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BROWN UNIVERSITY ABOUT 1828

THE COLLEGE EIGHTY YEARS AGO



NOT long ago an engraving of Brown University made about 1828, a reproduction of which appears on this page, was acquired by the Rhode Island Historical Society. As will readily be seen, it is one of the best extant illustrations of the college in the early days of the nineteenth century, giving an abundance of detail and having a marked artistic charm. In the foreground is seen the president's house, standing where the clock-tower now is, while

Hope College, which had been erected in 1822, only a few years before, adjoins University Hall, with a vacant space where Manning Hall at present stands.

It would be gratifying if some antiquarian were to tell us whose lot was bordered by the stone wall in the foreground and whose orchard it was that seems to occupy the extreme right foreground of the print. Apparently Waterman street did not exist; its present site lies between the stone wall and the fence that faintly shows near Hope College.

A PARODY BY JOHN HAY

By Henry S. Burrage, D.D., 1861

THE first number of the Atlantic Monthly bears the date of November, 1857. It was published a week or two earlier in order that in advance of the day of publication this new literary venture might reach an eagerly waiting reading public. In college circles, as well as elsewhere, there was an aroused expectancy; and this was true at Brown. The new magazine was soon in all hands, and received a most enthusiastic reception. One of the noteworthy contributions of this initial number was a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, entitled "Brahma:"

"If the red slayer thinks he slays,
Or if the slain think he is slain,
They know not well the subtle ways
I keep, and pass, and turn again."
"Far or forgot to me is near,
Shadow and sunlight are the same,
The vanished gods to me appear,
And one to me are shame and fame."
"They reckon ill who leave me out:
When me they fly, I am the wings;
I am the doubter and the doubt,
And I the hymn the Brahmin sings."
"The strong gods pine for my abode,
And pine in vain the sacred seven;
But thou, meek lover of the good,
Find me and turn thy back on heaven."

The poem was widely copied in the newspapers of the day, and many an interesting discussion was held with reference to its source (1) and meaning. The parody makers found in it an easy opportunity for pleasantly, as much so indeed as in Longfellow's *Hiawatha*, which appeared a few years earlier.

Coincident with the appearance of this first number of the Atlantic Monthly was the first number of "The Brown Paper," which also bore the date of November, 1857. The editors were J. H. Gilmore, E. M. Gushee, Arnold Green, John M. Hay and El-nathan Judson. Gilmore, after a long and most successful service as professor of logic, rhetoric and English in Rochester University, has just been re-

tired on the Carnegie Foundation. Gushee is rector of St. Philip's Church, Cambridge, Mass. Against the names of Green, Hay and Judson "the fatal asterisk" must be placed. Gilmore, Gushee, Green and Hay were members of the class of 1858, and Judson was one of the best beloved members of the class of 1859. The editors of course furnished very largely the "copy" for the first number of "The Brown Paper." John Milton Hay (he dropped the middle name after leaving college) was one of the brilliant men of his class, and his faculty in versification was already well-known. Doubtless by his colleagues on the editorial board he was requested to furnish a contribution in verse for the columns of this new college paper. Whether this was so or not, he prepared for the number the following parody on Emerson's lines in the Atlantic:

"Sa! Sa!"

If the hazed freshman thinks he's hazed,
And that he's passed his hazing pain,
He's sold too high his hopes are raised,
The soph'more goes, but comes again.
Far or forgot to them is near,
First or fourth story is the same;
The vengeful sophs to him appear,
And funk destroys his sense of shame.
In vain he tries to shut them out,
He tries to fly, but has no wings;
Freshmen are weak, and sophs are stout,
The vanquished freshman yields and sings.

(1) Concerning the source of Emerson's "Brahma," Mr. W. S. Kennedy, in the *Critic* for Feb. 4, 1888, says: "I have elsewhere mentioned my discovery of the source of Emerson's well known mystic poem 'Brahma.' It was while rummaging through a set of the 'Bibliotheca Indica' (Calcutta, 1852), in the Harvard College library, that my eye was caught by the following pencil-marked passage (Vol. 15, No. 41, p. 205):

"If the slayer thinks I slay, if the slain thinks I am slain, then both of them do not know well.

It [the soul] does not slay, nor is it slain.

This is from the 'Katha Upanisod,' treating of Brahma. I am not sure but Emerson's own hand had marked the passage."

The sopi'mores leave his dim abode,
He ventilates till half-past 'leven;
Freshman, this haze is for thy good,
This year is hell, the next is heaven.

Whether this hazing was for one's good or not, the writer, who entered Brown in September, 1857, has still a very vivid recollection of the sophomores whose praises John Hay sung in the lines above. At least it was a bad example that those boys of 1860 set to the class of 1861, and one that brought down upon them a year later the frown of that noblest of college presidents, Barnas Sears.

I cannot say that John Hay's "Sa! Sa!" made him the poet on class day, 1858; but he was called to that honor, and the graceful lines of his poem on the "Power of Song" still linger in my memory. Professor James B. Angell, now President Angell of the University of Michigan, pronounced it the best class poem that had been delivered at Brown.

John Hay, after his graduation in 1858, became a student in the law office of Abraham Lincoln. When Mr. Lincoln was elected president of the United States, Mr. Hay accompanied him to Washington as one of his private secretaries. Mr. Lincoln's inaugural address closed with words that were expressive of poetic sentiment:

"I am loth to close. We are not enemies, but friends. Though passion may have strained, it must not break, our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all

over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

The inaugural address was read in Hope College and University Hall with as much enthusiasm as was the first number of the *Atlantic Monthly*, and when the boys came to that last paragraph, they said, "We know who wrote that—John Hay."

John Hay did not write it; for either he or Mr. Nicolay has told us in the life of Lincoln by Nicolay and Hay the history of that paragraph. It was not in the original draft of the inaugural address. That draft was submitted to Mr. Seward, who thought the close needed "some words of affection—some of calm and cheerful confidence;" and for the closing paragraph he suggested the following:

"I close. We are not, we must not, be aliens or enemies, but fellow-countrymen and brethren. Although passion has strained our bonds of affection too hardly, they must not, I am sure they will not, be broken. The mystic chords which, proceeding from so many battlefields, and so many patriot graves, pass through all the hearts and all the hearths in this broad continent of ours, will yet again harmonize in their ancient music when breathed upon by the guardian angel of the nation."

A comparison of Mr. Seward's words with Mr. Lincoln's adaptation of them reveals the master hand that gave us the Gettysburg address, and memorable passages in Mr. Lincoln's messages and the second inaugural address.



FACTS AND FIGURES FROM THE NEW BROWN CATALOGUE

Interesting Tendencies Indicated in the 1908-1909 Edition of this Annual Publication



ANY interesting facts and figures may be dug from the Brown University catalogue. If anyone has the ambition and industry required, he may bring to light a large number of statistical nuggets from which some very important conclusions may be drawn.

The catalogue to begin with gives us the following statement of the present numerical status of the university:

OFFICERS

Executive Officers	6
Faculty and Other Officers	105

	111
Deduct for names counted twice	4
	107

STUDENTS

Undergraduate Men

Seniors	140
Juniors	131
Sophomores	170
Freshmen	243
Special Students	42
Total	726

Women's College

Seniors	40
Juniors	34
Sophomores	42
Freshmen	44
Special Students	19
Total	179

General Summary

Graduates	92
Undergraduate Men	726
Women's College	179
	997
Deduct for names counted twice	4

Total Students	993
Total Officers and Students	1100

The following table shows the distribution of students by classes, and also by states and countries:

	Graduates	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen	Specials	Seniors (Women)	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen	Specials	TOTAL
R. I.	66	71	60	75	58	21	27	22	26	24	17	467
Mass.	16	31	35	36	55	10	7	9	10	5	1	215
N. Y.	1	7	9	16	8	3	1					45
Conn.	1	7	7	3	15				1	6		40
N. H.	1	4	3	6	11	1	3			3		32
N. J.		3	4	6	13	1	1					28
Maine	1	4	1	6	5				1	2		20
Penn.	1	4	2	2		1				2		12
Ohio	1			4	4						1	19
Vt.	1	2	1	2	1	1	1			1		0
Ill.		2	1	2	1	1						7
Cal.	1			1				1	1			4
Md.			1	1	1		1					3
Miss.		1	1	1								3
Mo.				1	2							3
Va.		1		1								2
Ky.			1	1								2
Ala.	1			1								2
Mich.				2								2
Wis.			1	1								2
N. C.				2								2
Iowa				2								2
China					1	1						2
Del.					1							1
D. C.							1					1
S. C.						1						1
Tex.		1										1
Ind.		1										1
Ks.		1										1
Col.					1							1
N. M.					1							1
P. Ed. I.	1											1
N. Scot.	1											1
Jamaica				1								1
Cuba					1							1
France	1											1
Japan				1								1
India						1						1

DISTRIBUTION BY CITIES AND TOWNS

No less interesting and important is the following statement, showing from what cities and towns the mass of Brown students come. The statement

is not guaranteed as absolutely accurate, but it is approximately so, being the result of some hours' study of the catalogue. Providence leads, of course, with Pawtucket second and Fall River third, while some cities that ought to be well represented are hardly represented at all.

