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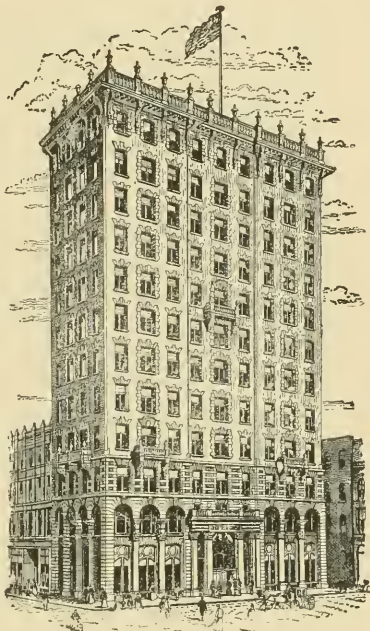
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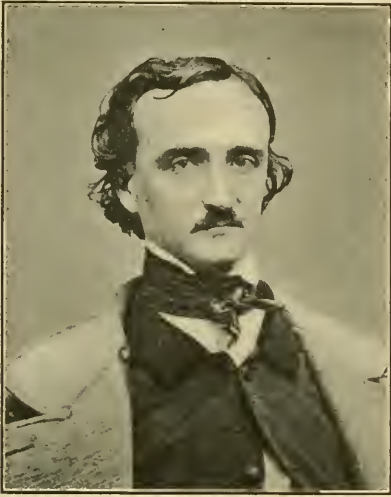
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MRS. SARAH HELEN WHITMAN

POE IN PROVIDENCE

By Professor Harry Lyman Koofman, Litt.D.



GRATIFYING announcement in connection with the John Hay Library is that Miss Dailey, and Mrs. Chace the literary heirs of Mrs. Sarah Helen Whitman, are intending to present Mrs. Whitman's papers to the university on the completion of the new building, for preservation in the beautiful room to be devoted to the Harris Collection of American Poetry. This will bring to that already rich assemblage of books and manuscripts those famous love letters which Poe wrote to Mrs. Whitman—his "Helen of a thousand dreams"—and also the letters which Mrs. Whitman received after his death from his aunt and second mother, Mrs. Clemm. This disposal of Mrs. Whitman's literary correspondence is made doubly appropriate by the fact

that Mr. Hay sought her friendship and counsel at the beginning of his poetical career when he was a student in Brown, and himself became one of her correspondents. Mr. John N. Arnold, the Providence artist, also announces that he will present to the university for the same room his painting of Mrs. Whitman, which represents her as she wished to be remembered. It will be recalled that the university already possesses the daguerreotype that Poe had taken in Providence on the day of his engagement to Mrs. Whitman, a likeness that both he and she regarded as the best that he ever had. A nearly life-size reproduction of this portrait will also adorn the walls of the new Harris Collection room. It is quite certain that the two promised gifts would never have been contemplated had not the univer-

sity provided for an attractive and beautiful room in which to store the precious collection of which they are destined to become a part. The foundations of the new building are hardly begun when these first fruits of its attractiveness appear. To them that are prepared to receive shall be given. But in pointing our institutional moral we are forgetting the poet who indirectly furnished our opportunity and whose centenary this month we unite with the entire world of letters in honoring.

Poe was accustomed to visit Providence either to lecture here or on his way to lecture in Boston or its vicinity. He also came here to visit Mrs. Frances Sargent Osgood—one of the good angels of his stormy career—whose husband, the portrait painter, sometimes had professional engagements in this city. In July 1845, he was in Boston, and on his way back to New York he stayed overnight in Providence. On this occasion, while walking out late in the evening, he caught a glimpse of Mrs. Whitman at the back of her house. This glimpse—it cannot be called a meeting—he described in his blank-verse poem, "To Helen." The "enchanted garden" there portrayed has been depicted in magnificent proportions and luxuriance by the pencil of Birket Foster. But the visitor who toils up the steep ascent of Church street, from North Main to Benefit, will look in vain in the narrow space between the chapel of St. John's Church and the rear of the house occupied by Mrs. Whitman for any such "parterre." Pickersgill's representation of the lady herself on this fateful "July midnight," in the same English illustrated edition of Poe's poems, though not a portrait, is not such an unbounded idealization of the facts.

The next winter there was a valentine party in New York at the house of Miss Lynch, the editor of the Rhode Island Book, afterwards Mrs. Botta. The hostess invited Mrs. Whitman to do any of the New York literati in any way she chose. She selected Poe and made him the subject of a poem of remarkable strength and grace. This attention naturally pleased Poe who sought an introduction to the writer of the valentine. In September, 1848, oc-

curred their first actual meeting, of which Peo gives an ecstatic description. He paid in all five visits to Providence to see Mrs. Whitman. On one of these occasions they took the beautiful walk to Swan Point Cemetery, which was then quite out in the country and relatively inaccessible. It was here, while they were standing over an unknown grave, that he proposed to her. She did not accept him at once. The fact that she was six years older than he—they were both born on the same day of the year, January 19—her poor health, the dependence of her mother and sister, and his uncertain character and fortunes may well have made her pause. But, on November 14, as the result of a painful scene brought on by his depression at her apparent want of confidence in him, she consented to a conditional engagement, which was broken only when she became convinced that he had lost the power of self-control.

On one of these sojourns in Providence Poe was taken by Mrs. Whitman to her favorite haunt, the Athenaeum. Here, tradition says, their conversation became so animated that the librarian felt obliged to call their attention to the rules of the institution regarding quiet. While here Mrs. Whitman asked Poe if he could tell her who wrote a very striking poem published in the American Whig Review for December, 1847. Its title was "Ulalume." Poe acknowledged himself the author, and, taking a pencil, wrote his name on the magazine page at the end of the poem, where it may still be seen in the carefully guarded Athenaeum volume. Mrs. Whitman objected to the last stanza and urged Poe to cancel it, which he did, as most readers will think, wisely; but Mrs. Whitman is said to have regretted it afterwards, thinking it necessary to the comprehension of the whole.

The late William Coleman, the photographer, to whom Mrs. Whitman gave her Poe daguerrotype, once remarked to the writer of this article: "I well remember Poe when he used to be in Providence. I can see him now, as plainly as I see you, standing in a doorway at the corner of Westminster and Dorrance streets. He was of medium height, with a straight, well-knit

figure, and his dark hair thrown back from his face in straggling locks."

William J. Pabodie, Poe's Providence friend, himself a poet, says that Poe's lecture on American Poetry, delivered under the auspices of the Providence Lyceum, was attended by an audience of some two thousand persons.

Mr. Stephen H. Arnold has given the following interesting account of a lecture by Poe in Providence at the period when his relations with Mrs. Whitman were at their happiest. Says Mr. Arnold: "It was when Poe was giving a reading at Howard Hall and after he had read 'The Raven,' 'The Bells,' and other selections, in his best manner. Mrs. Whitman was seated just in front of him, and my mother, my sister Rebecca and I were a little way off at the side—on his right—where we could observe both him and Mrs. Whitman and get every change of expression. This had been very interesting but became intensely so when in closing he read Edward C. Pinkney's lines—"I fill this cup to one made up of loveliness alone"—all the while looking down into her eyes. You can imagine the emphasis

he gave and how dramatic it was. I can never forget it."

Mrs. Whitman was ever loyal to Poe's memory, and in later years defended him in a volume entitled "Edgar Poe and his Critics." We may fitly close this sketch with a sonnet chosen from the beautiful sequence which she dedicated to the spirit of her poet-lover.

We met beneath September's gorgeous
beams:
Long in my 'house of life' thy star had
reigned;
Its mournful splendor trembled through my
dreams,
Nor with the night's phantasmal glories
waned.
We wandered thoughtfully o'er golden meads
To a lone woodland, lit by starry flowers,
Where a wild, solitary pathway leads
Through mouldering sepulchres and cypress
bowers.
A dreamy sadness filled the autumnal air;—
By a low, nameless grave I stood beside
thee,
My heart according to thy murmured prayer
The full, sweet answers that my lips denied
thee.
O mournful fate, on that dread altar, ealed—
Sad dawn of love in realms of death re-
vealed!

AN AVOCATION FOR AN ALUMNUS

By Professor John Howard Appleton, Sc. D.

ALMOST every man—insensibly it may be—acquires some avocation. When we find that our neighbor, in addition to his regular bread-winning occupation, is a skilled musician or an expert in photography, we are less surprised than we are if we discover that he has no such resource.

But in choosing a side-calling, there is opportunity for wide variation; the man of liberal early training—and, irrespective of this, the man of generous natural powers—will be likely to seek one of a lofty sort.

In glancing through historic times it will be recognized that large-minded princes and noblemen and rich common-

ers have erected shining monuments in fields outside of their ordinary callings—and that these have given pleasure to the benefactor and satisfaction to the public. We read with admiration of that Herodes Atticus, mentioned by Gibbon, who expended a part of his treasures in the erection of a marble stadium and many other public structures, such as baths and theatres and even aqueducts. But the well-known story of Diocletian and his cabbages, while it may amuse us, will probably do little to enhance the reputation of that great emperor. Sir Thomas on the water, Lord Rosebery on the turf, the late Marquess of Queensberry in a more restricted arena, all devoted considera-

ble anxious effort to their respective undertakings—but the world will probably set a higher value on the work of that man who founds a university or a great library, or on the liberality of that living American who, with most intelligent and discriminating taste, has collected statues, paintings, rare books, embroideries and gems—intending them hereafter to decorate some public gallery. We naturally honor a man who, like James Nasmyth, the engine builder, can command a great telescope and discover the willow-leaf objects on the sun; or like Josiah Wedgwood, the potter, who can make early inventions in photography; or like Charles Dana, the editor, who can collect rare porcelains and can cultivate all kinds of magnolias. The genial author of *Lorna Doone* was averse to having his biography published, yet it is learned that he cultivated a magnificent fruit-garden which was his pleasure and his pride; his grapes and plums and pears were among the finest grown in England—they caused him a net expense of 250 pounds sterling a year, yet, considering it as a whole, he thought the garden a source of profit.

