

FIRST SCRANTON BANQUET.

President Dwight the Guest of Honor at the Meeting.

The first annual banquet of the Scranton Alumni Association was held in the Board of Trade Building of Scranton, Pa., on Tuesday evening, April 20. The room was decorated for the occasion, and a large Yale flag was placed behind the chair at the head of the table. The tables were arranged in the shape of a "T." President Timothy Dwight, '49, sat at the head, in the place of honor. On his right was Hon. Alfred Hand, '57, and on his left, Major Everett Warren, '81, the toastmaster.

The list of assigned toasts was as follows:

- "Opening Load".....Yale Cheers
- "Yale University"....President Dwight
- "Old Yale".....W. H. Jessup, '49
- "Young Yale".....J. B. Neale, '96
- "Yale Medieval".....S. Woodward, '55
- "Yale Sports".....W. J. Torrey, '99
- "Our Friends, the Enemy".....
-Dr. J. S. McLeod, Princeton, '69

The speech making began at 10 o'clock and was started with a Yale cheer, given by a graphophone. Mr. Everett Warren, toastmaster, then made some introductory remarks as follows:

"Brethren of the Alumni, Sons of Dear Old Mother Yale, Graduates, Under-Graduates and Over-Graduates (that last means the fellows who lingered beneath the Elms more than the statute period):—I salute you, and in behalf of the committee in charge I extend to you a most cordial greeting at this birth-night dinner of the Yale Alumni Association of Scranton, Pa. And to our guests, the representatives of rival colleges, welcome, thrice welcome. You have never been in such good company before. If you find the air clearer, purer and more bracing than you are wont to enjoy, I want to say we don't notice anything unusual. I have a good deal of sympathy for the graduates of other colleges hereabouts. It would be difficult to gather together a corporal's guard of any one institution outside of ours in the city of Scranton. If any one dares to doubt that statement, shoot him on the spot. And the sons of Old Eli have grown so numerous in Northeastern Pennsylvania we have been obliged to divide. Our friends of the mother county continue as the Yale Alumni Association of the Wyoming valley, and we inaugurate to-night that of the city of Scranton, Pa.

THE GREATEST MAN OF THE DAY.

"This is our night—we have hired this hall and paid for the dinner and we are going to enjoy ourselves ad libitum debasationum—add anything else you want to order. And we propose to talk about ourselves. This is the one occasion when it is permissible. In this originally New England town, now so cosmopolitan, whose past is a record of wonderful thrift and marvelous achievement—out of a howling wilderness an Electric City blossoming forth in less than half a century—the genius of Yale men is everywhere manifest, and in both business and politics Yale is everywhere triumphant. With the indomitable spirit born of Yale and the weapons forged in her furnaces, her sons have advanced to first place in all the professions and in all the avenues of trade. Perhaps the greatest man in this day and generation is he who is not allured from his profession by the flattering hopes and aspirations of politics and who steadily pursues the even tenor of his way, a sterling citizen, a shining light in his profession, an honest man.

"In the first President of this Society, the Hon. William H. Jessup, of Scranton and Montrose, you have just such a man, omnium assensu at the summit of our bar. It is a source of very great regret to us all that he is kept away to-night by the sudden death of a member of his family, and I am sure he has our united sympathy in his sad affliction. Our roll of members includes the Hon. Alfred Hand, an ex-Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth; the learned President of the Common Pleas of Lackawanna County, the Hon. R. W. Archbald—fit to adorn any bench in the land; his learned son, whose name we have seen within a week as a 'Junior Ex man of '98'; Dr. Leet, the surgeon of two wars and one hospital—as able a physician as Pennsylvania contains to-day; the Hon. Joseph A. Scranton, Lackawanna's first representative in Congress—a man who has done great service for this city and its people in matters of legislation and public affairs; Colonel Boies, whose philanthropic efforts for his fellow-man have made his name a household word throughout the State; Major Belin, in

the very front rank of business men, one of the 'makers of Scranton'—and many other men of affairs. Phi Beta Kappa keys are as thick here as the leaves of Vallambrosia. There are representatives of every society Yale ever had.

"Horace Greeley, returning from a New York State convention at which he failed to secure a nomination, said: 'What is it all worth, anyway? How many men can name the last ten Governors of New York?' How many of us can name the high-stand men of our classes or remember our valedictorians now in the Congregational ministry? But who can ever forget Bill Scranton, the bow oar of Wilbur Bacon's famous crew of '65; or Jim Archbald, the President of the Yale Baseball Association in '87, who made it possible for Stagg and Dann to win immortal fame; or Laurie Bliss, whose giant football strides have enshrined him in the hearts of Valensians the world over. I tell you, we are a star aggregation. 'We have several speakers to-night, and but one sentiment. That sentiment warms our hearts and stirs our blood beyond all other rallying cries, and it brings back the precious memories, the glorious times of student days, the venerable age, the ever vigorous youth, the noble fame of our Alma Mater. We are once more at home with the elms, the Fence, the Campus and the girls.