Boston, for instance, where the largest reunions of Brown alumni occur, where enthusiasm for the college is supposed to be lively at all seasons of the year, where a weekly lunch club is maintained, and where it might be supposed many Brown students would originate—sends two. Philadelphia contributes only two and Baltimore only one. On the other hand New York city sends 13, Brooklyn eight, Chicago five and Cleveland three.

Newport, which is nearer than ever to Providence, thanks to the improved electric service on the east side of the bay, sends only seven, against Fall River's 20, Taunton's 10 and Brockton's nine. It looks as if there were work for the alumni of Brown to do at some obvious points. But here is the statement:

Cities and Towns	Brown Students
Providence, R. I.....	314
Pawtucket, R. I.....	33
Fall River, Mass.....	20
Attleboro, Mass.....	16
New York, N. Y.....	13
Central Falls, R. I.....	11
Taunton, Mass.....	10

Brockton, Mass.....	9
Portland, Me.....	8
Mansfield, Mass.....	8
Bristol, R. I.....	8
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	8
N. Attleboro, Mass.....	7
Riverside, R. I.....	7
East Greenwich, R. I.....	7
Newport, R. I.....	7
Ballston Spa, N. Y.....	7
Worcester, Mass.....	6
Newton Centre, Mass.....	6
New Bedford, Mass.....	5
Springfield, Mass.....	5
Dorchester, Mass.....	5
Warren, R. I.....	5
Woonsocket, R. I.....	5
Laconia, N. H.....	5
Suffield, Conn.....	5
Norwich, Conn.....	5
Chicago, Ill.....	5
Lawrence, Mass.....	4
Plainville, Mass.....	4
Newburyport, Mass.....	4
Edgewood, R. I.....	4
Youngstown, O.....	4
Fitchburg, Mass.....	3
Leominster, Mass.....	3
Newton, Mass.....	3
Somerville, Mass.....	3
Arlington, N. J.....	3
Valley Falls, R. I.....	3
Cleveland, O.....	3

Most of the cities and towns sending two students each are in the following list:

Manchester, N. H.; Pittsfield, Waltham, Edgartown, Wollaston, Webster, Boston and Lynn, Mass.; Block Island, Narragansett Pier, Cranston, Lonsdale and Manville, R. I.; New London, New Britain, Bridgeport, Pomfret, West Mystic and Stamford, Conn.; Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Morristown and East Orange, N. J.; Philadelphia, Penn., and St. Louis, Mo.

THE CARRIE TOWER

By G. L. Miner, '97

In the gray purple of the winter morn-
ing's mist
Stands the clock tower, in stately ma-
jesty.
Golden dome uplifted towards the sky,
Its carven base of stone steadfastly
stands
On soil made memory-rich
By footsteps of the saints and scholars
long since gone.

From the valley far below is borne the
murmur
Of the busy city, filled with hurrying
men
On present duties bent.
Undisturbed, serene, the clock tower
tells
The stately academic hours.

DR. ANDREWS RETIRES AS HEAD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA



R. E. BENJAMIN ANDREWS, Brown, '70, has closed his career of 33 years as university professor and president—eight and one-half years as head of the University of Nebraska—and has left for a rest of a year or possibly two.

Dr. Andrews's health began to fail two years ago. He would have retired soon thereafter had not the board of regents prevailed on him to remain. Last spring his health broke again. From a summer on the Maine coast he returned and resumed his duties in September.

Having begun the year's work, he was anxious to carry it through, and he stood by his guns until his physicians ordered him, late in October, to drop the heavy responsibilities of his position or risk grave, if not fatal, results. Age, hastened by unrelenting toil, thus brought to a close his active work as university administrator at the age of 65.

Faculty, students and alumni gathered at the station on January 1, with expressions of regard and affection, to extend Dr. and Mrs. Andrews New Year's greetings as they started for Orange Park, Fla., where they intend to remain until early summer, after which they are to go to Europe. The trip abroad may extend to the East Indies. Dr. Andrews will however, retain his residence in Lincoln, where he expects to return after his rest, and the university and the state are counting on his advice as chancellor emeritus, which office the board of regents created for him.

The last weeks of Dr. Andrews's administration were marked by repeated expressions of the honor and affection in which the university and the citizens of Lincoln and of the state hold him, writes a Lincoln correspondent of the Providence Journal. While he was handing in his resignation on the evening of Nov. 7, 5000 members of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association, of which he was president, with enthusiasm passed resolutions relative

to his work for them: "Such service and devotion has called forth the enthusiastic co-operation and unspeakable love of every teacher in the state."

At a special university convocation in honor of the chancellor, Regent W. G. Whitmore told of his boyhood in the New Hampshire hills in the '50s, and affectingly eulogized Dr. Andrews as a model for young men to follow; and the senior dean, Prof. Charles E. Bessey, speaking for the faculty, said: "Dr. Andrews towers above every other man who has ever been connected with this university."

The members of the working staff of the university gave him a reception at which janitors and deans mingled in bidding the chancellor and Mrs. Andrews good-bye and left their names in an album containing views of the university and an engrossed copy of the resolutions passed by the university senate expressing its "deep regret" and "voicing its sorrow" at the chancellor's departure and concluding with: "his wide and accurate scholarship as well as his broadmindedness and large-heartedness have won for him an abiding place in the hearts not only of the members of the various faculties but of the people of the commonwealth as well."

The faculty and a hundred representative citizens from all parts of the state including the governor and the governor-elect, gave Chancellor Andrews a dinner at the Lincoln Hotel, at which representatives of the faculty, of the alumni, of the board of regents, and of the denominational colleges of the state, spoke of what the work of Dr. Andrews, the chancellor and the man, had meant and would mean to the cause of education in this state. Speaking for the board of regents, Hon. Frederick H. Abbot declared to the chancellor that he would carry away with him the profound respect and "love of every member of the board."

Under the administration of Chancellor Andrews—1900-1908—the University of

Nebraska has made most notable progress. The students have increased 50 per cent.—from 2200 to 3400. The fame of Dr. Andrews spread the name of the university and attracted students from other states. The faculty has been increased in numbers and in power. Strong men have come and remained because of the stimulating Andrews leadership. The permanent improvements, including eight new buildings, have increased in value \$700,000. The legislative biennial appropriations have been doubled—raised from less than \$500,000 to nearly \$1,000,000.

But of more vital significance will be found to be the innovations Chancellor Andrews has wrought in the internal organization—fiscal and pedagogical—of the university. The management of the financial affairs of the university he has almost revolutionized.

His long-sightedness, his dynamic energy and his compelling optimism have put the finances of the university on a sound and enduring basis. He has greatly enlarged the scope and functions of the university. He has done more for the agricultural experiment station than all preceding chancellors together.

Under his supervision the College of Law was reorganized and the College of Medicine and the Teachers' College were

established. Every one of the 40 departments has felt his energizing touch.

Upon the university and the state the personality of Dr. Andrews has left a deep impression—the impression of a great educator, a masterful leader, a fearless, honest man. Attacks early in his administration by a few partisan newspapers for political effect long since ceased, for he was not to be stampeded by epithets.

From words dropped by members of the executive force, telling how the chancellor was known to have paid the bills of doctors and nurses for sick, indigent students, there grew up in the body of 3000 students, who could not get to know him personally, a love for the big, democratic, kind-hearted chancellor. Faculty opinion of him is well illustrated by recent remarks of two Nebraskans:

"I don't believe Chancellor Andrews is afraid of any man who walks the earth," and "I don't believe Dr. Andrews ever did a thing which he did not honestly believe was the just thing to do."