These are no isolated examples: England may boast Chaucer, "Comptroller of Wool, Woolfells and Leather and Comptroller of Petty Customs," but also poet; Burns, poet and also excise officer; Priestley, preacher and chemist; Dalton, chemist but teacher of mathematics; Trollope, novelist but for thirty-three years an official in the postal service; Herbert Spencer, philosopher but civil engineer by occupation; Sir John Lubbock, now Lord Avebury, banker and naturalist; and we may add Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury, both ministers of state, the one an essayist on religious and classical subjects, the other a worker in chemistry in his own laboratory. And America need not be ashamed of Franklin, printer and world-famous statesman and philosopher; Longfellow, professor and poet; Stedman, banker and poet; Sidney Lanier, poet but flute-player in an orchestra; Weir Mitchell, neurologist but novelist; Alexander Agassiz, first-rate naturalist but copper-mine operator.

Such lists might be widely extended

—perhaps by more judicious choice we might avoid apparently invidious selection. But we would like to be pardoned for adding two international sometime professors in the Johns Hopkins University: Cayley and Sylvester, both mathematicians, the former, until the age of forty years, a conveyancer, the latter always an assiduous rhymers.

In a few of the cases we have mentioned, we have been referring to the pastime of a rich man—but considering his many temptations to easy indulgence or fat indolence, we must admit that his chosen recreation is the evidence of a liberal taste.

It would be easy to prove from facts that men of small means and of little distinction may become highly successful in an avocation: naturally the instances are less public, but Burritt, the learned blacksmith, and Hugh Miller, the stone-mason geologist, and other mechanics of less note, are not to be despised nor even disregarded. Many a man, in ordinary and active business life, has at least read deeply, widely and with great satisfaction to himself and his friends.

If our remarks commend themselves to the individual reader, he may properly ask himself what he had best do. It is just here that the university graduate has a very great advantage: his training enables him not only to find his proper field, but more, to cultivate it judiciously.

Among our own Brown alumni, the writer has known many men—some of them distinguished, and some not—who have honorably exemplified the lesson of this essay. A young man, who in college studied the then required classics unwillingly, became a professional chemist and later he read—by choice—Herodotus in Greek. A textile manufacturer made studies, for several years, in comparative history. A librarian made an extended and special study of the works of Horace. Our Arnold Green, an active lawyer, studied almost everything.

It may be noted that most of the authors who have instructed or delighted mankind have used the pen as the implement of an avocation rather than that of a profession—for most of them have wrought at other life-tasks.

Clergymen and missionaries and professors and lawyers and physicians have been authors; this is not because authorship is easy—of the members of the professions alluded to, the larger proportion have been non-writers—indeed, the task of an acceptable writer involves more industry and ability than is generally recognized.

The subjects for choice, then, have been already incidentally suggested in the examples presented: general reading, history, literature, modern or ancient languages, natural science. The fine arts have not been distinctly referred to; yet Hopkinson Smith, the constructing engineer and painter, is so successful in his stories and his lectures that it may not be easy to say which department represents his avocation.

Other subjects than those mentioned or suggested may be so practised as to take a higher rank than will at first be accorded them: mechanics (we know a very active professional physician who has made and carved excellent furniture) or gardening, or even fishing, may be practised so intelligently as to rank not merely as a pleasure but as an art or a sciences.

Our little sermon ends in this appeal: let the university graduate, sooner or later, choose a noble subject, then, having properly narrowed it, let him study it strongly and critically—but not of course in a way to interfere with his regular profession. Let him thus continue his university education, in some inspiring line, during his entire life.

A GRADUATE OF THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE AT ST. MARGARET'S



ONE of the best-known schools for young women in southern New England is St. Margaret's at Waterbury, Connecticut, a city of 70,000 inhabitants. It is under Episcopal auspices and has attained to a wide reputation the during principalship of Miss Hillard, who is about to leave it to open a school of her own, "Westover," in the neighboring town of Middlebury. It should be gratifying to every friend of the Women's College in Brown University to know that the new principal of St. Margaret's is to be Miss Emily Gardner Munro, '98. It is perhaps no exaggeration to say that this is the most important scholastic appointment that has fallen to any "Brown girl" since Miss Woolley's election to the presidency of Mount Holyoke College.

The Waterbury American of December 31 has the following comment on Miss Munro's appointment:

"The board of trustees of St. Margaret's School is to be congratulated on its choice of Miss Emily Gardner

Munro, head of the English department of the Albany Academy for Girls, to succeed to the principalship of St. Margaret's when Miss Hillard retires to open her Westover School in Middlebury. The problem of the right choice, under all the circumstances of the case, was obviously a difficult one, and for a long time it has engaged the careful thought and wide inquiry of a special committee, consisting of John P. Elton, Robert F. Griggs, the Rev. John N. Lewis, Jr., and Otis S. Northrop. In the choice of Miss Munro, it is believed that the special need of St. Margaret's has been more than met, the need on the one hand of maintaining a boarding school that will command the support and the loyalty of the alumnae, wherever they may reside, and on the other of maintaining a day school that by its high standard will command the support, loyalty and pride of the parents of Waterbury to whom it must look for patronage and success.

"Miss Munro's training, equipment and record give every promise of success for St. Margaret's under the new

regime. A native of Rhode Island, Brown University is her alma mater, her scholarship being attested by the fact that she holds Brown degrees of both Ph. B. and A. M. After her graduation, she first taught English and history at the well-known school of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., leaving St. Mary's for her present position at Albany. In this experience she has developed, by the testimony of those who have known her work, not only unusual success as a teacher, but also administrative ability and tact in directing subordinates, qualities that mean so much for the headship of a school such as she will be expected to develop in St. Margaret's.

"Obviously, Miss Munro is unable as yet to announce any detailed or definite policy. She will need to study the local situation herself before she can determine what if any changes she should make, either in the school buildings themselves or in methods or curricula.

The one object she has specially in view is to make of St. Margaret's a school of the highest standards, one equipped to fit young women who desire it to pass the entrance examinations of the best colleges. In achieving this her aim will be to avoid any break with the fine traditions of St. Margaret's, thus holding the constituency of alumnae while attracting a larger constituency.

"Miss Munro has been in Waterbury for a day or two to meet the trustees and friends of the school, and thus to acquaint herself with its needs and possibilities; in short, to examine the ground for herself. She expresses herself as more than pleased with the opportunity offered by St. Margaret's. On the other hand, it may be added, without undue intrusion on privacy, that those who have met Miss Munro have been impressed by her ability, her earnestness, her comprehension of the situation, and her engaging personality."

MIDWINTER REUNIONS



NEW BEDFORD alumni of Brown had their third annual reunion and dinner at the Parker House on the evening of December 22.

The committee had counted on having present Governor Higgins of Rhode Island, Coach Gammons, and the quartette from the college.

While the singers went astray and the desired speakers could not come, the club did not lack either for singers or speakers. Everybody sang, and nearly everybody spoke, and the gathering was joyable throughout. One of the speakers was J. E. Norton Shaw, secretary of the New Bedford Harvard Club, who was a guest of the Brown men, and among those making impromptu speeches were Allen F. Wood, who was chosen president at the annual meeting, a graduate in the class of 1869; Dr. Henry W. Parker, '72, who made a stirring speech that showed his enthusiasm for his alma mater; Dr. Edward T. Tucker, '71; and their reminiscences

were of interest to every Brown man,

Edward A. Thurston of Fall River, president of the Brown Club of that city, and Lester E. Dodge, '03, who was manager of one of the fastest football teams the college has produced previous to last year, were among those who had messages to deliver, and Theodore B. Baylies and Fred W. Greene, both of whom are deep dyed in Brown, helped to make up for the absence of the speakers on whom the committee had counted.

The menu card was embellished with a portrait of Mr. Gammons, who was coach of this year's football team, and made the relations of Brown and New Bedford closer by sending the Brown squad to the Gammons farm for early training last fall. The words of several Brown songs gave the diners a chance to demonstrate that the quartette which Rev. Clarence M. Gallup, the toastmaster of the evening, said left Providence about 6 o'clock, but "the Lord only knew where they were," was not abso-

lutely essential, for the chorus of "Here's to good old Brown," rang out with the proper spirit after the diners had finished the coffee.

Edward A. Thurston, '93, president of the Fall River Brown Club, brought greetings from his home city and the Brown men there, and spoke of some of the things that collegians get besides diplomas and honors in sports. The college spirit and enthusiasm, he said, is found in the man from every college, and the object of the club is to keep up that spirit and enthusiasm.

"There are no two cities where the Brown fires ought to burn better than in Fall River and New Bedford," said Mr. Thurston, "for we are near the college, and we can go often and hear the cheers of the men of to-day.

