

## University of Rochester,--Opening of the College.

The opening exercises at the chapel of the University, yesterday afternoon, were brief but interesting. The students who have already entered the institution, and a few citizens, were present, and after prayer by the Rev. Dr. KENDRICK, reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Dr. LEE and another prayer by Rev. Mr. SHAW, an Address to the students was made by JOHN N. WILDER, Esq., (this duty devolving upon him as President of the Board, in the absence of Chancellor HARRIS)--His remarks were entirely of a practical character, and intended to impress upon the students the great interest which is felt for them by the Officers and Faculty of the Institution, and the duty devolving upon them of seconding the efforts of their instructors, and endeavoring by correct conduct to give character to the University. He said that the espionage practised in nearly all other Colleges would not be instituted here. The Managers start with the idea that all who come here to be taught and improve their minds, are gentlemen, and they mean to treat them as such. Their rooms are presented to them in good condition, and not with dilapidated walls, uncouth furniture and appointments, as too often is the case in other places. The recitation rooms and chapel are pleasantly located and well furnished. The government of the College is intended to be paternal, and students were requested to reciprocate the kindness and attention which the faculty, in all cases, in sickness and in health, were desirous to evince towards them. The teachers would not approach the students as proselyters; they were not called here for that purpose, and understood their positions better than to do so. They come here to do high service for a large body of religionists, by endeavoring in a poble and manly spirit to impart a Christian education to the young men entrusted to their care. While there would not be the least degree of sectarianism, the elements of a common Christianity would pervade and sanctify the whole course of instruction to be pursued.

Mr. WILDER alluded to the encouraging circumstances under which the institution had opened. But he said that if but a single student had appeared to make application for admission, and that one a freshman, the College would have been commenced, and with confidence in its success.

People had every where objected to the location of the College in a city--this being the only one except that in the city of New York, so located. It was hoped, however, that the results of this enterprise would prove the wisdom of the location. He had confidence in Rochester, and believed that the religious element was strong here, and that the citizens were all anxious for the prosperity of the institution. It remains but for the students to accept their advantages with a proper spirit, and cherish this dear mother, who was ready to take them and nourish them in virtue, piety and patriotism. In all other Colleges, at their annual ceremonies, all the pleasurable emotions arise from looking backward upon the past. Ours must be drawn from anticipations of the future; and it might well be anticipated that in future years, those now present as students shall be able to look back with pride and satisfaction upon the days spent here, as they come back again to meet with those who had seen their instructors, and pursued with them the path of learning. He closed with some allusion to the Faculty, who heeded, he said, no commendation from him.--He also returned the acknowledgments of the Board to the citizens of all classes, who had shown favor to the enterprise in its incipient stages.

A few remarks, in a happy style, were afterwards made by F. DAWSON SMITH, Esq., and the exercises were closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. MAGINIS, singing the Credo, and the Benediction, by Father BRADY.

About sixty students have entered the University, and the number is expected to be increased. There are besides some twenty-five in the theological school.

The appearance of the students is highly favorable, and the University has commenced its course most auspiciously. We trust that our citizens all properly appreciate the advantages which the location of this school in their midst will be to them.

The building which is in use temporarily has been handsomely fitted up, and is in almost every respect quite well adapted. Of this we shall speak hereafter.