The keynote of the speeches at the faculty banquet in honor of the chancellor was sounded by Hon. Paul L. Clarke, '87, of the Lincoln Bar: "Preceding chancellors but cleared the way for the coming of the king."

GOVERNOR HUGHES ENTERTAINS THE ALBANY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



THE Brown University Alumni Association of Albany and Vicinity at its annual meeting on the evening of January 9, 1909, was accorded the unique privilege of a reception by Governor Charles E. Hughes at the executive mansion in Albany. Twenty-two Brown alumni availed themselves of this unusual opportunity and were most heartily received by Governor and Mrs. Hughes in the capacious parlor of the official home of Brown's illustrious son.

After a brief business meeting, including reports by the secretary and treasurer and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the governor extended

to his guests the freedom of the house. Governor Hughes is most gracious in his hospitality and at once put every one at ease by his ever-ready fund of good-humored anecdote, and a delightful hour was passed in the library, or "boiler room" as the host facetiously termed it, chatting and smoking with reminiscences of the governor's college days and incidents of the strenuous campaign of last fall.

The governor displayed with genuine pleasure a most interesting memento of Abraham Lincoln in the shape of casts of the hands of that great American which were made the day after his first inauguration as president of the United

States. Even in the plaster they were most impressive by their rugged massiveness, and a significant item of interest was the fact that the muscular tissues of the right hand appeared swollen as the result of shaking the hands of thousands of his countrymen on that momentous occasion.

After a brief outline by the newly elected president of the association of plans for more frequent social activity among the alumni of the district and advocating the establishment of a scholarship by the Albany association, the party repaired to the dining room, where again the governor's hospitality was bountifully dispensed. The guests then departed with a hearty vote of thanks for the courtesy of their host and

with vivid recollections of a most enjoyable evening.

The following officers were elected:—

Honorary president, Hon. Charles E. Hughes, '81; president, Dr. S. A. McComber, '96; vice-president, Dr. C. R. Green, '02; secretary, H. S. Stedman, '05; treasurer, W. S. Seamans, '02; executive committee, C. S. Stedman, '96; C. B. Lester, 1900; Rev. R. N. Jessup, '04.

Those present were:

Gov. Chas. E. Hughes, '81; Dr. S. R. Morrow, '70; Rev. T. D. Anderson, '74; Rev. E. W. Babcock, '74; William McDonald; Hon. W. G. Ely, '90; C. S. Aldrich, '94; O. F. Bellows, '95; C. S. Stedman, '96; S. A. McComber, '96; J. M. Williams, '98; A. G. Host, '98; C. B. Lester, '00; Dr. C. R. Green, '02; Rev. R. N. Jessup, '04; H. S. Stedman, '05; A. H. Robinson, '05; F. C. Hulse, '05; C. L. Haywood, '06; J. L. Wheeler, '06; G. D. Taylor, '08; M. D. Shiverick, '08.

THE NEW YORK DINNER



ABOUT 200 diners were present at the annual Brown reunion in New York on the evening of January 27. The dinner was served, as usual, at the Hotel Astor.

Dr. H. C. Bumpus, director of the American Museum of Natural History, a former professor at Brown and the president of the New York alumni association, presided.

The speakers of the evening besides President Faunce were Colonel H. L. Scott, commandant at West Point Military Academy; President R. S. Woodward of the Carnegie Institute at Washington and Hammond Lamont, former professor of rhetoric at Brown, until recently managing editor of the New York Evening Post and now editor of the Nation.

In the course of his speech President Faunce said:

"There are some things at the foot of College Hill which do not minister to the intellectual life; but if you are looking for vice, which we are not, you will find more of the worst forms of vice in some of the small hill towns of New England than in the slums of New York. The worst moral disintegration in the nation is found in the decaying

small towns of our eastern states."

"I want to speak to you on the centrifugal and centripetal forces in American college life. The elective system in the modern college is distinctively a divisive influence. After the sophomore year members of the same college class may seldom or never meet in the classroom. Students are no longer preparing only for the time-honored professions, but for all the multitudinous occupations of the modern world. We meet this tendency by insisting that there are certain constants in study, as, for example, English and mathematics. We insist that no man shall have an A. B. without the study of science, history and philosophy.

"City life is broadening, but at the same time distracting, and any college situated as is Brown in a growing city must constantly resist the disintegrating forces which would destroy the quiet and still air of delightful studies. Our Brown Union, which has recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, has been a source of union and solidarity. About 90 per cent. of our students are members, 75 of them taking all their meals in the building. It has furnished a fire-side around which all men and all interests can gather, forgetful of all differ-

ences and animated by one great loyalty to old Brown.

"The recent growth of fraternity houses brings both advantages and detriments. Its advantages are obvious—closer fellowship, more refined manners and standards of living, greater regard for property and order and etiquette. Whatever may be true of other colleges, our fraternities at Brown have been and are on the whole a distinct force for good. But the spread of the chapter house movement means the scattering of the student residences over a wider area, where our chapel bell is inaudible and the central impulses of the college are less strongly felt.

"It means the departure from our dormitories of many of the natural leaders in student life. It means that the group thus housed may come less and less into contact with the Brown Union, with the celebrations and problems and difficulties of the fellow students, and thus the great ennobling loyalty to the common weal may degenerate into mere provincial liking for one's own set of

men. It has already meant in some cases heavy financial burdens to undergraduates, and a tax on the alumni they disapprove and resist.

"To meet this I believe that we should make our fraternities—or any other permanent groups of men—more comfortable in the dormitories and allow them so to group their men together as to gain the intimacy desired without removal from the grounds. We need to hold in the dormitories our strongest men, strongest in scholarship and character and power of leadership.

"We have to-day nine group contracts for rooms, i. e., nine different fraternities have signed collective contracts for dormitory rooms. This tendency should be distinctly encouraged, and men who desire to stay on our campus should have full opportunity to do so among their natural friends. If this means the building of a new dormitory, I can only say the land is waiting, and as soon as the funds are supplied, whether by individuals or organizations, we can begin to build."

BROWN'S BASEBALL PROSPECTS



EVERYTHING looks promising for the baseball season, which will open in a little over two months. Perhaps the most pleasing innovation in the schedule of games is the appearance of Princeton, which we have not played for two or three years, and which now returns for two matches. There have been seasons when the question of the vague and unofficial "championship" has lain between Princeton and Brown, and when the experts have been puzzled to determine it because the two colleges did not meet each other. This year Princeton will play in Providence on April 24, while Brown will play in Princeton on May 12. It will be noticed that Brown has two games also with Harvard, and two with Yale, while Pennsylvania appears here on June 5. Yale gave up her Memorial Day game in Providence last season, preferring to schedule a match for Yale Field on that day, but this year

the Memorial Day contest will take place in Providence, as of old.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 3—Bowdoin at Providence.
Wednesday, April 7—New York University at Providence.

Saturday, April 10—Pennsylvania State at Providence.

Wednesday, April 14—Amherst Agricultural College at Providence.

Saturday, April 24—Princeton at Providence.

Wednesday, April 28—Williams at Williams-town.

Saturday, May 1—Carlisle at Providence.

Wednesday, May 5—Yale at New Haven.

Saturday, May 8—Lafayette at Providence.

Tuesday, May 11—Cornell at Ithaca.

Wednesday, May 12—Princeton at Princeton.

Saturday, May 15—Holy Cross at Worcester.

Monday, May 17—Rochester at Providence.

Wednesday, May 19—Harvard at Providence.

Saturday, May 22—Villa Nova at Providence.

Wednesday, May 26—Wesleyan at Providence.

Saturday, May 29—Michigan at Providence.
 Monday, May 31—Yale at Providence.
 Wednesday, June 2—Harvard at Cambridge.
 Saturday, June 5—University of Pennsylvania at Providence.

Wednesday, June 9, Columbia at Providence.

Saturday, June 12—Amherst at Amherst.
 Monday, June 14—Amherst at Providence.
 Wednesday, June 16—Alumni at Providence.

POE'S HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

What world is this that startles the late sun
 Of Poe's centennial morn, beyond compare
 With winter's pencil tracery, and more fair
 Even than the robes by summer's verdure spun?
 It is an elfin world, no mortal one,
 Of shadowless crystal in a silver air,
 Of rainbow hues in jewel flames that flare,
 Of aery chimes that icy-tinkling run.

