

YALE CLUB NIGHT.

Gen. Woodford's Speech—Resolutions on the President.

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The first "club night" of 1899 was held at the Yale Club in New York on Friday evening, January 27th, the special feature of the evening being the presentation of a bust of the Hon. Benjamin D. Silliman, of the Class of Twenty-Four, the oldest living graduate of Yale, executed by the sculptor William Ordway Partridge. After the singing of some songs by a Yale Glee Club double quartette, President Thacher referred to the good fortune of the Club in receiving such a gift, and pointed out that by the acquisition of such presents the Club would become more and more attractive for graduates of every age. He then introduced Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, the next speaker, whom he referred to as "half a Yale man, and that half of him with us to-night."

GENERAL WOODFORD'S SPEECH.

Gen. Woodford began his address with "Half-brothers of Yale," and expressed his regret that he could not claim more complete relationship. It was not his fault, he declared, that he did not finish his course at Yale in the Class of Fifty-Four. His departure from New Haven in the middle of Junior year was due solely to some foolish jealousy on the part of the Faculty. His presence at the Club on this occasion he presumed was due one-third to the fact that he tried to become a Yale graduate, one-third to the fact that he lived in the borough of Brooklyn, where Mr. Silliman also resided, and one-third to the fact that he had long been an intimate friend of the latter.

Gen. Woodford said that it was hard to realize all that was contained in the words "oldest living graduate." To appreciate its full meaning one had to recall that when Mr. Silliman was born in September, 1805, George III was still King of England; Napoleon had been but one year on the throne of France; Jefferson was President of the United States; "expansion" even on our own continent was undreamed of, and William Ewart Gladstone and Abraham Lincoln were unborn.

Gen. Woodford then went on to pay high tribute to Mr. Silliman as a lawyer, and not only as a lawyer—for even the best of lawyers are soon forgotten, he declared—but as a citizen in the highest sense of the word and as a Christian gentleman. Touching lightly on his career, Gen. Woodford told of Mr. Silliman as a member of the State Legislature in 1834, of his work then in securing the character for Greenwood Cemetery; of his being one of the delegates at the Presidential Convention that nominated Harrison; of his candidacy for public offices in New York, and of his early and lasting interest in politics and good government.

After thanking Gen. Woodford for his speech, Mr. Thacher said that he was sure the Club would like to hear from the artist who had been kind enough to present his work to the Club, and Mr. Partridge responded in a few words. He was not himself a Yale man, he said, but was glad to be connected with the family, which had been represented at Yale in an unbroken line since 1796. Mr. Partridge referred to his work on the bust of Mr. Silliman as "a labor of love," well repaid by contact with so fine a gentleman, and the interesting anecdotes he had heard from him of Webster and other men of the time, one or two of which he told to the Club.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

RESOLUTIONS ON PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION.

"Resolved, That the Yale Club of New York City, having learned with regret of President Dwight's resignation of his office as President of Yale University, desires to express its grateful recognition of the success of his administration. The term of his incumbency has been one of unparalleled growth in every department of the University, and of peaceful and harmonious relations between all connected with it; and this result has been largely due, not only to his marked administrative ability but also to his kindly and affectionate nature. The graduates of Yale

feel for President Dwight not only the deepest respect and esteem, but an unusual personal attachment. They earnestly hope that his future life may be long, tranquil and happy; that, for many years to come, the University may continue to receive the benefit of his wise counsel; and that the graduates of Yale may long continue to enjoy the pleasure of his personal friendship.

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Dwight."

Resolutions were also adopted congratulating Hon. C. M. Depew on his election to the U. S. Senate.

A HARVARD AND YALE DINNER.

Gen. W. W. Skiddy, '65 S., was then called upon to report in behalf of the Committee appointed some time ago to arrange a return reception to the Harvard Club for their entertainment of last year. His announcement that the members of the Harvard Club had accepted an invitation for the evening of Friday, February 24th, was greeted with applause. The affair is to be given at Sherry's, 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, and will take the place of the usual Yale Alumni Dinner. Gen. Skiddy said that more definite announcement would be made later, but that he was glad to be able to make this much public now as still further evidence—if any were needed—of the increasing good feeling between the two Universities.

