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INTRODUCTION.

At a meeting of the President and Fellows of Yale College in New Haven, July 11, 1871, Rev. NOAH PORTER, D.D., LL.D., Clark Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics, was elected to the office of President of the College, made vacant by the resignation of President WOOLSEY.

Wednesday, October 11, was set apart for the Inauguration. A severe storm of rain deterred many persons from attending, but notwithstanding this the number of citizens and strangers, graduates and students, who were present filled the church to overflowing.

The students of the various departments met in their respective halls, and proceeded under the direction of their instructors to the front of the College buildings. The invited guests, including officers of other colleges, the present and former public authorities of the State and the City, the members of the clerical, legal, and medical profession of the vicinity, and the benefactors of the institution, assembled in the College Library, where they were joined by the President, the President elect, and the other members of the Corporation.

At eleven o'clock, the procession moved under the direction of Mr. Edward Heaton, and assistant marshals selected from among the students, to the Center Church, going by Chapel Street and Temple Street in the following order:—

Music.

Students of the University, by Departments.

The Sheriff of the County.

The President and President Elect.

The Corporation.

Officers of this and other Colleges.

The Civil Authorities.

Guests personally invited.

Graduates, in order of seniority.

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When the right of the procession reached the church, the left was still on the College grounds. It was estimated that about 1100 persons were in the line.

The galleries of the church were filled with ladies. The lower part of the house was reserved for the procession. The stage was occupied by officers of this and other colleges.

President WOOLSEY presided until the delivery of his address, when he formally resigned the office, and gave up to his successor the presidential chair, having already handed him the Charter and Seal of the College.

The exercises in the church were in accordance with the following programme. The music was given by an academic choir under the direction of Dr. STOECKEL.

PROGRAMME.

- I. CHORUS: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."
- II. PRAYER BY REV. DR. BACON.
- III. THE INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT,
WITH ADDRESS BY REV. PRESIDENT WOOLSEY.
- IV. CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS IN LATIN,
BY PROFESSOR THOMAS A. TRACHER.
- V. CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS IN ENGLISH,
BY HENRY MARTIN SANDERS,
Of the Senior Class in the Academical Department.
- VI. CHORUS: "Domine, salvum fac Præsidentem Nostrum."
- VII. INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT PORTER.
- VIII. DOXOLOGY.
- IX. BENEDICTION.

At the close of these exercises, about two o'clock, the officers and graduates of the College, with their invited guests, repaired to the library, and thence to the Graduates' Hall, where a lunch had been provided.

The Dining Hall had been appropriately decorated in honor of the day. Over a dais, opposite the entrance, were hung the portraits of the four predecessors of Dr. PORTER: STILES, DWIGHT, DAY, and WOOLSEY, surrounding that of the President himself. Upon the

platform sat the oldest living graduate of the College, Mr. TIMOTHY BISHOP, of New Haven, of the Class of 1796, who had been for three years a student under President STILES, graduated under Dr. DWIGHT, and had been the neighbor and friend of their three successors.

In other parts of the hall were hung a selection of the portraits belonging to the College, together with a few which had been loaned for this occasion. Among the number, were the portraits of JOHN DAVENPORT, the Oxford graduate and first minister of New Haven, JAMES PIERPONT, one of the founders in 1700, GURDON SALSTONSTALL, Governor of Connecticut in 1717, ELIHU YALE, from whom the Yalensian name proceeds, BISHOP BERKELEY, the liberal Prelate, one of the earliest of the long line of benefactors, JOSEPH E. SHEPHERD, and AUGUSTUS R. STREET, founders of new departments of the College, GEORGE PEABODY, HENRY FARNAM, JOSEPH BATTELL, PHILIP MARETT, SHELDON CLARK, founder of the Chair of Metaphysics, JONATHAN EDWARDS, JOSEPH BUCKMINSTER, ELI WHITNEY, JAMES HILLHOUSE, and other well-known graduates.

After an hour of social intercourse, President PORTER called upon the assembly to be seated, and invited Professor DWIGHT to the chair.