But death is in that beauty; many a bough,
 Budded with promise, crashing, falls to ground;
 And fleeting is that beauty; even now
 It dies into the air without a sound.
 'Tis gone!—but oft shall memory fain relume
 The unearthly splendors of that icy bloom.

H. L. Koopman



THE CAMPUS ON POE'S HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

THE LETTER-BOX

ST. MARGARET'S

Editor Brown Alumni Monthly :—

"What is St. Margaret's?" "Is it an endowed school?" "How many students has it?" "Isn't it a far call from St. Margaret's to Mount Holyoke?" "How about Miss Weeden, as head of the German department at Hope or Miss Mahy as head of the English department, who is being asked to speak all over the country?" "And how about Miss Stark, who is first assistant at the Girls Latin School, Boston, who is doing most brilliant work?"

These are some of the questions I have heard since the publication of the January number of the Monthly.

Miss Munro is a fine girl and the position is a splendid one for a girl who has devoted herself to private schools; but sweeping statements are dangerous, *nicht wahr?*

Alumna.

Providence, January 25,

This letter is the result of an article in the last issue of the Monthly in which the appointment of Miss Emily Gardner Munro, a graduate of the Women's College in the class of 1898, to the principalship of St. Margaret's School at Waterbury, Connecticut, is announced. "It is perhaps no exaggeration to say," the article remarked, "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."

We see no reason for amending our statement, nor do we think it unduly "sweeping." The positions held by the graduates of the Women's College above referred to are all honorable, and reflect credit upon the young women who hold them and upon their Alma Mater, but they are essentially teaching positions, while Miss Munro's work at Waterbury is to be not only instruction, but administration; and in this respect it is comparable to Miss Woolley's work at Mount Holyoke, although there are several times as many students at Mount Holyoke as at St. Margaret's.

St. Margaret's, as we stated, is one of the best-known schools for young women in southern New England. It has had a long and dignified history, and attracts students from all parts of the country. It enjoys a social as well as a scholarly standing, and its friends are resolved to put it on a firmer basis than ever and enable it to enlarge its usefulness.

This, however, is not the only reason for regarding Miss Munro's appointment as one of especial importance. It is natural that Providence should invite some of the more brilliant graduates of the Women's College to responsible positions in its public schools, and that a Boston school (at the head of which, by the way, a distinguished Brown graduate has been for years) should ask another accomplished "Brown girl" to occupy an important post in its teaching force. But it is less natural that a fine old school in western Connecticut should turn to us for a principal, upon whose shoulders a peculiar burden of administrative as well as teaching work is to be placed. We are informed at the university that, so far as is there known, no official influence on the hill was brought into play in Miss Munro's behalf, and we rejoice that because of her appointment the Women's College is sure to have a new prestige west of the Connecticut.

A friend in Waterbury writes us, as we go to press, that St. Margaret's "has property worth from \$100,000 to \$150,000, at a guess, and is partially endowed. The trustees of the school selected Miss Munro after spending some months in searching the country over for the right woman. No pressure from any place was brought to bear, and I do not think, at the time of this selection, the trustees, including Bishop Brewster of Connecticut, had any idea that Miss Munro was a Brown University graduate. From every educational quarter came strong words of commendation and endorsement of Miss Munro and that alone was the reason for her selection. The job Miss Munro has undertaken is that of running an institution doing a

business of over \$60,000 a year, besides maintenance of the highest educational standard."

The income of the school in 1907-08 was \$61,782.32 and the number of students 138, including 70 boarders at \$600 a year.

MARBLE OR LIMESTONE?

Editor Brown Alumni Monthly:

Since reading your November number I have ruminated at times upon the new Hay Library. The present library, though too small, is well adapted to its purpose; it has had a usefulness of thirty years and as the departmental home of history or literature, in which books are a main apparatus, it should serve much longer. The new building ought to stand a century like University, Hope and Manning, which, better today than when first erected, are enshrined in the hearts of the older alumni. Is it provident to put upon the dustiest, most travelled corner a white marble building? "John Hay was not a limestone man." Marble is a limestone which, when exposed to the air and water of our New England climate, becomes steadily more dingy through the years. The John Carter Brown library building is of limestone and there is an appropriateness in its light brown color. The new building is not to have a beautifully green and shaded lawn, and it will show to advantage only from the campus. The white marble state house, with the finest lawn setting in Providence, already begins to blacken, and, unlike the barber, the cook, the hospital nurse, it can not easily don a freshly laundered garb of white. The

new building is planned for 250,000 to 300,000 volumes, about double the present number. Why will not another new library be needed in a few years? The campus is filling with buildings quite fast enough, and it is an open question whether any beauty will be lost, whether much utility would not be gained, by something more than a two-story structure or at any rate by provision for half a million to a million volumes. Why should not the college pursue a far-sighted policy in building its city set upon the hill even as the projects of the statesman John Hay reached to other lands and times than those visible through the double convex of the here and the now?

"Old Brown", 1885."

Providence, January 25.

As we understand the action of the John Hay Library committee, marble was preferred on account of its greater beauty and durability as contrasted with Indiana limestone. It is the stone most appropriate to the type of building erected, and, if it discolors, does so evenly, and not with the blotchy effect of the more porous stone preferred by our correspondent. It is expected that within a few years the corner of College and Prospect streets will become one of the cleanest instead of one of the dustiest corners in Providence. It is certainly a pity that the new library, of whatever material, has not the setting of ample grounds. But no site affording them was available. The building is so planned that the stack when it becomes full can easily be enlarged, even to hold a million volumes. The rest of the library appears to be large enough for all needs that can now be foreseen.



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"SNAP" COURSES

A few years ago the committee on in-
struction at Harvard made investiga-
tions how best "to secure from the
students a satisfactory amount of work"
and to "reclassify such courses as are
found to require more work or less work
than the normal amount." The re-
ports received from the faculty brought
out replies to the effect that they were
already making harder such courses as
had been regarded as "soft", and that
the courses now demanding more than
the normal amount of time were in
healthy condition and should be let
alone. In view of these assurances the
committee recommended a stiffening up
of the tests given in the soft courses,
but declined to disturb the courses ad-
mitted to be harder than the normal.

Without desiring to reflect on a neigh-
boring university, one is tempted to
think that nothing could be more con-

sistent than such a report with a certain
type of pedagogy which cannot imagine
anything better for the student's mind
than its own pressure upon it, and which
has an inadequate conception of the
value of leisurely study—not to men-
tion leisure—of gradual assimilation,
of rumination. It starts with the pos-
tulate that if a course is easy for the
student it must be bad for him. It ap-
parently overlooks the fact that there is
no course not consisting of mere drudg-
ery that may not be a "snap" course to
some student. Does not every college
have now and then its phenomenal stu-
dent who takes honors in calculus with
but a tithe of the effort put forth by the
poor fellows that are plucked in it?
Special ability or previous preparation
may make any course a "snap" to a
given student. But the universal
"snap" course, in which any student
can pass without work, is in any modern
college virtually a figment of the imagi-
nation. We knew of one such course
given years ago in a distant college, a
course in Sanskrit conducted by one of
the greatest linguists that ever lived.
It was rumored that no man ever failed
in it. But, to our thinking, the idlest
snap-hunter that ever slid through it
may now look back upon his contact
with the old professor's simple heart
and prodigious learning as something
that he would not give up for the results
of any other course that he ever took.

The committee in question saw no de-
fect in over-strenuous courses. But
how about the student, who, under the
compulsion of the modern time-sched-
ule, finds himself obliged to take sev-
eral of these in one term? They will
consume practically all his time and
energy, yet he must make up his re-
quired number of hours. Shall not the
college which has forced upon him this
extra work without extra credit also
provide courses in which he may recoup

himself? It must do so in justice, unless it is willing to do what the Harvard committee was not willing to recommend, give the extra credit. There is no danger that any modern college of high standing will permit too many "snap" courses. But that colleges should refuse to allow such courses at all, or should force instruction in them to turn aside from its natural channel out of fear inspired by the charge of "softness" may be to overlook several important matters, and among them certain fundamental bearings of psychology upon education.

BROWN JUDGES ON THE SUPREME COURT BENCH

Presiding Judge William H. Sweetland of the superior court of Rhode Island was, on January 19, elected to fill a vacancy created in the supreme court by the resignation of Chief Justice William W. Douglas, '61, and the promotion of Justice Edward C. Dubois. Judge Sweetland leaves a highly honorable position to accept his new post, and in assuming his new dignities emphasizes the close connection that has so long existed between the university and the highest court in the state.

