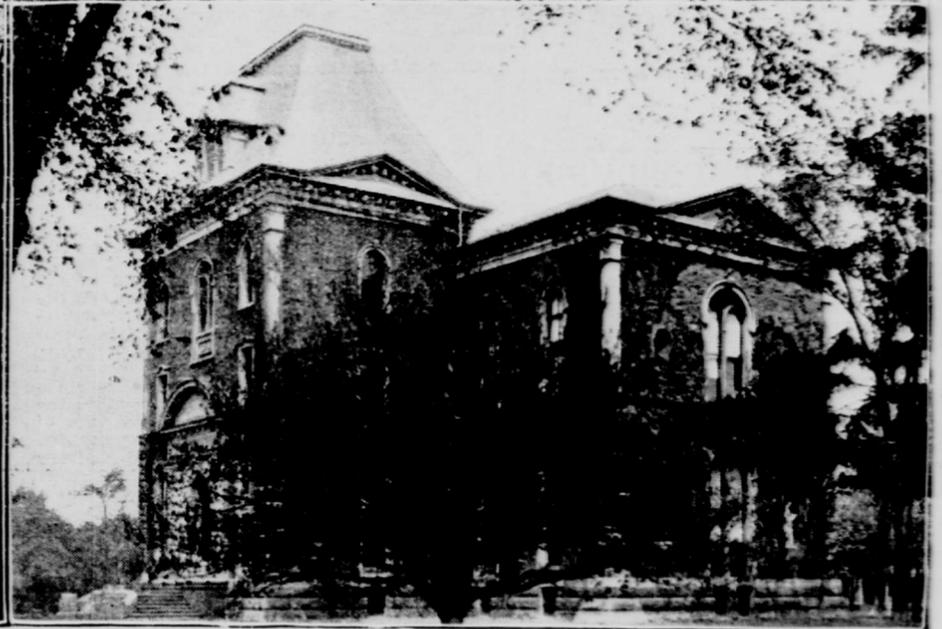


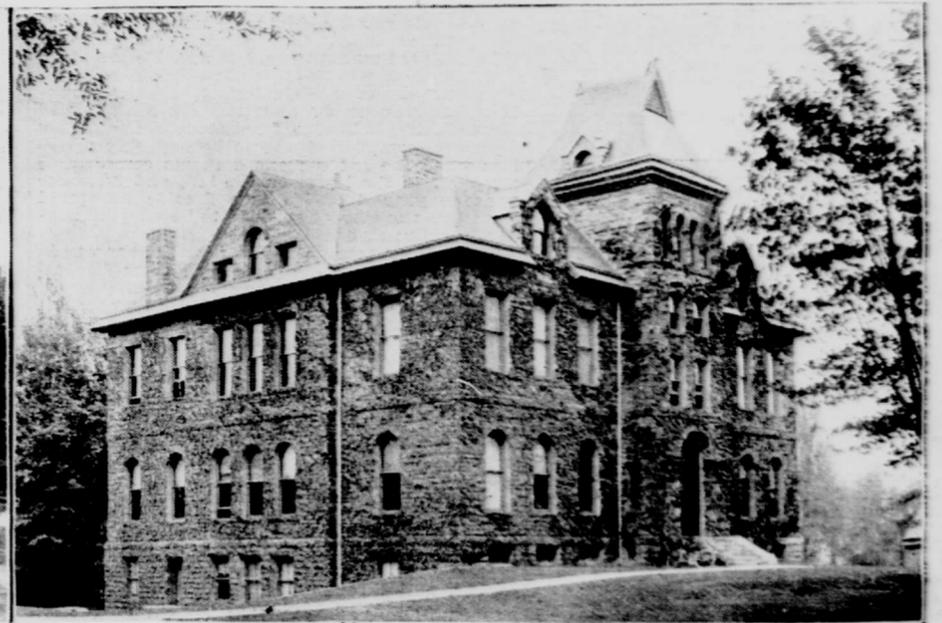
ANDERSON HALL



SIBLEY HALL (Library and Museum).



THE NEW ALUMNI GYMNASIUM.



THE REYNOLDS MEMORIAL LABORATORY.

BUILDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER.

Which will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary during the week beginning June 10.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER WILL CELEBRATE ITS SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

EARLY AND RECENT HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION—GENERAL OTIS AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WILL ATTEND COMMENCEMENT.

