

CLASS OF '88 LIBRARY OF ECONOMICS.

At the Decennial Reunion of the Class of '88 in June last, it was voted to devote its decennial gift to the foundation of a Library of Economics in the University Library. This action was influenced primarily by a growing sense of the fundamental need of a sufficient equipment of books for the purpose of university development; and secondarily by the fact that the department of Economics in the University is composed of two members of the Class of '88, Professors Daniels and Wyckoff. In pursuance of this resolution, the sum of \$13,000 together with about \$400 of accrued interest has been turned over to the University Treasurer, and \$13,000 of the same invested, leaving the balance available for the immediate purchase of books. The income of the fund will be devoted primarily to forming a suitable seminary library for the department.

This is the largest gift for books which Princeton has received during the last twenty-five years — the largest in the history of the College excepting two from the John C. Green estate. It is the largest gift for permanent endowment for books in thirty years, and the largest in the history of the College excepting the Green endowment of 1868. The gift is another evidence of the fact that classes, and especially classes some of whose members have themselves felt the need of books, are beginning to understand that provision for books is an immediate, direct, concrete service to the University, as well as a conspicuous memorial. The Class of '88, always famous for its Princetonianism, is to be congratulated on having applied its unprecedentedly large gift to a most practical end and also on having directed attention to and stimulated interest in supplying one of the most pressing needs of Princeton as a University at the present time.

OBITUARIES.**WILLIAM PATERSON, A. M.,**

Class of 1835.

Judge Paterson died at Perth Amboy on New Year's Day at the age of 81. In his death Princeton loses one of her oldest and most prominent New Jersey alumni. He was the son of William Bell Paterson, Class of 1801, and a grandson of William Paterson, Class of 1763, Justice of the United States Supreme Court and one of the founders of the Cliosophic Society. The first William's father, Richard Paterson, emigrated from Ireland in 1747 and settled in Princeton about 1755, introducing the tin plate industry in the province of New Jersey. The Semi-Centennial Record of the Class of 1835 contains

a biographical sketch of Judge Paterson and his twin brother Stephen Van Rensselaer (who died in 1872) from which much of the following has been borrowed.

Shortly after his birth in 1817 at Perth Amboy, Judge Paterson's parents moved to Morristown, where, he says, were laid the foundations of the political and religious faith to which he and his brother adhered through life. Andrew Jackson was their political hero and they heard their first sermons from the celebrated Albert Barnes. On their return to Perth Amboy at the age of 13 the boys were prepared for college chiefly by their father, and in 1832 they entered the Sophomore Class at Princeton, joining Clio Hall. Both received Commencement honors. After leav-