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DAVID BRAINERD PERRY

David Brainerd Perry was a pioneer in the truest sense of the word. He went before to prepare the way for others. He brought to the new West not only sturdy and capable hands, a vigorous and well-trained mind, a determined will and an eager and adventurous spirit, - in his heart he carried a foresight of things-to-come, in his clear blue eyes was the vision of far horizons. As he mowed the prairie grass with long, rhythmic movements of his scythe, it was the golden wheat-fields of the future that rose before him. While his feet trod the narrow path from sod-hut to sod-hut, his eager mind was travelling a well-worn road from prosperous farm to busy village. His hands planted the tiny sapling, but in his heart it was already a giant elm.

When he left a teaching career of considerable promise in the East to become a circuit-rider in the hardest home-missionary field in Nebraska, (for that was what he asked for), it was with no feeling of sacrifice. He was building for the future. When he later undertook to establish a college in the tiny Academy at Crete, with a handful of seven students, he must have envisioned the young America of this new land streaming into halls of learning on some western hilltop with stately, tree-shaded buildings such as those he had known at home. He must have had faith not only in Thomas Doane, then chief engineer of the Burlington Railroad, and the other Congregationalists both east and west who purposed to build this college, but also in himself, in his deep interest in young things,- the young West and the young men and women to come out of it,- and in the urgency of his own youthful aspiration to undertake a new and challenging task.

It is significant that on his father's side he came from a long line of sturdy English weavers, the first of whom migrated to this country in 1666 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, later moving inland to the frontier town of Worcester, almost on the heels of the retreating Indians. In 1751 Josiah Perry

and his son Nathan bought the land on which seven generations of Perrys continued to weave and farm and bring up families of eight to ten children in each generation. These thrifty, industrious Perrys contributed much to the community in which they lived, their names appearing on town records as leaders and councilors and participants in many public services that concerned the welfare of the growing town and city of Worcester. They were also a God-loving and God-fearing lot, helping to build two Congregational churches, and serving as deacons in three successive generations for a total of some ninety years. Of his mother's family little is known, save that they were also early settlers in Worcester.

The true biographer would build his story around dates, few of which are important except to the historian. The following should perhaps be noted. David Brainerd Perry was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on March 7th, 1839, of Samuel Perry and his wife Mary Harrington. In his young manhood he took three successive degrees from Yale, his college degree in '63, his Master's in '66, his Bachelor of Divinity in '67. Much later in life, in '98, Yale conferred upon him the honorary degree, given in pride to her sons for special achievement, of Doctor of Divinity. In the earlier period there were interims at Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries, and a year abroad at the University of Heidleberg. Other important dates for the biographer are those of the establishment of Doane College in 1872, the date of his marriage to Helen Doane in 1876, his inauguration as President of Doane College in 1881, and his death in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1912, at the age of 72, after forty years of service to Doane. These are the milestones that mark his passage between birth and death.

But we who loved him, his children, his students, his friends, care more that he lived, than that he was born and ultimately died, like the rest of us

humans here below. To us it was his life and what he did with it that matters, his loves, which were his home and his college, his character, which was a mingling of gentleness and determination, of deep inner quietness and outward zeal and enthusiasm, of practical day-by-day efficiency with the vision of a poet. We are interested that he drew deep from the wells of his ancestry, but more, that he transformed their somewhat prosaic and well-grounded virtues, (he was the only one of his family of ten brothers and sisters that ever left the homeplace of Worcester,) into a great adventure of the spirit in a new world; that he sang as he worked, not with his lips, for he could never carry a tune, but with his heart, where he had stored great poems and sayings of his favorite writers, the Psalms of his well-thumbed Bible, the words of his favorite hymns, the songs of the meadow-lark and thrush.

He had a passion for work and spent long hours standing at his schoolmaster's desk, in the upper hall of the Grange, the high-peaked, (against the Nebraska winds,) long-drawn-out, (in the manner of New England, hitching kitchen to pantry and pantry to shed), house built by Thomas Doane, and handed on to his daughter after her marriage. He arose at five almost every morning of his life, to write sermons at his high desk, to correct class papers, to study Swedish and Bohemian grammar, to copy his meticulous long-hand business letters into copy-books by means of thin tissue sheets, a damp cloth and a sturdy letter-press. (There were no secretaries in those days.) Sometimes it was to chop wood before breakfast, or to walk in his orchards and catalpa groves and pastures, looking to the good of his fence-posts, his cows and horses, fuel for the voracious stoves, and fruits and vegetables to feed not only his own family, but the faithful German couple who for long years helped indoors and out. There was always an extra mouth to think of, too, the college boy who year by year was chosen, because he needed the work and scholarship help, to live in the one-time ice-house on the back lawn, and do small chores about the place, carry messages of

meal-time visitors to the lady of the house, (there were no telephones in those days, and countless calls upon the hospitality of the first lady of town and college,) drive the deserted horse and buggy home from college when its President, absorbed in weighty matters, forgot he had a horse and resorted to his panacea for all problems, a vigorous walk. His reputation for pedestrian speed, acquired in his early days of circuit-walking in western Nebraska, before he could even afford a horse to ride on, was considerable. The continued exercise of this especial talent in the mile-long trip between home and college, or the two-mile one to town and church, kept him in excellent physical condition, with the trim, erect figure of an athlete all his life.

We know little of his boyhood, save that it was rugged. His sister, in an account of their family life, speaks of their schooling, upon which their father insisted in all weathers, being sometimes mercifully interrupted by the fact that neither the horse and wagon could get through the deep mud of the country roads in summer, nor the sledge with a team of oxen over the heavy snows of winter. The children wore sturdy home-made garments, woven by the grandfather of woolen carded and spun by the mother and sisters, probably from sheep raised on their own place. The women of the household also braided the straw for their own bonnets. The children attended endless church services on Sunday, had daily prayers at home, did chores on the farm and about the house. But it was a happy and laughter-loving as well as serious and hard-working household, and there are gay accounts of practical jokes played not only on each other, but on the spirited and indomitable grandmother, still full of energy and vim at ninety-three. No doubt young David shared in all these youthful pranks, as he had a quiet sense of humor, an infectious chuckle and a fund of funny stories always on hand in later years. Life in those days of big farms, big families and home production of food and clothing was a strenuous and full-time business, and that carried over, too, into the boy's manhood experience.

