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## The Wood Memorial Exercises.

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Soon after the death of Mr. William Wood, October 1, 1894, the members of the Associate Alumnæ, in conference with the Committee from the Normal College, decided to present to the College a bust in bronze of Mr. Wood, as a mark of love and esteem for him who, more than anyone else, had made possible

the founding of the College, and who for nearly a quarter of a century was ever its best and staunchest friend.

This they were able to do by the generous response of the members of the Alumnæ, the professors and instructors in the College, and many kind friends.

The modeling of the bust is the work of Mr. William Ordway Partridge, of Boston, who, we think, has been most successful in transferring to lasting bronze the noble and well-loved features. The graduates of earlier years were accustomed to see Mr. Wood almost daily, and to hear him read his favorite Twenty-third Psalm, or wax eloquent in speech, closing with some appropriate quotation from a loved poet. Who that once heard can ever forget his musical, sympathetic voice?

October 21st, being the eighty-seventh anniversary of Mr. Wood's birth, seemed a fitting time to present the bust to the College.

Invitations were sent to all the earlier graduates whose addresses could be obtained, whether members of the Alumnæ or not. The chapel was well filled, the present Senior Class occupying seats in the rear. On the platform were members of Mr. Wood's family, the President of the Board of Education and other Commissioners, Superintendent Jasper, several ex-Commissioners, the Faculty and Instructors of the College, the Wood Memorial Committee, and other friends.

The exercises began with the reading of the fifty-first chapter of *Isaiah* by Dr. Chambers, a former pastor of Mr. Wood. Prof. Aubert, in the name of the Professors and Instructors of the College and of the Wood Memorial Committee, with a few fitting remarks presented the bust, which is placed directly back of the reader's desk in the center of the platform. Miss Roberts, Chairman of the Wood Memorial Committee, drew aside the national colors from the memorial, and President Hunter accepted the bust for the College, speaking of the appropriateness of the gift as a lasting memorial of our most loyal of friends, coming, as it did, from members of the Alumnæ, who are banded together to foster the spirit of loyalty and love for our Alma Mater.

After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the students of the College, Miss Helen Gray Cone recited the poem, "In Memoriam," composed by her for the Wood Memorial meeting in October, 1894. This second rendering of the lines brought out afresh their beauty and tender sentiment. Mrs. Anna Taylor-Jones kindly consented to sing Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," a favorite poem of Mr. Wood; this was followed by addresses by Mr. Robert Maclay, President of the Board of Education, Com-

missioner Charles Bulkley Hubbell, Superintendent John Jasper, and an ex-Commissioner who was closely associated with Mr. Wood in his work on the Board.

Each added his meed of praise to the integrity, sterling worth, unswerving adherence to duty, and, best of all, to the unwavering faith in the future greatness and influence for good to our College, of him whom we were seeking to honor.

The exercises closed by singing, "My Country, 'tis of Thee."

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