As hereafter constituted, the supreme court will consist of Chief Justice Dubois and Associate Justices John Taggard Blodgett, '80; Clarke H. Johnson, '77; Christopher Francis Parkhurst, '76, and William Howard Sweetland, '78.

DARTMOUTH AND BROWN: A STATISTICAL SURVEY

In another part of this issue of the Alumni Monthly we have discussed at some length the geographical distribution of the students of Brown. Since that discussion was prepared the Dartmouth College catalogue has come to hand, giving some important figures

from which a number of interesting comparisons may be drawn. As Dartmouth and Brown have sustained a somewhat unusual relationship in the past, and as the former has recently experienced a remarkable growth, it is worth while to sift and tabulate a few of these figures. Thus:

GROWTH OF DARTMOUTH		
	1909	1908
Dartmouth College	1136	1131
Medical School	58	58
Thayer School	52	52
Tuck School	32	44
Total	1278	1285
Deduct for names inserted twice	45	66
	1233	1219
Gain over last year,		14
Brown's gain in same time,		69

From the several New England states Dartmouth and Brown draw as follows:

DARTMOUTH		BROWN
Maine,	42	20
N. H.,	232	32
Vt.,	82	9
Mass.,	529	215
R. I.,	10	467
Conn.,	29	40
New-England	924	783

The remarkable fact about these figures is the strength of Dartmouth's hold upon Massachusetts, albeit the number of students from that state has slightly decreased since last year. The 529 Bay State representatives overshadow the delegations from the rest of New England—the number of these latter combined being only 395.

Dartmouth is numerically handicapped by its location in a small town. From Hanover it draws only 14 students, while Brown has 314 from Providence. From Boston (including South Boston) it has 21, against Brown's two; will our enthusiastic Brown alumni at the Hub of the Universe please take notice? Dartmouth draws 10 students from Cambridge, 13 from Somerville,

12 from Roxbury, seven from Belmont and five from Chelsea—all natural Harvard territory, from which Brown likewise receives a fair number of students.

New York state is also an important feeder for Dartmouth. It sends 111 students to Hanover and only 45 to Providence. Of the 46 states of the union, 31 are represented at Dartmouth and 28 at Brown. This is worth noticing in view of the fear of those who think that if we eliminate sectarian requirements from the Brown charter we shall speedily degenerate into provincialism.

The best way to prevent provincialism at Brown is for the alumni of the uni-

versity to make a more serious business of their annual gatherings and formulate plans for sending boys here, as the associations at Denver and Cleveland have done. A dozen energetic associations in the central, southern and Pacific states could do more to improve the situation in this respect than any abolition of sectarian requirements could do to harm it. There are no sectarian requirements at Dartmouth—nor at Harvard, Yale, Amherst, Williams, Princeton, Cornell or Pennsylvania. Are these institutions threatened with a palsy of provincialism? To ask the question is to answer it.

THE BOATS OF BROWN

By Henry F. Colby, 1862

(Read before the Philermenian Society.)

1

Bright, where the waves of the Seekonk
are flowing,
Silent in majesty down to the main,
Boats of our pride in their stateliness
going
Sweep with their oars o'er the
watery plain.

2

Loved Atalanta! Our old Atalanta!
Mother of all that now float o'er
the wave!
Ne'er in our love shall her children
supplant her.
Firmly she's moored to the hearts
of the brave.

3

Airy Camilla! Swift-footed Camilla!
Maid whom the muse of a Virgil
has sung!
Surely, thy flight is now swifter and
stiller
Than when the spirit that moved
thee was young.

4

Fairy "Di Vernon!" Brunonia's
daughter!

Gladly thy oars with the laughing
waves play,
Fresh as the breezes which ruffle
the water,
Calm as the tide and as light as the
spray!

5

Fair as the wings of the sea-bird
that hovers
O'er the blue waters in search of
its prey,
"Pilot" and "Princess," romantic
young lovers,
Float down the tide at the closing
of day.

6

Kaire Brunonia! Annals of story
Never can equal thine excellent
name.
Long may thy rowers win garlands
of glory!
Long may thy children rejoice in
thy fame!

Dr. A. B. Judson, '59, who sends us these lines, says:

"Di Vernon" was a double scull wherry owned by Niles and Whittier of 1862, Colby's classmates.

"I do not recall 'Camilla.'"

"The boats in the 5th verse were single scull wherries, 'Princess' owned by Keen and 'Pilot' by A. B. Judson, both of 1859."

TOPICS OF THE MONTH



RESIDENT FAUNCE was one of the speakers at the dinner of the Associated Clubs of Harvard, at the Hotel Somerset in Boston on the evening of January 20. President Eliot and President-elect Lowell of Harvard also spoke.

With his graceful tribute to Dr. Eliot Dr. Faunce mingled a differentiation of the Brown and Harvard systems. He said in part:

"The Hebrew prophet describes the last years of a true life when he says: 'At evening time it shall be light.' But with Dr. Eliot these later years are not only bright; they are the brightest of all in his career. The miracle of the North Cape is repeated, and the descending sun pauses, ready to mount again into a new day.

"He has maintained personal dignity in public life. American manners have been cheapened in the last two generations, and in some quarters it has been thought that a man could never prove his democracy except by allowing himself to be thumped on the back and poked in the ribs. Slang and bohemianism have been made the evidence of sympathy and brotherhood.

"But Dr. Eliot has never offered vulgarity as a demonstration of democracy. He has preserved the simple, quiet dignity of an older generation, whose democratic principles were too obvious to stand in need of spectacular proof.

"In this respect he and Governor Hughes are rendering signal service to our generation. The arts of the demagogue are to them impossible, and the simple, direct statement, the appeal to reason rather than passion, the quiet unfolding of truth to a truth-loving republic, has been their method and unfailing resource.

"He has also had the courage constantly to submit his own most advanced theories to the test of actual experiment, in his own university and elsewhere. It is one thing to write a paper advocating educational reform. It is quite another thing to submit your own chil-

dren or your brothers or your college to the test of the paper theory.

"Most of the educators of his country do not accept the principle of unlimited election of studies in college years. We at Brown cannot possibly accept it. But Dr. Eliot believes in it and has never shrunk from its full application.

"Most of the educators of the country hold that three days of examination apart from any detailed certificate of previous standing are not a sufficient test of a boy's fitness to enter college. But Dr. Eliot believes that examinations are adequate, and he lives and acts in accordance with that belief.

"Other and younger institutions, therefore, owe much to President Eliot because he has been willing to experiment, to submit theory to practice, and to do this before the eyes of the nation. Self-consistency and adherence to a few guiding principles have been the marks of his unique career."



"Gym" Ball

The eighteenth annual gymnasium ball, given by the members of five fraternities, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Zeta Psi, was held in Sayles Hall on the evening of January 19. The attendance was large and the event successful in every way.

The decorations were by the American Decorating Company, and, if possible, surpassed those of past years. Strips of red, white and blue bunting were hung from the centre of the ceiling to the running track. The edge of the balcony was draped tastefully with bunting, and along the balcony were the banners of the five fraternities giving the ball. The entire western side of the floor was partitioned off by a hedge of fir trees and evergreen, and there the orchestra was concealed. At the western end of the hall, the centre of all decorations, was a large B, illuminated by electric lights and tastefully framed in evergreen and parti-colored bunting. The

national flag seen here and there blended well with the other decorations. With subdued light toning down the various colors, the scene was very beautiful.

The dancing began at ten o'clock and continued until three. Lee's Colonial Orchestra finished the music.



Track Work

Track work has been going on vigorously during January on the board track on Lincoln Field. Little work is being done indoors. The following have been out: Mayhew, '09, Hunt, '09, Wells, '09, Hartigan, '10, Green, '10, Horton, '10, Young, '11, Winslow, '11, Hubbard, '11, Brenner, '11, Gilfoil, '12, Smith, '12, Handy, '12, Blanchard, '12, Greenwood, '12, Maloney, '12, Parker, '12, and Marble, '12.



Extension Courses

The extension courses have opened their spring term. The courses are as follows:

By Professor Walter of the department of biology—"Biological Evolution", which is to deal with the evolution of the vertebrate skeleton. This will aim primarily to give an idea of the methods of comparative anatomy.

