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to Prospect Avenue, a street of luxurious and altogether charming places of residence.

THE WOODEN SPOON.

The "Wooden Spoon," long ago strangely superseded by the Terpsichorean folly known as the Junior Promenade (ab cerebris usque ad calces), was in our time one of the most interesting and charming of intellectual treats afforded by the classic wits of College. The men of '56 have only happy memories of that soft summer night of 1855, when Brewster's Hall was made melodious with songs that only Theron Brown and Buehler could have written, and literary exercises that only Dave Richardson and Sid Morse could have conducted so superbly to the honor of the dear old class.

I recall the prize debates in Linonia and the Brothers in Unity, then in the height of their vigor and glory, now, alas, at best a misty memory.

The leading lights of Linonian oratory in '56 were Lettwich (who left us in our Freshman year, but afterwards attained marked distinction as a Presbyterian clergyman at the South), Depew, Dickinson, Theron Brown, Calkins, Campbell, Coit, Finlay, Pease, Robinson, Towne and Woods.

In the "Brothers" none were more highly rated than A. J. Bartholomew, Bacon, Bailey, Nettleton, Packard, Paine, Richardson and Taylor, and the subsequent careers of the men have in most cases more than justified the estimation and expectation of those who heard them in those earlier years.

Of the ninety-seven men who composed the class of graduation forty years ago, fifty-six are living. Of all who, at some time connected, were notwithstanding not among our graduates, many are still living in active business or professional life and several were graduated after our time at Yale or other colleges.

Six of them whose loyalty to the class through all these years has continued without abatement are Mr. George F. Fuller, of Boston; Mr. William E. Hurlbert, of Cromwell, Conn.; Mr. Parmenas B. Hulse, our Brooklyn fellow townsman, well-known as teacher and authority on educational books; the Rev. Dr. J. N. Hallock, of the "Christian Work;" President Cyrus Northrup, of the Minnesota University, and the Hon. George Buckingham St. John, of Norwalk, Conn.

SOME WHO ARE NOW LIVING.

Matthias H. Arnot, of Elmira, N. Y., an eminent banker and public-spirited citizen of Western New York, the popular "Matt" of College days, still heads our alphabetical column. Gilbert F. Bailey, our "beloved poet, sage and farmer philosopher," as his classmate, Morse, affectionately termed him at a recent anniversary, is still our first and only "Gabe." Theron Brown, our class odist, writer of many of the sweetest songs that have gladdened our reunions, continues to be an honored and admired editorial writer on the "Youth's Companion." He has also delivered anniversary poems at Dudley, Mass.; Windham, Conn., and elsewhere and has recently published a very charming volume of his productions, entitled, "Life Songs."

To his graceful pen has been committed the duty of editing the Class Book about to be published in commemoration of our fortieth anniversary.

Our two Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, Brewer and Brown, are nobly doing their duty, and Chauncey M. Depew continues gloriously to fill the post-gastronomic oratorical bill. My personal recollections of "Chat," as we always called him, go back forty-four years, to Freshman year and Sigma Delta. I was most happily associated with him in that admirable Society, and vividly recall his brilliant efforts in oratory and debate, which even then gave promise of the superb attainments for which the world delights to honor to him to-day.

Later we joined Psi Upsilon together, and our classmate relation in all those College years was fruitful in many very delightful memories. His Class rejoices always to do him honor, and I am not afraid to venture the opinion that Chauncey in the light of history is to-day rather proud of his Class.

Time would fail me to do justice to the other classmates of whom I would gladly speak. I can but name Wolcott Calkins, long a leader in the Congregational pulpit of New England, and now conspicuous in Kansas City; Chief Justice Magruder, of Illinois; Brockway, perennial humorist of the Class, today a popular and public-spirited citizen of Wellsville, Kan.; "Joe" French, the genial Class Secretary; Dr. Frank Hodge, of Hudson, O.; General Wager Swayne, of New York; John M. Fiske, the eminent authority on commercial law, who graces the position of Deputy Collector of Boston; John Monteith, of California; Sidney E. Morse, of New York City, the esteemed and beloved Chairman of our Class Committee; Professor L. L. Paine, of Bangor Theological Seminary; Dr. E. C. Towne, the distinguished writer and lecturer, of Chicago, and Dr. V. M. Dow, a prominent physician of New Haven, Conn.

