

Dedicatory Exercises at the University of Rochester.

On Saturday afternoon the Chapel of the new University Buildings was dedicated with appropriate and very interesting exercises. There had been no formal dedication of the new Buildings, which have been some time occupied by the College, and the exercises at the Chapel afforded the first and only opportunity to the friends of the institution to assemble and take a glance together at the work that had been performed.

Cards of invitation were issued to such as were supposed to take an interest in the institution, and at the appointed hour the Chapel was filled with people, and the exercises commenced.

Rev. Dr. Luckey made the opening prayer, in which the Divine blessing was invoked upon the institution, the country, and all the great interests that concern our people and the world.

President Anderson then requested the audience to sing the hymn commencing "Lord, I have made Thy word my choice." The reading of the 19th Psalm and a prayer by Rev. Mr. Boardman followed.

Rev. Dr. Anderson then read the following paper, which gives a history of the effort made to raise the fund for the University and how the work was carried through to completion:

It has been the settled policy of the trustees of this institution to keep its external and internal growth in harmony with each other. They have been anxious that its outward appointments should never be in advance of the ability, industry, experience and number of its instructors. They have wished to give a practical illustration of the fact too often forgotten, that large or elegant edifices do not make an efficient institution of learning. They consequently opened this University in a rented edifice. Soon after an opportunity presented itself of purchasing the building then occupied, and which for the past years of our history has been the University's local habitation, and they accepted the reasonable terms upon which it was offered, and effected a purchase. It furnished convenient rooms for all the purposes of the University up to the close of the last Academic year. At the session of 1856 the trustees determined to commence an effort to erect a building on the grounds which they held on the east side of the city, eight acres of which had been given by the Hon. A. Boody, and the remainder acquired by purchase. During the next session of the Legislature, in January, the executive board in this city determined to apply to the State for an appropriation to assist in the erection of a building. After some consultation a bill appropriating \$25,000 was drawn up, the appropriation being conditioned on the raising, from private sources, among the friends of the University, of an additional sum equal to the amount named in the bill.

This bill was offered in the Senate by Hon. John E. Patterson, then representing this district. Having been referred to the appropriate committee, it was considered and a favorable report made to the Senate. Through the efforts of the mover, Mr. Patterson, and those of Hon. W. Kelly and Hon. A. S. Upham and other Senators favorable to the measure, it was passed by a nearly unanimous vote. Although its friends were encouraged by the endorsement of the bill by the Senate, it was evident from the first that the real difficulty in passing the bill into a law would be met in the Lower House. The bill was at once sent to the Assembly and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. This was considered an unfavorable omen. The committee, including the majority of the committee, including the chairman, were opposed to the bill, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts that it was saved from strangulation in that committee. It was finally reported with a speech from a member of the committee against its passage. After some weary weeks of constant labor it was put upon the final vote. The House was very thin, and it passed by a fair majority. But to the dismay of its friends, the Speaker decided (contrary to the opinion of good judges, who had been previously consulted) that it required a vote of two-thirds of the members in its favor before it could be declared a law. It was an anxious moment. There were not enough of the friends of the bill present to reach the number required. The lobbies were rapidly ransacked, as well as the neighboring hotel. By strenuous effort several additional friends of the measure were found. These, together with a few who changed their votes, gave us a few more than the required two-thirds. The next morning it was sent back to the Senate, passed through the requisite formalities, carried to the Governor's room, signed, deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, and a certified copy obtained before 12 o'clock.

But the bill after all our pains was worth no more than a piece of blank paper until an equal sum had been subscribed by the private friends of the institution. It was a time of extreme financial depression. We knew not where to turn. Gratification at the success of our bill was followed by corresponding anxiety. This condition of our affairs was known to friends of the University, and among others by Gen. John F. Rathbone of Albany. With a promptness and generosity which are a part of his nature, he came forward without being asked, with an offer of a subscription of \$25,000, to fulfill the conditions which were requisite to make our bill binding on the State Comptroller. None but those who knew the difficulties in which the University was placed can fully estimate what the institution owes to this act of enlightened and prompt liberality. The large donation of G. W. Bur-

bank, Esq., of this city, which had been given to the endowment fund, had relieved the University from a similar strait a few years before. These are facts in our history which we delight to recall and recognize.

