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I.



HAIL noble Hall where Learning reigns supreme
High-honored mistress of a fair domain—
Hail, Sovereign whose subjects ever deem
Their chiefest pride to swell thy classic train,
No song of mine thy far-famed worth can raise
All humbly then I bring my meed of praise.

II.

Not mine the privilege of those favored ones
Who drank pure wisdom from thy plenteous fount
Yet in the walks of life thy worthy sons
Chiefest among my cherished friends I count.
Full well thy golden record they uphold
With cultured minds, and Hearts refined gold.

III.

Oft from their lips the story have I known
Of well-loved teachers, strict yet kind withal—