

## WASHINGTON DINNER.

**Fifty Present—Prof. Hadley and Governor Brady of Alaska, Guests.**

The twenty-fifth annual dinner of the Yale Alumni Association of Washington (D. C.), was held at the Shoreham Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 4, and has gone on record as one of the most successful that the Association ever gave. A disappointment, however, was the failure of Justice Henry B. Brown, Yale '56, to respond to the toast, "Yale on the Supreme Bench." The dining room was decorated with flags and hung with ivy and smilax and the table itself was beautified with smilax and flowers.

Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, Yale '50, presided at the head of the long table, while Professor Arthur T. Hadley, Yale '76, and Governor John G. Brady of Alaska, the guests of honor, were seated on his right and left. Ranged around the table were the following members and friends of the Association, numbering over fifty: Professor Samuel Porter, '29; E. Whittlesey, '42; Augustine Smith, '42; William T. Harris, '49; Edward Shaw, '49; Custis J. Hillyer, '50; Cyrus L. Hall, '52; Henry C. Hallowell, '52; William A. Meloy, '54; W. C. Whittmore, '55; Professor Isaac Clark, '56; Dewitt C. Sprague, '64; Rev. John L. Ewell, '65; E. K. Rawson, '68; Horace W. Eaton, '70; Professor Simon Newcomb, '75 hon.; Francis J. Woodman, '76; Philip G. Russell, '76; Charles U. Fowler, '76; C. C. Tyler, '77; J. A. Porter, '78; W. W. Hite, '78; H. K. Willard, '79; T. A. Bingham, '79; George P. Whittlesey, '78; Frank H. Snell, '82; M. H. Beach, '82; M. A. Guinnip, '84 S.; Yung Kwai, '84; Senator J. R. Hawley, '86 hon.; Senator O. H. Platt, '87 hon.; J. H. Hayden, '87 S.; Baruch Israeli, '89; C. K. Ely, '91; Henry S. Graves, '92; R. S. Powell, '92; E. F. Gallaudet, '93; W. W. Parker, '93; E. J. Hill, '93; F. P. Farnsworth, '94; E. M. Gallaudet, '95 Hon.; John L. Ewell, Jr., '97; R. S. Hume, '98; Hon. I. Edwards Clark; E. C. Morse; J. H. Bradford; E. W. Cady; Chung My; C. B. Bliss; E. R. Hodge; G. B. Baird; E. A. Hall; H. Holden; M. C. Hart; and Representative N. D. Sperry of Connecticut.

## PRES. DWIGHT'S REGRETS.

After the banquet was over President Roberts arose and after a few remarks, read the following letter of regret from President Dwight:

"It is very kind in your Committee, and also on your own part, to extend me an invitation to be present at the dinner commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Yale Association in Washington on Saturday evening the 4th of next month. I beg you to express my thanks to the Committee and to accept them for yourself. I shall not, however, find myself able to accept the invitation, as my engagements here and other special circumstances are such as to prevent. I hope that the occasion may be a very pleasant and successful one, and wish you would give a most friendly greeting from me to all the Yale men who may be present.

"As to my own retirement from the presidential office, I have long felt that a few years near the evening of life might be best and most happily spent in the quiet studies and thoughts which the educated man loves. The hour before sunset in the Summer day is a beautiful one, but it is an hour fitted for quiet thought—for memories and hopes. Wishing you many blessings for the New Year, I am, very truly, yours,  
TIMOTHY DWIGHT."

## ONE OF YALE'S YOUNGEST SONS.

In proposing the toast to President McKinley, President Roberts said:

"We do honor to a Chief Magistrate never surpassed in his fidelity to the conscience of the American people; in his closeness to the popular heart; in his willingness to lead where the nation is ready to follow; in his high purpose and unswerving faith. Like Lincoln in many respects, himself as a man, a citizen and a President, it is permitted to me to ask you to drink to one of Yale's youngest sons, the President of the United States. We were not with-

out hope of his presence here to-night. In his absence response will be by singing America."

The toast brought every man to his feet and it was drunk standing. Afterwards, all joined in singing the national hymn.

The other toasts and those responding to them, were as follows: "Greetings from the University," Prof. Arthur T. Hadley, Yale University; "Beginnings of the Washington Alumni Association," I. Edwards Clarke, Bureau of Education; Song, "Eli Yale"; "Alaska," Hon. John G. Brady, Governor of Alaska; "Yale in the National Administration," Hon. John Addison Porter, Secretary to the President; Song, "Lauriger"; "An Interval of Sixty-Nine Years," Prof. Samuel Porter, '29; and B. W. Parker, '98. "A Study in Black," Prof. Isaac Clark, Howard University; "Yale in Modern Life and Modern Life in Yale," Hon. Charles N. Fowler, House of Representatives; Song, "Bingo"; "Yale in Higher Education," Hon. William T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education; "Sons-in-Law of the University," Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, U. S. Senate. The meeting closed with the song "Bright College Years."