The following song, written for the occasion, was then sung by a college quartette, the audience joining in the chorus.

SONG.

"YALE, BROTHERS, YALE."

BY F. M. FINCH, ESQ., OF ITHACA, N. Y. (CLASS OF 1849.)

AIR — "*Canadian Boat Song.*"

One comes ; — one goes. All hail ! — Adieu !
If darkens the evening, the morn shines new.
Soon as one star glides down the night
Upriseth another with lamp as bright.

CHORUS — Yale ! brothers, Yale ! — rose-red or pale,
The Light never fades from the skies of Yale !

One comes ! — As comes the August morn
That ripens and flosses the waiting corn,

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So may his summer of heart and brain
Fast ripen the seed into golden grain !

CHORUS — Yale ! brothers, Yale ! — rose-red or pale,
The Light never fades from the skies of Yale !

One goes ! — God bless him ! — Toil and Tine
He gave through the years with a faith sublime :
He takes from these familiar realms
More thanks than the leaves of the sorrowing elms.

CHORUS — Yale ! brothers, Yale ! — rose-red or pale,
The Light never fades from the skies of Yale !

Who comes, — who goes, — in sun, — in shade, —
On guard in her resolute lines arrayed, —
Let all be armed when Battle booms,

• And garland our Mother with Victor-blooms.

CHORUS — Yale ! brothers, Yale ! — in calm or gale,
Thy banner be over us, — DEAR OLD YALE !

Short speeches were then made by Professor DWIGHT, President WOOLSEY, and President PORTER, who referred to several new donations to the College (including a building for the Scientific School, from Mr. JOSEPH E. SHEFFIELD). He also mentioned that the Corporation had appointed a committee of nine, including three of their own number, and six other graduates, to mature the arrangements by which the graduates of the College are henceforward to elect a part of the members of the Corporation. The guests of the College were then called upon. In the absence of Governor JEWELL (who had been unavoidably detained by an engagement in a distant part of the country), the State of Connecticut was represented by Hon. W. A. BUCKINGHAM, United States Senator. Rev. Dr. McCOSH, President of the College of New Jersey, responded in behalf of other colleges. Mr. MORI, the Minister of the Japanese government, resident in Washington, paid a grateful tribute to the good will of the Americans, and expressed his pleasure in meeting the author of a work on International Law which is widely known among the government officers in Japan. The Committee of the Woolsey Fund, through the chairman of the Executive Committee, Hon. M. B. FIELD, of the Class of 1841, then made a statement of what they have done since their appointment. The graduates of the College were next called out, and speeches were made by WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS, Esq., of New York, of the Class of 1860, and Rev. DANIEL

BUTLER of Boston, of the Class of 1835, — both of whom, in cordial terms, expressed their gratification with the prospects of Old Yale and their readiness to contribute to her welfare. The lateness of the hour prevented further speeches, and the festivities were closed by singing the following familiar verses:—

“GATHER YE SMILES.”

VERSES FROM THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF 1850, BY
F. M. FINCH.

AIR — “*Sparkling and Bright.*”

Gather ye smiles from the ocean isles,
Warm hearts from river and fountain,
A playful chime from the palm-tree clime,
From the land of rock and mountain;
And roll the song in waves along,
For the hours are bright before us,
And grand and hale are the elms of Yale,
Like fathers bending o'er us.

Summon our band from the prairie land,
From the granite hills dark frowning,
From the lakelet blue, and the black bayou,
From the snows our pine peaks crowning;
And pour the song in joy along,
For the hours are bright before us,
And grand and hale are the towers of Yale,
Like giants watching o'er us.

Clasp ye the hand 'neath the arches grand,
That with garlands span our greeting,
With a silent prayer that an hour as fair,
May smile on each after meeting;
And long may the song, the joyous song,
Roll on in the hours before us,
And grand and hale may the elms of Yale,
For many a year bend o'er us.

In the course of the proceedings reference was made by the Chairman to the appalling fire at Chicago, and the President was requested to communicate to the Mayor of Chicago, an expression