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The College of the City of New York
Office of the President

ST. NICHOLAS TERRACE AND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINTH STREET

September 23, 1913.



My dear Adamson:-

I need hardly say to you that if memorial services are planned in memory of Mayor Gaynor, I am sure that the Trustees will be glad to have them held in the Great Hall.

I have just deposited in our Museum the programs of the exercises yesterday. If you have other memorabilia which you think should be preserved and have no place for them in City Hall, we shall be glad to care for them here.

Thank you for sending a ticket not only to me, but to Mrs. Finley. She was out of town and I did not know that the ticket had been received, else I should have notified you.

Sincerely yours,

To

Robert Adamson, Esq.,
City Hall,
N.Y.

*I went down this morning to see
the new Mayor about a matter which
I hoped could be settled upon by the
Board on Thursday*

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**The Associate Alumni of
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
2 RECTOR STREET
NEW YORK

October 30th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have just been informed that, with the expiration of the term of office of Mr. Bradley Martin, a vacancy will shortly occur in the Board of Trustees of The College of the City of New York which must be filled by Your Honor.

The College of the City of New York has lately suffered now twice a grievous loss in the deaths, so sadly near together, of Edward Morse Shepard and Theodore Frelinghuysen Miller, each a graduate of its class of '69, each in turn Chairman of its Board of Trustees, each devoting the flower of his ability, at the prime of life, and in full tide of success, to the service of his Alma Mater. No son of another college, no matter how able, could have rendered such service, for he could not have been inspired by the same love.

On behalf of the Alumni of the College and because I happen to be just now their official head, I venture, out of my sincere devotion to my College, with real deference and respect, to request that, when you come to fill this coming vacancy on our Board of Trustees, you will seriously consider the appointment of one of the College's own sons.

Early in June of this year, I had an interview with

the late Mayor Gaynor on this matter, at which he stated that he thought the next appointment to the Board of Trustees should be from among its alumni and at which he promised me that he would so make his next appointment. At his request, I submitted to him a list of names of graduates, whom I had interviewed and who had each promised, if appointed, to accept and to devote his best services to the duties of the office, regardless of other claims upon his time.

This list, signed by all of the officers of the Associate Alumni, except Mr. Lee Kohns, who, as a Trustee of the College, might feel it indelicate of him to act in this matter, will be sent you to-day by mail.

The appointment of any one of these men would be hailed by the Alumni with gratitude as a boon to the College.

Judge Olcott, whose name appears upon this list, was promised the next appointment by Mayor Gaynor. He is one of four brothers that were educated at the College - the others being J. V. V. Olcott, President of the Republican Club and ex-Member of Congress; Eben E. Olcott, President of the Hudson River Day Line, and J. Neilson Olcott, Cashier of the Bank of Commerce. It is unnecessary to speak of his ability, standing, or success.

Major Lydecker taught for about eight years at the College. He was for years a Major in the Seventh Regiment, having risen from the ranks, and is prominent and active in the Military Service Institution and has written much on military topics. He served for some years as Public Administrator in

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this City. He has been most active and zealous in the practical furtherance of the College's interests.

Mr. Crawford was, from their earliest undergraduate days to the very last, a most warm and intimate friend of the late Mr. Miller and Mr. Shepard. Valedictorian of his College class and first prizeman of his class at Columbia Law School, all his life a scholar, he is intellectually fit for the position. His years of service as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education in charge of the College would give him practical experience.

Henry N. Tifft has been a teacher in the public schools and President of the Board of Education. He is a man of great energy and ability, of tact, of especial force as a speaker, and devotes much of his time to philanthropic work.

Each one of these four men is a busy professional man. Not one of them seeks the office. To each it would involve serious pecuniary sacrifice to take it, but each has told me that, if the honor of the appointment should fall to him, he would consider it his highest duty to give the College his best service, and the first call on his time.

I may also say that, if he will accept the office and its onerous obligations, the appointment of Mr. John Claflin, '69, the President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, the classmate and friend of Shepard and Miller, would be ideal and most welcome and grateful to every son and friend of the College.

I might also mention, but without recent assurance that either would serve, (though each at one time told me that

he would,) the names of

Mr. Frederick Strauss, of '84, of the banking house of J. & W. Seligman & Co., 1 William St., a man of the finest culture and ideals and of great loyalty to the College, who served under President Hadley of Yale on President Taft's Railroad Securities Commission; and

Marcus Stine, Esq., of '76, a lawyer at 37 Wall St., now practically at leisure, a man of wealth and culture, a Ph. D. of Heidelberg.

