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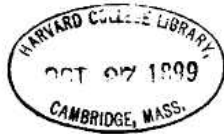
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MR. GEORGE B. HYDE, formerly a resident of Boston and Master of the Dwight and Everett public schools, bequeathed money to the City of Boston for the purpose of providing a statue of Rufus Choate.

The statue is of bronze, and was executed by Daniel C. French. It has been placed in the large hall of the County Court House in Pemberton Square, and bears the following inscriptions:—

RUFUS CHOATE.

1799-1859.

ERECTED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON

WITH MONEY BEQUEATHED

FOR THE PURPOSE BY

GEORGE B. HYDE.

Sculptor,

DANIEL C. FRENCH.

The ceremony of unveiling the statue and presenting it to the City took place in the large hall of the Court House on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1898.

His Honor Mayor Quincy entrusted to the Bar Association of the City of Boston the duty of arranging and conducting the ceremony, and the

Association acted through a committee, consisting of Solomon Lincoln, Alfred Hemenway, Patrick A. Collins, Edward W. Hutchins, and Richard M. Saltonstall.

The order of exercises was as follows:—

PROGRAMME.

1. INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS,

BY

LEWIS S. DABNEY, Esq.,

President of the Bar Association of the City of Boston.

2. UNVEILING OF THE STATUE AND PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF BOSTON,

BY

BENJAMIN D. HYDE, Esq.,

In behalf of the Donor.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATUE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AND DELIVERY TO THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT,

BY

HIS HONOR MAYOR QUINCY.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CUSTODY OF THE STATUE ON BEHALF OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT,

BY

CHIEF JUSTICE FIELD.

5. ADDRESS,

BY

Hon. JOSEPH H. CHOATE,

of New York.

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INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS OF LEWIS S. DABNEY, ESQ.,

PRESIDENT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND
MEMBERS OF THE BAR:

WE are met this morning to witness the unveiling and formal presentation to the city of Boston of Mr. French's statue of Rufus Choate, which is the testamentary gift of the late George B. Hyde. It has been thought appropriate that the simple exercises of the occasion should be under the direction of that bar of which Mr. Choate in his lifetime was a conspicuous leader.

Of Mr. Choate it is not my place on this occasion to speak to you at length. That privilege has fallen to other and more worthy lips. Born in 1799 and dying in 1859, he filled those sixty years of life with a career professional, public and literary, which may well be at once the emulation and the despair of every ambitious, industrious and gifted soul.

George B. Hyde was an esteemed and honored school teacher of the city of Boston. Born in Sturbridge in the year 1811, after some preliminary teaching in Walpole and in Dorchester, he came to Boston where he was first the principal of the Dwight School for boys, and afterwards the principal of the Everett School for girls, with which last his memory is most identified. He was a great admirer of Mr. Choate and lost no opportunity of hearing him speak. When he died, he by his will devoted the accumulations of a frugal

and industrious life, first to the support of his widow as long as she should survive him, and after her death to public objects. He gave a legacy to his native town of Sturbridge for a library, a legacy to Harvard College, a legacy to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Conservatory of Music, and others, and to the city of Boston a statue of Rufus Choate.

The order of exercises to-day you will have seen from your programme. We have with us Mr. Benjamin D. Hyde, representing the donor, who will unveil the statue and formally present it to the city of Boston represented by our honored Mayor who is with us, and who will receive the statue on behalf of the city. We have with us, too, our eminent Chief Justice of Massachusetts. The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court are, as you know, the custodians of the court house and of what it contains, and the Chief Justice will receive from the Mayor the statue into their keeping.

The Bar Association counts itself fortunate in having been able to induce Mr. Joseph H. Choate, the distinguished kinsman of the subject of the statue, to return to us and to address us on this occasion. The bar of New York indeed claims him as its chief ornament, and through the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, of which he is a member, the bar of the whole United States of America may well claim him. But by birth he belongs to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for he was born on her soil, and he belongs to us because he studied law in Boston and his first admission to any bar was to our bar, — the bar of the County of Suffolk. He will tell us of his great kinsman, and of the meaning which this statue will have for all of us, and for the bar of the future as they tread this hall on the way to the scenes of their daily labors.