

## GREETINGS TO YALE.

From a Great Number of American and Foreign Institutions.

The University Library has had on exhibition since the Bicentennial fifty or more, of the congratulatory communications received from institutions of learning of this country and abroad. The collection, in which so many nations and languages are represented, well illustrates in how many different ways such academic courtesies may be exchanged. Viewed from the standpoint of calligraphy and typography alone, it would be prized for the artistic taste and beauty of execution displayed, even in the smallest details; yet that is a relatively insignificant matter compared with the fact that these memorials bear witness to Yale's position in the world of letters.

In appearance and form there is a striking variety. Some of the greetings are inscribed on parchment in dazzling black letters, with illuminated capitals, and have huge seals attached in silver cases; others are printed on pages of the finest paper and bound in costly covers. A painted wall-piece with Fuji in the background is the gift of former Yale students who reside in Tokyo, and not far off is a scroll in the national character from the Imperial University of that city. Resolutions and official letters, a volume from the University of Messina commemorating its own three hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and many personal attestations of interest in the occasion received by cable, should also be included. Whether of elaborate design or chastely simple, they impress the mind with the dignity and power of the institutions from which they come.

Many of the foreign universities as well as several in our own land have written in Latin. The style used by the English is smooth and flowing; that of the Germans, formal, sometimes almost epigraphical. A specialist could not fail to admire, besides their elegant Latinity, the perfect execution of the Oxford chancery hand, and the handsome angular Gothic and intricate illumination of the costly tribute from Princeton.

The external beauty and variety appeal also to the layman, who cannot help being reminded of the resources of the Latin tongue, when he sees the Universitas Yalensis appear as Yaleensis, Yaleana, Yaliana, Yalena, and Yaleia. But as these variants occur sporadically and emanate from widely separated countries, we need not fear the existence of a foreign conspiracy, but may suppose a natural doubt as to whether "Yale" was originally a place or a surname. Again, anyone who has himself struggled to express modern English in "correct idiomatic Latin" will be struck by the ingenuity with which the phrase "bicentennial celebration" is turned; for it never appears twice in precisely the same dress: "sacra natalicia bisaecularia," "sacra saecularia altera," "sacra saecularia secunda," "feriae bisaeculares," "sollemnia exacti secundi saeculi," etc.

Closer examination of the contents reveals some similarity of sentiment as well as of form. Several refer allusively to the "vast stretch of ocean," which does not separate as of yore, but binds together the continents. Many universities mention historical reasons why they should feel drawn by more than friendly ties to Yale. Colonists from Britain, writes Cambridge, entered Long Island Sound and founded New Haven; a citizen of London made his name illustrious by endowing the college; and Oxford adds that it was the liberality of that "vir venerabilis, Elihu Yale," that enabled the college to move to the present site. A university in Hungary refers to the expedition of Gilbert and Raleigh in 1583, "which first systematically explored the New England coast" and whose adventures were to have been celebrated in Latin verse by a member of the party, an Hungarian by birth; after his death Capt. John Smith, who had been enrolled among the nobles of Transylvania, was the first to give a full and clear geographical description of the New England coast line. Not a few refer by name to Yale's distinguished alumni and their achievements of international importance in different fields of activity. Lux et Veritas, the university motto, recurs again and again in various forms of rhetorical allusion. As all begin with words of felicitation, so all close with prayers for Yale's continued prosperity.

Among the large number of messages written in English received from American institutions, perhaps none would be of more general interest to Yale alumni than that sent by the oldest university:

To

YALE UNIVERSITY,

honored teacher of American youth

HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

her oldest comrade, sends by our lips and this writing friendliest greeting and a hearty welcome to the third century of their common service.

The happy Festival to which we, the Delegates from Harvard University, have been bidden, is marked not only by the loyalty and affection of your assembled graduates, whose offerings of scholarly and material wealth will celebrate the day, but by the congratulations and good wishes of all lovers of learning, zealous workers in one cause, who, giving you full honor, share your achievements, and make your hopes their own.

Given at Cambridge, Massachusetts on the fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and one.

CHARLES W. ELIOT.

HENRY L. HIGGINSON.

WOLCOTT GIBBS.

CHARLES ELIOT NORTON.

WILLIAM W. GOODWIN.

JAMES BRADLEY THAYER.

J. C. WARREN.

A complete reprint of all the documents with descriptions and translations, and facsimiles of those of especial importance or of unusual design, would require a good-sized volume. Many institutions and learned societies represented by delegates did not send greetings formally inscribed. On the other hand many sent greetings with their delegates.

The following list omits the names of the numerous colleges in our own land who sent words of congratulation, but includes the foreign universities and colleges who responded. Some of the latter also sent delegates. Berlin was represented by a former rector, Prof. Waldeyer, but sent no formal greeting. The entire list of foreign colleges and universities which sent greetings follows:

Great Britain—Oxford, Cambridge, London, Mansfield College (Oxford), Victoria (Manchester), Dublin, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow.

Canada—McGill, New Brunswick, Trinity, Toronto.

Germany—Bonn, Breslau, Erlangen, Freiburg, Goettingen, Greifswald, Halle, Jena, Kiel, Koenigsberg, Leipzig, Marburg, Rostock, Strassburg, Tuebingen, Wuerzburg, and half a dozen technical schools.

