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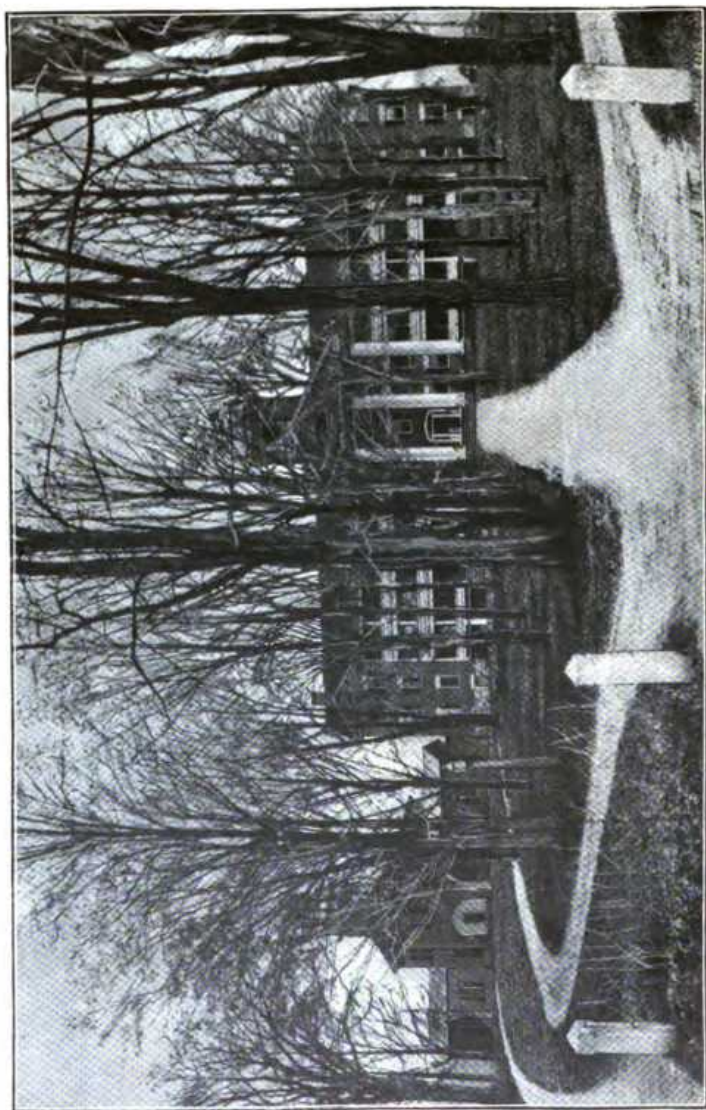
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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
CASTLETON, VT.

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ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHARTERED SCHOOL,
KNOWN AT DIFFERENT PERIODS AS
THE RUTLAND COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, CASTLETON
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**There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon
the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake
like Lebanon.—PSALMS LXXII, 16.**

PREFACE.

At the annual meeting of the corporation of the Rutland County Grammar School, held January 27, 1886, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the president to take into consideration the subject of celebrating the centennial of the Rutland County Grammar School and to report at a future meeting.

In accordance therewith the following gentlemen were appointed : Andrew N. Adams, Henry L. Clark, A. E. Leavenworth, Walter E. Howard, D. D. Cole and J. B. Bromley. At the annual meeting of the corporation held January 26, 1887, this committee reported the advisability of observing in a public manner the school centennial, and the following executive committee was appointed : J. B. Bromley, A. E. Leavenworth, E. H. Armstrong, D. D. Cole, Walter E. Howard and Henry L. Clark. This committee at once organized by electing A. E. Leavenworth, President ; J. B. Bromley, Secretary, and D. D. Cole, Treasurer. The following sub-committees were appointed :

ON ENTERTAINMENT : D. G. Burt, Chairman ; Mrs. Minnie F. Baldwin, Mrs. H. E. Armstrong, J. S. Dutton, Mrs. C. C. Farwell, Miss Ella A. French Mrs. C. H. Griswold, W. S. Leavenworth, Miss Julia Parsons, H. C. Rumsey, H. F. Reed, Miss Cora J. Sargent, Mrs. Jennie Wilkins, Miss Lucy Wadsworth, Miss Julia D. Clark, Castleton ; R. T. Ellis, Fair Haven ; Miss Mary Giddings, Hubbardton ; F. A. Morse, West Rutland ; R. W. Hyde, Hydeville.