The officers of the Association for the present year are: President, Ellis H. Roberts; First Vice-President, I. Edwards Clarke; Second Vice-President, Geo. P. Whittlesey; Secretary and Treasurer, James H. Hayden; Historian, Dewitt C. Sprague; Executive Committee, the officers (ex-officio) and Cyrus L. Hall, Chairman; W. A. Meloy; H. K. Willard; B. W. Parker and F. P. Farnsworth.

## Finely Flavored Philosophy.

[Nashville American.]

President Dwight of Yale, at the recent annual dinner of the Hartford, Conn., Yale Alumni Association, gave this explanation why he resigned: "I lay down my office not because I am old—70 is not old—but it is the end of the Summer term, and vacation time has come. My theory of life has been this, in just this regard: I believe life was made just as much for one period as another, childhood, prime and later life, and every man should prepare himself for the late afternoon hour, so that life may grow happier till the golden time, late in the afternoon. I look forward to coming years of greater happiness than I have ever known."

What a cheerful old gentleman he must be to hold such sound philosophy! Seventy is not old, he says, and why should it be? Why should the hearty old fellow of 70 not have the capacity and zest for enjoying life? Not the boisterous life of youth, nor the ambitious life of middle age, but the enjoyment which comes from the contemplation, reflection and recreation after a hard fight with the world. Why should he be compelled to keep on the harness to the end, like a dray horse? President Dwight has passed through the invigorating atmosphere of the early morning, past the splendor of the meridian, and has reached the afternoon hour; and he thinks he is entitled to a rest before the final "golden time." And so he is. His simple explanation was a finely flavored philosophy; it contained a rich relish, and was a happy summation of the hopes and yearnings of a happy, humane and beneficent nature.

## President Taylor of Brown.

The announcement was made last Wednesday, Feb. 8, that Rev. Dr. James Monroe Taylor, the present head of Vassar College, had been unanimously elected President of Brown University, to succeed E. E. Andrews. Dr. Taylor was born in Brooklyn, August 5, 1848, and graduated from the University of Rochester in 1868, and three years later from the Rochester Theological Seminary. On his return from traveling in Europe for two years he occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church in South Norwalk for a short time, and then accepted the pastorate of the Fourth Baptist Church in Providence, R. I., where he remained until 1886, making an enviable reputation for forcible pulpit oratory and good executive ability. Dr. Taylor was elected President of Vassar College in June, 1886, and during the twelve years of his administration has done a great deal to strengthen the College on all lines.

## MARYLAND ASSOCIATION.

**Officers Elected—Toast List—Guests at the Dinner.**

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Yale Alumni Association of Maryland was called to order by the President, Hon. George M. Sharp, '75 L.S., in the parlors of the Hotel Rennert, Baltimore, on Thursday, February 9, 1899, at 9 P. M. The following members were then chosen as officers for the ensuing year: President, Fielder C. Slingluff, '61; Vice-Presidents, J. W. Cain, '84; and Wm. S. Halsted, '74; Secretary, Bernard C. Steiner, '88; Treasurer, John McHenry, '85; Members of the Executive Committee for three years: William H. Welch, '70 and Walter B. Platt, '74 S.; for one year to fill a vacancy, Albert H. Buck, '94. The members of the Executive Committee holding over are: For one year, Norman James, '90; for two years, W. Cary McHenry, '80, and J. Staige Davis, '95 S.

Letters of regret were read by Mr. Steiner from President Dwight and from the following members who were unable to attend the banquet: Thomas S. Iglehart, '40; Daniel C. Gilman, '52; W. Woolsey Johnson, '62; W. McCulloch Brown, '76 S.; Henry C. Hallowell, '52; John A. Mitchell, '61; Rev. Hugh L. Elderdice, '90 T.S.; Louis A. Chase, '98 S.; Henry A. Rowland, Harvard, '95. The meeting then adjourned. After the meeting, the Fourth Annual Banquet took place, at which Judge Sharpe acted as toast-master. The singing was led by Philip S. Evans, '95 S. Solos were sung by George S. Drake, Jr., '97; Harry W. Carey, '97; and Theodore Lamson, '97 S. Grace was asked by Rev. George L. Curtis, '78; and the following toasts were responded to: "Yale," Prof. Andrew W. Phillips, '73 S.; "Harvard," Mr. Hugh L. Bond; "Princeton," Col. Thomas S. Hodson; "Johns Hopkins," Mr. J. Helmsley Johnson; "Yale on the eve of the Civil War," Fielder C. Slingluff, '61; "Young Yale," Dr. J. H. Mason Knox, Jr., '92; "Athletics," Prof. J. W. Cain, '84; "An Outsider's View of Yale," Dr. Howard Kelly; "Yale in Medicine," Dr. W. H. Welch, '70; "Yale in Theology," Rev. George L. Curtis, '78.

