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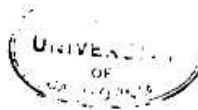
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PREFATORY NOTE.

ETHELBERT DUDLEY WARFIELD, Esq., was elected President of Miami University at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, on the 21st day of June, 1888, by a unanimous vote. His formal inauguration was postponed by his own desire, and took place at the close of his first year of incumbency, on Thursday, June 20th, 1889, the annual commencement day. In accordance with a time honored custom, observed from the inauguration of the first President of the University, the exercises took place in the open air, beneath the oaks and beeches of the grove at the eastern part of the campus, it being impossible to accommodate the large audience in any hall of the University or the town. The order of exercises was as follows :

INVOCATION, by the REV. JAMES H. BROOKES, D. D., Class of 1853, of St. Louis.

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE ALUMNI, by HON. CALVIN S. BRICE, Class of 1863, of Lima, President of the Alumni Association.

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, by HON. JOHN W. HERRON, LL. D., Class of 1845, of Cincinnati, President of the Board.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE, by HON. JOSEPH COX, Class of 1841, of Glendale, Judge of the Circuit Court of Ohio.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS, by President WARFIELD.

BENEDICTION, by Rev. W. J. MCSURELY, D. D., Class of 1856, of Hillsboro.

The address of the President of the Board of Trustees and

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Prefatory Note.

the Inaugural Address, are here published by order of the Board of Trustees. It was also intended to publish the address of the President of the Alumni Association, and the appearance of this pamphlet has been delayed in consequence of that intention, but Colonel Brice, whose address was not written out in full, has been prevented by a pressure of other duties from preparing his address for publication.