"The crowning felicity of the hour is the presence here of the honored President of the University. To him we bow as we used to do in college days. We pledge him our respect, our veneration and our love. And now, with all the honors, I propose the health of President Dwight."

PRESIDENT DWIGHT'S GREETING.

President Dwight's greeting was, to say the least, enthusiastic. He responded to the toast of "Yale University," and referred to the eminent men of the past who had carried on the work of the University, and gave a prediction that Yale would commence to work in the new century under the most auspicious circumstances.

The next toast on the program was "Old Yale," by Judge Jessup; but in his absence Hon. Alfred Hand, '57, was called upon. He responded in a speech full of reminiscences. Hon. Stanley Woodward, '55, who was to respond to the toast of "Yale Medieval," was also unable to be present, and Dr. P. F. Gunster, '71S., spoke in his place.

The toast of "Our Friends, the Enemy," was assigned to Rev. James McLeod, D. D., of Princeton, but he could not attend and a letter from him was read. R. W. Archbald, jr., '98, was then called upon to speak on this toast and told some entertaining stories.

In closing, H. W. Boies, '88, made a few remarks, and the banquet ended with a cheer for Yale.

Previous to the dinner, a business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Col. H. M. Boies, '59; Vice-President, J. B. Dimmick, '90; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Paul B. Belin, '95S.; Executive Committee, W. W. Scranton, '65, and J. B. Neale, '96.

The complete list of those present is as follows: President Timothy Dwight, '49; Hon. Alfred Hand, '57; Major Everett Warren, '81; Hon. R. W. Archbald, '71; J. B. Dimmick, '87; R. W. Archbald, jr., '98; P. B. Belin, '95S.; L. T. Bliss, '94S.; H. W. Boies, '88; J. M. Boies, '95S.; I. S. Case, '96S.; Frederick Connell, '84; C. H. Dowd, '97; W. B. Easton, '95S.; Dr. P. F. Gunster, '71S.; A. G. Hunt, '87; W. J. Hand, '87; A. Z. Huntington, '95S.; C. S. Jennings, '94; F. M. Lynch, '97; H. L. Moses, 1900; J. B. Neale, '96; W. Scranton, '98; C. B. Sturges, '96S.; W. J. Torrey, '99; C. H. Welles, jr., '99; G. C. Weston, '96; C. S. Woodruff, '78; L. Hitchcock, '98; A. B. Baldwin, '98; L. G. Billings, '98; D. D. Burrell, '98; H. C. Curran, '98; M. C. Harvey, '99; L. E. Stoddard, '99; G. P. Sheldon, 1900, and C. H. Connor, '99.

In the College Pulpit.

The list of preachers in the College Chapel for the remainder of the College term is as follows:

- May 2—Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- May 9—Rev. S. E. Herrick, D.D., of Boston.
- May 16—Rev. A. J. F. Behrends, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.
- May 23—Rev. W. R. Richards, D.D., of Plainfield, N. J.
- May 30—Rev. A. J. Lyman, D. D., Brooklyn.
- June 6—Rev. J. W. Cooper, D. D., New Britain.
- June 13—Rev. George Alexander, D. D., New York.
- June 20—Bishop John H. Vincent, Buffalo.
- June 27—Baccalaureate Sermon, by President Dwight.

A Chance to Go with Peary.

Lieut. Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, will make another trip to Greenland this Summer, starting from New York or Boston about July 1, and returning in the latter part of September. This expedition will afford an opportunity to those who care to go either for the purpose of study or sport. Mr. Peary has had a ship in Greenland for six consecutive summers. Any one interested can obtain particulars by addressing Hugh J. Lee, Meriden, Conn.

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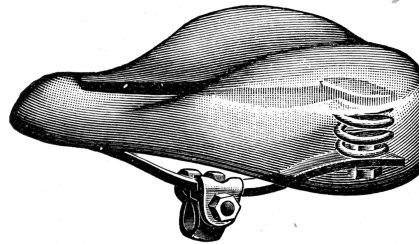
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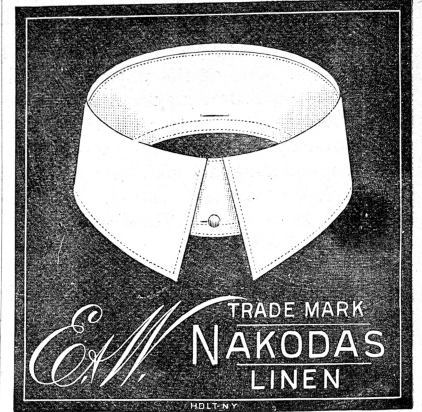
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