ON TABLES : John M. Ainsworth, Judson N. Hooker, Ellis N. Northrop.

ON PLATFORMS, ARCHES, ETC. : A. K. Miller, D. E. Bibbins, H. A. Waters.

ON OUTSIDE DECORATIONS, ILLUMINATION, ETC. : F. L. Reed, J. H. Witherell, T. P. Smith.

ON PRINTING : Henry L. Clark.

ON MUSIC : E. H. Armstrong, Mrs. C. S. Sherman.

ON DECORATION OF CHURCH AND SEMINARY : Miss Jennie D. Adams, E. J. Armstrong, Carl S. Cole, Miss Mary W. Hoyt, Miss Ida C. Hoyt, P. R. Leavenworth, F. D. Moulton, Miss Mary C. Northrop, F. J. Preston, Leon B. Smith, 2d, Miss Alma G. Wright.

ON PUBLIC DINNER : Horace B. Ellis, Mrs. Hiram Ainsworth, Mrs. Julia Arnold, Mrs. D. D. Cole, Mrs. H. L. Clark, Mrs. J. S. Dutton, Mrs. L. Fennel, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Miss Alida Hyde, Mrs. H. A. Pond, Mrs. A. V. Ransom, Mrs. H. C. Rumsey, Mrs. Dr. James Sanford, Castleton ; Mrs. Laura Brown Cramton Rutland ; Harley Sheldon, West Rutland ; E. J. Ganson, Hubbardton ; Mrs. Julia Spencer, Fair Haven ; Allen St. John, Hubbardton ; Mrs. M. D. Cole, Mrs. Wm. Farnham, Poultney.

ON FINANCE : D. D. Cole, Castleton ; J. E. Manley, West Rutland ; L. W. Redington, Rutland ; M. B. Dewey, Fair Haven ; A. J. Dickinson, Benson.

ON CORRESPONDENCE : Walter E. Howard, Margaret K. Adams, Marie O. Northrop.

PREFACE.

The Committee on Correspondence immediately began the difficult and well-nigh impossible task of obtaining the names and addresses of all former teachers and scholars scattered up and down the world. Name by name the roll increased; one name gave a clue to another; old time pupils gave news of classmates and friends; teachers reported remembered scholars. But generations had come and gone. The committee personally knew only their own contemporaries. Catalogues were missing and when found contained only the addresses of boys and girls. But where were the men and women! After all possible research and correspondence the committee was saddened by the thought that its work was only partly done and that many names had vanished like the faces and many others dwelt apart. To every address that could be obtained the following circular was sent, both as an invitation and as a request for other names and addresses, and catalogues:

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?

CASTLETON, VT., March 1, 1887.

To all former Teachers and Pupils of the Rutland County Grammar School, Castleton Seminary, and State Normal School—GREETING:

The year 1887 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of a chartered school for higher education at Castleton. For a century this institution, under different names, but without interruption, has continued its beneficent work. To-day its pupils are found in every State of the Union and even in far off lands, filling with honorable lives the stations for which they were fitted here.

It has been thought a suitable thing to celebrate the centennial of the school by gathering her children from the corners of the world and doing honor together to her hundred years of gracious service. The 10th of August has been fixed upon as the time for the formal and public observance of this anniversary. It is expected that eminent graduates of the school will take part in these exercises and every person who has ever been connected with the institution in any capacity is urged to be present.

To those of us who are residents of Vermont, it is an added pride that the school at Castleton is the oldest educational institution in continuous service in the State, and it shall be our grateful and pleasant duty to make this celebration worthy of our *alma mater* and of the Commonwealth.

All are requested to send us early notice of an intention to be present or, if to come be impossible, a letter of greeting and good cheer.

It is also requested that all persons into whose hands this circular may fall will send us names and addresses of school-mates and contemporaries, in order that the notice of this celebration may be as widely circulated as possible.