By Professor H. B. Huntington of the English department—"English Literature", in which will be studied the poets of the later eighteenth century, particularly Gray and Burns, with reference to their relation to the romantic poetry of the nineteenth century.

By Professor A. C. Crowell of the German department—a course in elementary German reading, grammar, translation, with special emphasis on correct pronunciation.

By Professor W. H. Munro of the department of history—"Europe after Napoleon", the nineteenth century history of the more important European countries.

By Professor T. Crosby of the department of English—"Vocal Expression", with supplementary illustrative readings.

By Professor G. W. Benedict of the

department of English—a special course for teachers in the matter and method of language work.



Basketball Schedule

The Brown University basketball schedule for 1909, together with the scores to date, is as follows:

Jan. 9—Tufts at Providence, 24-39.
 Jan. 18—Tufts at Tufts, 12-18.
 Jan. 23—Harvard at Cambridge, 17-23.
 Feb. 4—Pennsylvania at Providence, 14-29.
 Feb. 6—Harvard at Providence, 37-14.
 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.

The defeat by Harvard was the first sustained from that source since 1905



Little Notes of Interest

On January 16, Rev. Baude d'Arles delivered in Manning Hall a lecture on "Sully Prudhomme, Poet et Penseur." The lecturer spoke of the distinguishing personality and character of the great philosopher and in closing read a few of his finest poems.

Arrangements are being made this year for the formation of a 'varsity gymnasium team. Heretofore there have been class gymnasium teams and competitive drills, but the idea of a 'varsity team is an innovation. The plan is to give exhibition drills, and if possible arrange for intercollegiate meets.

The senior class held the first of a series of class suppers on Thursday evening, January 28, at the Hotel Vesuvio, Providence.

The university library is making a collection of railroad reports and similar publications and would be glad to receive single numbers or collections of such documents.

The executive committee of the Sock and Buskin has decided to give Oscar Wilde's society satire entitled "The

Importance of Being Earnest" for the junior week performance this week.

The Liber Brunensis is approaching completion. This sounds familiar.

Brown is to play Princeton at football October 30, at Princeton.

J. A. Gammons, '98, has been re-elected football coach for 1909.



Bequest to University Brown University becomes a \$20,000 beneficiary under the will of Helen Woods Miller, widow of Dr. Horace George Miller, which was filed in the municipal court at Providence, on January 25. Other public legacies are to the Rhode Island Hospital, St. John's Episcopal Church, the Providence Athenaeum, St. Elizabeth's Home and the Rhode Island Medical Society.

About \$65,000 is included in the cash legacies, public and private, and the residue of the estate, after certain bequests of real estate are deducted, is bequeathed to Brown University, to be applied to the general uses and pur-

poses of the Women's College.

The \$20,000 legacy given outright to Brown University is to be applied for the general uses and purposes of the biological laboratory in the department of comparative anatomy. Dr. Miller, who was a graduate of Brown in the class of 1860, was for years a leading surgeon in the city and was twice president of the Brown University Medical Association.

Alumni Dinners

So far as heard from, Brown dinners for February have been arranged

as follows:

February 2, Boston, American House.

February 8, Philadelphia, University Club, 1510 Walnut street, 6:30 p. m. Horace Paul Dormon, '96, chairman, 1420 Chestnut street; Pierson T. Fort, '95; J. Benton Porter, '90, committee.

February 19, Woonsocket, Frederick E. Whitaker, '88, secretary of the Woonsocket association.

February 26, Springfield, Mass.

BRUNONIANS FAR AND NEAR

FACULTY NOTES

In the preface of the recently issued "Gray's New Manual of Botany," the first American manual to be published in accordance with the rules for botanical nomenclature formulated at the Vienna International Congress in 1905, the name of Professor Collins appears as one of the contributors. He made more than two hundred of the drawings to illustrate the technical characters of three of the more difficult large families of plants there treated.

Dean Lida Shaw King of the Women's College talked on "Women's Need of English Literature" at the midwinter rally of the educational department of the Y. W. C. A. of Providence, on the evening of January 12.

On October 20, 1908, Columbia University conferred the degree of master of arts upon Thurston M. Phetteplace, '99, assistant professor of engineering in Brown University. The subject of Mr. Phetteplace's thesis was "Offsetting Cylinders in Single Acting Engines."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

Among the officers elected by the Rhode Island Historical Society are the following

Brown representatives: Professor W. H. Munro of the department of history, president; Professor Wm. MacDonald, also of the department of history, vice-president; Professor George G. Wilson of the department of political science, librarian; H. L. Koopman, university librarian, and E. A. Burlingame, superintendent of grounds and buildings, members of committees.

FOR A CIVIC CENTRE

Providence already has a "civic centre" in Exchange place, but it needs a more extensive one. On the farther side of the union station, between it and the capitol and normal school, is a large tract of municipal land officially known as the public garden. On January 12 a special committee of the Public Park Association was appointed to confer with those in interest for the purpose of urging a comprehensive plan for the development of this tract. The committee will consist of Edward F. Ely, Henry A. Barker, '93, and Prescott O. Clarke, '81, together with such associates as they may select. Officers of the association include: Dr. Fenner H. Peckham, president; Amasa M. Eaton, '61, and Jesse H. Metcalf, vice-presidents; Martin W.

Kern, '92, secretary, and Henry A. Barker, '93, treasurer.

close of the academic year, with three lectures weekly.

Alumni

1839

The Rev. Frederick Lyman Batchelder, the oldest living graduate of Brown, celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday on January 17. He was in good health and mental vigor. It is hoped that he will be able to attend the seventieth anniversary of his graduation next commencement.

1858

Colonel and Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard of Providence are at Savannah, Ga.

1864

On January 7, Dr. George H. Kenyon of Providence was re-elected surgeon general by the Rhode Island legislature.

1871

Rev. Henry H. Wyman has been appointed chaplain of the California senate and is the first Catholic priest to hold such a position in California, the honor coming to him entirely unsought. Father Wyman is rector of the old St. Mary's Church of San Francisco, and has labored as a Paulist missionary from Seattle to San Diego. He was ordained a priest in 1876, and his life since that event has been dedicated to the work of the church and of humanity. He is an author of note, and his book, "Certainty in Religion," still attracts attention. He was suggested for his latest position by the San Francisco delegation, and it is interesting to note that his name was presented in caucus by Senator E. I. Wolfe, who is a Hebrew.

1873

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Brown are spending the winter in Egypt.

1874 and 1877

Hon. William Paine Sheffield, '77, of Newport, who was declared by the state returning board elected to congress from the first district of Rhode Island, in his reply to Congressman Daniel L. D. Granger, '74's, notice of contest for the seat, denies that the board counted ballots for him and refused to count similarly marked ballots cast for Mr. Granger. The reply of Mr. Sheffield is a general denial of the allegations in Congressman Granger's notice of contest and sets forth that the various alleged errors charged by Mr. Granger did not total a sufficient number of legal votes to constitute a plurality in Mr. Granger's favor. The reply is dated January 16 and is signed by Mr. Sheffield, through his attorney, Walter R. Stiness. It was served upon Congressman Granger at his hotel in Washington.

1876

Harvard University has appointed Dr. Charles V. Chapin, superintendent of health for Providence, lecturer on hygiene for the second half of the current academic year. Dr. Chapin succeeds the late Dr. Charles A. Harrington, who was chairman of the Massachusetts state board of health. His lectures began on February 1, and will extend until the

1878

Hon. William Howard Sweetland of Providence was elected a justice of the Rhode Island supreme court by the legislature on January 19. He was born in Pawtucket, December 9, 1835, the son of William and Nancy Greene (Howard) Sweetland, attended the public schools in Providence, was graduated from Brown University in the class of 1878, and was admitted to the bar in this city in 1881. Judge Sweetland has been a member of the Providence school committee, clerk of the house of representatives and clerk of the sixth district court. In 1895 he was elected justice of that court and retained that office until 1905, when he was made presiding justice of the newly organized superior court.

1879

Justice Willard B. Tanner of Providence was on January 21 elected by the general assembly presiding justice of the superior court to succeed William H. Sweetland, '78, who was previously chosen an associate justice of the supreme court. Both Judge Tanner and Judge Mumford, '81, were nominated, but the tellers' announcement showed that out of the total of 103 votes cast Judge Tanner received 88 and Judge Mumford 15. The Democrats did not offer any candidate.