Dr. J. M. B. Dwight, of New Haven; Dr. Robins Little, of the Astor Library, New York, and President T. Dwight, all tutors to '56, are, as far as known, the only surviving members of the Faculty of our time.

A NEW CLASS BOOK.

A Class Book is shortly to be published with much interesting historical matter and a full report of the fortieth anniversary celebration. How these boys of forty years ago sang love and loyalty may be imagined perhaps from these quaint stanzas:—

"On the way with fearless feet till the paths of honor meet
That have led us from our mother's sunny door,
We are marching fifty strong to the old Commencement song
Where the stars of glory brighten more and more.
Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching!
Onward! Hear the music play!
All the hundred years ahead echo with our coming tread.
For the boys of Fifty-six are on the way."

"It's nigh along of forty years, I'd like to have you know,
Since we wandered from the Chicken Coop of Alma Mater, O,
And the murmur that disturbed you, 'twas a reminiscence crow,
To say we're marching on,
AND THE CAT CAME BACK—WITH THE CHICKENS, JUST IN TIME FOR—
—Glory, Glory, etc.

Nay, if for more particulars you're eagerly inclined,
Just listen, I'll explicitly impress it on your mind,—
We're Banker, Preacher, Player, Doctor, Farmer, "Jedge" combined,
As we go marching on,
THE COMPANY WILL UNITE IN SINGING THE CHOWDER CHANT.
Glory, Glory, etc."

And when the evening waned they sang their parting hymn, as only sons of Yale could sing:—

"Sing while in dream of youth and home,
The vanished years so sweetly come,
Sing while our glowing hearts recall
The name of Alma crowning all!

Sing love and trust abiding still,
Through joy and sorrow, good and ill,
Sing fadeless faith and honor pure,
While Yale and Fifty-six endure.

Dear Yale, of hope and pride our Shrine;
Prosperity for aye be thine,
Dear Class, whate'er Life's mystery send,
God's blessing guard thee to the end!"

University Whist Club.

The University Whist Club has now been in existence for three years and has gained a permanent foothold among University organizations. It now consists of thirty members, among whom games are played at meetings held on Monday evenings.

The tournament of the Fall term was finished last week and was won by F. W. Tenney, '98, and G. H. Smith, '99, to whom were awarded as prizes silver cups. Next term another tournament will be held among the members, the object of which is to select the team of six to represent the Club in the event of an intercollegiate tournament. Should there be no regular intercollegiate tournament, attempts will be made to arrange a contest with the teams of Harvard and Princeton.

The officers of the Club are as follows: President, W. G. Cook, '97; Vice-President, N. B. Beecher, '98; Secretary, O. S. Bryant, '99; Treasurer, E. C. Perkins, '98; Executive Committee, W. G. Cook, '97, A. C. Sherwood, '97, R. C. Lanphier, '97 S., N. B. Beecher, '98, J. S. Cameron, Jr., '99.

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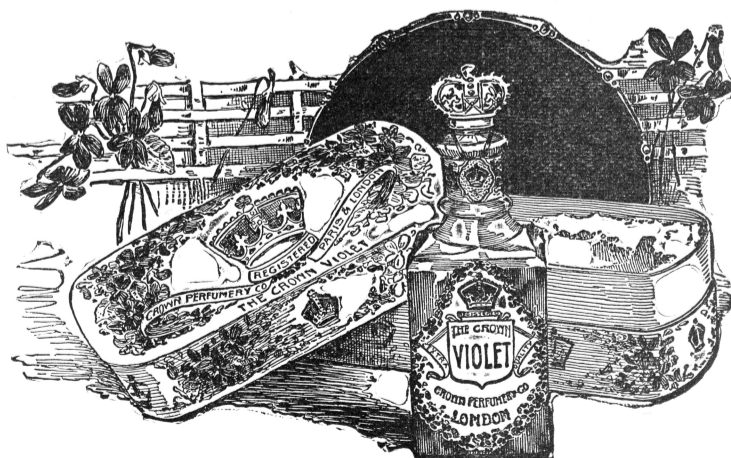
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