Perhaps something of the mantle of his earliest pioneer ancestor migrating to this country, the first John Perry, fell on his shoulders, or that of John's grandson Nathan, who courageously led the local resistance forces at the time of the Revolution, or even something of the indomitable spirit of the great soul for whom he was named, David Brainerd, missionary to the Indians in the Delaware district, whose brother, John Brainerd, was one of the founders of Princeton University. Wherever they came from, all these characteristics focussed in him.

In April 1872, at the age of thirty-three he went west. As frontier preacher he undertook the strenuous task of establishing Congregational churches in several towns, among them Aurora, Harvard and Sutton, riding from place to place on horse-back, or walking long distances, as he loved to do. He was ordained in the old Crete Academy in July of the same year, and was almost immediately asked to become head of the infant college just then coming into being. His standards of scholarship, (second in a class of one hundred and twenty-two at Yale,) his Phi Beta Kappa rating, his several degrees, his two years of experience as a tutor at Yale, all made him eminently qualified for this position.

His handful of students gradually grew numerous enough to require the erection of Merrill Hall, first of the stately buildings of his dreams, on the mile-square hill-top donated by the Burlington Railroad, at the instigation of Thomas Doane, one of its early path-finders. But, like all dreams worth the dreaming, it took an infinite amount of work and considerable waiting to make it come true. For two years he lived in one room, donating his services. For the next two years he was paid only in promisory notes. He also turned into the college treasury the yearly \$400.00 paid to him by the Connecticut Missionary Society for his added duties as missionary to the Bohemians. It was not until his marriage in 1876 that he was paid in negotiable sums. Later in life, as his salary was raised by the trustees from time to time, he accepted it grudgingly,

knowing that it meant he must raise that much more for the maintenance of the college. This money-raising was always a heavy burden to him. He gave freely all his life, but asked with difficulty. However, through an initial gift of \$10,000 from Thomas Doane, contingent on raising equal amounts from Congregation-
alists within and without Nebraska, he completed the first financial campaign for Doane by the end of his first year of leadership. By means of an annual trip east, constant visits to the churches of Nebraska, and the gradual accumu-
lation of friends who loved and admired him not for himself only, but who grew to share with him his eagerness to bring the opportunities of Christian educa-
tion to the youth of the great plains, he managed to carry the college through many years of droughth and grasshoppers and lean crops to a sturdy middle age of adequate buildings and basic endowment.

It took eight years of work and waiting to achieve Merrill Hall, the first building on the hill-top, followed shortly by Gaylord Hall and Boswell Observatory. The latter was named for Charles Boswell of Hartford, whose bequest to the college eventually became her largest endowment gift. The Observatory contained the most powerful telescope between Chicago and the Pacific coast for many years. As the student body grew, other buildings rose, roads were laid out, trees were planted, hundreds of them, along roads and foot-paths and in shady groves, and into each of these things, David Brainerd Perry put something of himself, his work, his prayers, his heart.

Young things he loved. For him, each student had potential greatness, well worth the infinite patience and wisdom and personal interest which he gave them. Often he knew their backgrounds, had visited in their meagre frontier homes, had helped them find a way to come to college. In his teaching and friendship he gave to all alike, - but a little more where the need was greater.

He made wise choice of his faculty because he, too, was a teacher, and it was with regret that he gradually relinquished this best-loved task, to take on the less congenial ones of administration and fund-raising. He had the happy ability, however, of learning to like whatever he had to do, and all his life this compensated him for any possible sacrifices he might have made in career, material wealth or position. He would not have traded his task, arduous though it was, for any other in the world. Among the faculty were many, who, inspired by his example, left more comfortable careers to share in the hardships and satisfactions of pioneer education. A little bit of New England was transplanted to the Nebraska prairie, and was at home there.

In spite of his cheerful philosophy and the deep wells of spiritual strength on which he could draw, there must have been many times in those early years when he was besieged by discouragement and doubt. His rich and unfailing reward came through his students, his friends, the challenge of his constantly increasing responsibilities, and most of all, through his home.

He married, after serving the college for four years, Helen Doane, daughter of its founder, Thomas Doane, and one of his early pupils at the old Academy. Young, (several years his junior), gay, and gifted, she made of their home at the Grange a center for the social activities of the students and faculty. Valiant in spite of frequent months of loneliness while her husband was away on business trips, in spite of the dry March prairie winds which she always hated, in spite of the change from her care-free girlhood with its Boston background to the strenuous frontier life of early days in Nebraska, she learned to love the college on the hill-top and everything and everybody in it, as much as her husband did.

With only one household helper, she brought up four children, entertained most of the interesting people who came to visit college or Chatauqua, (the second one in the country was at Crete,) maintained a plentiful larder stocked

with home-grown and home-canned fruits and vegetables, barrels of flour, sugar and apples, cellar sand-piles filled with root vegetables. There was always a cookie-jar full of cookies for the delectation of her children and their friends, a linen-covered bowl of bread-dough rising on the back of the stove from which daily hot-breads, rolls and cinamon buns were made, and fragrant Saturday bakings of pies, cakes and doughnuts. Those were the days of abundant meals and unlimited hospitality.

In the early days of treeless prairie it was possible for her to ^{watch} see her husband start home from the old Academy in the valley, and with her telescope she could see how many were in the carriage with him. However, in later years, when the college moved to a less visible point, and the roads were bordered with trees, it was her way to post a sentry, child or helper, at the top of the hill to watch for the returning carriage of her lord and master. As the "surrey with the fringe on top" gave warning by rumbling across the bridge over the little stream, it was possible to see if he was alone, or to make a lightning count of the guests who were with him. By the time the horse had climbed the long hill, the table was set with the right number of places, the cellar had been raided, the maid had on her snowiest apron, and Mrs. Perry herself was at the door to welcome the new arrivals. She loved people and parties, dressed daintily and smartly in self-made or seamstress-made clothes, (those were the days when she and the neighbors exchanged patterns cut from newspapers,) was full of eager life and charm. Photographs of her in these early days show her with a cascade of fair curls pinned high on her head and a kind of shy radiance about her. One who knew her well said of her, "More than anyone I know, she managed to give wings to daily living."

