

A PERFECT INAUGURATION.

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THE CAMPUS A PARADE GROUND.

The hour set for marshaling the clans was 8 o'clock, but long before that time pretty nearly every undergraduate had felt it was necessary for the success of the occasion to try on his blue, or yellow, or red, or green robe and mortar board and light his kerosene torch. These affairs being found in good working order, the next step was to practice the very important matter of marching properly, and within two minutes of the birth of the idea the Campus was turned into a parade ground, where self-appointed lieutenants and captains shouted orders regular and irregular to their straggling squads.

At half past eight o'clock, the bands, of which there were five, changed in through the gates and the serious work of putting every man where he belonged began. Class marshals and their aides, distinguished from their fellows by gowns of red with white lined capes and mortar boards of red, dashed about with their red lanterns and sifted and gathered the host of cheering, surging students into fairly good lines of five abreast. After half an hour of this anxious hurrying and scurrying everything was reported ready and at nine o'clock Chief Marshal Malcolm L. McBride gave the word and the procession moved forward, breaking all records by starting on time.

THE "HADLEY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY."

At the head of the line and guarded by a score of Seniors came the *piece de resistance* of the occasion, the "Hadley Transportation Co." train. This very clever and original compliment to the new President had been built in the greatest secrecy on the top story of the chemical laboratory, and its existence was known only to a few until the time for its public appearance. The train, which consisted of an engine and three cars, having a total length of about 60 feet and a width of 4 feet, was built of light material covered with cloth and painted in exact imitation of the ordinary railroad coach. The engine was provided with wheels, but the coaches were carried by sweeps, two in each car. In the cab of the engine was the engineer, realistically daubed with oil and blackened with coal dust, smoking a corn-cob pipe, and behind him the trusty fireman, who kept up a clanging of the bell for crossings. From the smoke-stack poured a steady volume of smoke, which was rather too light in color for coal, but suggested cotton waste. Nevertheless the effect was everything that could be asked. The conductor and the head and tail brakeman walked alongside and kept a lookout for hot boxes and broken wheels. By a clever sketch in what was made to appear like the open door of the baggage car, Senator Chauncey M. Depew was seen handling a trunk marked "A. T. H., Yale" while in the windows of the cars several of Yale's well known men were depicted. On each side of the train and leading it a little, transparencies were carried, one bearing the words, "A New Train of Thought," and the other, "Yale is on the right Track."

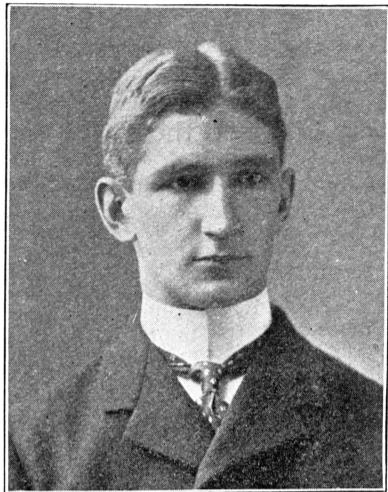
OTHER TRANSPARENCIES.

Members of the Senior class in the Scientific School carried a blast furnace 12 feet high in full operation as a symbol of their work. By an ingenious use of chemicals an impressive column of flame was produced every few minutes. The Divinity School, not to be outdone, carried a very elaborate production in miniature of the old Saybrook meeting house, and a high representation of a book, labelled "Dwight's Theology." The contribution of the Law School towards the transparency fund was a sketch of the bench and bar holding Saint Elihu on a rail; and the Medical School was distinguished by a big Red Cross flag and an ambulance. Most of the other transparencies carried showed only class numerals.

The Art School contingent were marked by a huge pyramidal structure, on which were seen faces that might have stood for the Professors of the Art Department. Under one, whose fame somewhat lies in that direction, was an impressionistic picture, with domestic animals and shocks of corn and such, just as they really are and perhaps more. On another side were sugges-

tions of the co-educational side of the Art School life and the sentiment: "The girls we left behind us."

