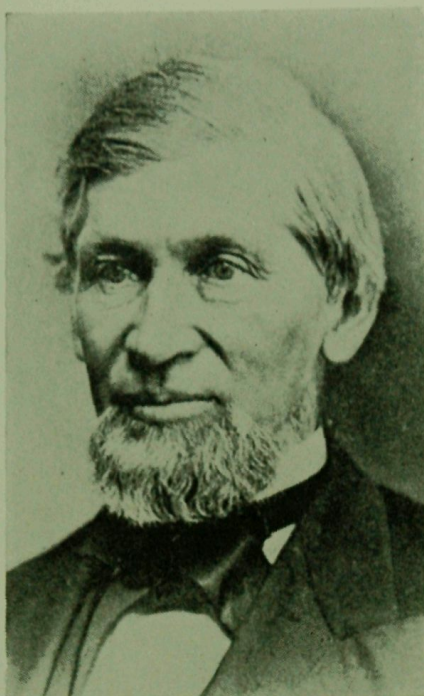


LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE  
OF  
GREGORY HALL

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
SATURDAY MORNING JUNE TENTH  
NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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*John Milton Gregory*

FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
• 1867 - 1880 •

*Some Excerpts from Dr. Gregory's Addresses*

1868

It is much easier to learn and remember, than to investigate and think.

1873

I have only one wish to gratify—the wish for the prosperity and well-being of the University.

1879

Great numbers of students prove nothing unless they are attracted by the presence of great teachers.

It is the aim of a University to lead well-prepared students to the summits of learning, rather than to collect and conduct great numbers of immature minds along the lower and elementary paths.

# P R O G R A M

CHARLES WHAM, '12, President of the Alumni Association,  
*Presiding*

(Radio Broadcast by Station W I L L)

## Invocation

The Reverend PAUL E. ALDEN  
Minister of the University Baptist Church

## Introduction

of President WILLARD and Trustees  
of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
M. T. McCLURE  
of the Dean of the College of Education,  
THOMAS E. BENNER  
of the Director of the School of Journalism,  
LAWRENCE W. MURPHY  
of the Architect of the Building,  
ERNEST L. STOUFFER, '18

## The Gregorians

Dr. S. C. STANTON, '79  
Chairman of the Gregorian Reunion

## Greetings

from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works  
JOSEPH GUANDOLO, '31  
Regional Counsel

## The Laying of the Cornerstone

ALFRED GREGORY, '78  
Son of Dr. J. M. Gregory

## Address

ALFRED GREGORY

## The University Anthem

Sung by a mixed quartette under the direction of  
Professor LEROY HAMP of the School of Music

## Benediction

The Reverend PAUL E. ALDEN

## JOHN MILTON GREGORY

A.B. Union College, 1846; LL.D. University of Michigan, 1866; b. July 6, 1822, Sand Lake, N. Y.; s. Joseph (b. Sand Lake, N. Y.) and Rachel (Bullock) Gregory (b. West Sand Lake, N. Y.); prepared in public schools and Dutchess County Academy; graduated Union College 1846; studied law, Schenectady, N. Y., 1846-47; pastor Baptist Church, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 1847-50; ordained 1848; pastor Akron, O., 1850-52; principal Classical School, Detroit, 1852-59; editor and publisher, *Mich. Journal of Education*, 1854-59; superintendent of public instruction for Michigan, 1859-64; president, Kalamazoo College, 1865-67; regent (president) Illinois Industrial University, 1867-80; U. S. Commissioner, Vienna Exposition, 1873; judge, educational department, Philadelphia Centennial, 1876; Illinois State Commissioner to Paris Exposition,

1878; member and president, Illinois State Board of Health, 1878-83; member, U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1883-85; professor-emeritus of political economy, University of Illinois.

Author: School Laws of Michigan; numerous articles and addresses on educational subjects; Handbook of History and Map of Time; A New Political Economy; Seven Laws of Teaching.

Married: Julia Gregory, Sept. 6, 1848 (died June 3, 1877); Louise Catherine Allen, June 17, 1879 (died May 1, 1920).

Children: Mary, b. Jan. 7, 1850 (died Aug. 25, 1937); Walter, b. Dec. 1852 (died Sept. 9, 1855); Helen, b. June 4, 1856; Alfred, b. Aug. 17, 1858; John, b. Dec. 30, 1859 (died May 20, 1865); Grant, b. Sept. 9, 1864; Julia, b. Jan. 22, 1866; Allene, b. Dec. 7, 1888.

Died, Oct. 20, 1898, Washington, D. C.

## THE UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

(Written by Dr. GREGORY and sung at the inaugural exercises  
of the University, March 11, 1868)

We hail thee! great Fountain of learning and light.  
There's life in thy radiance, there's hope in thy  
    might.

We greet now thy dawning, but what singer's  
    rhyme,

Shall follow thy course down the ages of time?

O'er homes of the millions, o'er fields of rich toil;  
Thy science shall shine as the sun shines on soil,  
And Learning and Labor—fit head for fit hand,  
Shall crown with twin glories our broad prairie  
    land.

And as generations, in the grand march of time,  
Shall fill the long ages with numbers sublime,  
Thy portals shall throng with the lowly and great;  
Thy science-crowned children shall bless all the  
    state.

Then hail thee! blest Fountain of learning and  
    light,  
Shine on in thy glory, rise ever in might;  
We greet now thy dawning; but ages to come  
Must tell of thy grandeur and shout Harvest  
    Home.