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An 1896 Drexel Graduate



Mrs. Dorothy Khtar

One of Drexel's oldest active alumni members is Mrs. Dorothy Khtar. Mrs. Khtar was a member of Drexel's second graduating class — the class of 1896. Her latest visit to Drexel was on April 28 at this year's annual alumni luncheon.

In an interview for *The Triangle*, she related that she had entered Drexel as a dressmaking student. Her courses included chemistry, sewing, cooking, and some drawing. She stated that there was no grading system at that time. Everyone attending Drexel was there for the sole purpose of getting an education.

After graduating from Drexel's three-year course she went to Penn and majored in music. Penn had only two buildings on its campus at that time.

After finishing her work at Penn, Mrs. Khtar taught for the Institute in Carlisle, Pa. She was sent by Drexel to teach sewing to a group of Indian girls.

Mrs. Khtar was born in Camden, New Jersey in 1872. She recalls having to cross the Delaware in boats and taking horsedrawn trolley-cars to school. Living in Camden enabled her and her family

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to become very close friends of poet Walt Whitman. She remembers his coming to her home almost every day.

Mrs. Khtar said that she enjoys visiting Drexel periodically. The Great Court still appears the same as it did 68 years ago. She commented that she would like to be notified more often by the school when music shows, plays, and other such affairs are held at the school. Mrs. Dorothy Khtar is truly one of Drexel's oldest active alumni members.