Mr. Shaw of Harvard recalled a ball game on Holmes Field while he was in college when a home run by Gammons changed a score of 3 to 0 for Harvard to 4 to 3 for Brown, and the cheering that followed the hit, while sad, showed the good feeling that existed between Brown and Harvard.

For the Harvard Club he said that its existence had not been as flourishing in the past as it was hoped the future would be, but it could not be accused of having the dinner habit, for it was 14 years ago that the last Harvard dinner was held.

Mr. Shaw was given a Brown cheer when he resumed his seat.

Lester E. Dodge, '03, who is employed on the dredger in the harbor, said that no city in the land provided more Brown men than New Bedford, although he found that many of them came here on packets. His speech bristled with bright hits at some of his Brown friends in the Whaling City, and some recollections of recent anniversary celebrations at the college. He also spoke of the changes on College Hill in the last six years, some of which, the disappearance of the old Brown pump among others, made him rather sad.

Allen F. Wood, '69, spoke of some of the institutions established while he was a student at the college—the reading room, the musical organizations and the gymnasium.

Henry W. Parker, '72, said ;

"In my reading I came across some-

thing which may be of interest to you. On a cold, rainy night in 1823, in the First Baptist Church of Boston, a young clergyman preached on the "Moral Dignity of the Missionary Enterprise." The sermon seemed to awaken no interest in the mind of any of the fifty people in the congregation, and the discouraged preacher considered it a complete failure. But a printer in the audience published the sermon on account of its earnestness, and it at once attracted wide attention and had a large sale, even in England. Robert Hall, one of England's great pulpit orators, read it with enthusiasm and predicted a great future for the young preacher, then an obscure man.

"Three years later he became president of Brown University. I refer to Dr. Francis Wayland, fourth president of the university, who was elected to office in 1827. He held the position for twenty-eight years, with honor to himself and great advantage to the university."

There were several other talks, by Edmund Wood, '76, Dr. Edward T. Tucker, '71, Theodore B. Baylies, '94, and Fred W. Greene, '02.

Those present at the dinner were :

William O. Devoll, '07; Fred W. Greene, '02; Thomas J. Gifford, David L. Parker, James C. Briggs, George L. Habicht, Henry W. Parker, '72; Edmund Wood, '76; Edward T. Tucker, M. D., '71; Edward A. Thurston, '93; J. E. Norton Shaw, Harvard, '98; Clarence M. Gallup, '96; Allen F. Wood, '69; Frank H. Childs, '05; Edward W. Holmes, '03; Oliver E. Nelson, Winston Stevens, William A. Gibbs, Clarence H. James, Edward D. Sherman, J. H. Chester Marston, '08; Robert L. Munson, '10; George E. Caswell, '10; Lester E. Dodge, '03; Theodore B. Baylies, '94; Dr. George F. Marsden, '00; Allen W. Milliken, '04; Dr. D. J. Lowney, '96.

At the annual business meeting the following officers were elected;

President, Allen F. Wood; first vice president, Theodore B. Baylies; second vice president, Dr. Edward T. Tucker; secretary and treasurer, Edward W. Holmes; executive committee, Edmund Wood, Lester E. Dodge and William O. Devoll, Jr., with the above-named officers.

Dinner at Worcester

The seventh annual dinner of the Worcester County sons of Brown attracted to the Worcester Club house on the evening of December 16, 1908, the largest gathering of Brown alumni ever held in the vicinity. Nearly fifty enjoyed the excellent dinner served by the club and joined in the singing of Brown songs aided by a quartette from the university glee club. President George A. Gaskill, '98, acted as toastmaster and first called upon President Faunce, who spoke of the good that alumni associations might do by coming into closer relationship with the university, its officers and college life. Governor James H. Higgins, '98, received a warm welcome and spoke on "Brown Spirit." It is a growing custom with the college associations in Worcester to invite one or more speakers representing other colleges to their banquets. The Brown Association tried it for the first time this year and the innovation proved very acceptable. Robert M. Washburn, of Harvard, a member of the Massachusetts legislature, spoke in behalf of that university, and paid tribute to the worth of the many Brown men holding positions of honor and trust throughout Worcester county. It might be said here that President Gaskill represented Brown in a similar way at a banquet of the Williams alumni held later in the month. The last speaker was Walter Perley Hall, '89, chairman of the Massachusetts railroad commission.

At a short business meeting the following officers for 1909 were elected; President, Dr. Charles L. Nichols, '72; vice president, F. H. Staples, '94; secretary and treasurer, John A. Clough, '99; executive committee, the officers and Appleton P. Williams, '89, Rev. George A. Gordon, '95, O. P. Durkee, '93, Fred D. Aldrich, '95, W. W. Clark, '99.

Those present were President W. H. P. Faunce, '80; Governor James H. Higgins, '98, of Rhode Island, Hon. Walter Perley Hall, '89, Representative Robert M. Washburn, Hon. Francis A. Gaskill, '66, George A. Gaskill, '98, District Attorney George S. Taft, '82, Dr. D. W. Abercrombie, Hon., '83, Dr.

Silas P. Holbrook, '59, of East Douglas, Albert W. Hinds, '87, of West Boylston, Appleton P. Williams, '89, of West Upton, Irving E. Walker, '90, of Westboro, Arthur L. Giles, '99, and George W. Sutcliffe, '99, of Southbridge, Leon A. Drury, '02, of Fitchburg, W. W. Harriman, '03, of Whitinsville, and Joseph Jackson, '68, Dr. Charles L. Nichols, '72, Rev. Charles B. Elder, '77, Dr. George O. Ward, '77, L. H. Torrey, '78, Dr. Ray W. Greene, '83, H. F. Gould, '92, Robert M. Brown, '93, F. H. Staples, '94, Seth P. Remington, '94, H. E. Sumner, '94, James F. Estes, '94, Fred D. Aldrich, '95, H. H. Rockwell, '96, W. W. Clark, '99, Clarence S. Brigham, '99, John A. Clough, '99, A. H. Sheffield, '99, C. S. Anderson, '00, George E. Marble, '00, Peter T. Dolan, '01, W. H. Whiting, '01, George W. Hathaway, '02, L. E. Feingold, '04, F. B. Whittemore, '04, Warren A. Whitney, '05, of Worcester.

Reunion at Kansas City

Theodore S. Brown, '92, writes that Professor J. E. Boodin, '95, of the University of Kansas; L. H. Denison, '96, and he have had the first Brown dinner in Kansas City. The scene of this initial festivity was the University Club. Mr. Brown is now representing the Pittsburg Safe Company, at Room 901, R. A. Long building, Kansas City.

Boston Dinner Feb. 2

The annual dinner of the Boston Brown alumni will occur Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the American House, Boston. Speakers: President W. H. P. Faunce, '80, of Brown; President Charles W. Elliott of Harvard; Hon. Richard Olney, LL. D., '56, of Boston; Dr. William W. Keen, LL. D., '59, of Philadelphia; Rev. W. W. Bustard, '95, of Boston. Singing in charge of "Charlie" Adams, '80, and "Charlie" Towne, '97. "Nuff sed."

Last year 600 present. We want more this year. Further details later. Spread this notice. C. E. Clift, Secretary, 51 Tremont row, Boston.

VERSE FROM THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

The following two poems from the current number of the *Sepiad*, the quarterly magazine of the Women's College in Brown University, seem to us to be of unusual merit, showing at once a high degree of technique and artistic spirit.

THE GODS OF ARCADY

I know that all the sages say
The living gods have left the earth;
With Zeus's altars passed away
Pan's music and Bacchantes' mirth;
Nymph and Dryad left font and tree;
There are no gods in Arcady.

Fie on their wisdom! I know Pan
Still pipes wood-music as of old.
The wood-gods flout at bell and ban;
The wood-nymphs still haunt glade
and wold.
I know! For once I used to be
Comrade of Pan in Arcady.

All things were mine, at my command
Tree, bird and flower, sea and shore;
Clear-eyed I viewed them; hand in hand

With gods I walked; and all their lore
Lay plain and open unto me,
Favored of Gods in Arcady.

Ah me! the human curse of doubt,
The shadow of the world's old age,
That from fair Arcady bars us out!
I found my human heritage;
And so the great Gods closed to me
The road that leads to Arcady.

Long since I grew too wordly wise,
I fear, to tread that road again;
Too blind with bitter tears, my eyes;
My heart too seared with brands
of pain;

But precious knowledge comforts me,—
That Gods still dwell in Arcady.

Gertrude H. Campbell, 1911

SPIRIT OF THE STORM

She passed with the blast, in the whirl
of it:

The breath, the spirit, the girlof it;
And my heart, numbed by cold,
grew suddenly bold,
And I laughed with the lass in the
swirl of it.

For her lips were red with the glow of it;
And her hair was white with
the snow of it;

And her eyes alight as a starry night
In the joy of living to know of it.

She came with the storm and she went
with it,
In the form of a joy which was sent
with it.
Such a smile she gave that my heart
grew brave,
And the clouds of my soul
were rent with it.

Sara D. Burge, 1912

THE LETTER-BOX

Editor Brown Alumni Monthly:—

If Brown freshmen must wear caps, will you kindly tell us why? The catalogue does not give the name of the Cammarian Club in the list of college authorities.

From one point of view such a rule looks childish; from another it is a provoking infringement of personal liberty. Or are the freshmen supposed

to like it? I read in the Monthly that it is to be "strictly enforced"—a drastic phrase.

