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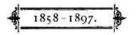
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YALE UNIVERSITY.



BY WILLIAM P. BACON, CLASS SECRETARY.

New Britain, Conn. Adkins Printing Company, 1897. " Jumping o'er times;
Turning the accomplishment of many years
Into an hour-glass."—Shakspeare.

(From First Record.)

"Omne ignotum pro magnifico est."

"C'est un avantage terrible de n'avoir rien fait; mais il ne faut pas en abuser."

(From Second Record.)

"If there's a hole in a' your coats, I rede ye tent it; A chiel's amang ye takin' notes, And, faith, he'll prent it."

"What's done we partly may compute, But know not what's resisted."

"Time travels in divers paces with divers persons. I'll tell you who Time ambles withal, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal, and who he stands still withal."

(From Third Record.)

"Nessun maggior dolore, che ricordarsi del tempo felice nella miseria." es de de

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### PREFACE

#### TO FIRST RECORD.

MY CLASSMATES: —This Record was ready to present to you in August, but, thinking that a delay of a few months, just at the period when mail communication was being restored throughout the South, would add materially to the interest of the book, its publication has been delayed.

Its preparation has developed much warm and kind feeling. My forebodings have been as uniformly disproved as the war prophecies of the London Times. Where I thought to find indifference to class affairs, I have found deep interest, and where, after addressing a classmate two or three times for additional items, I have at length felt it necessary to enclose a stamp, and have expected to get a letter beginning "Dear Sir," I have always received a cordial "My dear Bacon,"—and once received a stamp besides!

It has been work but a work of love; and if the perusal of the book shall afford you a tithe of the pleasure that its compilation has afforded me, I shall feel amply repaid.

It has perplexed me to decide what character to give the work in hand, and whether any particular character could be impressed upon the whole work. Members of or candidates for the Happy Family have answered the circular in the comic vein exclusively, while others have taken the serious line; and while some have taken it for granted that I knew certain items, many, after sending me one date of birth, for instance, have sent me another, perhaps thinking that all those numbers might have been taken. Could I have inserted the letters in the first person, the record would have been more piquant; but many seem to contain much written in confidence,—one covers six foolscap pages, and some auswer the description of the Yankee, who was so short that he made a hole in the ground.

Doubtless there are errors; if you will notify me of any, I will gladly correct them. I ask, besides, that if any one of you can ever communicate aught concerning himself or others, that he thinks will be of interest to the class, individually or collectively, he will do so. Future records will doubtless be issued, and it is desirable that every one should enlist in the work of collecting and forwarding material therefor to the Secretary.

I desire especially to acknowledge the kind assistance of CHALMERS, RILEY, and WOODRUFF, in the collection of information, and of MANCIE, STEVENS, and G. WELLS,—a trio whose names should be written on the Scroll of Fame,—for having cunningly devised and faithfully executed a scheme that has paid every dollar of the heavy debt of '58, and given the Class Secretary a balance at the bank! I shall take pleasure in further commending them, on application.

I have been much assisted also by BLAKE, TWINING, TOMLINSON, and VAN NAME, each of whom has, in turn, acted as Secretary fro tem, during my absence in the East and in the Army.

W. P. BACON, Class Secretary.

NEW YORK, December 15, 1865.

### PREFACE

#### TO SECOND RECORD.

CLASSMATES: My apology for not issuing this Record sooner is, that I have been reluctant to offer a meagre account. Doubtless each of you conjures up a Secretary, to whom every one rushes to communicate every new event of his life, and who has therefore but to jot down and print, troubled only to select from the pile of matter thrust upon him. Perish the thought! I wish to be taken literally when I say that nobody writes me anything, except when I issue a circular asking him to; and, as many require three or four appeals even then, you will see that time is an important factor. I hope this will strike you all so forcibly that, hereafter, you will keep me better informed.

I regret that I have not been able to elicit any response from GARRARD, KEL-LOGG, NEIDÉ, PRNNY and TURNER, since our last Record was issued.

In June, 1866, I sent to each member of the class three petitions asking the Faculty of Yale to confer the degree of A. M. upon ADAMS, MARBLE and TROW, who were formerly connected with our class.

These petitions were favorably received and widely signed, and were presented to the Faculty in July, 1866.

I have now the pleasure of announcing that they were all successful, and that ADAMS received, in 1866, the degree of A. M., and was placed among us in the Triennial; MARBLE received the honorary degree of A.M. in the same year, and Trow the same in 1868. And this year an honorary degree has been conferred upon HARRIS.

I shall be grateful if you will furnish me, at any time, with any corrections or additions to the matter in this Record, as well as any information concerning any of the Non-Graduates of the class; as it is my intention to preserve a Record of all who were ever connected with the class. I should especially like to get some information concerning four Non-Graduates, with whom I have been unable to communicate, viz.—J. E. Beale, Davis, Folger and Luckett.

In closing, I desire to say that, unless the number of invitations to visit you if I ever come near you falls off, I may decide to make a Secretary's Progress, covering say a year or so.

W. P. BACON, Class Secretary.

NEW YORK, October 1, 1869.