Rochester, N. Y., May 26.—The annual commencement of the University of Rochester this year possesses an unusual significance. It marks the completion of the college's fiftieth year of educational activity, and the anniversary will be observed with special ceremony. A list of speakers, among whom are numbered many of the foremost names in the educational and political world of to-day, will bestow their words of praise and congratulation for the past, of hope and well wishing for the future. The responses received from the alumni make substantial the prophecy that the fair face of the fostering mother will look upon the largest gathering of her sons that has ever returned to do her honor at her festival week.

The universities of Rochester and Madison (now Colgate) are linked together in their early history. The former is a branch of the latter. The differences which marked those early days and gave rise to the foundation of Rochester are nearly forgotten by the present generation, and to rake them up would be a labor thankless and unnecessary. It was in 1847 that the first steps toward the foundation of Rochester were taken. In 1848 an act was passed by the Legislature making the removal of Madison University, at Hamilton, to some point on the direct line of travel east and west possible. Rochester was chosen. Some legal obstructions were placed in the way, but in January, 1850, the Regents of the State granted a provisional charter to the University of Rochester. This was followed a year later by the present charter, which is in all respects similar to the old charter governing Columbia College, in New-York City. This did not vest the control of the university in any one religious denomination. It simply created a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, twenty-four in number, who hold office for life. Twenty of the original trustees were Baptists, and that denomination has held a governing rein over the institution ever since.

The officers of the first Board were John N. Wilder, president; F. Whittlesey, vice-president; William N. Sage, secretary, and Edwin Pancost, treasurer. The faculty consisted of six professors, as follows: A. C. Kendrick, D. D., Greek language and literature; John F. Richardson,

A. M., Latin language and literature; John H. Raymond, A. M., (afterward president of Vassar College), history and belles lettres; Chester Dewey, D. D., the natural sciences; Samuel S. Green, A. M., mathematics and natural philosophy. The executive duties of the president were discharged by Dr. Kendrick. The university occupied the old building still standing in West Main-st., then Buffalo-st. In 1851 the new build-

ing, so familiar to the alumni, Anderson Hall, was completed and occupied.

The first commencement took place on July 9, 1851. The newspapers of that date say that "the procession was the most imposing civic demonstration ever seen in the streets of Rochester." Ten men were graduated. Of that first little class four remain alive. Three years later Martin Brewer Anderson, LL. D., was elected to the

presidency of the college. This position he held for thirty-four years, with the dignity, power and majesty which made his name revered among the men who knew him and felt his influence. His death took away one of the most imposing figures the educational world of America has ever known.

Sibley Hall, a gift of the late Hiram Sibley, of Rochester, was completed in 1877. It houses the library, containing more than thirty-five thousand volumes, and the museum, also of great importance. The Chemical Laboratory was built by the late Mortimer F. Reynolds in 1886. It is, like the other buildings—except the gymnasium—of brownstone, and covered now with the same ivy which hides the massive walls of the library and Anderson Hall.

The gymnasium, which will be completed in time for the commencement, is the last building to be erected on the campus. It is two stories high, built of light brick and gray stone, the gift of the alumni.

The most marked advancement made by the university in the last ten years has taken place in the technical departments. The physical laboratory, fitted up like Cornell's, with workshops and complete electric wiring and power, is one of the most complete in the country. It is in charge of Professor Henry E. Lawrence, '89. The biological laboratory is in charge of Professor Charles W. Dodge, who has made it of so much value not only to the university, but also to the public, that the city has relied upon it to furnish assistance in the Health Department.

The successor of Dr. Anderson was Dr. David Jayne Hill. He resigned in 1895, and now holds the place of First Assistant Secretary of State in the present Administration. The president's chair was provisionally occupied by Dr. S. A. Lattimore for two years, and then by Professor Henry F. Burton for the two succeeding years. Both men devoted all their energies and time to the furthering of the institution's interests and reputation, and their success was rewarded by the highest praise from the trustees and alumni. The election and acceptance of the Rev. Rush Rhees to the vacant office has caused much gratification to the friends of the university. He will assume his duties next fall at the opening of the college year.

The future of the university seems brighter than ever before. Young men, strong, active and energetic, have put their hands to the labor. The people of the city are awakening to the needs of the college which is within their gates. The next five years, it is confidently expected, will see a marvellous advance.

Two years ago the trustees voted to allow the entrance of women on an equal footing with men into the college's courses of instruction. The sum of \$150,000 had first to be raised by

THE REV. RUSH RHEES.
President-elect of the University of Rochester.