Her husband adored her, beamed in pride at her evident virtues, and laughed at what he considered her girlish frivolities. With her gay and efficient and tactful help over a period of many years the college became not only a center of

recognized academic excellence, but was greatly enriched by the gracious social background with which her presence endowed it. She brought to this new land of pioneer hardship and meagre livelihood, not only her fine linen and shining silver and dainty trousseau gowns, but something of the gentle manners and abundant interests of her girlhood environment. She had a sweet, well-trained voice, loved poetry and the classics, spent much time improving her French and German. She was active in her "literary" club, a leader in church activities, and the understanding and beloved confidante of many, both young and old. She has left a lasting monument of gentle ways and gracious living among the young people of Nebraska, who are even now passing it on from generation to generation.

Together, these two persons, so divergent in character, wove a rich tapestry of life. The serious, idealistic, deeply religious fabric of the one, lightly overlaid and interwoven with the gay and varied and warmly-colored threads of the other. Together they created a home full of comradeship and mutual responsibility and light-hearted laughter, through which passed a shining pageant of fascinating personalities, the great and the near-great, many of whom contributed much to the rapidly expanding life of the new West.

For forty years David Brainerd Perry gave everything that he had of body, mind and spirit to his beloved college. It was his life. On his last journey, again to raise money for Doane, tired but still indomitable, he was taken ill, and spent many months at the home of his son Thomas Doane Perry, in Grand Rapids. During the long weeks of recuperation, for the first time in his busy career he had time to quietly think back over his wealth of experiences, to read again his best-loved books, to review the rich treasure of prose and verse stored in his memory, to enjoy the little family growing up about him. On his last birthday, in March, 1912, he received more than two hundred heart-warming letters from friends and students everywhere, which he read over and over again, reliving in his mind the happy hours which they recalled.

Even before his illness, it had been his purpose to resign as president at Commencement that spring, feeling that he should let a younger man take the helm, and trying to steel himself against the thought of what life without his lifework might be. Mercifully, almost at the moment of renunciation, his great and gentle heart stopped beating. God, in His infinite wisdom, knew best. Doane College could continue to grow and flourish on the splendid foundations established by its first and only president for forty years, but David Brainerd Perry could not live without Doane College.

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DAVID BRAINERD PERRY

DAVID BRAINERD PERRY WAS DESCENDED FROM AN ENGLISH RECTOR, REV. JOHN PERRY (CIRCA 1600), THROUGH A LINE OF CLOTH WORKERS, A TRADE THAT COMPRISED SPINNING, WEAVING AND THE LIKE, THROUGH TO THE COMPLETE TAILORED GARMENT. HIS ANCESTORS CAME TO AMERICA IN 1666, SETTLING IN WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, AND BECAME STURDY PIONEERS WHEN THAT LAND WAS NEW AND UNSETTLED.

SAMUEL PERRY, SEVENTH IN LINE FROM THE RECTOR, AND THE FATHER OF DAVID BRAINERD PERRY, INHERITED AND CONTINUED THE ANCESTRAL FARM, DATING FROM 1751, ON UNION HILL, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS. HE WAS A DEACON IN UNION CHURCH, AS HAD BEEN HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, TO AN AGGREGATE OF NINETY NINE YEARS. A BRIEF GENEALOGICAL SKETCH OF THE PERRY FOREBEARS IS GIVEN IN NOTE A.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE PERRY ANCESTORS HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE PILGRIM FATHERS WHO CAME TO PLYMOUTH AND CAPE COD IN 1620, ET SEQ., ALTHOUGH THE DOANE FAMILY IS DESCENDED FROM MAYFLOWER STOCK. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THE PERRYS WERE AFFILIATED WITH THE PURITAN GROUPS THAT SETTLED IN THE VICINITY OF BOSTON AND SALEM. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PURITANS WAS RATHER TO MODIFY THE TENETS AND PRACTICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, WHILE THE PILGRIMS REPRESENTED A SEPARATIST GROUP. THE CONGREGATIONAL DENOMINATION, RATHER ODDLY, TRACES ITS ORIGIN TO BOTH THE PILGRIMS AND THE PURITANS.

SAMUEL PERRY, ABOVE, HAD A FAMILY OF FIVE BOYS AND FIVE GIRLS, OF WHICH DAVID BRAINERD PERRY WAS THE SEVENTH, BORN ON MARCH 7, 1839 AT THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD AT WORCESTER. WHILE MOST OF THE CHILDREN WERE GIVEN NAMES THAT HAD COME DOWN IN THE FAMILY, THE SEVENTH WAS NAMED AFTER DAVID BRAINERD (1718-1747), A CHRISTIAN HERO AND WELL KNOWN MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND ALONG THE DELAWARE RIVER VALLEY.

THE WIFE AND MOTHER WAS MARY HARRINGTON, WHOSE FAMILY MOVED FROM WATERTOWN TO WORCESTER IN 1740, AND ACQUIRED A FOUR HUNDRED ACRE FARM, WHICH ALSO CAME DOWN THROUGH SEVERAL GENERATIONS. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A STRAIN OF THE CLOTH WORKER IN HIS MOTHER, SINCE THE SPINNING WHEEL, ON WHICH YARN WAS SPUN FOR THE GARMENTS OF THE SAMUEL PERRY CHILDREN WAS PRESERVED THROUGH THE YEARS BY THE MAIDEN SISTER MARY, LIVING IN THE OLD HOMESTEAD, AND HAS BEEN LEFT TO DOANE COLLEGE.

THE PERRY HOMESTEAD ON VERNON STREET, WORCESTER, ABOUT 1823; WHERE DAVID BRAINERD PERRY WAS BORN IN 1839. IT WAS BUILT IN 1823 ON THE SAME SITE AS THE ORIGINAL HOME OF NATHAN PERRY IN 1751.