Brunonially yours,

Thomas S. Cole, '86

CHESTER, Penn., Nov. 23.
(Referred to the Cammarian Club.—
Ed.)

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SWARTHMORE ACTS

It has not escaped the attention of Brown graduates that Swarthmore College, a Friends' institution, has divested itself of its Quaker drab; in other words has, through its board of shareholders, eliminated all sectarian requirements from its charter. Nor do we hear that there has been any riot in consequence, any threat of the withdrawal of "patronage" from the doctrinal descendants of William Penn, or any other dire calamity. Rather we should think that the satisfaction of the non-Quaker graduates of Swarthmore would be so general as to cause a substantial accretion to the sum total of alumni interest and loyalty.

At the same time we note that Wesleyan University, which sought to secure the advantages appertaining to non-sectarianism, did not go quite far enough to satisfy the appointed dis-

pensers of some of these advantages (i. e., the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation). It looks a little as if the Middletown college had tried to eat its cake and have it too. In retaining some features of its denominationalism it fell short of the non-sectarian standard established by the unfeeling Carnegie censors. We presume that no other college will (to change the figure of speech) attempt to ride two horses at once. If a college must be denominational, it should remain so without evasion or subterfuge; then, when the time comes, let it release itself altogether, as the butterfly in the natural order of things cheerfully abandons its confining shell.

THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING A COLLEGE BUILDING

It is a part of the unwritten constitution of modern astronomical research that the discoverer of a heavenly body shall have the privilege of naming it. He may thus place upon the records of science, which will last as long as civilization, his own name or that of some one dear to him, or he may sell his right to another; and large sums have been offered for this rare privilege. Yet to give a name to a remote object invisible to the naked eye is to establish only a formal claim to future remembrance. Opportunities for setting up substantial claims upon the memory and affection of future generations are afforded in the erection of college buildings—memorials that are plainly visible and bring the donor's name many times a day to the lips of hundreds or even thousands, and always of an increasing number.

But one point about this privilege is apparently not realized either by donors or by the colleges themselves, and that is its rarity. These buildings, with their perpetuation of grateful memory

for generations and ages—the Bodleian Library at Oxford is a good example—cannot in the very nature of things be numerous. How many such opportunities exist at Brown to-day for putting up a building of the first architectural rank, expressive of noble sentiment and lending itself naturally to the highest beauty of form? *Only one!*—a chapel. The library offered such an opportunity, but that has been happily utilized. With the exception of the chapel to be, it is safe to say that no building will be put up at Brown for fifty years that will be of a memorial and monumental character comparable to the John Hay Library. There will still be privileges—a university theatre, for instance,—but though greatly to be coveted by possible donors who realize what such a privilege means, they will be of the second rank. In the face of facts like these, what is the proper attitude to be taken by American institutions of higher learning?

In New England, at least, our universities and our colleges of the higher grade are no longer justified in begging for buildings. It is their duty and their easier task to educate their wealthy public up to an appreciation of the enviable privilege which the erection of a college building affords. How hard it is for a man to make himself remembered only one hundred years after his birth! To ensure a living memory of this duration, a man must render services in literature, or statecraft, or war, little short of prodigious. Yet, for a sum that to him represents but little effort, a man of wealth can erect a college building that shall keep his memory green not one century alone, but many.

Hitherto the children of this world have been wiser in this particular than the children of light, and have often driven very hard bargains with colleges, getting a great deal of recognition at a

very low cost. It is now time for the boot to be on the other leg, for the colleges to insist that any wagon hitched to their star must be no common vehicle but a chariot. To speak less figuratively, they should insist that every building put up on their grounds shall be adequate,—designed and constructed to their satisfaction. More than this, they should insist that a memorial building, to be accepted by them, must be accompanied with a sufficient fund for its maintenance, whether that fund be small, as in the case of a chapel, or large, as in the case of a library. Even in regard to gifts not connected with visible monuments, like funds for professorships, book purchases and scholarships, it should be insisted that these be made adequate before the institution will grant the donor's name a place on its roll of honorable remembrance. Our institutions need not fear that they must go without if they make the conditions hard. On the contrary, human nature being what it is, that will be the best possible way to ensure the conditions being met, if not by one candidate for fame, then by another; for the privilege, once fully realized, will be eagerly and increasingly sought.

PROFESSOR CLARKE

The death of Professor Benjamin Franklin Clarke, for many years an esteemed member of the college faculty, removes one of the "old school" of Brown teachers. Professor Clarke gave his best years to classroom work on the hill, and united with his skilful instruction such amiable qualities as to endear him to each successive generation of students. Twice he was called upon to occupy the post of president—first, *pro tempore*, 1896-97, and second, *ad interim*, 1898-99. As the acting head of the university he displayed dignity and tact; and no better choice for this temporary but genuine honor could have been made.

“MEMORIES OF BROWN”



MEMORIES of Brown, a collection of nearly a hundred separate contributions, will be ready for delivery by the time this issue of the Alumni Monthly reaches its readers. At the risk of tiring our constituency by repetition we will say that the book has been edited by Messrs. R. P. Brown, '71; H. R. Palmer, '90; Professor H. L. Koopman and C. S. Brigham, '99, and is published by the Brown Alumni Magazine Company. It is made up of traditions and recollections gathered from many sources, including a large number of alumni, old periodicals and Mr. Anthony McCabe, the latter for many years in the service of the university. The work of compilation started some years ago, with a committee of which Professor Bronson was the chairman, and was augmented by Mr. McCabe, who undertook an independent collection of alumni reminiscences and put on paper many of his own recollections also.

It is now nearly a year since the pres-

ent editors and publishers assumed the responsibility for the book. They have produced a volume of five hundred pages (though only four hundred were advertised in the prospectus), with more than 150 illustrations. No one is more conscious than they of the shortcomings of the work but they believe it will be read with interest and enjoyment, and that its virtues will considerably overbalance its faults. If anybody else is inspired to repair our sins of omission and commission by producing an ideal volume, we wish the

The price of the book is \$2.50 in cloth binding; on superior paper and in half calf covers similar to those of the famous library edition of the Cambridge Poets, \$5. Of the latter style an extremely limited number will be published. Indeed, the regular edition is comparatively small, and if any person who has not yet subscribed wishes to do so he should send in his name at once to the Brown Alumni Magazine Company, box 1275, Providence, R. I. A few weeks hence may be too late.

TOPICS OF THE MONTH



THE usual vesper services will be held during the winter term in Sayles Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoons at five o'clock. About three hundred seats will be reserved for members of the university, the rest being thrown open to the public. Music will be furnished by the university chapel choir. The preacher in each case will give the evening to personal consultation with students. Following is the list of dates and preachers:

Jan. 6. The Rev. William W. Fenn, Dean of Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass. Jan. 13, the Rev. Hugh Black, Union

Theological Seminary, New York city. Jan. 20, the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Jan. 27, the Rev. Alexander Mann, Trinity Church Boston Mass. Feb. 3, the Rev. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, New York city. Feb. 10, the Rev. Orrin P. Gifford, First Baptist Church, Brookline, Mass. Feb. 17, the Rev. William H. P. Faunce, Brown University, Providence, R. I. Feb. 24, the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. March 3, the Rev. Harry E. Fosdick, First Baptist Church, Montclair, N. J. March 1, the Rev. George H. Ferris, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Penn.

Four of these ten clergymen are Baptists, three are Congregationalists; one is an Episcopalian, one a Unitarian and one a Presbyterian.

Basketball Schedule The Brown University basketball schedule for 1909 is as follows:

Jan. 9—Tufts at Providence.
 Jan. 18—Tufts at Tufts.
 Jan. 23—Harvard at Cambridge.
 Feb. 4—Pennsylvania at Providence.
 Feb. 6—Harvard at Providence.
 Feb. 10—Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Providence.
 Feb. 13—Yale at Providence.
 Feb. 15—Syracuse at Providence.
 Feb. 19—Wesleyan at Middletown.
 Feb. 20—College of the City of New York at New York.
 Feb. 24—Williams at Providence.
 Feb. 27—Holy Cross at Providence.
 March 5—Troy Polytechnic at Troy.
 March 6—Williams at Williamstown.
 March 20—Wesleyan at Providence.



Chess League Record

The record of the Triangular College Chess League since its organization is as follows:

	Cornell.	Penn.	Brown.
1899	5½	6½	1½
1900	5½	3	3½
1901	4½	1½	—
1902	5	4½	2½
1903	5½	3½	3
1904	4½	5	2½
1905	2½	5	4½
1906	2	5	5
1907	5½	4	2½
1908	3½	7	1½



Brown Third in Chess Match Brown finished third in the Tri-College league tournament, as the following table shows:

PENNSYLVANIA

	Won.	Lost.
W. H. Hughes.....	4	0
N. T. Whitaker.....	3	1
Totals.....	7	1

CORNELL

L. Tolins.....	2½	1½
F. K. Perkins.....	1	3
Totals.....	3½	4½

BROWN

O. R. McCoy.....	1½	3½
W. B. Freeman.....	1	3
Totals.....	1½	7½



Swimming Squad

The swimming squad has been chosen. All freshmen and sophomores chosen are excused from gymnasium work. Practice occurs at 4.30 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The following men comprise the squad as announced by Manager Chase: 1909—Bugbee, Champlin, Christy, Patterson, Selleck, Whitmarsh; 1910—Allen, Barus, Collins (Capt.), Greene; 1911—Joslin, Murphy, B. Smith; 1912—W. Clark, G. Burgess, Larkin, Mumford.