Any one having catalogues of the school will confer a favor by forwarding them for our use.

Respectfully,

WALTER E. HOWARD,
MARGARET K. ADAMS,
MARIE O. NORTHPROP,

Committee on Correspondence.

In response to this circular letter, many replies were received, some of which appear in the appendix. The circular was also published in all of the local newspapers and many others in different sections of the country, and every effort was made to reach with our invitation every person who had ever been a member of the school. That some one whose heart was warm towards Castleton might not receive a personal invitation to this celebration was our greatest fear; that some did not is our greatest regret.

THE DAY.

Fairer day never dawned than August 10, 1887. Of all the days of the century it seemed the crown. Nature outdid herself and gave in August the beauty and freshness of June. Castleton had prepared herself for this jubilee. Even the streets, with the overhanging branches of the stately trees, were swept and garnished. National flags and banners and mottoes were everywhere. Private houses and places of business were bright with color. The school buildings, renewed and gay with bunting, and the grounds, ornamented with arches and wreaths of evergreen, made a picture never seen before.

The village had dressed itself for a gala day. For several days families had been welcoming specially invited friends and as the day drew near and upon the day itself crowds of people came by every train. The entertainment committee, however, had done its work so well that every comer found not only shelter but home and friends. The Seminary Park was the meeting ground. A book had been prepared for a register and during the morning hundreds entered their names and were given badges. At half past ten a procession was formed under the direction of Capt. A. E. Leavenworth, the marshal, and marched to the Congregational church which was soon filled to its utmost capacity. The walls of the old church had been hung with the names of principals and the place was beautiful with evergreen and golden rod—the flowers of the later Summer—and memories. Upon the platform were seated former teachers, the oldest people, the trustees, invited guests, the officers and speakers of the day. The executive committee had selected the Rev. George N. Boardman, D. D., of Chicago to preside over the public exercises and at 11 o'clock he called the meeting to order. The choir sang a song of welcome, and prayer was offered by the Rev. F. W. Olmstead of Bridport. The other exercises at the church followed in their proper order.

CITIZENS' WELCOME.

BY THE HON. J. B. BROMLEY.

*Teachers and Pupils of the Rutland County Grammar School, Castleton Seminary,
and Castleton State Normal School:*

Although never having been in any way connected with this time-honored institution, except as one of the trustees of the corporation, I have been called upon to address to you a few words of welcome. At the close of a century of continuous work by this school (the oldest in the State), it was thought that we could in no more appropriate manner celebrate the close of its first one hundred years than by inviting you all to come to Castleton, the home of your *alma mater*, here to renew old memories, scenes and acquaintances, to talk over the events of school days, and once more to grasp the hands of teachers, schoolmates and friends, and for one day at least, lay aside cares, anxieties and business, and give yourselves up to the enjoyment of the society of the friends of days *lang syne*. Those scenes, incidents, trials, pleasures, vicissitudes and fortunes of school life are how fresh and vivid in your minds. All the minutia and details can be related with absolute correctness, while the impressions of more recent events, to some of us at least, are but momentary and fade with our declining years. Perhaps the century whose close we this day celebrate is the most wonderful in the history of the world in the development of the sciences, in the advancement of education, new discoveries, inventions and progress; and the subjects, branches of education, and course of study now required to be taught in our schools had small place in the imagination even, of the teachers of one hundred years ago.

The sturdy settlers of Vermont were quick to discover the importance of schools, and next after a place of worship, provisions were made for the education of the children. They soon, however, saw the necessity of more extended learning and knowledge of the higher branches of education than could be obtained in the district schools of that day, and to that end application was made to the Legislature of the then independent State of Vermont and in 1787, four years before she was admitted into the Union, the Rutland County Grammar School was incorporated. However, it is not my place to give you a history of this dear old institution and its great and glorious work, but in behalf of the citizens of Castleton and vicinity to bid you welcome. Therefore, we heartily welcome you all to Castleton, to our homes, to the old Seminary, to the scenes of your early life and ambitions, and while you are in Castleton during this reunion, "Make yourselves at home."