

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CORNERSTONE LAID

## Prominent Members Present for the Simple Ceremonies.

Short Addresses by C. S. Smith and  
Morris K. Jesup — Prayer by  
Bishop Potter.

In the presence of nearly 100 prominent members of the Chamber of Commerce of New York State, the corner stone of the new Chamber of Commerce Building, between Nassau Street and Broadway, on Liberty Street, was laid yesterday afternoon. The Chamber was founded 133 years ago, and when this building is completed it will be the first permanent home of the organization.

The cornerstone was laid on the southeast corner of the building. The block was of white marble from the quarries of Senator Proctor in Vermont. It so happened that the huge piece of marble which covered the cavity in which the memorial objects were placed was numbered "13." Many of those present remarked upon this fact as being coupled with the incident that the ceremonies of the laying were held on Friday.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce gathered, prior to the ceremonies, at the Chamber rooms on the fourth floor of the Mutual Life Insurance Building on Nassau Street. From there they marched in procession, headed by Morris K. Jesup, President of the Chamber, and Bishop Henry C. Potter, to the place where the new building is being erected. Bishop Potter wore a black academic gown, with an academic cap and a tassel of purple.

Only two speeches were made and both of them were short. Charles Stewart Smith opened the exercises, saying in part:

"This noble building will be the home of an intelligent, liberal, and progressive spirit, that will, I believe, continue and increase the commercial supremacy of this city and State. A great historian wrote that commerce had always led the historic march of civilization, and the history of commerce proves this assertion. The object of this chamber has been in the past to promote good laws, amend imperfect, and defeat bad ones, as far as they affect the business interests of the whole country."

Morris K. Jesup then assumed charge of the exercises. In the middle of his speech he placed a trowel of mortar in the place where the stone was to go. The trowel itself was made of pure silver, with an ivory handle. It was presented to Mr. Jesup by James B. Baker, the architect of the building. On one side was an engraving of the new building and on the reverse the names of the Board of Trustees of the Real Estate of the Chamber of Commerce, as follows: Morris K. Jesup, Samuel D. Babcock, Charles S. Smith, Alexander E. Orr, Cornelius N. Bliss, John S. Kennedy, and John Crosby Brown. After he had put the mortar in its place Mr. Jesup said:

"I now declare the stone laid, and with this act let us consecrate ourselves anew to make the future of our organization all that is honorable in commerce and business, and at the same time by good citizenship to help make the city in which we dwell better and purer."

After Mr. Jesup had declared the stone laid workmen were busy really getting it into place. The following articles were placed in the stone:

A copy of the Jubilee Number of THE NEW YORK TIMES, 1851-1901, and a copy of each of the newspapers of the city.

The letter of Columbus on the Discovery of America, a fac simile of the Pictorial Edition, with a new and literal translation, and a complete reprint of the oldest four editions in Latin. From the original in the Lenox Library. Presented by John S. Kennedy.

The gold, silver, nickel, and copper coins of the United States, 1901.

A copy of the Medal presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to those who took a prominent part in the laying of the Atlantic Cable, August, 1858.

A copy of the Medal presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to the garrison of Fort Sumter, South Carolina, 1861.

A copy of the Medal presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to the garrison of Fort Pickens, Florida, 1861.

A copy of the Medal struck to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Evacuation of the City of New York by the British, and the erection by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York of the Statue of Washington on the Sub-Treasury in Wall Street, Nov. 26, 1883.

A copy of the Medal presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to Hugh H. Hanna, Nov. 20, 1900.

A copy of the Medal presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to Abram S. Hewitt, Oct. 3, 1901. Proceedings on the Presentation of a Gold Medal by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to Abram S. Hewitt, Oct. 3, 1901.

Proceedings at a Banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to Cyrus W. Field, at the Metropolitan Hotel, Nov. 15, 1866, on the successful laying of the second Atlantic Cable.

A History of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, from its organization, April 5, 1768, to May, 1856, by President Charles King of Columbia College.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York for the year 1869-70, containing a history of the Chamber from May, 1856, to May, 1870.

A copy of the New York Evening Post of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 1874, containing an early history of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, with notes on its important proceedings during the twenty years ended November, 1874.

Harper's Monthly of September, 1891, containing an Illustrated History of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

A Volume, entitled The Atlantic Cable Projectors, 1854-1895. Painting by Daniel Huntington, presented to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, May 23, 1895, by Morris K. Jesup, Chairman of the Committee, and received by Alexander E. Orr, President of the Chamber. Address by Chauncey M. Depew.

A Volume, entitled The Portrait Gallery of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. Catalogue and Biographical Sketches.

"One Hundred and Thirty-Second Anniversary of the Founding of the New York Chamber of Commerce, April 5, 1900."

Tribute of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to the memory of her Majesty, Queen Victoria, Feb. 7, 1901.

"A Pledge of International Friendship. An Account of a Week's Entertainment in London of the Delegation from the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York by the London Chamber of Commerce, including the Reception by their Majesties the King and Queen at Windsor Castle; the Reception by the American Ambassador, the Banquet at Grocers' Hall; the Reception by Lord Brassey, the Reception by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, and the Luncheon at Salters' Hall, June 1 to June 7, 1901."

The Forty-Third Annual Report of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, for the year 1900-1901.

The Story of the Atlantic Telegraph by the Rev. Henry M. Field, D. D.

The last speech of President McKinley, delivered at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1901.

Following the address of Mr. Jesup declaring the cornerstone laid, Bishop Potter delivered a prayer. Secretary George Willson of the Chamber of Commerce then read

the list of the articles that had been deposited in the stone.

Among those present at the exercises, in addition to the participants, were Abram S. Hewitt, Cornelius N. Bliss, A. Foster Higgins, Alexander E. Orr, John S. Kennedy, William E. Dodge, James Talcott, Francis B. Thurber, C. H. Ludington, Charles N. Jesup, John A. Stewart, F. Wolcott Jackson, George Gray Ward, Gustav H. Schwab, W. N. Coler, Jr., and Amory S. Carhart.

The new Chamber of Commerce Building is to be of white marble. There will be only four working floors in the structure. The architecture will be very elaborate, considerable attention being paid to exterior decoration.

## DEANS DISCUSS ATHLETICS.

### Columbia's President Issues a Call for a Conference on Sport at the College.

Following is an official statement issued yesterday by the Columbia Faculty Committee on Athletics:

"At the invitation of Acting President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University an informal conference was held on Thursday afternoon to discuss the general athletic policy of the university. The purpose of the meeting was to bring about a frank but informal interchange of views between those charged with the supervision of the students engaging in athletics and representative graduates who are greatly interested in the subject. Among those present were the Deans of the three schools from which most of the students engaging in athletics are drawn, namely, J. Howard Van Amringe, Dean of the College; George W. Kirchwey, Dean of the School of Law; Frederick Remsen Hutton, Dean of the School of Applied Science; James F. Kemp, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Athletics; William R. Morley, ex-Captain of the football team; J. Boyce Smith, Captain of the track team; Francis S. Bangs, '78, trustee; Dr. Reginald H. Sayre, '81, and T. Ludlow Christie, '92, representing the graduates who have taken a strong interest in the development of athletics at Columbia. All present felt that the conference was of great value and that the good effects would show themselves in many directions.