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P R E F A C E .

MY CLASSMATES :—The arrangement of the Class Report was completed several weeks since. I have delayed the publication in order to insert any additional items that might come to hand. It does not seem advisable, however, to wait longer, and those, therefore, who have omitted to write to me, must now climb to immortality by some other path.

It is hardly to be expected that the Report is free from mistakes. It was no small task to collect these statistics ; but if every man had taken one ninety-sixth as much pains as I have, to make them full and accurate, we might easily have thrown the rest of the blame on the printer. I earnestly request that any one who discovers errors or omissions, will inform me of them, so that I can make the necessary changes on the Secretary's book.

I have been much gratified at the interest in my progress which many of the Class have manifested. I am under especial obligation to Messrs. J. M. Brown, Catlin, Coit, Cowles, and Packard, for their prompt assistance in getting statistics. Many thanks are also due to Mr. Josiah W. Harmar, of the Class of '55, for useful suggestions in regard to the Triennial Meeting.

It is desirable that you communicate to the Secretary all events in your lives which would be of interest to any of your Classmates, such as change of residence or business, marriage, and the birth of children, appointments, promotions, &c. All such facts, that come to my knowledge through newspapers, business cards, letters, or reliable

report, I shall insert in the Secretary's Book. You are all invited to consult it at any time for such information as it may contain.

In the hope that it may tend to strengthen the bonds that unite us, I respectfully submit this Report to the Class of 1856, and with earnest wishes for the success and happiness of each, I subscribe myself,

Your Obedient Servant,

HENRY E. PARDEE.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 27, 1859.

CLASS MEETINGS BEFORE GRADUATING.

It may be pleasing to the class to be reminded of some of our early meetings. We were assembled for the first time in the College Chapel, at 11 A. M., on the 16th of September, 1852, for the purpose of being assigned to our respective divisions, and started on our course. Professor Hadley remarked, on dismissing the meeting, that it was customary with the Faculty to insist on absolute punctuality—a suggestion which exerted a marked influence on the class through College. Sept. 21st the class had a meeting, the purpose of which seemed to be to call out those who were said to be good speakers; Oct. 5th the President addressed us on our duties and privileges; Oct. 6th another meeting; Oct. 9th a meeting to challenge the Sophomores to the foot-ball game; on the 12th a meeting to talk about it; on the 13th, at noon, a meeting to complete arrangements, and at four P. M., a crowded meeting with the Sophs on the foot-ball ground; Oct. 26th Professor Silliman, Senior, addressed us on personal habits. After this we always had meetings whenever a reasonable excuse could be presented. The last undergraduate meeting was held in the Brothers' Hall, July 29th, 1856, when E. A. Walker, Cowles and Pardee, were appointed Class Committee.

CLASS MEETINGS SINCE GRADUATING.

FIRST MEETING.

Twenty-two of the class, who happened to be in the vicinity, met at the end of the Spring Term, 1857, and spent an exceedingly pleasant evening in the old way, with music, song and story.

SECOND MEETING.

About thirty of the class met in Professor Porter's Recitation Room, on the evening of Wednesday, July 29th, 1857. Each one gave an account of his year's experience, and answered categorically and conscientiously to the five queries: whether married, engaged, in love, thinking about it, or indifferent.

THIRD MEETING.

About twenty of the class met on the grass in front of North Middle, at the Commencement of 1858.—Messrs. Paine and Wilcox were added to the committee.

TRIENNIAL MEETING.

To those of us who lived in New Haven, it seemed like the end of another long vacation, when the class of '56 came back to attend this meeting. It is unne-

cessary to attempt a description of the hearty salutations, the mutual inquiries, the groups of smiling faces, the ringing laugh as some joke renewed its age, the uproarious flocking here and there, as each new comer dawned on us, or of jolly crowds filing off to old resorts. Those who have seen few classmates' faces in the past three years, can imagine with how much zest they would have entered into the hilarity of fifty fifty-sixers, bound to have a good time. There were present fifty-four members, viz: Messrs. Arnot, B. F. Barker, Brewer, H. B. Brown, J. M. Brown, T. Brown, Buehler, Bulkeley, Bushee, Calkins, Campbell, Catlin, Clark, Coit, Condit, Cowles, Denniston, Depew, Dorrance, Dow, Dunlap, Fiske, French, Gay, Harriott, Hodge, Hoppin, Johnson, Keeler, Kinzer, Lamson, McIntire, Mann, Monteith, Morse, Nettleton, Packard, Paine, Pardee, Peck, Righter, Robinson, Smith, Steinman, Swayne, Taylor, Town, Turner, Webb, Whitney, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Woods, Worrall. Campbell was prevented by sudden illness from attending the evening meeting, and Robinson was unable to stay all night.—Harris was unexpectedly called out of town before the meeting. Eight of those who left the class before graduation, accepted the invitation to be present at the meeting, viz: Messrs. Bacon, Colt, Hulbert, Kimball, Magill, S. T. C. Merwin, Northrop, St. John, making in all sixty-one who sat down to the table.

On Wednesday, July 27th, at 12 M., the class held a preliminary meeting at the President's Lecture Room. Father Worrall presided. Chauncey M. Depew, of Peekskill, N. Y., was unanimously chosen the President of the evening meeting. It was announced, very much to the regret of all present, that Emmett A. Eakin, to

whose daughter we had determined to present the Silver Cup, would be unable to attend the re-union. A resolution was then offered that we present a Silver Cup, at the next general meeting, to the oldest boy born to any member of the class. An amendment was offered that a preference should be given to those not then married, and as amended, the motion was carried. The Secretary announced that the entire expenses of the meeting would require of each five dollars and three quarters, payable at the table,—absentees being taxed a dollar each towards paying expenses of the report. The meeting was interrupted by a visit from Mr. Stafford, the Printer, who, in a manner "*plain*" rather than "*ornamental*," presented a document for inspection.

The meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock. At 9 o'clock, P. M., we assembled again at the President's Lecture Room, and at fifteen minutes before 10, started for the New Haven House, singing Gaudeamus. We stopped on the way to cheer the Yale Boat Club, who had that day beaten Harvard at Worcester, and who were having a bonfire in the College yard. Then, to the tune of "A jolly set of Bricks, Sir," we entered the Hotel and took our places at the table at 10 o'clock. A blessing was asked by "Deacon" Taylor. The company then proceeded to act upon the bill of fare, which no one understands preparing better than Mr. Allis. Meanwhile the committee made the circuit of the tables, and received from each his quid pro quo. Our proceedings were slightly interrupted by the class of 1853, who astonished us by marching into the room, bearing at their head their class boy, and presenting him as a worthy candidate for our cup. We concluded, how-