

### The University of Washington Fifty Years Old

On November 4, 1911, the University of Washington reached its fiftieth birthday. The event was celebrated by an elaborate programme extending over five days.

On Friday evening, November 3, there was held a reception in the Gymnasium for the college men of Washington and delegates to the semi-centennial celebration, and at the same time there was held at the Presidents' Residence a reception for the college women of Washington and visiting women.

Saturday was Alumni and Students' Day. The memorial tablet, prepared by the class of 1911, was unveiled at the old columns saved from the first building of the Territorial University. The address was given by Clarence B. Bagley. The afternoon was given over to a game of football between the University of Washington and the Oregon Agricultural College. In the evening the alumni held a reunion and enjoyed a banquet at the President's Residence.

Devotional exercises were held in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon. The sermon: *The University, a Field and Force in Religious Thought and Action*, was delivered by Ozora Stearns Davis, Ph. D., President of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Other clergymen who participated were Rev. Everett M. Hill of the University Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. E. V. Shayler of St. Mark's Episcopal Church; Rev. Norman B. Harrison of the University Presbyterian Church. The music, of most excellent quality on this and other occasions, was directed by Professor Irving M. Glen and was rendered by the university chorus, orchestra, and solosists, Miss Margaretha Von Osten, soprano; Madame Hesse-Sprotte, contralto; Mr. Festyn Davies, tenor; Professor Glen, baritone.

Monday was University and State Day. There were two programmes, one devoted to the University, the other to the State. Dr. Kendrick Charles Babcock, of the office of the United States Commissioner of Education, delivered his address, *Fifty Years' Development in Higher Education*. The other addresses on the first programme were *The Growth of Collegiate Education on the Pacific Coast*, by President Prince L. Campbell, University of Oregon; *Future Problems in the Development of Collegiate Education on the Pacific Coast*, by President James A. MacLane, University of Idaho.

The addresses during the programme devoted to the State were as follows: *The University as an Institution of the State*, by Honorable M. E. Hay, Governor of Washington; *The Service of the University as a Part of the Public School System*, by Honorable Henry B. Dewey, Superintendent of Public Instruction; *Citizenship*, by Honorable Stephen J. Chadwick, Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington.

Tuesday was called Semi-Centennial Day. The two principal addresses were *The Development of the State University and the Instruction in the Sciences*, by Samuel Avery, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska; *State Universities, Present and Future*, by James H. Baker, President of the University of Colorado.

Margaret Lenora Denny, of the honored pioneer family of that name, unveiled a bronze tablet to commemorate the semi-centennial of the University. The celebration closed with greetings from the many delegates representing the most important colleges and universities of America, including a few in Europe as well as the Imperial Universities of Japan and China.

The presiding officer of the various meetings was Thomas F. Kane, President of the University of Washington.