In retracing the efforts by which the bill was carried through the Legislature, we gladly recall and acknowledge the labors and influence of many among the living, and of one among the dead. The chief among the founders of the University and the first President of its Trustees, John N. Wilder, Esq., gave his constant and untiring labors for the success of the bill. As from the first inception of the undertaking to establish a University in this city, so then, he was among the foremost in his efforts. God forbid that his name and labor should ever be forgotten on any occasion which shall mark the progress of this University in all that shall make it worthy and excellent. Attention has been already called to those earnest friends who carried the bill through the Senate. We would record our gratitude to them as well as to many others whom it would be tedious to name. To no one however, is more due for the success of our efforts than to Hon. John T. Lacy, then Member of the Assembly from this city. He labored incessantly and with great judgment and tact, for our object. He made our cause his own, and no man could have labored more faithfully or successfully than he. We recognize him as a benefactor in the fullest sense of the term. Our difficulties were not yet ended. The State Treasury was enormously overdrawn. Our Canal revenues were at their lowest point. Piles of unpaid drafts were vexing the Comptroller, Hon. Lorenzo Burrows. In the course of the year, however, he found means to pay the first instalment of our claim—\$12,500. Had he been less the friend of education he might have refused us without our being justified in making serious complaint. By recognising our claim as one of the just debts of the State, he placed himself among our substantial benefactors. The succeeding year the Treasury passed under the control of Hon. Sanford E. Church. He kindly followed the precedent set by Mr. Burrows and paid over the remaining installment. We remember him with similar gratitude. At the session of 1859 the Trustees authorized the Executive Board in this city to proceed to the erection of this edifice. Plans were submitted by Messrs. Searle & Son, and A. J. Warner, Esq., of this city, and by A. R. Esty, Esq., of Boston. After long and careful examination and discussion, the Executive Board selected a modification of the original plan presented by Mr. Esty, as on the whole best suited to our purposes. This plan was examined again in its details by the Faculty and members of the Board in reference to the demands of convenience and economy, and after various modifications had been put into architectural form, by Mr. Esty, the specifications were drawn up. These were examined three

mands of convenience and economy, and after various modifications had been put into architectural form, by Mr. Esty, the specifications were drawn up. These were examined three successive times by the committee of the Board, and in their completed form were submitted to contractors for estimates. On opening the sealed proposals it was found that the lowest and most satisfactory proposal had been made by Messrs. Richard Gorsline & Son and Mr. Edwin Taylor for the sum of \$34,625

Their proposals were accepted, and the contract signed in December. Previously to making the specifications much attention had been given to the subject of the building material. After making comparative estimates and visiting various quarries, it was decided to use the brown stone of the formation known to geologists as the "Medina sandstone." That used was taken from the immediate vicinity of the village of Albion. Though the stone had not before been used, except for rough buildings, it is now conceded to be the finest building material which we could have selected, fully equal to that of the best quarries in Connecticut and New Jersey. The stone and brickwork were performed by Messrs. Gorsline & Son, and the wood work, slating and glazing by Mr. Edwin Taylor. The foundation was laid in the autumn of 1859, the walls were laid and the roof put on the following summer and the building completed near the opening of the term, Sept. 12, the present year. In the plan and erection of the building the ideas of convenience, solidity and economy have limited the action of the Board. The building is intended for use not for show. So far as it was possible under these imperative limitations the Board have desired architectural beauty. The skill and taste of the architect could only be displayed within the strict control of these somewhat practical and unartistic conditions and limitations. How far he has succeeded must be left to the general judgment of architectural critics. That judgment has, we believe, been almost uniformly favorable. That the building is solid, real, unpretentious and convenient we know. That slight mistakes have been made it would be absurd to deny, but the Building Committee feel conscious of having labored faithfully and feel a high degree of satisfaction with the architect and the mechanics who have carried out the conditions which they imposed. They have the satisfaction of believing that it is not often in the history of corporations that a building of more solidity, convenience, size and beauty has been erected for the cost. Of the intelligence, taste and judgment of the architect, Mr. Esty, they would here bear willing and hearty testimony; his work speaks and will speak for itself. Of the faithfulness and skill, and honor of the contractors, we would speak with all praise. They were subjected to a supervision somewhat severe, it may be, but it is certainly a high credit to them that those persons who have found the most fault with their work while in progress, are ready to hear this full and hearty testimony to their ability, thoroughness and honor now that their work is completed.