Following the train came the Academic Department classes in order, the Seniors in blue, Juniors in green, Sophomores in purple and the Freshmen clothed in a very bright yellow. Following them came the Scientific Department, the Law School, Medical School and Divinity School with bands at frequent intervals, and all in distinctive gowns and mortar boards. The



MALCOLM L. MCBRIDE, 1900
Chief Marshal of Torch Light Parade.

rear of the procession was brought up by about 150 alumni of New York and Connecticut, who had procured a band somewhere that could be heard above the din, by the first rank of the Seniors half a mile away. Noah Swayne, 2d, was marshal.

As the procession wound out through the Phelps Gateway through College Street and down Chapel, it passed through dense crowds of the townspeople. Traffic was entirely suspended and the people stood ten deep on the sidewalk and pushed out into the street to see. On every hand the "Hadley Transportation Co." train was greeted with applause and cheers and frequent expressions of wonder were heard at the number of students in the line. When the parade reached the reviewing stand of Mayor C. T. Driscoll, Yale '69, in front of City Hall, it promptly halted and called for a speech. The Mayor's remarks about the greatness of Yale and the ability of her undergraduates were received with boisterous enthusiasm and he was given a long cheer with "Mayor Driscoll" at the end of it. The Mayor was obliged to speak to the different sections as they came along, there not being sufficient room for them to gather in the street within the sound of his voice at one time.

IN FRONT OF PRESIDENT HADLEY'S.

The line of march from here was up Church to Grove, Grove to State, State to Trumbull and up Trumbull to President Hadley's house at the corner of Whitney Avenue. On State Street the train had a rather uneven time of it. The rain of the morning had caused what might be called a washout and the mud lay three inches deep most of the way, which made walking for the toilers inside the cars a very uncertain sort of thing. Unable to see where they were going they slipped at almost every step and the coaches swayed this way and that, bumping together one moment and severely trying the coupling pins at another. But this crooked piece of track was fortunately not long. When the parade reached President Hadley's house President Hadley, ex-President Dwight, President Eliot of Harvard, and Professor Russell H. Chittenden, Director of the Scientific School, were discovered on the steps and after a halt had been made and quiet ordered they addressed the classes briefly. Their remarks are recorded elsewhere. Chief Marshal McBride called for cheers for each of the speakers.

After leaving this point the route was up Whitney Avenue to Sachem Street, Sachem to Hillhouse Avenue, Hillhouse to Grove, Grove to College, College to Elm and around through the Green by Temple and Chapel Streets, entering the Campus again by the Phelps Gateway, having been two hours and forty minutes on the way. The citizens who lived along these streets entered into the spirit of the event with much enthusiasm and there were but few houses on all the line of march that did not show bunting of

the Yale color. Many of them burned blue and red fire as the parade passed and let off roman candles and larger fireworks.

SCENES AT THE BONFIRE.

As soon as Campus was reached ranks were broken and the whole University adjourned to the old gymnasium lot, where a monster bonfire had been built. An authorized fire this time, and though the wood had not been stolen this time, it seemed to burn just as fiercely. It was not safe to get very close, but 2,000 men gathered as near as they could get without blistering and cheered themselves hoarse for Yale and the captains of her athletic teams. It was not until half an hour after midnight that the rainbow robes began to sensibly diminish, and at 1 o'clock and later the explosion of a cannon cracker or the sharp snap of a revolver now and then told that the celebration was still not dead.

A conservative estimate places the number of undergraduates in the parade at about 2,400 or nearly the entire University. Probably 20,000 people saw the parade along the line of march.

William Alfred Warner, a Sophomore, was quite severely burned just after his section of the parade had left President Hadley's house, by the explosion of a kerosene torch. The inflammable cambric gown took fire and before it could be pulled from him the fire had scorched his face and hands. He was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, where an examination showed that no serious damage was done. Mr. Warner is now at the Yale Infirmary and will be out in a week or so.

The Decorations.

Of all the notable decorations along the line of march, the most conspicuous was the electrical display on the building of the Edward Malley Company, which was under the charge of the Connecticut Electrical Company. E. B. Underwood, Yale '06 S., is the Treasurer and Electrician of the Company, and was in charge of the decorations. A huge Y, eight feet high, called for nearly a hundred electric lamps, while the entire scheme of illustrations called for nearly five hundred lamps.

Speeches Along the Route.

At the reviewing stand Mayor Driscoll spoke something as follows, varying it slightly for the different sections of the column:

"Fellow Yalermen—The City of New Haven gladly joins with you in this celebration of the inauguration of Prof. Hadley as President of our great University. The University is an important part of the city and whatever interests the University interests the citizens of New Haven.