Reliability in Football

“What to my mind constitutes the really wonderful football player is the man who possesses consistency and on that alone should he be judged,” says Fred Crolius, the ex-Dartmouth “star.”

WALTER CAMP'S ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM

FIRST ELEVEN

End.....Scarlett, Pennsylvania
 TackleFish, Harvard
 Guard.....Goebel, Yale
 CentreNourse, Harvard
 Guard.....Tebin, Dartmouth
 TackleHorr, Syracuse
 End.....Schildmiller, Dartmouth
 QuarterSteffen, Chicago
 HalfbackTibbott, Princeton
 HalfbackHollenbach, Pennsylvania
 FullbackCoy, Yale

SECOND ELEVEN

Dennie, Brown
 Siegling, Princeton
 Andrus, Yale
 Philoon, West Point
 Messmer, Wisconsin
 O'Rourke, Cornell
 Reifsnider, Annapolis
 Cutler, Harvard
 Ver Wiebe, Harvard
 Mayhew, Brown
 Walder, Cornell

THIRD ELEVEN

Page, Chicago
 Draper, Pennsylvania
 Van Hook, Illinois
 Brusse, Dartmouth
 Hoar, Harvard
 Northcroft, Annapolis
 Johnson, West Point
 Miller, Pennsylvania
 Thorpe Carlisle
 Gray, Amherst
 McCaa, Lafayette

“ Not the man who can kick 60 yards occasionally, but when most needed kicks out of bounds on his own 15-yard line, but the man who can average 35 yards under all conditions, instance Reynolds or Hollenbach of Penn, Harlan of Princeton, McBride of Yale and Haughton of Harvard. Not the man who will flash off a brilliant end run—thanks to the hard work of his interferers, or steal eight yards through the line when you could drive a team through the opening—but the man who can drive through any old line, hole or no hole, when that last yard means win or lose—the Butterworth, Brink Thorne, ‘ King ’ Kelly type.

“ Not the quarter who can drive his team like a whirlwind against a minor defence but the man who can make his opportunity and strategically seize it at critical moments, like McCormack of Dartmouth, ‘ Tad ’ Jones of Yale, Stevenson or Carl Williams of Pennsylvania, Richardson of Brown or Daly of Harvard. Not the man who must be saved for important games, but the ‘ old horse ’ who plays every game, hurt or unhurt,—Tyler of Amherst, ‘ 99 ; Fultz and Gammons of Brown, Hogan and Shevlin of Yale, Poe, DeWitt or Hildebrand of Princeton, and Ziegler, Piekarski or Folwell of Pennsylvania—that’s the sort of material the coaches count on, and that’s the only player who can become consistent.”



Cercle Francais A “ Cercle Francais ” is being formed among the students of the university who are interested in the French language.

The organization will be of a social nature and will be called “ Le Cercle Francais de l’Universite Brown.” It will be patterned after the club at Harvard, which has been in existence for nearly 15 years, and which, by the income of funds received from James H. Hyde and rich Americans of French descent, has provided lectures by prominent Frenchmen on beaux-arts, the theatre, literature, diplomacy and politics. Columbia, Yale, Chicago, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Princeton and other universities have similar clubs.

The club at Brown is being formed at the suggestion of Mons. B. L. Henin, instructor in French, who two years ago was on the faculty of St. George’s School, Newport. Mons. M. Meslee has also taken an interest in the organization.

The committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by laws is as follows: C. E. Hughes, Jr., ‘ 09 ; D. L. Stone, ‘ 09 ; E. W. Peckham, ‘ 08 ; R. J. B. Sullivan, ‘ 09 ; A. Harkness, ‘ 09 ; W. L. Allen, ‘ 12.

The charter members are C. E. Hughes, Jr., D. L. Stone, E. W. Peckham, R. J. B. Sullivan, A. Harkness, W. L. Allen, A. H. Poland, M. Barus, H. S. Chafee, B. A. Keenan, J. B. Keenan, J. E. Fletcher, D. Jackson, G. E. Caswell, W. D. Miller, D. Goff, W. B. Henderson, P. D. Howe, J. H. Eldridge, R. H. Wilmarth and C. F. Butterworth.



Before the Alliance Francaise The French department lately enjoyed an unusual privilege. Lieutenant Lanrezac of the French Army, a member of the delegation sent by the French government to the Quebec celebration, was to deliver an address before the Naval War College on “ The French Army.” By arrangement with the French legation, Lieutenant Lanrezac came to the university and addressed the Alliance Francaise and students interested in French literature and affairs.

Smith College and a Brown Man’s Gift Hon. Charles Edward Forbes, a graduate of Brown in the class of 1815, made a munificent gift to Northampton, Massachusetts, in the shape of the Forbes Free Library. As we recall the figures, the amount of money bequeathed by Mr. Forbes for this object was \$300,000. Unfortunately there is at present some friction between the trustees of the library and the authorities of Smith College, which is near at hand.

The difficulty is said to be of several years’ standing. With the Forbes col-

lection just across the street from the college, so heavily endowed with purchasing funds that it ranks close after the New York and Boston libraries, Smith College has never attempted any large collection of its own. By the terms of its endowment the use of all material was to be free to all "inhabitants" of Northampton. As the fund allowed for service was very small comparatively, President Seelye for years paid \$2000 for the extra assistance needed to serve the college women. In 1905 the trustees of the library asked for an additional \$500, basing the request on the ground that the college students could not be termed inhabitants, as they lived in the town only nine months of the year. The president refused to recognize this interpretation of the Forbes will, so the students were required to pay five dollars each for the privilege of the library.

Neither party would give in, and in response to the complaints of the students, Mr. Frank Lyman of Brooklyn, a benefactor of the college, agreed to pay the disputed \$500 difference for three years to see if the difficulties could not be adjusted in that time.

After this matters quieted down: the girls once more used Forbes, but the college set to work and raised funds for a library of its own, which is now building. Now, however, the three years have run out. The college library is only some ten feet above ground and the Forbes trustees don't feel any better about the matter.

So the students are sitting on the stairs waiting for reference books from the college library, or, what is more trying, they cannot find the books they need in the limited college collection.



Governor Hughes Entertains Brown Men The executive committee of the Brown University Alumni Association of Albany and Vicinity have the honor and pleasure of announcing that Governor Charles E. Hughes, LL.D., class of '81, will be at home to members at the executive mansion, Albany, from 8 to 9 o'clock, on the evening of Saturday, January 9.

All members are invited to join the

committee in the north part of the Albany railway station concourse at 7.30 p. m., on that day and date. The gathering at the mansion will be entirely formal, and afford the opportunity of wishing the governor and his wife and family a very happy new year.

Officers for 1909 will be chosen on this occasion.



Brunonian Legislative Leaders

As we go to press, the news comes of the election of three Brown graduates as legislative leaders. At Hartford the Hon. Isaac W. Brooks, '62, of Torrington has been chosen president pro tem of the Connecticut senate, at Boston Joseph Walker, Esq., '87, has been elected speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives, and at Providence William C. Bliss, '96, of East Providence has been selected as leader of the Republican majority in the Rhode Island house of representatives. The retirement of Governor James H. Higgins, '98, from office has meanwhile been made the theme of many newspaper comments flattering to his dignified and courageous conduct of his office.



Governor Stokes Brings Back a Train A dispatch from Millville to the New York Times tells how a Brown, '83, man brought a New Jersey railroad to terms the other day:

"Scores of commuters from towns along the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad, between this city and Camden, were late in arriving at their business places in Philadelphia this morning because the 6:45 northbound electric train left Millville forty-five seconds ahead of time.

"Ex-Governor Stokes, whose home is in Millville, reached the station almost breathless half a minute before the train was scheduled to depart, and saw the cars moving rapidly toward Camden. The former governor is the president of the Merchants' National Bank of Trenton, and he had an important business engagement this morning in the state capital. Mr. Stokes

was indignant when he called the station agent's attention to the fact that trainmen had violated orders by leaving the station too soon.

"The agent wired Camden and when the train reached South Vineland the conductor received orders to return to Millville. This was done and the Cumberland county statesman was carried to his destination."



Additions to Harris Collection

The Brown University library has just received from Mr. Samuel C. Eastman, Brown, '57, the sum of \$1000 as an addition to the Eastman fund for the maintenance of the Harris Collection, now in the library. This collection consists of a collection of American poetry, founded by Albert G. Greene, extended by C. Fiske Harris, and bequeathed to the university by the Hon. Henry B. Anthony. It is probably the largest collection in the world devoted to this subject, as it contains nearly eight thousand volumes. The library has also received a set of ancient documents, "Chartularium Studii Bononiensis," relating to the history of the University of Bologna from its opening in the 11th century to the 15th century.



Judge Hall, '67, for Chief Justice

By the rule of seniority, says the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin, the city of Bridgeport is expecting to see two of its citizens honored by promotion the coming year by the incoming governor whose duty it is to appoint a successor to Chief Justice Simon E. Baldwin, and also to advance to the supreme bench a superior court judge.