1881

Announcement is made that Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York has accepted the appointment of the Yale University corporation to deliver the Dodge lectures on "The Responsibilities of Citizenship" at the university next winter. These lectures were established in 1890 and among those who have occupied the post of lecturer in the past are President-elect Taft, Senator-elect Root, Ambassador Bryce and President Hadley of Yale.

1887

Dr. Clarence A. Carr of Newport has been elected secretary of the Rhode Island Dental Society.

Theodore F. Green, Esq., of Providence, received the votes of eight Democrats for the post of justice of the Rhode Island supreme court in the legislature on January 19.

1889

The address of William B. Deane is changed to Box 42, Syracuse, N. Y.

Bertram S. Blaisdell of Providence was on January 7 re-elected clerk of the Rhode Island supreme court by the legislature.

1890

Governor Pothier of Rhode Island has re-nominated Colonel George H. Webb of Providence as commissioner of industrial statistics.

1891

An exceptional honor for so young a man has come to Colonel Robert W. Taft in his election to the presidency of the Merchants National Bank of Providence, one of the principal financial institutions of the city. Colonel Taft's father was president of the bank for forty years but retired last year on

account of increasing years. The new president was born in Providence, November 21, 1868, was elected treasurer of the Coventry Company, makers of cotton sheetings, in 1893, is a director in the N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad, the Rhode Island Company, the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, the Merchants National Bank, the Narragansett Electric Lighting Company and the Providence Telephone Company, and is a commissioner of the Dexter Donation and a trustee of the Providence Institution for Savings. The Merchants Bank was incorporated 90 years ago and had had only three presidents up to a year ago, when ex-Governor Taft retired and Edward D. Pearce was elected in his place. Mr. Pearce has lately been chosen to the presidency of the Providence Institution for Savings.

1894

Lewis A. Waterman, Esq., of Providence, was the Democratic candidate in the general assembly, January 22, for the vacancy on the bench of the superior court.

Colonel H. A. Dyer, president of the Providence Art Club, addressed the Fall River Art Club, January 11, on Jean Francois Millet.

1894 and 1897

The Providence Art Club at its annual meeting in January re-elected H. Anthony Dyer, '94, as president and elected on its board of governors Dr. George W. Gardner, '94, and George L. Miner, '97, both to serve for three years.

1895

On January 21, a reception by the members of his church was given to Rev. George A. Gordon, who last month completed five years service as pastor of the Elm Street Congregational Church of Southbridge, Mass.

1896

Judge Elmer J. Rathbun of West Greenwich was elected by the general assembly, January 22, to the position of associate justice of the superior court. There were 107 votes cast; necessary for a choice, 54. Judge Rathbun received 56; William B. Greenough, (Amherst, '88), 30; John S. Murdock, Brown, '96, 12; Lewis A. Waterman, Brown, '94, 8; and Charles E. Salisbury, 1.

At a meeting of the Aetna Life Insurance Club of Hartford on the evening of January 19 the speaker was Principal Arthur D. Call, president of the Connecticut Peace Society, who spoke on "Internationalism," picturing the horrors of war and its immense cost as contrasted with the benefits and advantages of arbitration of international questions.

1900

The New Haven Journal-Courier of January 21 says: "Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Lent last evening gave a reception to the parishioners of the First Baptist Church in the new parsonage in Livingston street. There were at least 200 present during the receiving hours, from 8 to 10 o'clock."

1902

A dispatch from Lynn, Mass., under date of January 20, says: "The youngest bank

president in the state is probably Arthur W. Pinkham of this city, who has just been elected to the head of the Lynn National City Bank. Mr. Pinkham is the son of the late Charles H. Pinkham and the grandson of Lydia Pinkham. He was born in Lynn and was graduated from the classical high school in 1898 and from Brown University in the class of 1902. After leaving school he entered on a business career and at the death of his father he assumed charge of the medicine company. He was a member of the school board in 1902 and 1903, and for the past five years has been a park commissioner. He is president of the Oxford Club, a member of the Intervale Club and a trustee of the Lynn Institution for Savings. He resides with his mother on Western avenue."

1905

The Norwich, Conn., Bulletin says: "Allyn Larrabee Brown of this city, who passed successfully the bar examination at Hartford last week, went before Judge Ralph Wheeler on Friday and took the oath required of attorneys admitted to practice in all the courts of this state. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the class of 1901 of the academy and was president of his class; he also graduated from Brown University in the class of 1905, and was at Harvard Law School for two years, receiving high marks on his examination papers there. He intends to locate here and has become a member of the well-known law firm of Brown & Perkins. The firm is now composed of Judge Lucius Brown, (Brown, '66), Donald G. Perkins, Edmund W. Perkins and Allyn L. Brown."

Alumnae

1904

Miss Carrie E. Small, head of the employment department of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Boston, has an article on "The Domestic Reform League" in the November issue of the Federation Bulletin for the Woman of To-Day.

Miss Miriam Slocum is teaching at the Eastman Business College in New York city. Her address is 523 West 123d street.

Miss Alice M. Crosby is a senior in the New York Law School. Miss Crosby expects to take up the legal side of social work. Her home address is changed to 42 Verplank avenue, Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.

1906

Miss Helen Albro is with the Massachusetts state board of charity and has charge of the "minor wards" of the state. Her address is 43 State House, Boston, Mass.

Engagements

The engagement of Robert Taylor Burbank, '08, to Miss Louise Godding, daughter of Dr. Clarence M. Godding, '78, is announced.

The engagement of S. Carlisle Goodrich, '05, to Miss Molly T. Jordan of "Glen Toft," Balmville, Newburgh, N. Y., is announced.

The engagement of Francis Maurice Anderson, '07, to Miss Mildred Elizabeth Berry of Plainfield, N. J., was announced on Christmas day.

The engagement of Wesley F. Morse, '06, to Miss Ramona Putnam Goodnow of Keene, N. H., is announced.

Marriages

At the home of the bride's sister in Rumford, R. I., on the evening of January 6, 1909, Charles B. Coppen, '02, and Miss Ellen Johnson were married. The bride was attended by Miss Alice Sundborg, '06, as maid of honor and by Miss Marjorie Walker as flower girl. The best man was G. Frederick Frost, '96, and the ushers were John A. Johnson and Harry Sandager. Mr. Coppen is sporting editor of the Providence Journal.

At the home of the bride, Providence, on January 5, 1909, Edward Carrington, '73, and Mrs. Roscoe S. Washburn were married. Mr. and Mrs. Carrington have sailed for Europe and will spend a month in Egypt, besides traveling to Hungary, Austria and other less remote European countries, returning to America in May.

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

On December 31, 1908, at the Church of the Messiah, Providence, occurred the marriage of Robert Aldrich, '03, to Miss Elizabeth Andrews Cocroft. The bride was attended by Miss Kathryn Cocroft as maid of honor. The best man was William B. Satterlee, '03, and the ushers were Otis M. Freeman, Delancey G. R. Cocroft, John H. Cady, '03, A. James Pirce, '92, Harvey A. Baker, '03, and Dr. Melville N. Otis, '03.

In Pawtucket, R. I., at the home of the bride's parents, on the evening of January 9, 1909, occurred the marriage of Howard Hanson Payne, ex-'09 to Miss Marjorie Drowne Leete. Mr. and Mrs. Payne will live at 22 Walnut street, Pawtucket.

Howard Earle Brown of New York city, formerly of Providence and West Kingston, and Miss Marion Abrams of Tenaflly, N. J., were married at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Colver, at Tenaflly, N. J., on the evening of January 26, 1909. The bridegroom was a member of the track team in college and won many points in various meets by his bicycle riding. The bride is a graduate of the Rhode Island State Normal School and also attended the Rhode Island School of Design. She taught in the public schools of Providence for a time after graduating from the normal school. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary Lillian Swift, and Mr. Clarence C. Brown of Baltimore, brother of the groom, was best man. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Brown started on a wedding tour, which will include a month's tour of the West Indies. On their return they will make their home in New York city, where the bridegroom is practising law. After grad-

uating from Brown, Mr. Brown entered the Harvard Law School, completing the course there in 1906. He then went to New York, passed the examination and was admitted to the bar in that state. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

On December 21, 1908, at Salisbury, Mass., occurred the marriage of Adolph Conrad Ely, '94, to Miss Betsy Hughes Pike.