"They feel a just pride in the great progress which the University has made under retiring President Dwight and they feel confident that under the guidance of the brilliant President Hadley it will continue to make great progress in the future. This may be regarded as the great national University of the country, for here, to a greater extent than in any other educational institution, are gathered students from every State in the Union. Here men are measured for what they are intrinsically worth and all that goes to develop true manhood is encouraged.

"The citizens of New Haven wish President Hadley a long and brilliant career and they wish you, young gentlemen, every success in life. Your triumphs and your victories will always bring joy and gladness to their hearts."

BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.

After the Academic part of the procession had been halted in front of President Hadley's house and drawn up in files close to the curb stone, the President addressed the students briefly. He thanked them for the honor they were doing him and told a story. He then introduced President Eliot by saying that he would tell Yale men something. President Eliot said in part:

"There is very little that a Harvard man can tell a Yale man which he does not know already." He congratulated the students on their new President and said it was the fourth inauguration he had witnessed inside of the last 15 days. He had been struck with the common sentiment at all these inaugurations,

which was strong for democracy, patriotism and Christianity, and said the ideals of these New England colleges seemed to be firmly fixed for 30 or 40 years to come. He felt that they would press on together, working for the common cause of education, the best cause in the world.

Ex-President Dwight, as he looked over the classes, said, that he felt like the old Virginia planter who owned half of a slave, John by name, and when he made his devotions, he asked blessings on himself, his wife and his half of John. "Now, gentlemen, said he, 'I own three-fourths of John—three-fourths of 1900, one half of 1901 and one fourth of 1902—and I hope John will not forget that he belonged in that proportion to me. I surely don't propose to forget it and I hope my quarters will keep the peace with those of President Hadley's. I give you my best wishes and commend you with all confidence for the future to President Hadley."

To the members of the Scientific School, ex-President Dwight said:

"One of the most pleasant thoughts of this day, when the University goes from my care to that of President Hadley, is that the Sheffield Scientific School has been helped in some measure by my efforts. I knew as little about science as I do about law, but one of the greatest privileges and blessings of university life is that while we cannot know all we can have the pleasure of association with those who are possessed of greater knowledge on various subjects and we get a grander and better view of life from such association. I rejoice in the prosperity of all departments and I think we have reason to rejoice in the prosperity of the Scientific and Law Departments."

DIRECTOR CHITTENDEN'S ADDRESSES.

To the Academical Department Prof. Russell H. Chittenden, Director of the Sheffield Scientific School, who was in the President's party, said:

"It is certainly a striking and suggestive compliment for the Director of the Sheffield Scientific School to be called upon to address the students of the Academical Department on an occasion like the present, and I am sure that I appreciate the compliment most highly."

Prof. Chittenden saw a promise of great Yale prosperity in the enthusiasm and loyalty of the undergraduates of Yale, who would in a few years be the alumni of Yale, not only able, but willing to do great things for her.

Addressing the members of the Scientific School, Prof. Chittenden called upon them to join with the students of all the departments in supporting the new administration, by upholding the best Yale standards of scholarship and good fellowship. He then said:

"Differences of thought, as well as differences in lines of work, must of necessity lead to division in many things, and this indeed is what gives to a university its necessary breadth; but as members of the Yale brotherhood, we are all free and equal in our undergraduate rights, and in no way is this fact better illustrated than by the unanimity with which the ushering in of the new administration is celebrated. May the era of good fellowship long continue, and may the Academic and the Scientific, as undergraduate members of the same University, though in different departments of study, march together under a common banner in pursuit of the knowledge which gives to the university man his equipment for life's work."

SPEECHES TO THE GRADUATES.

When the graduates, who, about one hundred and fifty strong, made the last division of the parade, reached President Hadley's house, they also, of course, asked for a speech, after doing a good deal of cheering. The President replied that he was always glad to meet Yale alumni, and particularly, the members of the Yale Club of New York, who constituted a large part of the graduate division, and under whose auspices the graduate division had been formed. He added frankly, that he had made so many speeches that he could not make any more. He said that he was in the position of the stuttering man who tried to buy a ticket to New York. This man took so long to say what he wanted to, that the crowd pushed him along and he had to come up again to the ticket office from the end of the line. By that time

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