Discussing the situation, which is certainly an exceptional one, the Bridgeport Evening Post says:

"The justice strictly in line for the high honor is Frederick B. Hall of this city. For once, at least, eminent fitness is entirely in accord with the unwritten law of succession. It is true this law has not always been observed, but there is absolutely nothing in the

way this time to prevent its strict application. Justice Hall has had an experience on the bench far in excess of any of his associates, first in the trial courts and then as a member of the tribunal of review, the highest judicial body in the state. He is qualified to a degree rarely presented under similar circumstances and the high honor ought to come to him as comfortably as it came to Chief Justice Baldwin when Governor Woodruff reflected credit on himself by elevating that notably able jurist to the presiding seat in the supreme court."

Judge Hall is a loyal son of Brown and sent his two sons, ('99 and '03,) to this college.



Little Notes of Interest

"The Williston Club of Brown University" has been formed with W. P. Raymond, '09, president; F. E. Dennie, '09, vice-president, and E. W. Wall, '10, secretary and treasurer. The purpose of the club is to bring Williston men to Brown.

The Brown banquet committee has been appointed by the Cammarian Club. It consists of the following men: Charles E. Hughes, Jr., chairman, Albert H. Poland, treasurer, Elmer S. Horton, '10, Robert F. Skillings, '11, Daniel F. Larkin, '12. The banquet will probably be held in the early part of the spring term.

A Colby Academy Club has lately been formed at Brown; also Ohio and Pennsylvania clubs and a Scientific society.



Where the Freshmen Come From

The states from which the members of the freshman class come indicate from what section of the country Brown is drawing its men. According to the catalogue, one hundred and fifteen, or nearly one-half of the freshman class, come from Rhode Island. Of this number, sixty-one, one-quarter of the entire class, come from the city of Providence. Next in the list is Massachusetts, from which there are fifty-three freshmen. New York has

the next largest delegation, eighteen. The other states come in the following order: Connecticut, fifteen; New Jersey, thirteen; New Hampshire, eleven; Maine, five; Ohio, four; Iowa, two, and Missouri, two. The following states are represented by one each: Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina, New Mexico, Wisconsin and Vermont. China and Japan are represented by one each.



Athletic Officers At the Brown University Athletic Association election, Malcolm R. Jeffris, '10, was elected football manager for the season of 1909, and Darius Goff, '11, assistant manager.

Jeffris has been prominent in class and college activities. Last year he was secretary of the sophomore ball committee. He was also in the competition for assistant baseball manager. Last spring he was elected vice-president of the Brown Union, a position he holds at present. His home is in Janesville, Wis., and he is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Goff won first place in the competition for assistant football manager this year. He lives at Pawtucket and belongs to Psi Upsilon.



Social Seniors C. E. Wheeler, president of the senior class, has just appointed a social committee of the class. This committee consists of L. L. Larabee, chairman; A. Roberts and H. G. Sturgis. They are to arrange social gatherings of the senior class for the winter and spring terms. They have already begun work and intend to have at least one supper and one smoker during each term, with such other social times as may conveniently be arranged on various dates.



Forthcoming Brown Dinners As stated elsewhere, the Brown dinner in Boston will take place on the evening of February 2. The New York dinner is set for Wednesday evening, January 27, at the Hotel Astor. The hour is 7.30, and the price

of the dinner will be \$3.50. For further information address Alfred B. Meacham, secretary, 50 Wall street, New York.

The Woonsocket dinner is to occur on the evening of February 19. The secretary of the Woonsocket association is Frederic E. Whitaker, '86, Woonsocket. The Philadelphia dinner will be on February 8th.



In Honor of Lincoln The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be celebrated by exercises to be held at Brown University under the auspices of the Citizens Historical Association, in Sayles Hall, on Friday, February 12, at 2.30 p. m. The chief marshal of the occasion will be Colonel Daniel R. Ballou, G. A. R.; the chaplain, Right Rev. W. N. McVickar, D. D., and the orator, William Vail Kellen, LL. D.



Author of Alma Mater Passes Away Dr. J. A. DeWolf, '61, the author of the words of "Alma Mater," died late in December at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, West Indies. Dr. DeWolf was surgeon-general of Trinidad, and previous to his thirty-nine years there as a government medical officer had practised here in Providence. He was a grandson of Professor Brown, who taught chemistry in the university, 1817-1833, and was of the third generation of his family to graduate from Brown. He also was a veteran of the civil war.

The Monthly will print a longer resume of his life next month.



An Irish Manuscript in the University Library Some years before his death the late Dr. Adrian Scott gave to the university library an Irish manuscript. It is a thin quarto volume of 120 pages, written on paper and bound in paper, with two loose leaves inserted. Through the courtesy of Professor F. N. Robinson, of Harvard, we are able to present the following summary of its contents:

Pages 1-78. *Eachtra Dhoilbh mhic Stairinn*: The adventure of Dolbh mac

Stairinn. (A tale dealing with certain heroes of the Ossianic cycle.)

Pages 78-108. *Oide Chloinne Uisneach*: The violent death of the sons of Usnech. (Otherwise known as the tale of Deirdre. For references to different versions, cf. Stokes's introduction to his edition in the *Irish Texts*, Part II.) Pages 80-83 should precede pages 78-80.

Pages 108-112 (109-110 are almost wholly torn out). Columcille's "Farewell to Arran," with translation.

Pages 113-115. *Lon-Dubh Dhoire an Chairna*, a familiar Ossianic poem with English translation.

Pages 115-119. *Laidh Thailc mhic Treoin*: the Lay of Talc mac Tren, with an English translation.

The name of the scribe, Terence O'Brien (Irish, *Toirdhealbhaio Briann*), appears several times. The first piece is dated November 10, 1818 (page 78); the second, April 10, 1819 (page 108);

and the last, April 17, 1819 (page 119).

The loose leaves inserted at the beginning of the book apparently belong to another MS. They contain religious and political poems, partly incomplete.

Page 120 is in English, and contains a recipe "To cure the Evil" and various scribblings. Professor Robinson notes that, while most of the pieces are familiar, the first is of less common occurrence.



Preparing for Debate The trials for the sophomore and freshman debating teams have now been held and the speakers selected for the interclass debate, which will probably occur the last of January. The question for debate is: "Resolved, that courts with compulsory powers of arbitration and award be established to settle labor disputes"—all constitutional objections waived." The freshmen uphold the negative side of the argument.

BRUNONIANS FAR AND NEAR

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Everett lectured on "Nietzsche" before the Philosophical Club of Wellesley College on November 13.

Thurston M. Phetteplace, '99, assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the university, has contributed an article on 'A Comparison of Vibrations in Two-Cycle and Four-Cycle Engines,' to the engineering number of the "Horseless Age" for December.

TENNIS RANKINGS

The national lawn tennis committee on ranking for the season of 1908 has recently completed its labors, placing nearly 100 experts. J. D. E. Jones, '93, is ranked No. 17, and E. Tudor Jones, '01, No. 42.

Alumni

1866:

Rev. Emery H. Porter has been re-elected a member of the Newport School Committee.

1877

Judge Frederick Rueckert has been re-elected president of the Providence School Committee.

1879

At the quarterly meeting of the Rhode Island Medical Society Dr. Walter L. Munro read a paper on "A consideration of the Conditions Governing the Choice of Operations for 'the Stone'," and Dr. Arthur A. Harrington one on the "State Care of the Insane."

1880 and 1881

Samuel H. Ordway of New York has been appointed by Governor Hughes a member of a committee of nine, consisting of bankers, business men and economists, to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the state bearing upon speculation in securities and commodities."

1881

"This nation will shrivel up when the New England spirit loses its power," said Governor Hughes at the 103rd annual festival of the New England Society, at the Waldorf, New York, on the evening of December 22. "It is because that spirit cannot lose its power that we face the future with confidence; and it is not because it is the New England spirit, it is because there happened to be exemplified in New England in a most conspicuous manner those forces which have saved humanity and

have made it true to the line of its destiny that we are here tonight." The governor paid a glowing tribute to the composite American, and was enthusiastically received.

1883

Word has been received that Professor Alfred W. Anthony, D.D., of Lewiston, Maine, was not so seriously injured in being thrown from his horse as was at first feared and that he is recovering rapidly.

1885

Dr. Frank E. Peckham read a paper before the quarterly meeting of the Rhode Island Medical Society on "Sciatica and Allied Affections."

1890

The home address of Eugene C. Myrick is Beacon Hall, New Rochelle, N. J. Mr. Myrick is a member of the firm of Myrick and Rice, finishers' agents, with offices at 320 Broadway, New York city.

1891

Rev. Francis H. Spear, pastor since 1903 of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Woonsocket, at a recent meeting of the church asked to be released and his request was reluctantly granted. The close of Mr. Spear's pastorate marks one of the brightest epochs in the history of the church. On December 20 occurred the dedication of the handsome new edifice of the society, for which Mr. Spear was largely instrumental in raising the funds.

1892

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Bar Association James A. Pirce, Esq., was elected treasurer.

1893

Henry A. Barker of Providence was elected, November 18, at Pittsburg, a member of the executive board of the American Civic Association.

1895

Chester W. Barrows of Providence has been reappointed referee in bankruptcy for the fifth term of two years.

1896

Gardner Kirk Hudson resigned as city solicitor of Fitchburg, Mass., to run for mayor of that city. At the largest and closest election ever held in Fitchburg. Mr. Hudson was defeated by only a little over a hundred votes.

1897

Everett Colby was one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League, which was held in Pittsburg, Pa., December 17 to 19.