OR PERHAPS THE MOTHER WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE THRIFT AND ECONOMY OF HER TIME IN NEW ENGLAND.

THREE UNCLAS OF DAVID BRAINERD PERRY WERE EDUCATED FOR THE MINISTRY AND BECAME SUCCESSFUL PREACHERS. A COUSIN, ARTHUR LATHAM PERRY, BECAME AN EMINENT EDUCATOR, ^{AT WILLIAMS COLLEGE,} AND WAS THE FATHER OF BLISS PERRY OF HARVARD COLLEGE AND OF LEWIS PERRY OF EXETER ACADEMY. THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE AND EDUCATIONAL TRADITIONS OF DAVID BRAINERD PERRY WERE WELL ESTABLISHED. IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT HE WAS THE SCHOLAR OF THE FAMILY AS HIS CLASS RANK AT YALE COLLEGE LATER DEMONSTRATED. THE OTHER NINE CHILDREN SETTLED IN AND AROUND WORCESTER, AND HE WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE FAMILY TO SEEK HIS LIFE WORK IN THE NEW AND DISTANT WEST.

DAVID BRAINERD PERRY GRADUATED FROM THE WORCESTER HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERED YALE COLLEGE IN 1859, WHEN HE WAS TWENTY YEARS OLD. AT YALE HE BECAME A MEMBER OF PSI Upsilon, WAS ELECTED TO SKULL & BONES, AND EARNED HIS PHI BETA KAPPA KEY. HE WAS GRADUATED IN 1863, SECOND IN SCHOLARSHIP IN A CLASS OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO. HE THEN

SPENT A YEAR EACH IN PRINCETON AND UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES. WHILE AT PRINCETON HE SERVED FOR A FEW WEEKS (DECEMBER 18, 1863 TO FEBRUARY 3, 1864) ON THE VIRGINIA BATTLEFIELDS UNDER THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, ORGANIZED BY THE Y. M. C. A., AND THE RED CROSS OF THAT ERA. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF HIS ACTIVITIES ON THE BATTLEFIELDS IS GIVEN IN NOTE B. HIS THIRD YEAR OF THEOLOGICAL STUDY WAS STARTED AT ANDOVER SEMINARY, WHEN HE WAS CALLED TO YALE COLLEGE AND ACCEPTED AN OFFER TO BECOME A TUTOR. AT THE END OF TWO YEARS OF TEACHING HE HAD COMPLETED HIS THEOLOGICAL COURSE IN YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL, AND GRADUATED WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIVINITY IN 1867, WITH THE FIRST CLASS TO RECEIVE THAT DEGREE. HE HAD ALSO EARNED HIS MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN 1866. HE WAS LICENSED TO PREACH BY THE NEW HAVEN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION ON JUNE 5, 1867. IN AUGUST OF THAT YEAR HE WENT ABROAD, SPENDING SOME FOURTEEN MONTHS IN TRAVEL AND STUDY IN EUROPE. AFTER AN INTERIM OF A YEAR OR TWO AT HOME AND PREACHING, HE AGAIN BECAME A TUTOR AT YALE COLLEGE FOR 1870 AND 1871. HE FREQUENTLY DISCUSSED HIS FUTURE CAREER WITH REV. DR. CUTLER, PASTOR OF THE UNION CHURCH, WORCESTER, WHO URGED HIM TO GO WEST AND GROW UP WITH THE COUNTRY. HE WAS FOND OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND YEARNED FOR MORE CHALLENGING WORK THAN TUTORING, WHICH SEEMED TO HIM OF RELATIVELY MINOR IMPORTANCE. HE SOON FOUND HIMSELF JOINING THE WESTWARD MARCH OF THE NEW ENGLAND YOUTH OF HIS GENERATION.

IN 1872, AT THE AGE OF 33, DAVID BRAINERD PERRY, SOMEWHAT IMPAIRED IN HEALTH, WAS ADVISED BY HIS DOCTOR TO GO WEST. HIS INDOMINATABLE ENERGY, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS ACTIVITIES IN EDUCATIONAL WORK IN THE DECADE OF THE 1860'S, WAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED BY HIS REQUEST FOR THE HARDEST JOB THERE WAS. IN APRIL 1872, UNDER COMMISSION FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY AS A FRONTIER PREACHER, HE ARRIVED IN NEBRASKA, A NEW STATE ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD, WHICH WAS TRAVERSED BY A SINGLE RAILROAD, THE UNION PACIFIC. IT WAS A PIONEER

AREA, INHABITED MOSTLY BY INDIANS, EXCEPT FOR THE EARLY WHITE SETTLEMENTS ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY. HE WAS ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY ON JULY 11, 1872 IN THE CRETE ACADEMY BUILDING, (ERECTED AND DEDICATED IN 1871) OF WHICH SCHOOL REV. FREDERICK ALLEY WAS THE HEAD. THIS IS THE SAME DAY ON WHICH THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF DOANE COLLEGE WERE FILED. THE ORDINATION SERMON WAS PREACHED BY THE REV. O. W. MERRILL, SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS, IN WHOSE HONOR MERRILL HALL WAS NAMED.

HIS EARLY PARISHES WERE HARVARD, SUTTON AND AURORA, WHERE HE RENTED A ROOM IN THE ONLY FRAME HOUSE IN TOWN, IN ALL OF WHICH COMMUNITIES HE ESTABLISHED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES. HE LIVED MOSTLY ON HORSEBACK, SINCE TRANSPORTATION IN THOSE EARLY DAYS WAS VERY PRIMITIVE, AND FOUND HIS LODGINGS AMONG HIS PIONEER PARISHONERS, WHEREVER HE MIGHT BE AT NIGHTFALL. HE WAS A GREAT WALKER AND SOMETIMES TRAMPED FROM PLACE TO PLACE. IN THIS WAY HE CAME TO KNOW NEBRASKA FOLK INTIMATELY AND TO UNDERSTAND THE PRIVATIONS OF THE EARLY SETTLERS IN THAT INDIAN COUNTRY. THIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE STOOD HIM IN GOOD STEAD IN HIS LATER WORK, WITH STUDENTS FROM THE PRAIRIES, DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF DOANE COLLEGE.

