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Fryeburg, January 1st, 1902.

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A RIGH FIND.

In the old Academy Museum which Amos J. Cook collected during his Principalship of a third of a century, among other curios, mementos and memorials, (which went up in smoke), were supposed to be the autograph letters, written and sent to Mr. Cook from Washington, Adams, and Jefferson. Until recently it was supposed that these letters shared the common fate of the rich collection of the Museum. A pleasant surprise was recently given to the Trustees, when they learned that these valuable letters were in the possession of the late F. B. Osgood, Esq.,—the same having been found among the papers of his father, Major James Osgood, who was a Trustee of the Academy at the time the building was destroyed in May, 1850. It is supposed that Major Osgood rescued these precious documents from their peril at the time of the

These letters, having been written to a Teacher in our venerable institution, are interesting links, associating our Academy with the Fathers of the Republic – as it is already associated with the great statesman who was its early Teacher. This booklet contains copies of these interesting letters, and we feel to congratulate the Academy on the good fortune of their preservation; also on the hope that the originals will soon be returned to the Trustees, to be the nucleus of another Fryeburg Academy Museum.

AGADEMY MUSEUM.

If any one has old documents, letters, books, curios, or relies of any kind, they are cordially invited to send them as a contribution to the Fryeburg Academy Museum. It is hoped that we shall soon have a building, where all such Memorials can be safely stored, beyond the peril and danger of fire.

FRYEBURG WEBSTER MEMORIAL, Illustrated;

Containing Webster's Fryeburg Oration, several letters and poems written by Webster while in college and at Fryeburg—poems by Longfellow (on Lovewell's Fight), Whittier, Henry Bernard Carpenter, and several other poems specially written for The Memorial. Sent, post paid, 50 cents.

Webster's Fryeburg Oration, post paid, 15 cents.

Proceedings of

Fryeburg Webster Gentennial.

Jan. 1st, 1902, with addresses, poems, unpublished letters of Washington, Adams and Jefferson, written to Preceptor Cook, and other matter of local historic interest. Address.

A. F. LEWIS, Fryeburg, Me.

PREFACE.

The friends of Fryeburg Academy, in these days of Centennials, not only deemed it proper, but the fitness of things made it incumbent upon them to take note of, and duly observe, the coming of Daniel Webster to this village, 100 years ago, to act as Principal of their time-honored Institution of Learning.

Accordingly the following program was arranged and successfully carried out:

Program in Academy Hall, et 11 e, m.

1. Opening Address,

2. Music, 3 Life of Webster.

4. Oration from Webster,

Massachusetts and So. Carolina,

5. Address,

6, Music.

7. Quotations from Webster,

8. a. Webster the Educator.
b. History of Webster's Services at
Fryeburg Academy from
Becords of Academy.

10. Music.

Charles G. Willard, A. B. Fryeburg Academy Orchestra. Mr. A. F. Lewis.

> Floyd W. Burnell. In. S. C. Gordon. * Chorus of Students. Class 1902.

Mr. W. A. Robinson.

by a Friend of the Academy. Fryebury Academy Orchestra.

At the close of the exercises in the hall, you are cordially invited to an informal opening of the new dormitory.

We hope to see as many friends and alumni of the school present, as possible.

Several letters of Webster with an account of the opening of Alumni House on Monday evening, Dec. 30th, together

^{*}Detained in Portland by professional services.

with the delightful social hour and lunch that followed the program on the day of the Celebration, at the same place, with a brief history of the dwelling, a list of the Teachers of Fryeburg Academy, and some facts of Fryeburg Centennials, and Fryeburg's notable days, historic dates, places, and events of the town, follow the exercises of the program as given in this printed account of this first Fryeburg Webster Jubilee—to be followed, the coming summer, with a more formal and claborate celebration of the great Stateman's sojourn in Fryeburg.

Fryeburg, Maine, January 1, 1902.

OPENING ADDRESS

by Charles Glidden Willard, A. B.

Friends, Alumni and Scholars-

Before beginning the prepared program, I wish to speak a word or two upon the significance of this meeting.

This date, so near the beginning of a new century, is clustered about with many events, inventions and ideas, which, within the lapse of a few years must modify considerably the trend of American life. We now not only hear our friends talk hundreds of miles distant but we see their likenesses before us. We even hear of messages being sent, through the agency of electricity, for thousands of miles without the use of connecting wires.

We see the race question in the South brought before us in such light as never before, and the people of the North awakening to the realization of its duties in helping to emancipate the negro from his present degraded state.

We see Mrs. Stanford bequeathing thirty million dollars to the university which bears her name, the largest single bequest ever made in the cause of education.

We see Carnegie offering ten million dollars to found a national university at Washington to promote research in higher fields of study and to give opportunities for the study of government and law such as can be found nowhere else in our country.

Yet, amidst all these more far-reaching events which are

shaping the destiny of mankind, there is taking place a similar movement in our smaller world of Fryeburg.

"New occasions teach new duties Time makes ancient good uncouth."

Mindful of the truth that "time makes ancient good uncouth" the friends and alumni of our academy have provided us with a new dormitory. They have fixed up our library by painting, papering and varnishing it; and also by adorning its walls with pictures. They have supplied us with magazines and have placed many new books upon the shelves of our library. Yet, as their president has said, their good work is not going to stop here.

What, then, is the significance of our meeting here today?

First, we celebrate in memory of one of the world's greatest minds which took up its duties among the people of Fryeburg just one hundred years ago.

Secondly, we meet to show our appreciation and gratitude to our friends and alumni who have done so much for our academy within the last year.

Lastly, we meet to recall pleasant recollections and the glory of our past, but not this alone. We meet to bring vividly before us our duties in providing that nourishment for our academy whereby its growth and health may continue in the future as it has in the past.