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The Executive Board were made a Building Com. by the Trustees, with the addition of the President of the University and Prof. Quinby. For practical efficiency a sub-com. of three, consisting of the two persons just named and W. N. Sage, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustees was chosen by the Building Committee. At a subsequent period, by reason of the absence of Prof. Quinby in the Army and the partial illness of the President, the Committee was enlarged by the addition of Professor Cutting and Dr. Henry W. Dean. Upon this sub-committee the principal labor of superintendence has devolved.

In retracing in the barest outline the history of this building, from the first efforts to raise the money to erect it, till the present time, there arise in the minds of those who have been most intimately connected with the efforts, emotions of mingled pain and pleasure—of pleasure and gratitude to God for the result—of pain at the very thought, of the toil of brain and hand, of hopes deferred, of days and nights of depression, anxiety and exhausting care. This internal history will never be written. It is best that it should be forgotten. To-day let us throw the past behind us and rejoice in God's goodness that has followed this institution so far; and call to mind only those special indications which have constantly led us to believe that God intended this University to be, and to be a blessing to this community and the world. We trust that those present to-day of the early founders of this institution may be satisfied that their donations and labors in the past have not been in vain. May God accept this institution and the building erected for its use as offerings from sincere and humble hearts, and make them a blessing and a glory to generations yet unborn.

In behalf of the Building Committee.

Nov. 22d, 1861.

The reading of the paper was listened to with interest by the audience. At the conclusion a hymn was sung and then William N. Sage, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Managers, was introduced to the audience.

Mr. Sage presented a financial report as follows:

R. Gorsline & Son, masons, on contract.....	\$20,123 00
" for extras, and not included	
in contract.....	696 91
Edwin Taylor, carpenter, on contract.....	14,500 00
" for extras, and not included in	
contract.....	325 58
" in shelving and rails in library...	235 00
A. R. Esty, architect, on contract.....	1,731 25
R. E. Sherlock, for gas pipes.....	212 58
N. Brittan, for lightning rods.....	74 15
Whitmore & Carson, for flag stones.....	34 99
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	\$37,935 46
Estimated expense for furniture, including new	
stoves, furnaces, chairs, settees, tables and	
gas fixtures, not far from.....	1,000 00
The eight acres of land given by Hon. A. Boody,	
with cost of improvements, about.....	12,000 00
The thirteen acres in the park with improve-	
ments, including sewers, grading and fencing,	
&c., estimated at.....	19,500 00
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	\$70,435 46

At the conclusion of the above statement, Mr. Sage stated that he had been requested by the Board of Trustees to offer a resolution which at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held Nov. 22, 1861, was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, This new home of the University has been mainly obtained by the zeal, the labor, and the self-sacrificing spirit of its noble-hearted President; therefore,

Resolved, That our Secretary, William N. Sage, be authorized as our organ, and in our behalf, to make known at the dedication of the Chapel the name of the new building, which will be known and designated hereafter as "ANDERSON HALL."

Mr. Sage in a delicate and becoming manner referred to the action of Prest. Anderson—the intense anxiety he had manifested and the deep solicitude he had shown in the progress of the great enterprise, and declared that there was an inner history of his labors that would never be written.

The announcement by Mr. Sage of the resolution of the Trustees conferring such a marked compliment upon the President, evidently took the gentleman by surprise. His heart was touched by this delicate expression of confidence and esteem, and he could not conceal his emotion.

The audience expressed their satisfaction by hearty applause, but they were soon in closer sympathy with the gentleman thus honored, and many signified it in a manner less boisterous but more expressive.

This was the incident of the occasion, and it will be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to participate.

Dr. Kendrick next delivered the address, for it was such rather than a dedicatory sermon. It is needless to say that it was exceedingly appropriate, for the source from which it came fully vouches for that. But we must omit a sketch, which would be but a poor substitute for the whole.

After the address Rev. Dr. Shaw offered a prayer, the audience sang Old Hundred and received the Benediction from Dr. Dewey.