The meeting then adjourned and the rest of the evening was given over to informality and the singing of choruses under the lead of the quartette.

Attendance at Harvard.

The following is the summary of the officers and students of Harvard University in all departments:

OFFICERS OF INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

Corporation	7
Overseers	31
Teachers:—	
Professors	92
Associate Professors	5
Assistant Professors	37
Lecturers	15
Tutors	1
Instructors	135
Demonstrators and Assistants	126
Whole number of Teachers	411
Preachers	5
Curators and Library Officers	18
Proctors and other Officers	32

STUDENTS.

I. Faculty of Arts and Sciences:—	
1. College:—	
Senior Class	369
Junior Class	335
Sophomore Class	508
Freshman Class	471
Special Students	168
.....	1,851
2. Scientific School:—	
Fourth Year	51
Third Year	58
Second Year	93
First Year	149
Special	64
.....	415
3. Graduate School:—	
Resident	308
Non-Resident	14
.....	322
Whole number of Students under Faculty of Arts and Sciences	2,588
II. Divinity School:—	
Resident Graduates	9
Senior Class	2
Middle Class	5
Junior Class	8
Special	2
.....	26
III. Law School:—	
Resident Bachelors of Laws	1
Third Year	102
Second Year	170
First Year	220
Special	58
.....	551
IV. Medical School:—	
In Courses for Graduates ..	28
Fourth Class	108
Third Class	116
Second Class	143
First Class	165
.....	560
V. Dental School:—	
Third Year	46
Second Year	37
First Year	56
.....	139

VI. School of Veterinary Medicine:—	
Third Class	7
Second Class	9
First Class	8
Special	1
.....	25
VII. Bussey Institution	23
.....	3,912
Deduct for names inserted more than once	11
.....	3,901
VIII. Summer School of 1898	759
.....	4,660

SOPHOMORE WRANGLERS.

New Debating Society Named—Work Outlined—Officers Elected.

A few weeks ago a score or more of members of the Sophomore Class came together and organized a new Debating Society which was to work on the same lines as the Sophomore Wigwam, established last year. The purpose of both societies is to make debating more popular in the University. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, the members of the new Society met at Stewart's to choose a name for their body, to plan work for the future and to elect officers. After much discussion it was decided that the official name of the Society should be the "Sophomore Wranglers," and that debates should be held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, beginning Jan. 25. These debates are meant to be as informal as possible.

Officers were then elected as follows: Chairman, R. L. Atkinson; Second Chairman, A. F. Yaggy; Secretary and Treasurer, L. K. Butler; Executive Committee, H. Auchincloss and R. H. Nevins. The Chairman of the meeting then divided the Society into two divisions, which are to be known as the First and Second Wranglers. The divisions were made as follows:

First Wranglers—J. D. Bogart, T. L. Cheney, W. W. Hoppin, Jr., R. H. Nevins, C. W. Allen, C. B. Waterman, G. V. Reynolds, H. Chisholm, J. M. Carlisle, P. J. Leidigh, W. G. D. Morgan, G. B. Kip, J. S. Eells, R. B. Hixon, H. Scoville, F. McD. C. Robertson, D. B. Lawrence, R. L. Atkinson, E. H. Brown, W. R. Hitt.

Second Wranglers—L. B. Carter, M. K. Parker, L. M. Thomas, A. D. Allen, W. B. Allen, N. A. Baldwin, 2d, J. H. Hord, B. P. Twichell, J. H. Wear, R. S. Spencer, F. M. Wheeler, H. P. Judd, H. Chappell, C. G. Pearce, A. H. Gleason, A. F. Yaggy, F. G. Harris, H. Auchincloss, A. J. Young.

At the end of the year the side losing the most debates will pay for a dinner to be given to the other side.

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