1898

Governor James H. Higgins was a speaker at the Boston City Club on December 10.

1900

On December 17, Herbert Richard Cross delivered an interesting lecture at the Providence Art Club on "One Phase of Greek Sculpture."

The address of Albert J. Frohock is 814 East 163d street, New York city.

1901

In the November-December issue of the Journal of the United States Artillery appears an article, entitled "Wind and Drift Correction Device for Six-inch R. F. Guns," by 1st Lieut. G. A. Taylor, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A.

The address of William J. Lamkie is changed from 80 Hanover Place, Brooklyn, to 201 West 112th street, New York.

1902

G. Edward Buxton, Jr., at a recent meeting of the third company of the Coast Artillery, was elected captain. Mr. Buxton is a lawyer and is connected with the Title Guarantee Co. of Rhode Island, with offices at 66 South Main street.

1903

Arthur M. Winslow is with the Eastern Bridge and Structural Co. of Worcester, Mass.

The address of George R. Walworth is Newton Centre, Mass.

The address of William A. Hart is changed to 233 Purchase street, Fall River, Mass.

1904

The Cambridge address of William C. Spicer, Jr., is 46 Westmorly court.

1904 honorary

John R. Freeman, Sc. D., has been retained as one of the consulting engineers on the new water supply system of the city of Baltimore. Mr. Freeman has also been invited by President-elect Taft to be one of the members of the official party to visit the Panama Canal and inspect the work on the much-debated Gatun dam.

1905

The class of 1905 enjoyed a supper and reunion at the Cafe St. George Saturday evening, December 26. Newton P. Hutchison as toastmaster embodied the spirit of the occasion and led in the cheers for "Old Brown." L. W. Cronkhite, the recently returned Rhodes scholar, contrasted some of the American and English collegiate ideals. W. H. Camfield spoke critically of the "Brunonian" and also of the practice of city men in not living more on the campus. Mr. Hutchison gave a first-hand account of the duelling in German universities together with interesting anecdotes of his experiences there. Letters of regret from those unable to be present were read. Colgate Hoyt, Jr., spoke from a Wall street man's standpoint about the commission of investigation, and considered it would be a good thing in the end for the "street." John S. Palmer, 2d, made a strong appeal for the suppression of graft, petty as well as great. The singing of college songs and "Alma Mater" brought to a close an evening good to be remembered. The following were present: Alexander, Herbert Wells, C. L. Robinson, Greene, Hoyt, Hutchison, Cady, Palmer, Hawkins, Davison, Davidson, Butler, Damon, Meredith, Barney, F. S. Cooke, Broomhead,

Weeks, Meader, F. E. Marble, Camfield, Cronkhite.

1906

At the reunion of the class of 1906 last June a triennial committee, consisting of S. B. Ames, A. W. Claflin, Alexander Graham, C. D. Mercer, E. G. Parkhurst and T. W. Prestwich, was appointed. The committee has organized with A. W. Claflin as secretary and treasurer, and plans are already under way for an active campaign. The committee hopes that the class will have "the biggest and best reunion ever held at 'Old Brown.'"

Albert W. Claflin is with the George L. Claflin Company, wholesale and retail druggists, Providence. He is also attending the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, where he is a member of the class of 1909.

1907

The address of William A. Spinney, Jr., is 325 Franklin street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Albert E. White is with the Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., at Pittsburgh, Pa. His address is 305 Oakland avenue.

1908

John H. Levin is studying at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge.

Sidney S. Paine is with the Amoskeag Mills at Manchester, N. H.

Irving H. Coffin is teaching at the Highland Military Academy, Worcester, Mass.

J. Donald Pryor coached the football team at Hamilton College throughout the season lately past. He also coached the Lehigh team during their last week of play, in special preparation for the game with Lafayette.

Albert C. Thomas is studying at the Newton Theological Institution.

Alumnae

1898

The address of Mrs. Anna Gray Hargrave is 2719 Union street, San Francisco, Cal.

1899

On the afternoon of Saturday, December 26, Mrs. Prince Tirrell, Jr., entertained the members of her class at her mother's home in Providence.

On December 16, a group of Brown alumnae met at luncheon at the Martha Washington hotel in New York. There were present Miss Agnes Clarke, Miss Myra H. Butler, Mrs. George H. Sherwood, Mrs. J. C. Swiney, Mrs. Freeman Putney, Jr., of the class of '99, Miss Helena Manatt, ex-'03, and Miss S. I. Manatt. A theatre party is planned for the evening of January 12.

Miss Myra H. Butler, a teacher in the Washington State Normal School, has been spending her sabbatical year in further study at the Teacher's College, Columbia. In January she will sail for Europe, where she will remain until the opening of school in the early autumn.

1901

The address of Mrs. Adelaide Burton Sayles is 263 Hammond street, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Miss Lura M. Thomas is teaching at the Francis W. Parker School of Chicago, Ill. Her address is 550 Webster avenue, Chicago.

1902

The address of Mrs. Millicent Leete Cotton is 93 Summit street, Pawtucket, R. I.

1904

The address of Miss Sara D. Packard is R. F. D. 2, Rehoboth, Mass.

The address of Miss Miriam F. Slocum is 523 W. 123d street, New York city.

1906

The address of Mrs. Olive Eddy Eaton is 133 East 17th street, New York city.

Engagements

The engagement of John H. Leven, '08, to Miss Cora Ella Medbury, '08, is announced.

The engagement of Alfred J. Densmore, '08, to Miss Hope Sutherland Dorchester of Providence is announced.

The engagement of Robert L. Barrows, '03, to Miss Genevieve H. Scofield Smith, '05, is announced.

Marriages

At the home of the bride's mother, Providence, on September 14, 1908, occurred the marriage of Miss Bethune Clark, '10, to Chester Campbell Waters, '05. The bride was attended by Miss Lucy Maling of Portland, Maine, as maid of honor and by Miss Mable Gile, ex-'06, and Miss Elizabeth Morrison, '11, as bridesmaids. The best man was Paul F. Clark, '04, and the ushers were William C. Hardy, '02, Howard D. Briggs, '02, Clifton Gardner, '09, and Irving Pryor, '08. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are living at The Boulders, South Swansea, Mass.

At Christ's Church, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2, 1908, occurred the marriage of Miss Annie D. Hinsdale, daughter of Colonel John W. Hinsdale (C. S. A.), to Harold V. Joslin, '04.

At the Church of the Redeemer, Providence, on the evening of Wednesday, December 16, 1908, occurred the marriage of Miss Ida Maude Warren, '02, to Warren Lyle Wilmarth, '02. The bride was attended by Miss Bessie E. Wilmarth as maid of honor and by Miss Florence E. Barker as flower girl. The best man was Harold Potter Warren and the ushers were Frank Luther Wilmarth, Carlton Grieves White, '05, Charles Wesley Hunt, '05, and Myron Charles Fish, '02. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmarth will live at 46 Duncan street, Providence.

At the home of the bride's parents, Providence, on the afternoon of Saturday, November 21, 1908, Miss Lillian May Gamwell, '02,

and David Potter Moulton were united in marriage. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel C. Moulton, '03, as maid of honor and by Miss Dorothy Moulton as flower girl. The best man was Robert A. Jenckes and the ushers were Benjamin P. Moulton and Clinton T. Gamwell. Mr. and Mrs. Moulton will live at 327 Elmwood avenue, Providence.

At the home of the bride, Providence, on December 8, 1908, Miss Anna Aborn Thompson, special '99, was married to Clemens Augustus Haas of Brookline, Mass. The best man was W. Harris Roome and the ushers were Maurice H. Cook, '97, Frank C. Taylor, Willard B. Luther and Charles Fisher Luther. Mr. and Mrs. Haas will live in Brookline, Mass.

At Rome, N. Y., on December 9, 1908, occurred the marriage of George Safford Beal, '99, to Miss Ruth Palmer Prescott.

At the home of the bride's parents, Providence, on December 16, 1908, Miss Dorothea Brenton Burge, '06, was married to Charles Rathbone Stark, Jr., ex-'06. The bride was accompanied by Miss Sara D. Burge, '12 as maid of honor and by Miss Eleanor Stark, '04, and Miss Gwendolyn Jeter as bridesmaids. The best man was Alfred W. Dickinson, '07, and the ushers were Horace C. Funk, '07, Howard L. Rice, Harvey McL. Kelley, '07, Robert H. Whitmarsh, '09, and Albert E. White, '07.

Births

Born November 2, 1908, to Mrs. Anna Gray Hargrave, '99, and Arthur Hargrave, a daughter, Brenda Hargrave.

Born at Providence on December 1, 1908, to Professor Asa Clinton Crowell, '86, and Mrs. Carrie E. (Provan) Crowell, Boston University, '03, A.M., Brown, '04, a son, Robert Homer Crowell.

Born on December 1, 1908, to Mrs. Maude Clarke Covell, '02, and Louis Everett Covell, a daughter, Maude Warren Covell.

Born at Indianapolis, Ind., on December 16, 1908, to Mrs. Marion Harvie Barnard, '01, and Harry Everett Barnard, a daughter, Marion Elizabeth Barnard.

Born at Providence on December 27, 1908, to E. Bruce Merriman, '94, and Mrs. Merri-man, a son.

Deaths.

