BURIAL OF THE ACADEMY.

SOLEMN OBSERVANCES THIS EVENING—THE LAST OF THE ACADEMY—GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE STUDENTS.

By act of the legislature of the state the New York Free Academy will become to-morrow the College of the City of New York. The name of the Free Academy has long been unaceptable to the faculty and the students; it did not harmonize with the title of Yale or Harvard, or Columbus or Columbia. Its directors did not carry with them the honors that were given by these institutions, though the course of education of the students of the Academy, as it has been rendered, was not as a whole inferior to the standard of the foremost universities. To set all this right the academy needed a new appellation. Last year a vigorous effort was made, but without success, to have the institution declared a college; this year the title was conferred.

Such an event, so full of significance to the students especially, could not be allowed to pass without a suitable commemoration; so it was determined to bury the academy with due pomp and ceremony. The procession can, of course, engage in any such proceeding; they could not even know of it; therefore, the students resolved to officiate at the funeral, and to raise it far above the dignity of the ceremony of a material of the ancient, in which the release from service, according to the regulations of the college, was always the principal feature. The arrangements will be completed in the course of the day.

The procession will form at about ten o'clock to-night, at the intersection of Forty-second street and Sixth avenue. It will march at the head of it. It will be a torch-light procession. As yet it has not been decided whether the torches will be many or few. On the one hand it is urged that there should be much light, to add to the effect of the pageant; but on the other hand it is feared that the light of the torches will read the burial of the Academy ought to be commemorated in gloom and darkness. It is likely that the proposal to have numerous torches will prevail, so that the brilliancy of the occasion may in some measure represent the situation of the students, who, while professing to mourn, are rejoicing.

Next to the band will march the committee of arrangements. These young men who have labored and arranged, with great care the method in which the torches and the fires are to burn, will be followed by the orator and the poet. After them will come the grave-diggers, and the pall-bearers. The coffin is four feet and eight inches in length, and the students will do their duty by burying the Academy, symbol of the Academy. To begin with, the chief rolls and registers will be selected. The ashes only are to be interred. Following the coffin will be the appointed mourners. They will be clad in black, and will frequently have occasion during the night to weep, and with tears in their eyes to shave the heads of the students specially provided. It is expected that between three and four hundred students will march in the procession.

The route selected is from Forty-second street along Twenty-third, to Third avenue, and through Twenty-third street to the Academy building. At about 11 o'clock the funeral services will begin. They will consist briefly of the humorous orator, who will do honor to the memory of the deceased, the reading of the ode or poem, the prophecy, in which will be foretold the greatness of the new college; the ceremony of the burning, the burial, etc., etc. The Academy will be told that its school of mathematics has gone out at the Academy bell will toll its knell during a quarter of an hour. After the school of mathematics the coffin will be lowered into the grave.

Immediately after midnight—the beginning of the month of May—the existence of the new college will be ushered in by a grand demonstration of the ring, who will have ceased their toil, and by the students, who will be thought proper. The students intend to make the whole ceremony exceedingly entertaining.

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