INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT CHARLES RICHARD VAN HISE.

"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year. . . . A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you."—Leviticus, xxv: 10 and 11.

Upon behalf of the regents and faculty I thank the hundreds who have come here to join in the jubilee of the University of Wisconsin. We are delighted to welcome our guests from all parts of the United States, from Canada, from Europe, and from other parts of the world. Among the honored guests are official representatives of universities, academies and learned societies, of museums and libraries, bearing the congratulations of the institutions which they represent. That the chief learned institutions of the United States, a considerable number of foreign institutions, and many renowned scholars should regard this jubilee as of such consequence as to wish to take part in it, should encourage the state to continue to support and further to develop its university.

Fifty years ago the instructional force of the very small college here situated, even then called the University of Wisconsin, consisted of four members—three professors and one tutor. That year there were in attendance 56 students, all men, of whom only 41 were of collegiate grade. At that time the only building on the ground was old North Hall. This building still stands to give evidence of the architectural taste of those who designed it. Even in these early days Chancellor Laythropp and other men who controlled the policy of the university had visions of the
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