Austro-Hungary—Budapesth, Innsbruck, Krakau, Klausenburg.

Russia—Kharkov, Moscow, Odessa, St. Petersburg, Helsingfors.

France—Paris, Besançon, Clermont, Montpellier.

Holland—Amsterdam, Leyden, Utrecht.

Switzerland—Basel, Geneva.

Italy—Messina, Padua.

Norway—Christiania.

Sweden—Lund, Stockholm, Upsala.

Denmark—Copenhagen.

Syria—Syrian Protestant College.

Turkey—Central Turkey College.

India—Madras.

Japan—Tokyo.

Chili—University of Chili.

GEORGE DWIGHT KELLOGG.

#### At the Churches on the Green.

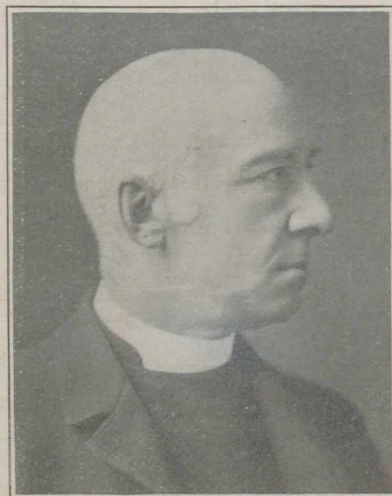
At the three churches on the Green, Trinity, Center and United churches, the sermons Sunday morning, October 20, were special Bicentennial sermons. All three preachers were Yale men—Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth at Center church, and Rev. Dr. Joseph Anderson at United church, both members of the Yale Corporation, and Rev. Dr. Walton W. Battershall, Yale '64, of Albany, N. Y., at Trinity.

REV. DR. BATTERSHALL'S SERMON.

Dr. Battershall took his text from Joel ii. 28—"Your old men shall dream dreams; your young men shall see visions." He said in part:

"As the sons of Yale gather to do her homage on her two hundredth anniversary, around her stately structures two tides of life, an outsetting tide and

a reflux tide, meet and interflow. The reflux tide brings to her festival a host of men from the stretch of the Republic between the two seas. All of them bear her mark. Many of them have carried her colors to high places



REV. WALTON W. BATTERSHALL, D.D.

of trust and dignity. This Bicentennial Celebration declares in striking spectacle not only the antiquity, but the vitality of Yale University, her range of intellectual motherhood, her power to evoke love and fealty, her wide and penetrative touch on the trained manhood of the nation. \* \* \*

Touching on the case of President Cutler Mr. Battershall said:

"As late as 1750 all the men of the Anglican faith in New Haven, it is said, could have found sitting room on the door-sill of the little wooden structure which was the forerunner of the edifice in which we worship this morning.

"An astounding event gave that faith its first gleam of sun and impulse of growth in its chill environment. In 1722 the Reverend Timothy Cutler was the honored President of the College, which at that time consisted of two instructors and about thirty-five students.

"In the year named the trustees passed a vote, excusing the Reverend Mr. Cutler from all further services as Rector of Yale College." He, with three other ministers of the orthodox colonial faith, graduates of Yale, had announced their perversion to the Church of England. The event sent a shock through the colony. A day of solemn fast was appointed. As President Woolsey, of beloved memory, said on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Yale, "I suppose that greater alarm could scarcely be awakened now if the Theological Faculty were to declare for the Church of Rome, avow their belief in transubstantiation and pray to the Virgin Mary."

"Whatever the scruple and consternation, in 1722, Yale College gave her best man to the Anglican church. The daughter of that church in the last century has repaid the debt with enormous usury by contributing to the College multitudes of her best youth and munificent gifts from the wealth of her sons.

"The early annals of Yale yield another notable name which links the College with the English church of the period. Bishop Berkeley was a dean in 1729

when he came to Newport with his splendid dream of founding on the eastern seaboard of the continent (all beside was wilderness and savages) a university like that on the Isis or the Cam. His dream came to naught, like baser fashions of dream which inspired more vulgar sorts of adventure across the sea. But his gifts to Yale,—his library of one thousand volumes and his Rhode Island farm,—gifts made at the solicitation of his intimate friend, the Reverend Dr. Johnson, whose perversion abated not one jot his loyalty to his alma mater,—enroll among the patrons and benefactors of the College a prince of the church, a man in whom faith and knowledge were blended in a fine, strong righteousness, a subtle and brilliant thinker, whose name marks an epoch in the history of modern philosophic thought. Thus in a way other and larger than his dream, the great bishop had a hand in the founding of a new Oxford under the westward-moving 'star of empire.'"

DR. ANDERSON'S SERMON.

Dr. Anderson's text was taken from Jeremiah ix. 23, 24—"Thus saith the Lord: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

Regarding the change in the religious life of the College Dr. Anderson said:

"We are all agreed that during the two hundred years that have passed since the Collegiate School came into being, a vast advance has been made in almost all respects. \* \* \* Our curriculum—to fix attention upon one of the most significant facts—was then narrow, and it is now broad. In our mental range and in the scope of our influence we were then provincial; we are now cosmopolitan. But what shall we say of our progress in things divine? We have seen that these had a large place and



REV. JOSEPH ANDERSON, D.D.

found strong expression in the early life of the College: do they fill a place proportionately large in the curriculum, in

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