Mr. Lee Kohns, '84, is second vice-president of our Associate Alumni, but, as he is already one of the Trustees, I have not asked him to sign the accompanying letter. You have, however, the right to ask, and it would be his duty to give you his frank and confidential opinion of each of the six men named.

Your obedient servant,

Lewis Ayer Buehner

President of the Associate Alumni
of the
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2 RECTOR STREET
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November 3rd, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir;

I received your favor of October 30th, by your Secretary, telling me of your appointment of Colonel Lydecker as Trustee of the College of the City of New York, and communicated its contents to a meeting of the Board of Directors of our Associate Alumni, held on the 31st. Every man present expressed his delight and gratitude, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, which the Secretary, Professor Pedersen, was directed to convey to you.

Inasmuch as you were so good as to send me this good news, I, also, want to write and assure you that this appointment will meet with hearty and universal praise. Col. Lydecker, without official position, has done great things for the College in the past. You have put it in his power to render perhaps even more valuable service in the future; and every loyal son of the College is your debtor for the act.

Yours respectfully,

Lewis Sayre Burchard

President of the Associate Alumni
of the
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November 5, 1913.

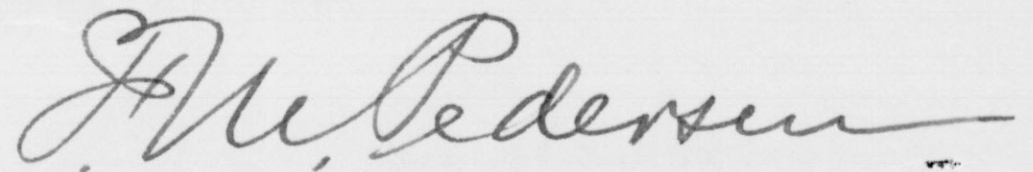
Hon. Ardelph L. Kline,
Acting Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall,
Borough of Manhattan, City.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in transmitting to you the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni of the College of the City of New York, Inc., at their meeting held October 31st, 1913.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni of the College of the City of New York, Inc., express to his Honor, the Mayor of the City of New York, their gratification at, as well as their appreciation of his appointment of one of their number, Colonel Charles E. Lydecker, to membership in the Board of Trustees of the College.

Respectfully yours,



Secretary.

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December 2, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the main body of the Associate Alumni of the College of the City of New York, Inc., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

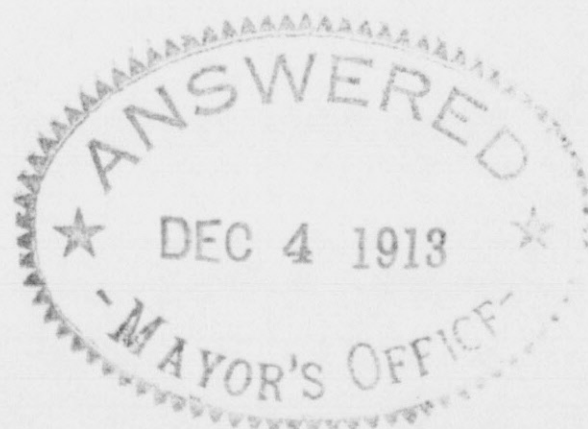
Whereas, his Honor, Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor of the City of New York has recently appointed our fellow alumnus and ex-President, Col. Charles E. Lydecker, '71, a Trustee of the College,

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mayor Kline the thanks of this Association for the benefit conferred upon the College by the above mentioned most acceptable and popular appointment.

Very respectfully yours,

F. M. Pedersen

Sec.



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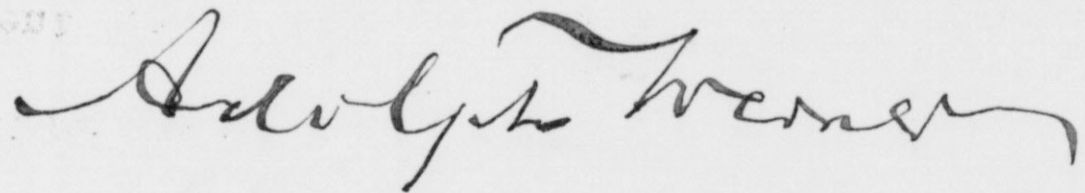
December 18, 1913.

Hon. A. L. Kline,
Mayor of New York.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 17th, asking me to submit by the 31st, a concise statement concerning the condition of the College with respect of efficiency and cost. I shall, of course, do as you desire.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Adolphus W. Werner". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

Acting President.