

OBITUARY.

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Strong, Yale, 1802, a noted Presbyterian clergyman of Somers. He spent his boyhood in working on his father's farm during the Summer and attending school in Somers in the Winter. Later, he was sent to a select school taught by his brother William Strong, Yale 1828, at Tolland, Conn., and to academies at Wethersfield, Conn., Monson, Mass., and at Wilton, Conn., the last of them under the late Harvey Olmstead, LL.D. Yale, 1816. He began to teach at the age of seventeen, but having resolved to go through College he studied a while in New Haven with his brother, N. P. Strong, Yale 1831, then a tutor in the College, and entered his Class at the beginning of his Sophomore year.

Directly after graduation, he was appointed Principal of Bacon Academy, Colchester, Conn., where he remained until January, 1840, when he joined the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. In 1840 he returned to New Haven as tutor in the College, and from that time till November, 1842, pursued theological studies while performing the duties of the tutorship. He then resigned that office to become pastor of the Church Street Church, New Haven, which later changed its name and location and became the College Street Church, now used by the Department of Music. After nearly twenty years of service, he was compelled by ill health to leave his pastorate on July 1, 1862. While in the pursuit of his health, he preached for short periods in various places, among them Kalamazoo, Mich., where he was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church. When he had to some extent recovered, he received a call to the pastorate of the South Congregational Church at Pittsfield, Mass., which he accepted. He began his ministerial duties there January 1st, 1865, and remained as pastor until December 1, 1871. He was twice married. His first wife was Margaret Scott, daughter of Thaddeus Scott, of New Haven, who died in 1873, and his second wife, who survives him, was Harriet Sherman, widow of Dr. Clark Wright, of New York City.

Dr. Strong was the third eldest living graduate of Yale College at the 60th anniversary of his Class last Summer. Ill health has been the chief impediment of his professional life, but nevertheless in his duties he was always faithful, zealous and successful.

THE LATE EDWARD OLMSTEAD, '45.

[By Isaac Lewis Peet, '45]

On the 6th of December, on the hill-top crowning the beautiful cemetery in the town of Wilton, Conn., all that was mortal of Professor Edward Olmstead was committed to the ground. The scene was singularly in keeping with the occasion. As far as the eye could reach, the undulating surface was covered with a mantle of snow, typical of the pure soul which had left the earth and the setting sun sinking out of sight, simultaneously with the utterance of the words "Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust," sent rays of hope into the sorrowing hearts of those present, with its promise—Resurgam.

In him, after an illness of four days, at the age of 74, was closed the career of one of the great teachers of youth. After graduating from Yale, with the Class of Forty-five, he was associated with his father, the late Hawley Olmstead, LL.D. (Yale 1816), as assistant, and afterward succeeded him, as Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven.

He retired in 1855 to a salubrious home in Wilton, where he took charge of the academy founded by his father in 1817, and with re-established health, which had broken down in New Haven, entered upon the life work which found him at his post long after most educators have felt the need of rest. He made it one of the most excellent schools of the State, and by the thoroughness of his instruction, the dignity of his bearing, the magnetism of his presence, and the blamelessness of his life so impressed himself upon his pupils that they invariably took a high stand in college and elsewhere, and needed no better recommendation than that they had passed through his hands.

His head was massive, and his face the index of the soul within. His

smile was a benediction. In his case the boy was the father of the man. One who had known him in youth could not fail to recognize and love him even in his old age.

In the community in which he lived, he exercised a controlling influence. As Deacon in the Church, he was at once the stay and support of successive pastors, and was looked up to by them and by the people with reverence and love.

He was married December 30, 1851, to Miss Marian Hyde, a charming lady of Norwich, Conn., and was blessed with ten children, of whom four died in infancy, and six, as well as the partner of his joys and sorrows, survive him.

He held the distinction of an unmixed Puritan ancestry. He was a lineal descendant, on his father's side, of Richard Olmstead, a first purchaser and settler of Norwalk, Conn., and the first representative of that town in the Colonial Legislature. Richard Olmstead married a direct descendant of Rev. Thomas Hawley of Northampton, Mass., a graduate of Harvard College of the Class of 1706, and the first settled minister at Ridgefield, Conn. Prof. Olmstead's mother was a daughter of Phineas Smith, of New Canaan, Conn. Such a family tree necessarily bore good fruit.

EDWARD MORTIMER JEWETT, EX-71.

[By C. L., '71.]

Edward Mortimer Jewett, ex-'71, died at Yarmouthport, Mass., Nov. 27th, 1898. Mr. Jewett was born at Boston, Mass., April 2d, 1848, and was prepared for College at the Hopkins Grammar School and entering Yale in the Fall of Sixty-Seven. He only remained with the Class during Freshman year, leaving the following year for an extended trip to Europe. He was in Paris in 1870, till the seige by the Prussians in the Franco-German war compelled all foreigners to leave the city. Returning to his home in New York, he went into business; afterwards going to Boston he engaged in mercantile life until the illness to which he finally succumbed, compelled him to retire to private life. He was married June 14th, 1876, to Miss Ella Frances Dunham of Boston, who survives him.

He was buried at Boston, Dec. 1st, in the Forest Hills Cemetery. Although Mr. Jewett was with the Class of Seventy-One only one year, he was one of the most popular men in his Class, highly esteemed by all and beloved by those who knew him most intimately. Of the non-graduates of the Class, he was perhaps the most enthusiastic in his loyalty to the Class and his love for old Yale, and he was a regular attendant at all the Class reunions, until the last one, which only illness prevented him from attending, much to his expressed regret. To his mourning classmates it will be of special interest to know that the writer had the pleasure and privilege of visiting him at his temporary home at Yarmouthport last August in answer to his urgent invitation. Although Jewett must have known that his end was near, and that we should never meet again in this world, he inquired most affectionately for every member of the Class he could think of, showing his keen interest in everything pertaining to the Class and College, and that the ruling spirit was strong, even in death. His memory was clear to the last and he loved to dwell upon the happy days spent "neath the elms of dear old Yale" in the days of the old College fence.

BLAIN JAMISON, '81 S.

Blain Jamison, '81 S., died suddenly on Oct. 28, at his home in New Orleans. Being confined to his room three days with illness caused by a seemingly slight affection of the heart, he grew rapidly worse and died before his case was considered really critical.

Mr. Jamison was born in New Orleans in 1859, where he has always lived except during his College life. He graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in the Class of Eighty-One. In school and college he was well known to a large circle of friends as well as in his business. On his return to New Orleans from College he went into the Cotton business in the firm of Smith & Jamison, where he remained until 1890, when he accepted the position of Secretary of the School Board of New Orleans.

Mr. Jamison was very popular in society and took an active part in social events. He was a member of the New Orleans Pickwick and Press Clubs, and was prominent in these organizations.

Chicago Club.

A meeting of the members of the University who are from Chicago was held on December 14th, for the purpose of forming a Chicago Club. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. B. Smith, '99; Vice-President, Leeds Mitchell, '99 S.; Secretary and Treasurer, R. H. McCormick, Jr., 1900. It was also decided to hold a smoker sometime in February.

Loving Cup for Rodgers.

The members and substitutes of last year's Freshman Crew have sent a loving cup to their coach, J. O. Rodgers, '98. On one of the three sides is the Yale seal, on another the times and the orders in which the three Freshman crews finished, and on the third side is engraved, "Presented to James Otis Rodgers, by the Yale Freshman Crew, 1898."

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