

THE COMMENCEMENT.

The Special Degrees, the President's Report and Other Features.

A feature of the Commencement of 1900 was the combined address and report of President Hadley, with its plain, frank and informing treatment of the many present questions before Yale. Full extracts of this report are given elsewhere, and also a report of the speeches of the Commencement Dinner, at which the thick and sultry air again appealed eloquently to Yale purses for a Yale Hall.

A number of important M.A. degrees were given in addition to those described at length elsewhere and announced from the platform. One was to Mr. John F. Dryden, of Newark, N. J. Mr. Dryden made an early study of the problems of industrial insurance and in 1875 founded the Prudential Insurance Company of America, whose unusual development he has since that time directed as President. Mr. Dryden took part of the course with the Class of Sixty-Five. With the M.A. degree, the Corporation also enrolled him as a regular member of Sixty-Five.

The same honor was given to Mr. Charles W. Heald, President of the Pierre Marquette Railroad. He was an ex-member of the Class of Seventy. He also was enrolled with his class. As in the case of Mr. Dryden his class especially approved and appreciated the honor.

A third degree of M.A. and enrollment with his class as a Ph.B. was given to Mr. Joseph Porter of New Haven, in recognition of his character and services as a public spirited citizen. This honor was particularly appreciated by all New Haven people.

In addition to these and to the others announced elsewhere, the degree of M.A. was also given to Professor Emery, who has been newly appointed a member of the Economic staff at Yale; Professor Torrey, who has recently been appointed to the Semitic Department and to the Rev. A. P. Stokes, Jr., Secretary of the Corporation.

THE MUSIC.

For the past few years Yale has made a feature of the Commencement day music in Battell Chapel, some serious work being prepared for the occasion. In 1895-96 Prof. Parker's musical setting of Edmund Clarence Stedman's (Yale '53) "Commencement Ode" was sung, and in 1897 George W. Chadwick's "Ecce jam noctis," written for chorus and orchestra.

This year both words and music of the commencement ode were written by two members of the graduating class, the words being by James Whitney Barney of New York and the music by David Stanley Smith of Toledo, O. Mr. Smith has the distinction of being the first undergraduate to write a work of such size. It is scored for chorus and full orchestra, including bass-clarinet and harp, and occupies 12 minutes in its presentation. The spirit of the work is heroic, and in every particular the composition shows a surprising absence of youthful crudity. It is written in the style of the American school represented by George W. Chadwick, H. W. Parker and J. K. Paine and has received favorable notice from musicians on account of the beauty of its main themes and the dignity and originality of the harmonies employed. The work was splendidly sung by a chorus of 50 voices accompanied by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Prof. Parker conducting. Mr. Ericsson F. Bushnell sang the incidental baritone solo magnificently. Mr. Smith has been studying in the Department of Music at Yale since 1896, under Prof. Parker.

HONORARY DEGREES.

Text of Presentation Addresses by Rev. Dr. George P. Fisher.

Honorary degrees were conferred at Battell Chapel, Wednesday, June 27, on the following:

LL.D.

Lewis Atterbury Stimson, M.D., Yale 1863, New York City.

Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of War of the United States.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CREW.

Ladd. Harding. Shuebruk. Sheafe.



Baneroff. Higginson. Wadleigh. Biddle. Wood.

D.D.

Rev. Edward Dwight Eaton, Yale 1875 T.S., President of Beloit College.
Rev. William Newton Clarke, Professor of Christian Theology in Colgate University.

M.A.

Samuel Train Dutton, Yale 1873, Superintendent of Education, Brookline, Mass.
Robert E. Speer, Secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.
Julian Kennedy, Yale 1875 S., Pittsburg, Pa.
Poultney Bigelow, Yale 1879, London, England.
Calvin Noyes Kendall, Superintendent of Schools in New Haven.
Rev. Dr. George P. Fisher made the presentation addresses as follows:

PRESENTING MR. KENNEDY.

"I have the honor to present to you, for the degree of Master of Arts, Mr. Julian Kennedy, a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School, in the Class of Seventy-Five. Mr. Kennedy is a mechanical engineer of great distinction. As an authority in the work of blast furnace construction he is thought to have no equal in this country, and probably has no superior elsewhere. When a student in Yale, at the same time that he mastered the studies of the course, he was able, partly by working overtime, to pursue other branches, and while he was still a pupil in the graduate class to take upon him the work of an assistant instructor. Without abating in the least his diligence in study, he belonged to the University Crew from 1873 to 1876, and with it or by himself, besides being a winner in fourteen out of eighteen important races, was stroke of the Yale

Crew in the Centennial regatta of 1876, when it won the intercollegiate championship. In his chosen vocation, Mr. Kennedy has been the superintendent, in charge, in their construction and operation, of a series of blast furnaces in Ohio and Pennsylvania, each of them more important than the preceding. For the last ten years he has been connected as consulting engineer in almost every important establishment of steel works in the United States, besides doing a great deal of engineering work in England, Germany, Austria, and Russia. Mr. Kennedy has taken out a large number of patents, most of them in successful use, and nearly all of them pertaining to the manufacture of iron and steel. He is a member of the British Iron and Steel Institute and other societies of the same character in this country."

PRESENTING MR. DUTTON.

"I have the honor to present to you for the degree of Master of Arts, Mr. Samuel Train Dutton, who was graduated at Yale in 1873. Mr. Dutton, after holding the post of Superintendent of Public Schools in New Haven, and subsequently at Brookline, Massachusetts, has now been called to a professorship of School Administration in Columbia University. He has served as lecturer on School Supervision at Harvard, and has given at other colleges, courses on the same theme. In a number of the larger cities and before educational societies he has been called upon to speak on particular topics connected with education. These topics he has likewise discussed in a volume of essays on 'Social Phases of Education,' and in other publications. In Brookline he has organized a large and influential society to work for the realization of the highest

ideals in the school and in the community, and he has established courses of weekly lectures of the same general character in Boston. By other movements of the same nature he has kindled in various other communities a new zeal in behalf of the cause to which he has long been devoted. In the direct exercise of his official function he has initiated reforms, introducing, for example, at New Haven, the kindergarten, manual training, and the domestic arts. Mr. Dutton has made special endeavors to unite the family, the church, and the different classes of citizens, as auxiliaries in the work of raising the standard of the secondary schools and of enlarging their province as means of culture."

PRESENTING MR. BIGELOW.

"I have the honor to present to you, for the degree of Master of Arts, Mr. Poultney Bigelow, who was graduated at Yale in 1879. Before his graduation, Mr. Bigelow had begun his experiences as a traveler. He had journeyed on foot through the greater part of Europe, had been wrecked on the shores of Japan, visited the islands of Polynesia, and crossed the American continent. His journeys since in foreign lands have been mostly connected with literary purposes. From the list of his printed works I select for special mention the 'History of the German Struggle for Liberty' from 1806 to 1815. This work was the product of eight years of strenuous study under favorable conditions, the archives of Prussia being opened to him by the German Emperor, and every place connected with the events narrated being personally visited. Mr. Bigelow has shown himself a disciple of the Father of History, by seeing with his own eyes the countries which he has