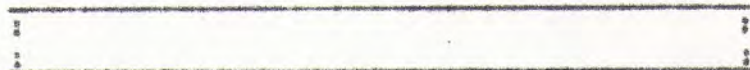
MR. PERRY'S EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND WAS KNOWN TO THE EARNEST GROUP WHO WERE INTERESTED IN STARTING DOANE COLLEGE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE WAS APPROACHED AS A POSSIBLE LEADER FOR THE INFANT COLLEGE ON THE DAY OF HIS ORDINATION, JULY 11, 1872. HE RECEIVED A FORMAL INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 25, AND ACCEPTED IT ON JULY 30. WHEN CLASSES STARTED ON SEPTEMBER 3, WITH SEVEN STUDENTS, HE WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY TEACHER AND FACED THE TASK OF TRAINING THE FIRST FRESHMAN CLASS, DESTINED TO GRADUATE IN 1877. ONE OF HIS EARLY PUPILS WAS MISS HELEN DOANE, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS DOANE, AFTER WHOM THE COLLEGE WAS NAMED, WHO LATER BECAME HIS WIFE.

FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS HE ACCEPTED NO SALARY WHATEVER, SINCE TIMES WERE HARD, AND REAL MONEY WAS SCARCE, ALTHOUGH "GREEN-BACKS" OF DEPRECIATED VALUE WERE IN CIRCULATION. IN 1873, WHEN TIMES WERE AT THEIR LOWEST EBB, MR. PERRY RAISED \$10,000 IN NEW ENGLAND TO MATCH A LIKE SUM GIVEN BY THOMAS DOANE, AND AN EQUAL AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED AMONG NEBRASKA CITIZENS, THUS COMPLETING THE FIRST FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR DOANE COLLEGE, WHICH TOTALED \$30,000.

IN ADDITION TO BEING THE HEAD OF A NEW COLLEGE, MR. PERRY WAS DELEGATED, IN 1874, AS A MISSIONARY TO THE BOHEMIANS, BY THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT AT A SALARY OF \$400 PER YEAR. THIS ARRANGEMENT CONTINUED FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS, AND THE SALARY RECEIVED WAS PAID OVER TO THE COLLEGE TREASURY. AFTER THE FIRST TWO YEARS, 1872-3 AND 1873-4, DURING WHICH HIS SERVICES WERE DONATED TO DOANE COLLEGE, HIS SALARY WAS PAID BY PROMISORY NOTES, WHICH AT THAT TIME WERE NOT NEGOTIABLE. THIS CONTINUED UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS MARRIAGE, WHEN THE MAINTENANCE OF A HOME AND FAMILY WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES AS REQUIRING COMPENSATION IN NEGOTIABLE FUNDS.

DAVID BRAINERD PERRY AND HELEN DOANE WERE MARRIED BY DR. ALEXANDER S. TWOMBLY IN CHARLESTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS ON JULY 3, 1876, IN WINTHROP CHURCH ON GREEN STREET. THE RECEPTION WAS IN THE THOMAS DOANE HOME AT NO. 8 PEARL STREET, WHICH HAD ONCE BEEN THE PROPERTY OF OLIVER HOLDEN, THE COMPOSER OF "CORONATION". AFTER A SHORT HONEYMOON AT THE DOANE ANCESTRAL HOME AT ORLEANS ON CAPE COD, MR. PERRY CONTINUED HIS SOLICITATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR DOANE COLLEGE. THIS TASK HAD OCCUPIED SEVERAL PREVIOUS SUMMERS AMONG HIS EASTERN FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES. THE TRIPLE BURDEN OF ADMINISTRATION, TEACHING AND RAISING FUNDS, WAS THEN, AND STILL IS, THE UNENVIABLE BUT IMPERATIVE TASK OF A COLLEGE HEAD. THE SUMMER OF 1876 ENDED WITH A "NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN WEEK" (AS THE BRIDE DESCRIBES IT) AT THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION IN PHILADELPHIA.

ON THEIR RETURN TO THE WEST IN LATE AUGUST, THE PERRYS SET UP HOUSEKEEPING AT "THE GRANGE", BUILT BY THOMAS DOANE IN THE SUMMER OF 1871, AFTER THE RAILROAD REACHED CRETE, WHICH HOMESTEAD THE DOANE FAMILY OCCUPIED WHILE HE WAS CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD IN NEBRASKA UNTIL 1874. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS, 1874-6, THE GRANGE WAS OCCUPIED BY PROFESSOR AND MRS. A. B. FAIRCHILD, WHEN MR. FAIRCHILD BECAME THE SECOND PROFESSOR IN THE GROWING COLLEGE. MR. PERRY KEPT A ROOM FOR HIS OWN USE AND BOARDED AT THE COLLEGE FOR THE TWO YEARS PRECEEDING HIS MARRIAGE. MOST OF THE PERRY FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS WERE BOUGHT IN BOSTON, CARRYING A TOUCH OF THE EAST INTO THE FAR WEST, AS IT WAS THEN. THIS HOME, WITH A NEW ENGLAND BACKGROUND OF CULTURE AND GRACE, WAS DESTINED TO EXERT A POTENT INFLUENCE ON NEBRASKA YOUNG FOLK FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS.



THE GRANGE, LOCATED ONE MILE SOUTH OF DOANE COLLEGE; BUILT BY THOMAS DOANE IN 1871, AND OCCUPIED BY HIS FAMILY UNTIL 1874. IT WAS REMODELLED IN 1898-9, AND THIS PICTURE TAKEN SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IT WAS THE PERRY HOME FROM 1876 TO 1909, AND BURNED IN 1942.

