thomas Hunter Prize in History:

No one who falls below B, or 80 per cent, in History during the entire College course will be permitted to compete.

The record for the entire College course,, exclusive of preparatory work,

shall constitute two-thirds of the basis for the final rating. The final paper of the competitive test shall constitute the remaining one-third.

The scope of the final test shall be decided by the judges.

The judges shall be:

Dr. Thomas Hunter, the president or acting president of the Normal College, the head of the history department of the Normal College, one member of the Associate Alumnae not on the teaching staff of the Normal College to be appointed by the President of the Associate Alumnae.

The prompt response and the many notes of appreciation of Dr. Hunter's life-work, in raising the standard for the education of women have been a great pleasure to the committee.

If the bond can be purchased in May, 1907, the interest will be assured for the prize for 1908.

Will those who desire to share in the tribute kindly help toward this consummation.

HESTER A. ROBERTS, Chairman,  
2 West 129 Street.

#### The Reunion on May Eleventh.

The invitation to the Spring Reunion bore an early date, and also an unusual announcement. In fact the unusual announcement of a business meeting of the whole Association was the cause of the early date. The business meeting was open to Associate Alumnae only and was called to discuss the subject uppermost in the minds of all loyal daughters of the Alma Mater; namely, the question of consolidating the Normal College with the College of the City of New York. During the fall the Executive Committee of the Association voted against consolidation in any form save that of a common board of trustees. This vote was the expression in no uncertain terms of an overwhelming

majority of those present at two well attended meetings. Doubt having been expressed in some quarters as to the representative character of this body, it was thought best to set those doubts at rest by submitting the matter to the whole Association. The vital reason for this call then, was the question as to whether the Association endorsed the action of the Executive Committee in voting against consolidation of the Normal College with the College of the City of New York.

After the reading of a few reports on Committee Work, the question of the day was introduced. Two speakers presented arguments in favor of consolidation, and two against it. All four speakers were members of the Executive Committee, and, as such, were eminently able to state the case as that Committee heard it. Not until five o'clock did the Executive Committee rest its case, and then a motion was made to endorse the action of the Executive Committee in opposing consolidation. This motion introduced the subject to the house and a lively debate followed for an hour. At this point it was almost unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting to another day to be fixed by the President. Perhaps the anxious looks of the chairman of the Reunion Committee turned the tide in favor of an adjournment, for a similar motion had been defeated somewhat earlier in the day. However, the interruption was welcome to some if not all, and we adjourned to the Gymnasium which presented a very attractive appearance with the flag of the College Societies, and the palms of the Park Department. There we listened with interest to a few words of greeting by Dr. Hunter, without which no Reunion would be worthy the name. Acting President Joseph A. Gillet also gave us his greeting in the brief but forceful way we have all learned to know. Our Ivy song made a pleasing punctuation in the midst of the ice cream, which came as a cooling close of a somewhat ardent afternoon.