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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE office of President of Harvard College having become vacant by the death of Cornelius Conway Felton, LL. D., on the 26th of February, 1862, the Corporation made choice of Thomas Hill, D. D., late President of Antioch College, Ohio, as his successor, and this appointment was confirmed by the Board of Overseers on the 6th of the next October. The duties of the office from March 1 to December 1, 1862, were performed by Andrew P. Peabody, D. D., Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, who was made Acting President of the Academic Department for this purpose by a vote of the Corporation.

President Hill having removed to Cambridge, and entered upon the performance of his duties, a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for his Inauguration, consisting of Dr. George Hayward and Nathaniel Silsbee, Esq., on the part of the Corporation, and of Professors Francis Bowen and George M. Lane on the part of the Academic Faculty. This Committee decided that the Inauguration should take place on Wednesday, March 4, 1863, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and requested Henry Austin Whitney, Esq., a Graduate of the College in the Class of 1846, to act as Chief Marshal on the occasion.

The weather being favorable, on the appointed day, a very large number of Graduates of the College and other invited guests assembled at Gore Hall, where his Excellency the Governor and suite, the members of the Council and other officers of the State, and the Board of Overseers,

arrived at a quarter before three o'clock, P. M., and were received by the President elect. The procession was immediately formed by the Chief Marshal, and conducted to the First Parish Church in the following order : —

	Germania Band.	
Aid.	Chief Marshal.	Aid.
	Orator of the Undergraduates.	
	Undergraduates, in the order of Classes.	
	Resident Graduates and Members of the Professional and Scientific Schools.	
	Librarian, with the College Seal and Charter.	
	Steward, with the College Keys.	
	His Excellency the Governor, and the President Elect.	
	The Governor's Aids.	
	Ex-Presidents Everett, Sparks, and Walker.	
	Fellows and Treasurer of the Corporation of Harvard College.	
	Professors and other Members of the Academic Faculty.	
	The Faculty of Divinity. The Faculty of Law.	
	The Faculty of Medicine. The Scientific Faculty.	
	Other Officers of Instruction and Government.	
	The Honorable and Reverend Overseers.	
	The Trustees of the Hopkins Fund.	
	Presidents of other Colleges.	
	His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honorable the Executive Council.	
	Former Members of the Corporation.	
	Ex-Professors of the College.	
	Gentlemen specially invited.	
	The Committees on Prizes, and the Committees for Examinations.	
	Judges of the State and United States Courts.	
	Sheriffs of Suffolk and Middlesex.	
	President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.	
	Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth.	
	Mayors of Boston and Cambridge.	
	Alumni of the College, in the order of Classes.	

In the church, the galleries of which had been for some time crowded with ladies, the members of the several Faculties, with Ex-Presidents Everett, Sparks, and Walker in their front, took their accustomed places on the platform on the left of the pulpit, the Board of Overseers and the officers of the State being arranged upon the right, and on a table in the centre were placed the College seal and charter, and the College keys. In the early part of the ceremonies, the President elect sat on the right of the old President's chair, and the Undergraduate orator on its left. The Undergraduates occupied the four ranges of pews immediately in front of the platform, having the members of the Professional Schools in the wall-pews on their right, and on their left those who had entered in the procession, and could not find room immediately around the pulpit. The aisles and other open spaces in the church were densely crowded with spectators.

After the President had been inducted into office, and had received the keys, the charter, and the College seal, he took his seat in the President's chair and assumed his cap, while the choir sang, "Domine, fac saluum Præsidentem." At this moment a most agreeable interruption was caused by the appearance upon the platform of the venerable Ex-President Quincy, who was received with enthusiastic cheers by the audience, and was conducted by His Excellency the Governor and Mr. Everett to his place at the head of the Ex-Presidents. At the advanced age of ninety-one years, and suffering from lameness, though otherwise in full possession of his faculties, he was kind enough to gratify this assemblage of the friends and officers of Harvard College by his presence, and to honor the inauguration of one who had been his pupil. On rising to deliver his Inaugural Address, President Hill said: "In my own name, — I need not say in the name of this assembly, — I thank you, sir, for giving by your presence the crowning honor to this occasion."

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

I. MUSIC BY THE BAND.

II. MUSIC

BY THE COLLEGE CHOIR, ASSISTED BY THE GLEE-CLUB OF THE HARVARD
MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.

CHORAL, "A mighty fortress is our God."—LUTHER.

III. PRAYER, BY REV. DR. PEABODY.

IV. ORATION IN LATIN,

BY EDWARD G. STETSON, OF THE SENIOR CLASS.

V. ADDRESS AND INDUCTION INTO OFFICE,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ANDREW.

VI. REPLY, BY PRESIDENT HILL.

VII. MUSIC.

"Domine, deo salvum Presidem."—J. K. PAINE.

VIII. INAUGURAL ADDRESS, BY PRESIDENT HILL.

IX. MUSIC.

Chorus from the Antigone of Sophocles.—METHUENSON.

X. BENEDICTION, BY THE PRESIDENT.

ADDRESS

OF

HIS EXCELLENCY, JOHN A. ANDREW,
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH,

AND

REPLY

OF

PRESIDENT HILL.