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HISTORICAL STATEMENT

N keeping with his known intention of retiring from office upon reaching the age of sixty-five, President Arthur Twining Hadley at a meeting of the Yale Corporation on April 10, 1920, formally tendered his resignation, to take effect at the close of the University year 1920-21. Ten months later, after a thorough survey of the field had been made by a Corporation committee appointed for that purpose, at an adjourned meeting on February 19, 1921, the Corporation elected as the fourteenth Yale President James Rowland Angell, a graduate of the University of Michigan in the Class of 1890, a former Professor of Psychology, at one time Dean of the University Faculties of the University of Chicago and Acting President of that University, and at the time of his election to the presidency of Yale University, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

In spite of certain drawbacks, the date chosen for the inauguration—Wednesday, June 22, 1921—was deemed for several commanding reasons to be the best time available. A committee, with the Secretary of the University [Mr. Stokes] as Chairman and the Assistant Secretary of the University [Mr. Osborn] as Secretary, including Messrs. Brown and Farnam of the Corporation and the Provost [Mr. Walker]; several Deans [Messrs. Chittenden, Cross, Jones, Kendall, and Smith] and Faculty members [Messrs. Bakewell, F. B. Johnson, Meeks, and Mendell], the Chairman of the University Alumni Fund Association [Mr. Brown], and the Chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board [Mr. Mason], was charged with the arrangements.

Including those individuals who were invited to march in the

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inaugural procession, approximately eleven hundred invitations were sent to universities, colleges, schools, learned societies, and individuals, with the understanding that because of space limitations no institution should be allowed more than one official delegate. A distinctive feature of the entertainment of delegates by the University was their residence in the newly-completed portions of the Memorial Quadrangle of Yale College which had previously not been occupied. Breakfasts were provided at various clubs and elsewhere. A relatively small number, in most cases delegates accompanied by their wives, were privately entertained at homes of members of the faculty. The representatives of sister institutions were entertained at an inaugural dinner in the ballroom of the Hotel Taft on Tuesday evening, June 21. At this dinner were present also President-elect Angell and President Hadley, members of the Corporation, the University Council, and the Inauguration Committee, the presidents of national Yale organizations, representatives of the Federal, State, and New Haven City governments, and the 1921 candidates for honorary degrees. Additional entertainment of the delegates included the usual alumni luncheon in the University Dining Hall on Wednesday noon, the reception tendered by President and Mrs. Hadley and President and Mrs. Angell in Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoon, and small informal faculty parties Wednesday evening.

The inauguration exercises combined with the two hundred and twentieth Commencement exercises on Wednesday morning, June 22, were distinguished by a simple dignity. Starting from the College Campus at ten o'clock and following the customary line of march by way of Center Church on the New Haven Green, the procession of delegates, specially invited public representatives, University officers, candidates for honorary degrees, graduates, and members of the graduating classes proceeded to Woolsey Hall. The order of the procession upon entering the auditorium was as follows:

JAMES ROWLAND ANGELL

CHIEF MARSHAL

Color Guard

CORPORATION MARSHAL

President of the University and President-elect

Provost and Secretary of the University

Treasurer of the University and Governor of Connecticut

Staff of the Governor of Connecticut

Members and Former Members of the Corporation, with Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Delegates of Universities and Colleges established prior to Yale

Public Orator and Mayor of New Haven

Sons of Former Presidents

Deans and Librarian of the University

DELEGATES MARSHAL

Delegates of Colleges and Universities (in the order of their establishment)

Delegates of Learned Societies and Educational Associations

Delegates of Public and Preparatory Schools

FACULTY MARSHAL

Professors and Associate Professors of the University

GUESTS MARSHAL

Representatives of the Federal and State Governments

Representatives of the City Government

Representatives of Civic Organizations

PROCESSION MARSHAL

Candidates for Degrees in Course

GRADUATES MARSHAL

Members of the Alumni Advisory Board

Presidents of Yale Graduate Organizations

Alumni in Order of Graduation, with Assistant Professors and Instructors

As the procession entered the hall the Inaugural March,

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composed for the occasion by Dean David Stanley Smith, Mus.D. (B.A. 1900), of the Yale School of Music, was rendered under his direction by a Symphony Orchestra. Those who took seats on the platform, seventy-nine in all, were the members and officers of the Corporation; the Governor's Staff; the Mayor of New Haven; the Deans; former officers and members of the Corporation; the delegates from Lund, Glasgow, William and Mary, Oxford, Louvain, Cambridge, and Harvard, as institutions of higher learning established prior to Yale; sons of former Presidents [Messrs. Woolsey and Dwight], and the candidates for honorary degrees. President Hadley occupied the chair of Rector Abraham Pierson.

Following the usual presentation of candidates for degrees upon examination, the inaugural portion of the program began with the rendering by the student choir of the Inaugural Ode, for which the words were written by the late Edmund Clarence Stedman, LL.D. (B.A. 1853), and the music by the late Horatio Parker, Mus.D., Dean of the Yale School of Music. There were then presented to the President and Fellows the candidates for the honorary degrees, the final degree of Doctor of Laws being conferred upon the President-elect. The ceremony of the induction of Dr. Angell into the office of President was simply but impressively carried out. President Hadley presented the symbols and charter of the University. At the conclusion of the induction ceremony a fanfare of trumpets welcomed the new President. Welcome was then extended by Director Chittenden on behalf of the Faculties of the University and President Lowell on behalf of sister institutions of learning. President Angell delivered his inaugural address. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Newman Smyth, D.D., Senior Fellow of the Corporation.

The following pages contain the order of exercises and the addresses delivered at the induction of President Angell. There is appended a report of the after-dinner speeches at the inaugural dinner on Tuesday evening.

JAMES ROWLAND ANGELL

ORDER OF EXERCISES

- I. INAUGURAL MARCH, David Stanley Smith, Mus.D., Dean of the School of Music.
- II. PRAYER, Reverend Charles Reynolds Brown, D.D., LL.D., Dean of the Divinity School and University Pastor.

III. PSALM LXV, York Tune.

[At the opening of the first College building erected in New Haven, in 1718, the congregation united in singing the first four verses of Psalm LXV, in Sternhold and Hopkins' version, as follows:—]

Thy praise alone, O Lord, doth reign in Sion Thine own hill: Their vows to Thee they do maintain, and evermore fulfill. For that Thou dost their pray'rs still hear and dost thereto agree: Thy people all both far and near with trust shall come to Thee.

Our wicked life so far exceeds, that we should fall therein: But, Lord, forgive our great misdeeds, and purge us from our sin. The man is blest whom Thou dost chuse within Thy courts to dwell: Thy house and temple he shall use, with pleasures that excell.

Of Thy great justice hear, O God, our health of Thee doth rise: The hope of all the earth abroad, and the sea-coasts likewise. With strength Thou art beset about, and compast with Thy pow'r: Thou mak'st the mountains strong and stout, to stand in ev'ry show'r.

The swelling seas Thou dost asswage, and make their streams full still: Thou dost restrain the people's rage, and rule them at Thy will. The folk that dwell thr'out the earth shall dread Thy signs to see: Which morn and ev'ning with great mirth send praises up to Thee.

IV. PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS BY THE DEAN OF EACH FACULTY OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES UPON EXAMINATION; WITH THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:— Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Philosophy, Bachelors of the Fine Arts, Bachelors of Music, Bachelors of Laws, Bachelors of Divinity, Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineers, Electrical