

UNITED TO DO HONOR TO GEN. WEBB.

Celebration of His Quarter Century Services to the City College.

The College of the City of New-York celebrated yesterday the twenty-fifth anniversary of Gen. Webb's installment as President. The Faculty, instructors, and other officers commemorated the event by the presentation of a large silver loving cup.

On one side is engraved a picture of the college building, which stands at the corner of Twenty-third Street and Lexington Avenue; on the other, the following inscription:

1869. To Alexander Stewart Webb, - LL. D.,
in loving commemoration of twenty-five
years' service as President of the College of
the City of New-York, from the Faculty, in-
structors, and other officers of the college.

1894.

The cup was selected by a committee consisting of Charles Doremus, Dr. W. Stratford, and Dr. Leigh Hunt, and was presented during the morning exercises in the chapel by Dr. Stratford, Professor of Natural History. Dr. Stratford is a graduate of the college and took the place of Dr. Draper.

President Webb expressed hearty thanks for a tribute he modestly declared was to services performed merely in the line of duty, and that had been made easy and agreeable by the assistance of his coadjutors. He alluded to the trustees, who were represented on the platform by C. H. Knox, President of the Board, and William J. Van Arsdale, and Emil Beneville.

The members of this board, he said, worked for the college gratuitously and deserved great credit for the efficient way in which they did what was required. He was equally cordial in his references to the members of the Faculty and the other instructors in the college.

The President concluded with the declaration that the words he had spoken were not born of the enthusiasm of the moment, but were forced from him by his knowledge of the men with whom he had been in contact during his twenty-five years' service.

The students warmly cheered their President. Mr. Webb then called upon Mr. Knox for an address.

Mr. Knox began by saying that he loved to hear the students cheer and make a noise. He was at once satisfied in both these respects.

Mr. Knox alluded to the cramped quarters in the present building; to the recent unsuccessful attempt to acquire a new home, and promised that he should do all in his power to secure new and sufficient accommodations for the college.

This promise pleased the students even more than the reference to their noise-making powers; for of the 1,500 young men enrolled on the books of the college there is room in the chapel for only the four upper classes, which number about 600. The accommodations everywhere else are about in the same proportion. The valuable library is stored in rooms not fire-proof, and some of these rooms have to be given up to classes that can find accommodation in no other parts of the building.

Mr. Knox said it was to be regretted that all the students could not be in the chapel to witness the presentation to their President, but he reminded his hearers that the darkest hour is always followed by light.

Gen. Webb is the college's second President. His predecessor was Dr. Horace Webster. Gen. Webb is a graduate of West Point, where he was also an instructor. He served as Brevet Major General of Volunteers in the war of the rebellion, and was seriously wounded at Gettysburg.