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From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW HAVEN, Thursday, June 29, 1876.

The speaking of the graduating class today has been unusually good. The salutatory was by Mr. Edwin D. Worcester, Jr., of Albany, who took the "De Forest" a week ago. Mr. Bradbury Bedell, of Athens, N.Y., had an excellent address on Thackeray, as a satirist, a reformer, a novelist, and as a man.

Mr. Oliver Ellsworth Iugman, of New Haven, took for his subject, "Arabic Learning." He claimed that the enthusiasm which the Arabs pursued learning was owing to their restless novelty-desiring character. As it was by war and conquest that their learning was required, so it was also, he said, by war and conquest that this learning was diffused, receiving constantly fresh additions, until in Spain it burst forth in all its glory, and became a beacon to the world. It is to the Spanish Arabs that the progress of modern civilization is due more than to the influence which proceeded from Rome.

Michel Furst, of Brooklyn, N.Y., claimed that "Modern Jew" has changed in character from the traditional idea of him still retained by many. This change has been effected largely by the reform in his religion which has been in progress for many years past, and which is still progressing. The details of this reform were given, but it was said that this reform were given, but it was said that this reform were given, but it was said that this reform is incomplete. The Jews need good preachers, and to get good preachers they must use their proverbial wealth for the promotion of education and all exalted purposes.

Mr. Philip Gray Russell, of New Haven, had an admirable discussion of the subject of "The Relation of the Government to the Poor." He considered the case of the "impotent poor," the "able-bodied but idle and improvident poor," and finally the "able-bodied poor who are willing to work, but who cannot obtain

employment.” He discussed the propriety of the Government furnishing this last class with work, and stated several objections. He adverted to the increase of the numbers of this class, and expressed it as his decided conviction that, although the withholding of aid to this class might be attended by results painful to think of, it was very much better to leave all such persona to be relieved by private charity.

Mr. M.H. Phelps, of Elmwood, Ill., took up the revolutionary eloquence of Mirabeau. He gave an animated description of his first appearance in the National Assembly. According to Mr. Phelps’ analysis, Mirabeau’s power consisted in vast natural endowments of body and mind, of boundless courage, turned to the service of liberty by the oppressions and sufferings in his early life. He said, in estimating his character, it was not to be compared with ordinary standards. He seemed to combine all virtues with all vices. But measured by the occasion which elicited his powers, the principles for which he labored, the results he accomplished, the affection of his countrymen, he assumes a position of unrivaled eminence among orators.

Mr. E.S. Bottom, of Norwich, Conn., spoke on the “Puritans and the Huguenots.” Mr. W.W. Hyde, of Hartford, Conn., took up the “Law as a Profession.” He said: To be a great and good lawyer is glory enough for any man. No monument need be desired more enduring or more illustrious than the one such a man can erect for himself. Mr. George William Rollins, of Hyde Park, Mass., had for his subject “Classical Study,” with very interesting analysis of the beauties of Greek and Roman literature and a comparison between them. His discussion of the “imaginative element” in classical literature was particularly fine.

The Valedictory was delivered by Mr. Arthur T. Hadley, and was marked by strong, good sense, and a warm feeling of affection for his classmates.

President Porter then announced that the following honorary degrees had been conferred by the corporation:

The Honorary Degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Sir Charles Reed, of the London School Board; Gen. W.T. Sherman, United States Army, and Yung Wing, the Chinese Minister, who is a graduate of Yale. The Honorary Degree of M.A. was conferred upon Hon. Thomas C. Piatt, member of Congress, Oswego, N.Y., and Mr. Orlando Bump, of Baltimore, Md.