THE GRANGE CONSISTED OF THE HOUSE, BUILT WITH A SHARP PEAK ROOF ~~TO~~ WITHSTAND THE WESTERN TORNADOES; A WOODSHED WITH CONNECTING PASSAGEWAY IN THE TRUE NEW ENGLAND STYLE; A LARGE BARN; AND AN ICE HOUSE, WHICH WAS LATER CONVERTED INTO A STUDY AND OFTEN USED AS SLEEPING QUARTERS FOR STUDENT BOYS WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE BY DOING CHORES. HERE MARIE AND FRITZ MARX LIVED WHEN THEY SERVED AS FAMILY HELPERS AND HERE THEIR LITTLE MARIE WAS BORN. THERE WAS, IN THE EARLY DAYS, A LARGE POND BACK OF THE BARN, WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY DRAINED FOR SAFETY'S SAKE. THE PREMISES INCLUDED SOME FORTY ACRES OF LAND, LARGELY PLANTED WITH TREES, SINCE THOMAS DOANE WAS AN ARDENT ADVOCATE OF FORESTRY ON THE NEBRASKA PLAINS. THE GRANGE WAS SOLD IN 1909 AND THE PERRY FAMILY

MOVED INTO CRETE, WHERE DISTANCES WERE NOT SO GREAT FOR DECLINING YEARS, AND WHERE THE MODERN COMFORTS OF PLUMBING AND LIGHTING WERE MORE IN EVIDENCE. THE GRANGE BURNED TO THE GROUND ON FEBRUARY 23, 1942, THUS REMOVING ONE OF THE EARLY RAILROAD AND COLLEGE LANDMARKS.

IN THAT ERA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE OLDER EAST TO THE GROWING WEST CANNOT BE MEASURED OR FULLY DESCRIBED. THE EPIC OF A YOUNG LADY, BORN AND NUTURED IN BOSTON, AND EVENTUALLY MARRYING THE HEAD OF A NEW WESTERN COLLEGE, IS PERHAPS TYPICAL OF MANY OTHERS. HELEN DOANE LIVED IN CHARLESTOWN IN THOSE YEARS WHEN IT WAS A FAVORED PART OF BOSTON, AND WAS SURROUNDED BY THE BEST THAT THE CITY HAD TO OFFER. A THREE YEAR INTERLUDE WITH HER FAMILY ON THE NEBRASKA FRONTIER ADDED THE ZEST AND EXCITEMENT THAT IS SO STIMULATING TO THE YOUTH JUST UNDER AND OVER TWENTY. THE DECISION TO MARRY A MAN WHOSE HEART AND SOUL WERE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT PIONEER STATE, WAS NOT AN EASY ONE TO MAKE, ESPECIALLY AS IT MEANT SURRENDERING THE NORMAL FUTURE IN THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH SHE HAD BEEN REARED, AND LEAVING BEHIND THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF HER YOUTH. IN THIS INSTANCE,

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MRS. DAVID BRAINERD PERRY, 1853-1935
TAKEN ABOUT 1910

HOWEVER, MRS. PERRY MET THE HARDSHIPS OF THE NEW LIFE WITH COURAGE AND ENTHUSIASM, AND EFFECTIVELY TRANSPLANTED MUCH OF HER BOSTON BACKGROUND INTO HER NEW WESTERN HOME. THE SOCIAL GATHERINGS AT THE GRANGE, HER LITERARY CLUB, "THE ROUND TABLE", HER INTEREST AND CO-OPERATION IN THE CHURCH, ALL HELPED TO INFLUENCE THAT WESTERN COLLEGE COMMUNITY UNTIL IT BECAME, AND STILL CONTINUES TO BE, A VERITABLE CENTER OF CULTURE. LIKE MANY OTHER HARD DECISIONS, SUBSEQUENT EVENTS DEMONSTRATED ITS SOUNDNESS, AND THE RESULTS WERE FAR REACHING, IN PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND SATISFACTION IN HER HOME, IN REARING A FAMILY OF FOUR, IN HELPING

TO BUILD ENDURINGLY FOR A COLLEGE, IN SHARING HER HUSBAND'S DIFFICULTIES, AND IN LEAVING A LASTING MONUMENT AMONG THE YOUNG FOLKS OF NEBRASKA, WHO ARE EVEN NOW PASSING IT DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

THE PERRYS WERE NO SOONER SETTLED THAN ARRANGEMENTS HAD TO BE MADE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR FIRST BORN, AND THE MOTHER WENT TO THE DOANE HOME IN CHARLESTOWN IN MARCH 1877. THERE THE ELDEST SON WAS BORN ON MAY 27, 1877, THOMAS DOANE PERRY. THERE IS NOW A THOMAS DOANE PERRY, JR., BORN DECEMBER 31, 1913 AND THOMAS DOANE PERRY, III, BORN JUNE 24, 1942. ANOTHER GRANDSON OF THOMAS DOANE PERRY IS DAVID BRAINERD PERRY, BORN JUNE 20, 1944. MR. PERRY WAS UNDER THE NECESSITY OF REMAINING IN CRETE FOR THE GRADUATION OF THE FIRST DOANE CLASS IN JUNE 1877, THE CLASS WITH WHICH HIS WIFE HAD STARTED HER STUDIES. SHE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THE COURSE, SINCE HER FAMILY RETURNED TO MASSACHUSETTS IN 1874, AND THE TWO SUBSEQUENT YEARS HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO PREPARATIONS FOR MARRIAGE. PROFESSOR PERRY CAME EAST IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRADUATION TO SEE HIS NEW BORN SON, AND MOST OF THAT SUMMER AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR WERE SPENT IN NEW ENGLAND SOLICITING FUNDS FOR DOANE COLLEGE. A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE PERRY CHILDREN IS GIVEN IN NOTE C.

