

DWIGHT HALL ANNIVERSARY.

Ceremonies Commemorating the Tenth Year of its Existence.

The memorial exercises in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the erection of Dwight Hall will be held next Sunday, October 18. All the exercises of the day are in charge of the Graduate Advisory Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, consisting of Richard C. Morse, '62, Chairman; D. Stuart Dodge, '57, Treasurer; James B. Reynolds, '84, Secretary; William S. Murray, '80; J. G. Phelps Stokes, '92S., and William Sloane, '95, and the programme of the day has been arranged by them.

In the morning the Rev. Joseph Anderson, D. D., of Waterbury, Conn., will occupy the pulpit in Battell Chapel. It is a singular coincidence that besides being the decennial celebration in commemoration of the erection of Dwight Hall, it is also the decennial celebration of the inauguration of Timothy Dwight, D. D., as President of Yale University. Mr. Anderson will probably make some mention of this fact in his sermon.

The class prayer meetings will be held as usual immediately after the morning service in the several class rooms in Dwight Hall. The Senior class meeting will be conducted by William Sloane, '95; the Junior class by W. D. Murray, '80; the Freshman class by J. B. Reynolds, '84. At the Sophomore class meeting, which will be held for the instruction of the new deacons, the other members of the Graduate Committee will be present. The general topic of these meetings will be "The Equipments of the Christian Worker."

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon a conference of the Graduate committee with the deacons and leaders of the Scientific School Department will be held at their rooms at 134 College Street.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

The general religious meetings of the University will be held at 6:40 o'clock in Dwight Hall, Mr. Richard C. Morse of the Graduate committee presiding. "Christian Life and Work at Yale" will be the topic of the meeting and addresses will be given by Mr. D. Stuart Dodge on "The Early Period;" by Mr. J. B. Reynolds on "Religious Life up to the Erection of Dwight Hall," and by Mr. William Sloane on "In Dwight Hall." After the meeting an informal reception will be given to the Graduate committee and members of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The great success of the Yale Y. M. C. A. has been in a large degree dependent upon the existence of Dwight Hall, which has served as an important center of all the religious work of the University. The first steps towards the present organization of the religious forces at Yale were made in the fall of 1879, mainly by efforts of members of the class of '80, which were heartily supported by Dr. Barbour and Prof. Northrop. Previous to this time, the class prayer meetings had been the most distinct and permanent centres of Christian activity. The University prayer meetings, however useful, were assemblages without responsibility or authority. The class committees assembling weekly in Dr. Barbour's room composed a sort of executive board and most of the gatherings for conference, mutual encouragement, and arrangements of plans of campaign were held in private rooms, at short notice, attended by less than half the men who would have been useful, and usually by men from one or two classes only.

Gradually a feeling arose, however, that something better was needed than this irregular and imperfect system, and as a result an organization was formed which was called the Yale Christian Social Union, but was changed soon after to the Young Men's Christian Association of Yale University.

THE BUILDING PROPOSED.

The idea of a building on the Campus for the religious uses of the students, was first proposed in the Spring of 1882 by E. E. Aiken of the class of

'81. He consulted with Charles E. Loughbridge, '83, and James B. Reynolds, '84, both officers of the University Y. M. C. A., and received their promises of cordial cooperation. The idea met with general favor among the students, and they determined at once to raise the necessary funds by subscription. Mr. Richard C. Morse, '62, conceived the idea that Mr. Frederick Marquand, a generous friend and benefactor, both of the University and of the Y. M. C. A., might be willing to contribute towards the proposed building and in due time presented his request. Mr. Marquand manifested much interest in the movement of the students but before he could take any action on the matter he met with a rather sudden death.

The students then resorted to their original plan and in the autumn of 1882 C. E. Loughbridge, '83, J. B. Reynolds, '84, and L. O. Baird, '85, were appointed a committee to bring the subject to the attention of the alumni and to secure \$25,000 for the erection of the building. The earnestness and energy displayed by the students in the prosecution of this work excited the interest of several of the alumni, by whose efforts chiefly the fund was raised to within a few thousand dollars of the sum at first proposed.

During the following year, however, the graduate committee learned that Mr. and Mrs. Elbert B. Monroe, who had just then returned from a tour abroad, were disposed to erect the proposed building on the Yale Campus in fulfillment of the wishes of their uncle, the late Frederick Marquand. Their offer was gladly accepted, and after some delay the site between the Library and Alumni Hall was chosen. Ground was broken in July, 1885. The name of Dwight Hall was given to the building in memory of Timothy Dwight, President of Yale College from 1795 to 1817, and the dedication ceremonies took place on October 17, 1886.

DESCRIPTION OF DWIGHT HALL.

The Hall is of brown sandstone, in the French Romanesque style of architecture. On the ground floor are four handsomely furnished rooms for the class prayer meetings, and a central reading and social room. The room is supplied with a complete list of religious papers and periodicals, and with several of the New York and New Haven dailies.

A broad oak staircase leads to the second story, the greater part of which is occupied by the main auditorium, an appropriately decorated hall with a seating capacity for five hundred persons. Here is placed a pipe organ which adds greatly to the beauty and completeness of the services held in this room. In an adjoining room is the library of 1,000 volumes, composed chiefly of works of Biblical reference, aids to Bible study, Christian evidence, missionary literature, Christian biography and history. The library has proved very valuable to those engaged in Bible study. On the same floor are also the Secretary's apartments and a small room for Bible classes and committee meetings, and on the third floor is the room of the Librarians.

During the past summer a number of changes have been made, which have improved the building considerably. Previous to this time no improvements of any importance had been made except the occasional necessary repairs. The building now has been entirely overhauled from top to bottom and thoroughly renovated. All the woodwork has been varnished and new wall paper put on. The old dark paper, that gave a very gloomy and sombre aspect has been replaced by one of much lighter color that gives a far more cheerful appearance in all the surroundings. Through the kindness of Judge Lyman of Chicago, a new motor will soon be put into the organ, in place of the old one, and a long felt deficiency will be remedied.

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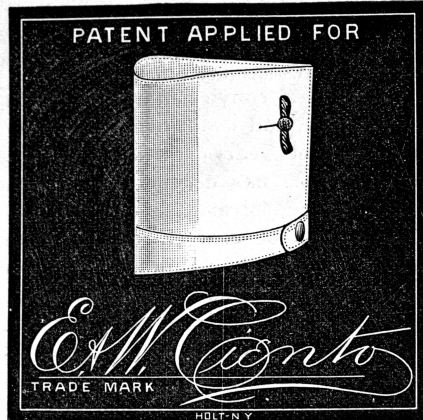
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