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sity his friend had founded as Dean of the Faculty of Law. But, besides Judge Finch and General Woodford, there is a third survivor whose name suffuses the incunabula of our *Alma Mater* with the light of rosy-fingered dawn. I need not in this presence say that I mean our first President, Andrew D. White. Though he now fills the exalted office of Ambassador of the United States to the Court of Germany, is it not higher praise that, in spite of a birthright of wealth and an inheritance of leisure, he has so devoted himself to scholarship, politics, and diplomacy that he has become the living embodiment of the best ideal of American citizenship? Across the ocean we send him our affectionate and admiring greetings.

Of the original Faculty some have passed away, some have gone to other positions, and some still remain with us. Willard Fiske has taken up his residence in Florence, where, by drawing on all parts of Europe, he has generously secured for Cornell University the monumental Dante library, of which the catalogue is now appearing from the press. Goldwin Smith, after four years of active service, retired from the instructing staff, but did not

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