SOME OF MR. PERRY'S PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS SHOULD BE RECORDED. HE WAS PERSISTENT TO THE LAST DEGREE, AND CARRIED THROUGH PROJECTS THAT HE STARTED, EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THE INTERMEDIATE STEPS MIGHT BE DISTASTEFUL TO HIM. HE HAD BUT ONE MAJOR OBJECTIVE IN LIFE, DOANE COLLEGE AND ITS ENDURING SUCCESS, AND THAT HE LIVED TO SEE ACHIEVED. HE WAS A GREAT READER OF THE CLASSICS AND VERY FOND OF POETRY, WHICH HE COULD QUOTE AT LENGTH. HE LOVED THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND HAD ABUNDANT PHYSICAL ENERGY, FINDING RELAXATION IN CHOPPING WOOD AND IN LONG WALKS. HE COULD RECOGNIZE THE NOTES OF ALMOST EVERY BIRD. IN SPITE OF LIFE LONG CONFIDENCE AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THEM, NEITHER MR. PERRY NOR

MR. FAIRCHILD ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ADDRESSED EACH OTHER BY THEIR GIVEN NAMES. PROFESSOR PERRY WROTE A BOLD HAND, SLOWLY AND PAINSTAKINGLY, AND EVERY LETTER AND MANUSCRIPT WAS FAITHFULLY PRESERVED IN A TISSUE COPY BOOK, WHICH THE YOUNGSTERS WERE EXPECTED TO INDEX. HE POSSESSED THE CONSERVATISM OF THE EAST UNIQUELY COMBINED WITH THE AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE WEST. AS AN ADMINISTRATOR HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AND WON THE CONFIDENCE OF HIS TEACHERS AND CO-WORKERS. AS A TEACHER HE WAS INSPIRING AND HIS PUPILS LONG REMEMBERED HIS VIVID PRESENTATION OF THE SUBJECT.

THE COLLEGE WAS GROWING UP WITH NEBRASKA AND THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING WEST. THOMAS DOANE CAME TO CRETE TO ATTEND ALMOST EVERY COMMENCEMENT, AND TO SEE HIS DAUGHTER'S FAMILY. THE ACADEMY BUILDING WAS PROVING INADEQUATE FOR THE EXPANDING COLLEGE, AND PLANS WERE MADE TO MOVE THE COLLEGE CAMPUS TO THE HILL TOP, EAST OF CRETE, WHERE THE CORNER STONE OF MERRILL HALL WAS LAID ON JUNE 18, 1879, AND THE BUILDING COMPLETED FOR OCCUPANCY THE FOLLOWING YEAR. MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF THE FACT THAT THE BUILDING WAS NAMED FOR REV. O. W. MERRILL, SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS IN NEBRASKA DURING THE DECADE OF THE 1870'S. HE HAD BECOME A STALWART AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF DOANE COLLEGE, AND A WARM PERSONAL FRIEND OF MR. PERRY. HIS DAUGHTER, MISS MARY W. MERRILL, WAS ONE OF THE EARLY DOANE TEACHERS. MERRILL HALL, WITH ITS SPIRE, WAS AN OUTSTANDING LANDMARK, ON THE EASTERN RANGE OF HILLS ABOVE THE CITY OF CRETE AND COMMANDED A GLORIOUS WESTERN VIEW UP AND DOWN THE BIG BLUE RIVER VALLEY FOR MANY MILES.

IN 1880 DOANE COLLEGE WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD. WITH ITS ALUMNI OF FOUR CLASSES AND AN ATTENDANCE OF 120 IT STOOD ON THE THRESHOLD OF FAR GREATER USEFULNESS. THE INAUGURATION, IN 1881, OF REV. D. B. PERRY, AT 42, AS PRESIDENT, WAS A MILESTONE TOWARD AN EXPANDING FUTURE. IT MAY BE CALLED THE CULMINATION OF THE EARLY CHAPTERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOANE COLLEGE BY PRESIDENT D. B. PERRY. IT WAS THE OPEN DOOR TO GREATER AND ~~FAR MORE~~ REACHING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

THE THIRTY YEARS FOLLOWING HIS INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT WERE LESS DRAMATIC THAN THE PRECEDING DECADE, BUT THE SAME VIGOR AND EARNESTNESS MARKED HIS WHOLE CAREER. SEVERAL EVENTS HIGH LIGHT THIS LATTER PERIOD.

IN THE EARLY 1880'S HE GAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF CHARLES BOSWELL IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. THIS ACQUAINTANCE RESULTED IN THE ERECTION (1883) OF BOSWELL OBSERVATORY, THE SECOND BUILDING ON THE HILL, WITH THE LARGEST TELESCOPE BETWEEN CHICAGO AND THE PACIFIC COAST. MR. BOSWELL BEQUEATHED ONE THIRD OF HIS MODEST ESTATE TO DOANE. THROUGH PRUDENT MANAGEMENT THIS SHARE EVENTUALLY BECAME A HALF MILLION DOLLARS AT THE TIME IT WAS ADDED, RECENTLY, TO THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

PRESIDENT PERRY GREATLY VALUED THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY AWARDED TO HIM BY YALE IN 1898, BUT HIS APPRECIATION WAS MODESTLY EXPRESSED, EVEN TO HIS INTIMATES, AND HE WAS NOT WHOLLY AT EASE WHEN ADDRESSED AS DR. PERRY. THE FULL CITATION OF THIS AWARD IS GIVEN IN NOTE D. THIS OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION BY HIS ALMA MATER MOVED HIM DEEPLY, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COMMENDATION THAT HAD COME TO HIM.

IN THE TWILIGHT OF LIFE, DURING HIS LAST ILLNESS, ON HIS SEVENTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY, MARCH 7, 1912, THE RECEIPT OF SOME TWO HUNDRED GREETINGS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WAS MOST HEART WARMING AND GRATIFYING.

A FITTING TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO HIM BY THE SCHOOLMASTERS CLUB OF NEBRASKA, ON APRIL 27, 1912 THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ARRIVAL IN THE STATE, AN EVENT THAT ILLNESS PREVENTED HIS ATTENDING. IT WAS EVIDENCED BY A BEAUTIFULLY BOUND VOLUME OF SINCERE APPRECIATION AND STERLING TRIBUTE SIGNED BY THE EDUCATIONAL LEADERS OF THE STATE.