Births

Born to George Rice Coughlan, '97, and Grace Waterhouse Coughlan, at Mount Vernon, N. Y., on January 12, 1909, a son, George Rice Coughlan, Jr.

Deaths

HORACE STANDISH BRADFORD, A. M., 1860

Horace Standish Bradford of the class of 1860 died at the Hudson Street Hospital, New York city, on January 1, 1909, as the result of an accident earlier in the day, when he was run over on the Chicago, a ferry-boat. The ferry-boat had just tied up at the wharf when Mr. Bradford darted in front of an Adams Express wagon heavily laden and was knocked down. He was the son of Rev. Zabadiel Bradford and Ann Eliza Haynes and was born in North Yarmouth, Me., August 10, 1839. He prepared for college at the Providence High School under Edward H. Magill, '52, and was graduated from Brown University in 1860 with the degree of A. M. He continued his studies at the University of the City of New York, receiving the degree of L. L. B. in 1861. On February 24, 1862, he was made acting assistant paymaster of the United States navy, holding this position until December 1, 1863, when he resigned. During this time he served in the west gulf and Atlantic blockading squadrons. He then went west and with Professor Hill of Brown was engaged in mining and civil engineering in Colorado, California and Arizona for a number of years. Upon his return to the east, he opened an office in New York as a mining and consulting engineer. Later he entered the law, the profession for which he had prepared himself after leaving college. On October 1, 1863, he married Miss Kate E. Menks of Boston. They had two children, Albert Standish Bradford, deceased, and Harold Standish Bradford.

DR. JAMES ANDREWS DEWOLF, A. M., M. D., 1861

Dr. James Andrews DeWolf, A. M., of the class of 1861, author of "Alma Mater," died at Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies, Saturday, January 2, 1909, aged 67 years, 2 months and 21 days. He was the son of Dr. John James DeWolf, '33, and Annette Halsey Winthrop and was born in Bristol, R. I., on October 11, 1839. Dr. DeWolf prepared for college at the Providence High School and was graduated from Brown University in 1861 with the degree of A. M. On April 17 of that year he enlisted as a private in Company C of the First Rhode Island Volunteers and served in Virginia. He was mustered out of service with his regi-

ment on August 2. He then continued his studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and received the degree of M. D. in 1865. While in the medical school, he again entered military service, but this time upon the medical staff. On March 10, 1863, he was appointed acting medical cadet at the McDougall General Hospital, New York harbor, and on June 1, 1863, acting assistant surgeon of the United States army at Fortress Monroe, Va. After completing his medical course, Dr. DeWolf was assistant resident surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, New York city, in 1866, and assistant and house surgeon at the Woman's Hospital, New York city, from 1867 to 1868. For two years, 1868-70, he practised medicine in Providence, but in the latter year went to Trinidad, British West Indies, where he continued to live and practise until his death. In 1874 he was made government medical officer of Trinidad and in 1901, surgeon-general, holding the latter position as long as he lived. He was unmarried. "Alma Mater" was written by Dr. DeWolf while still an undergraduate and published in the "Brown Paper," but it was not until the early seventies that it was adopted as the college song. Since that time however, a period of nearly forty years, it has become steadily more popular, until at the present time it holds a unique place in the affection of Brown graduates and undergraduates alike.

GEORGE ABEL HOLBROOK, A. M., 1861

George Abel Holbrook of the class of 1861 died at his home in Providence on January 5, 1908, aged 69 years, 2 months and 21 days. He was the son of Albert Holbrook and Mary Olney Angell and was born in Providence, October 14, 1838. He fitted for college at the Providence High School and graduated from Brown University in 1861 with the degree of A. M. Immediately after his graduation he entered the Providence mustering office, which was enlisting recruits for the civil war, and remained there until 1865, practically during the whole period of the war. At its close he became a clerk in the office of the Union Railroad Company, Providence, which he left in 1868 to become a partner in the rawhide manufacturing business with his father. He continued in this business until ill health forced him to give up active work. Outside of his business Mr. Holbrook's interests were almost exclusively those of the home. He was devoted to books and flowers, and gave much of his time to the growing of orchids. He was also interested in music, and for a number of years was organist of the Olney Street Congregational Church. On May 18, 1869, he married Miss Mary Helen Smith, who survives him. They had two children: Sarah Helen Holbrook and Helen Wescott Holbrook.

RICHARD MOSES ELLIOTT, A. B., 1872

Richard Moses Elliott of the class of 1872 died during his summer vacation at Epsom, N. H., on September 3, 1908, of apoplexy, aged 64 years, 4 months and 13 days. He was the son of Moses Elliott and Sarah Wood Tenney, and was born in Templeton, Mass.,

on April 20, 1844. He was fitted for college at the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield, where he was also a teacher of music and organist in the First Baptist Church. He was graduated in 1872 from Brown University with the degree of A. B. During his college career he was organist and choir director of the Stewart Street Baptist Church in this city and was also the leader of the college glee club, which under his direction reached a high standard. After graduation he continued to reside in Providence and pursued the career of organist and teacher of singing. During his residence in Providence he availed himself of the experience of Dr. Guilmette, the eminent bass singer of sacred music and writer upon the voice, at the latter's home in New Hampshire. In the autumn of 1874 he removed to Boston, where he continued to live until his death. In the spring of 1886 he went to Europe and continued his musical training with William Shakespeare, a leading teacher of the voice in London. Upon his return to Boston he devoted himself to the teaching of music. But his interests lay beyond the pursuit of music and he devoted much of his time to the study of trees and tree culture, and to matters genealogical. With retiring and rarely cultivated tastes he pursued a quiet and uneventful career. A classmate writes of him: "He was pure hearted, clean handed, generous and true, with high ideals and a reverence for the Powers above; a splendid companion in college life. One sentence in a letter of his to a friend illustrates his habit of mind and his life work. 'I am content to follow the wayward bent of my inclinations and tastes. By this course I may not get up among the stars but I am sure to get greater satisfaction and comfort.'" He never married.

HOMER WARREN HANSCOM, 1900

Homer Warren Hanscom of the class of 1900 died at his home in Haverhill, Massachusetts, September 19, 1907, aged 31 years, 19 days. He was the son of Moses Warren and Helen (Amazeen) Hanscom, and was born in Haverhill, August 31, 1877. He was prepared for college in the Haverhill High School and graduated from Brown University with the degree of Ph. B. in 1900. Immediately upon graduation he became associated with his father in the hardware business. A thorough business man, energetic and resourceful, he was the means of expanding the business until the firm entered the jobbing trade in addition to its large retail trade. In 1904, when the firm known as the Hanscom Hardware Company was formed to succeed the firm of Hanscom Brothers, Mr. Hanscom was admitted as the junior partner and treasurer, in which position he continued until his death. Mr. Hanscom was prominent in Masonic circles, a member of blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows and of Aleppo Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is survived by his wife, who was Mary Aleta MacWhinnie of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and a son, Homer Warren Hanscom, nearly three years of age.

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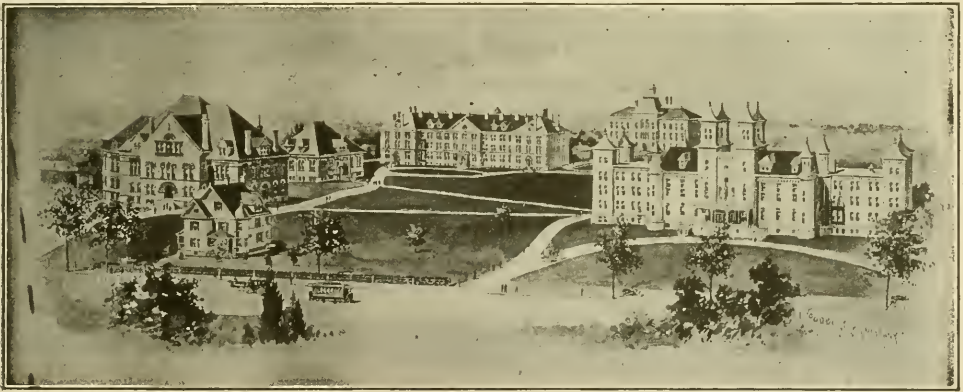
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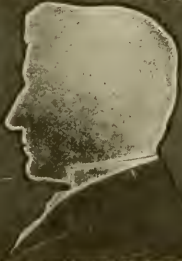
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