The walls were decorated with Yale flags and the tables adorned with blue ribbons. The Yale men present at the dinner were: Wm. D. Baldwin, '97; Wm. G. Baker, Jr., '96; Edward E. Brownell, '95 S.; Albert H. Buck, '94; Wilson L. Camden, '93 L.; Harry W. Carey, '97; Harvey W. Cushing, '91; George A. Colston, '98; James W. Cain, '84; George L. Curtis, '78; George S. Drake, Jr., '97; J. Staige Davis, '95 S.; Louis E. A. deGoll, Philip S. Evans, '95 S.; Richard H. Follis, '95 S.; W. Harry Glenny, '94 S.; Norman James, '90; William F. Jelke, '98 S.; William C. Kellogg, '96; Norton A. Kent, '95; J. H. Mason Knox, Jr., '92; Lloyd Lowndes, Jr., '95; Richard T. Lowndes, Jr., '95; William P. Lindley, '91; Theodore Lamson, '97 S.; Walter B. Platt, '74 S.; Richard F. Rand, '95 S.; George M. Sharp, '75 L.S.; Munroe Snell, Winthrop G. Smith, '96; Fielder C. Slingluff, '61; John C. Salter, '97; Bernard C. Steiner, '88; Walter R. Steiner, '92; Frederick H. Verhoeff, '95 S.; William H. Welch, '70. The following members subscribed for the dinner, but were unable to be present: Bernard N. Baker, Charles W. Ely, '62; Louis C. Fischer, '56; William S. Halsted, '74; W. Irvine Keyser, Jr., '94 S.; William Keyser, '95; John McHenry, '85; George M. Upshur.

## Notes of the Colleges.

Cornell University appears to be a good training school for diplomats. There have been a number of minor officials of the state department taken from her Faculty. Former President White is now ambassador to Germany, and now President Schurman is appointed to the Philippine commission.—*Post Intelligencer* (Seattle).

Professor John Bassett Moore, lately Secretary of the International Peace Commission, and previous to that Assistant Secretary of State, has once more returned to his duties at Columbia University, where he occupies the Hamilton Fish chair of international law. Professor Moore will in the near future resume his lectures on "Inter-

national Law and the History of Diplomacy." Mr. Edmond Kelly, who lectured in Professor Moore's stead during the latter's absence, has been called to Paris. A treatise on the "History of Arbitration," which Professor Moore is about to publish, will be one of the most important legal works promulgated. He has personally handled a number of the most important arbitration cases which this Government conducted, besides having had facilities to study the briefs and documents connected with those he did not direct personally.—*Evening Telegram* (Phila.).

Dr. M. W. Polk, Dean of the Cornell Medical Faculty, has provoked a strong protest from some members of Cornell University by his reported remarks on the negro while addressing a Southern audience. Among other things in his speech the following is quoted: "Do not allow yourself to question the negro's inferiority. He is inferior and cannot be otherwise." "Treat him kindly and firmly, but never as an equal."

Aberdeen has varied the thing by importing a distinguished professor from Harvard, U. S. A., who is lecturing with great acceptance on "The World and the Individual." He is a brilliant writer and a profound scholar, and his course is attracting great attention.—*Nature*.

The Harvard University class day committee has asked every member of the University to submit words for a new college song by April 1. In making known its request the committee says: "For some time it has been apparent to many members of the University that a new college song is needed, less solemn in character than "Fair Harvard" and yet without the reveling element of "Johnny Harvard."

The *Congregationalist* says: "Cornell's new professor of moral philosophy, Prof. E. B. McGilvary, has had a checkered career. Born in North Carolina, educated at Davidson College and Princeton Theological Seminary, he entered the foreign missionary service of the Presbyterian Church and went to the Lao country in North Siam, where his father had been the first Christian missionary. Remarkably gifted as a linguist, within two years he had translated Matthew, Luke, John, and The Acts in a manner to entitle him to high rank among translators. He then studied Pali, the tongue in which the sacred literature of Siam is written, and also discovered, while botanizing, a drug now used in the treatment of leprosy. Avowing his sympathy with the views on Old Testament exegesis expressed by Prof. Charles A. Briggs, he was recalled by the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board. Landing in San Francisco, he found a position as teacher in English literature in the University of California. Later he fitted himself to teach philosophy there, and recently his writings on the Hegelian system have drawn from Professor Watson of Queen's University, Kingston, the statement that it is his conviction that Mr. McGilvary 'in pure speculation is the strongest man that America has produced.' What is Cornell's gain is Siam's loss. The record certainly illustrates the mutations of American life and the devious paths which men often tread before they come to their appointed niche."

## New Instructor in Economics.

Since the opening of the Winter Term Maurice H. Robinson has had charge of two of Professor Irving Fisher's divisions in Economics. It will be remembered that Professor Fisher's illness made it necessary for him to discontinue his College duties in November, and up to Christmas, his classes in Economics were conducted by Mr. John M. Gaines, Assistant in Economics. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Gaines now have joint charge of the divisions in this course, which includes almost the entire Junior class.

Mr. Robinson is a student in the Graduate Department, holding a University Fellowship in Political Science. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1890. During the years following he was Superintendent of the Public Schools in Medelia, Minnesota. In 1897 Mr. Robinson took his Master's Degree at Dartmouth, presenting as his thesis a History of Taxation in New Hampshire; and for the past two years has been an Assistant in Political Science at Dartmouth.