REV. WILLIAM LAWTON BROWN, 1836

Rev. William Lawton Brown, the last surviving member of the class of 1836, for some years one of the oldest two alumni of the university, and since the death of his classmate, William Henry Potter, on October 29, the oldest graduate, died at his home in Wrentham on December 15, 1908, aged 94 years, 6 months and 25 days. He was the son of James Brown and Lydia Carpenter and was born in Providence, May 20, 1814. He prepared for college under Asa Drury and at the

South Reading Academy and entered Brown University, graduating in 1836 with the degree of A. B. While in college Mr. Brown was a member of the Philermenian Society, and in a letter written five years ago he paid a warm tribute to it. After graduation he spent two years in further study at the Newton Theological Institution. In October, 1838, he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he became pastor of the Baptist church and on February 13, 1839, was ordained to the Baptist ministry. Mr. Brown remained at Ann Arbor until the May following, when he returned to the East and became pastor of the church at Bristol, R. I., where he remained until 1842. His later pastorates were as follows: West Springfield, now Holyoke, Mass., 1842-46; Westboro, Mass., 1847-51; Watertown, Mass., 1854-60; Mount Pleasant, Ia., 1870-72; Ottumwa, Ia., 1873-75; Kearney, Neb., 1875-76; and North Reading, Mass., 1877-79. After leaving North Reading on account of advancing years, Mr. Brown was superintendent of the cotton mill at Voluntown, Conn., for three years, and later engaged in the manufacture of woolen yarn at Olneyville, R. I., for a short time. In 1883 he bought a farm in Wrentham, Mass., where he has since lived.

On June 4, 1838, he married Miss Betsey Maria Carroll of Thompson, Conn., who died in April, 1867; on June 17, 1868, Miss Maria Williams Baker, who died October 30, 1875; and on September 25, 1877, Mrs. Loretta Pond (Burnap) Walker. He is survived by his third wife and by two children, Oliver Parker Brown of Plainville, Mass., and Miss Laura Augusta Brown, a teacher in the Perkins Institute for the Blind.

For many years Mr. Brown was a familiar figure at the commencement exercises, attending as long as his health would permit him to do so. His last visit to the college was at commencement in 1903, when he was in his ninetieth year.

THOMAS HORATIO TUCKER, A. M., 1854

Thomas Horatio Tucker of the class of 1854 died at his home in Plympton, Mass., December 4, 1903, aged 77 years, 4 months and 20 days. He was the son of Thomas Tucker and Nancy Kenney, and was born at Grafton, Mass., July 14, 1831. He prepared for college at the Boston Latin School and at the Worcester High School and entered Brown University, graduating in 1854 with the degree of A. M. After leaving college Mr. Tucker became a teacher and held the following positions: principal of the high school, Foxboro, Mass., 1854-56; teacher of the high school at Hartford, Conn., 1855-56; principal of the academy at Manchester, Conn., 1856-59; principal of the Court Street Grammar School, Springfield, Mass., 1-59-64; principal of the high school at East Douglas, Mass., 1865-67; and of the high school at Westboro, Mass., 1867-68. Since 1868 Mr. Tucker had engaged in business and for a number of years made his home at Melrose, Mass. About two years ago he moved to Plympton, Mass., where he had since lived.

On August 10, 1859, he married Miss Lucy E. Pitkin of Manchester, Conn. They had

four children, Emily L. Tucker Annie E. Tucker, William H. Tucker and Edward A. Tucker.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLARKE, SC. D., 1863

Benjamin Franklin Clarke, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at Brown University, beloved and honored by all, died at his home in Providence on December 29, 1908, of pneumonia, aged 77 years, 5 months and 15 days. He was the son of Thomas Clarke and Martha L. Whitten and was born in Newport, Me., on July 24, 1831. Although forced to go to work at an early age he determined to secure an education and become a teacher. He attended the Bridgewater Normal School, graduating in 1855, after which he taught for a few years. While teaching he carried on his preparation for college under private tutors and was, for a while, a student of Rev. Thomas Hill, formerly president of Harvard University and then pastor of the Unitarian church at Waltham, Mass. Entering Brown, a mature student, he was graduated with honors in 1863 and received the degree of A. B. He was at once appointed instructor in mathematics at the university, and this position he held until 1868, when he was made professor of mathematics and civil engineering. In 1893, owing to the rapid growth of the university and of his department, his title was changed to that of professor of mechanical engineering. In 1905 upon his retirement from active teaching he was made professor emeritus. Professor Clarke shared with Professor Appleton, his classmate, the honor of being the senior member of the faculty and twice was called upon to take the executive post. When President Andrews went abroad in 1896 Professor Clarke was appointed president *pro tempore*; again in 1893, after Dr. Andrews's resignation, he was appointed president *ad interim* and served during the academic year, 1898 to 1899, filling these positions with peculiar ability and success. In 1866 Professor Clarke received the degree of A. M. in course and at the commencement in 1897 the board of fellows conferred upon him the degree of doctor of science.

Professor Clarke was for forty years a member of the Central Baptist Church of Providence and for many years held the office of deacon. For the last two years he had been treasurer of the church, holding that position at the time of his death. For fourteen years, 1867 to 1881, he was a member of the Providence school committee. He was a trustee of the Hartshorn Memorial College at Richmond, Va. From 1866 to 1870 he was a member of the board of editors of the "Rhode Island Schoolmaster," and his "Memorial Address on the Life and Work of Professor Samuel S. Greene, 1884," has been published. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and for two years, 1875-77, was president of the Rhode Island chapter.

In 1864 he married Miss Mary E. Reynolds, whose death on December 24 preceded his own by only six days. They had one daughter, Martha Reynolds Clarke, '95, wife of Leonard Worcester Williams, Ph. D., Brown, '01, who survives him.

The funeral services were held on Friday, January 1, 1909, at the Central Baptist Church, where a large number of former colleagues, friends and pupils gathered to pay their beloved friend and teacher the last tribute. The services were conducted by Rev. John R. Brown, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Henry M. King, D. D., and President W. H. P. Faunce. The honorary bearers were William L. Peck, and Professors John H. Appleton, William C. Poland, Nathaniel T. Davis, Otis E. Randall for the university, and F. W. Hartwell, J. S. Kenyon, A. H. Armington, J. C. Bucklin, C. H. Swan, Gen. Elisha H. Rhodes and Thomas D. Carpenter, representing the church. The active bearers were F. M. Boyce, E. B. Conklin, Albert Harkness, 2d, E. S. Horton and L. L. Larabee.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM COFFIN LADD, A. M., 1881.

Professor William Coffin Ladd of the class of 1881 died at his home in Bryn Mawr, Penn., on November 28, 1908, aged 50 years, 1 month and 23 days. He was the son of William H. and Caroline E. Ladd and was born in Richmond, Ohio, on October 5, 1858. He prepared for college at the Friends' School, Providence, and entered Brown University, graduating in 1881 with the degree of A. B., receiving that of A. M. in course in 1884. While in college he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and was elected in his junior year to Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of the famous university baseball club of that time, playing infield. After leaving college he became a teacher. He taught Greek and Latin at DeVeaux College, Suspension Bridge, N. Y., from 1881 to 1882, and the classics at the Friends' School, Providence, from 1882 to 1883, and from 1886 to 1887. Later he travelled and studied in Europe and in 1888 was made professor of French in Haverford College, a position which he held until 1902, when on account of ill health he was obliged to resign. During the last six years Professor Ladd made an heroic struggle against the inroads of the disease he feared and guarded against during his college days. To this end he lived in Colorado, Arizona and Pasadena, Cal., but finally, realizing the inevitable, he returned to his home in the spring of 1908.

In 1897 he married Miss Anna Ely Rhoads, daughter of the first president of Bryn Mawr, who survives him with one daughter, Margaret Rhoads Ladd.

JAMES FREEBODY THOMPSON, 1891

James Freebody Thompson of the class of 1890 died in New York, N. Y., on November 13, 1908, aged 41 years, 4 months and 24 days. He was the son of John C. and Maria L. Thompson and was born in Providence on June, 19, 1867. He entered Brown University with the class of 1890, but owing to ill health did not graduate until 1891, when he received the degree of A. B. He led a very quiet life, devoting himself mostly to music. In his later years he removed from Providence to Attleboro, where he engaged in business for a short time, afterwards going to New York

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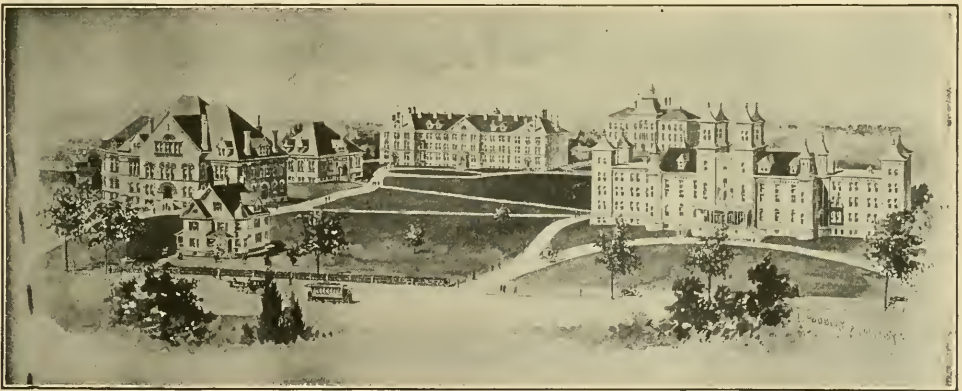
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