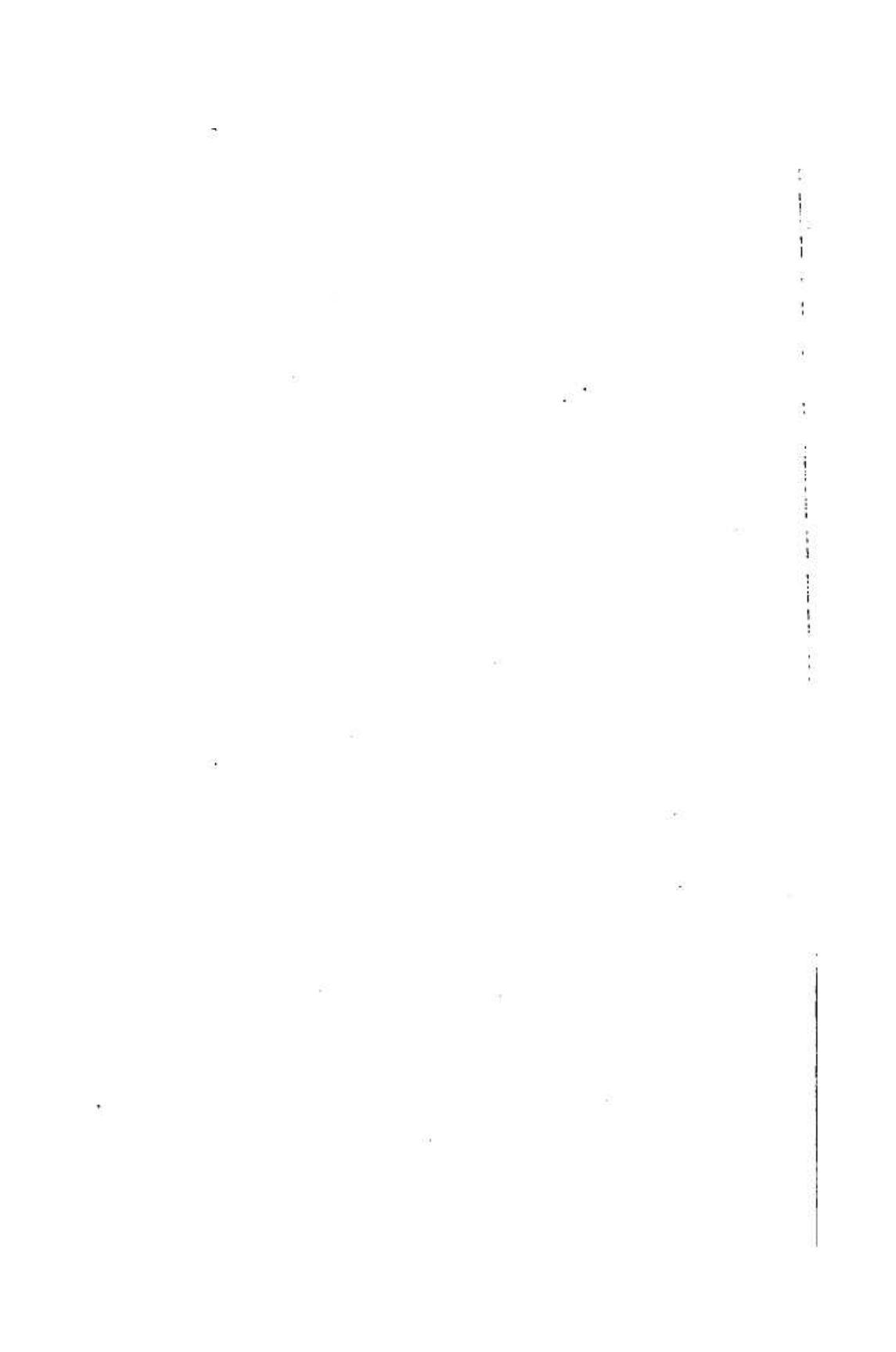
ADDRESS

ON BEHALF OF

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

BY

HON. JOHN W. HERRON, LL. D., PRESIDENT.





PRESIDENT HERRON'S ADDRESS.

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS :

It is now a little more than sixty-four years since the first inauguration of a President of The Miami University took place. In March, 1825, Robert H. Bishop was the leading and conspicuous actor in a performance, having in view the same object as that which engages us to-day. Then was seen the beginning of that educational life to which we are attempting to-day to add new and youthful vigor. How different the scene that greeted the eyes of those who witnessed that inauguration—how few of those who witnessed it are with us to-day.

One present on that occasion has given this description of the scene :

“ There was a great crowd at the inauguration : people coming from all the country around for six or eight miles. The yard was full of men, women and children. It was a beautiful day in early spring. There was a procession headed by a band of music,—a big drum and a little drum, two or three fifes, a fiddle or two, a flageolet, and perhaps a brass horn. As they passed through the yard—among the stumps, and around the big building, all were joyous and glad.”

Then the country around was but newly opened ; the population was small and scattered ; the roads were few and badly improved ; the lands but partially cultivated. It was new country still inhabited by the original settlers who had wrested it from the wild beasts, and still fiercer Indian. In such a country, amidst such a population, was planted the Institution which the trustees represent to-day. It was something new, and presented wholly different interests from those which before

that had occupied the thoughts and labors of the people. No wonder that on that bright spring morning of the 30th of March, 1825, there assembled on these same grounds a large and deeply interested congregation—not only of the men, women and children of the village of Oxford—then numbering in all but a few hundred—but of the farmers who had leased the college lands, and made there a home, and their families; of citizens from the adjoining counties, from the neighboring cities, and even from other States; coming on foot and on horseback, and in wagons over the corduroy roads of that day; meeting here to bid Godspeed to the Institution of learning that had been planted through the bounty of the General Government, and also to welcome, encourage, and cheer on that great and good man who had accepted its presidency;—who had left another institution already in full operation, and risked all upon his success here. Can any of you picture in your mind that assembly and that scene? The buildings which are before us: the grounds that are about us—the views now within the glance of our eyes are the same as those looked upon then—but yet how different is their coloring and beauty. The very campus in which we meet represents in its improvement that of the country at large. What was then a bare piece of land is now covered by verdure and trees. The village has grown from its few inexpensive frame buildings, to the beautiful town of which we are all proud. The land has become a cultivated garden; the country has leaped forward in great strides of progress. It would be vain for me to attempt to describe that progress. I only refer to it to ask how much of it may be attributed to the work begun on that March morning. The school then started into life has been an unceasing source of education, morality and religion throughout this entire region of country. Its influence