HIS LAST ILLNESS, IN JANUARY 1912 AT THE HOME OF HIS ELDEST SON IN GRAND RAPIDS, RESULTED IN A VERY DEEP FRIENDSHIP WITH HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO CARED FOR HIM LOVINGLY UNTIL HE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO BE MOVED TO THE BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM. HIS WIFE WAS WITH HIM THERE, BUT HIS ILLNESS HAD SO UNDERMINED HIS VITALITY THAT HE DID NOT RALLY, AND THE END CAME PEACEFULLY AT MIDNIGHT ON MAY 21, 1912.

WHILE HIS CAREER HAS CLOSED, THE INSTITUTION WHICH HAD BEEN HIS LIFE WORK, GREW AND PROSPERED UNDER OTHER DEVOTED LEADERSHIP, UNTIL IT IS NOW THE LEADING COLLEGE OF ITS TYPE IN NEBRASKA, AND AN ENDURING MONUMENT TO DAVID BRAINERD PERRY.

NOTE A

THE ANCESTRAL LINE OF DAVID BRAINERD PERRY MAY HOLD INTEREST FOR SOME STUDENTS OF HIS LIFE.

1. REV. JOHN PERRY (? -1621), RECTOR OF FARNBOROUGH, ESSEX, ENGLAND, WHO WAS ACCORDED BOTH POLITICAL AND ECCLESTICAL HONORS. NOTHING IS KNOWN OF HIS ANTECEDENTS.
2. JOHN PERRY (1604-1674), A MEMBER OF THE CLOTH WORKERS COMPANY, THE FOREMOST OF THE CRAFT UNIONS IN LONDON, IS REPORTED TO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING IN THE GREAT LONDON FIRE OF 1666.
3. JOHN PERRY, JR. (1644-1723), WAS SERVING HIS SEVEN YEARS' ~~APPRENTICESHIP~~ APPRENTICESHIP IN THE CLOTH WORKERS COMPANY AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. HE AND HIS FATHER EMIGRATED TO AMERICA IN LATE 1666, OR EARLY THE NEXT YEAR, AND SETTLED AT WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE WILLIAM PERRY (1606-1683), AN UNCLE, HAD SETTLED AND HAD BECOME A PROPRIETOR IN 1642.
4. JOSIAH PERRY (1684-1767), WITH HIS SON, NATHAN, ON APRIL 15, 1751, TOOK A JOINT DEED TO THE ONE HUNDRED ACRE FARM ON UNION HILL (SAGATABSCOT HILL WAS THE INDIAN NAME) AT WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE THEY MOVED FROM WATERTOWN. PART OF THIS TRACT REMAINED IN THE FAMILY UNTIL SOLD BY MOSES PERRY IN 1908.
5. NATHAN PERRY (1718-1806), CONTINUED THE DECLINING TRADE OF TAILOR AND WEAVER, WAS TREASURER OF THE COUNTY AND TOWN, AND WAS A DEACON IN THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH FOR TWENTY THREE YEARS. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SERVED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, AFTER TAKING A FIRM STAND, IN 1775, IN FAVOR OF RESISTANCE TO THE CROWN.
6. MOSES PERRY (1762-1842), KNOWN AS "MEEK MOSES PERRY", ALTHOUGH THE RECORDS TELL OF HIS LEAVING A CHURCH MEETING TO AVOID LOSING

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HIS TEMPER IN PUBLIC. HE WAS A DEACON FOR FORTY ONE YEARS IN THE OLD SOUTH AND ITS SUCCESSOR, THE UNION CHURCH. DURING HIS YOUTH HIS SCHOOLING CONSISTED OF EIGHT WEEKS IN THE WINTER. THREE OF HIS SONS WERE MINISTERS.

7. SAMUEL PERRY (1796-1878) WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS, WITH HIS FATHER, OF UNION (CONGREGATIONAL) CHURCH, WORCESTER IN 1836, WHERE HE WAS A DEACON FOR THIRTY FIVE YEARS. HE WAS A GREAT READER AND COMMITTED TO MEMORY A VAST STORE OF POETRY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE MILITIA.
8. DAVID BRAINERD PERRY (1839-1912), THE SUBJECT OF THIS BIOGRAPHY.

NOTE B.

DAVID BRAINERD PERRY SERVED IN THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, THE RED CROSS OF THE CIVIL WAR DAYS, FROM DECEMBER 18, 1863 TO FEBRUARY 3, 1864. THIS WAS DURING HIS THEOLOGICAL COURSE AT PRINCETON SEMINARY. A CAVALRY CARBINE, PICKED UP ON THE ANTIETAM BATTLEFRONT AND A SWORD FOR WHICH HE PAID TWENTY EIGHT CENTS, USED TO HANG ON THE ANTLERS AT THE GRANGE, BUT THEY HAVE DISAPPEARED.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS "JOTTINGS ON WORK IN THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION", MR. PERRY LISTS HIS OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FOR SIX WEEKS, INCLUDING A PAIR OF HAND MADE BOOTS \$8.00, FARE FOR HORSE FLESH IN ALEXANDRIA \$2.50, REPAIRING BOOTS BY A CONTRABAND, DITTO BY A SEGESH GOBBLER, ETC., TOTALING AN OUTLAY OF \$17.00.

HE COMMENTS; "THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE WEAR AND TEAR OF A FULL SUIT OF CLOTHES WHICH COULD NOT BE MADE GOOD FOR MUCH LESS THAN \$8.00 ON THE OTHER HAND I BROUGHT BACK A CARBINE WHICH MAY PROVE OF SOME VALUE BUT IF THE ACCOUNT WERE BALANCED, I AM SURE I SHOULD

FIND THAT THE GAINS WERE GREATER THAN THE LOSSES. . . . WE MADE OUR FINAL SETTLEMENT, WHICH IN MY CASE AMOUNTED TO NOTHING. I CLAIMED THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING MY EXPENSES, THINKING I MIGHT IN THIS WAY PARTLY ATONE FOR NOT HAVING GIVEN THREE YEARS, AND PERHAPS MY LIFE TO THE CAUSE."

NOTE C.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE PERRY CHILDREN WILL COMPLETE THE CYCLE OF THE FAMILY HISTORY:

1. THOMAS DOANE PERRY, BORN MAY 27, 1877, GRADUATED FROM DOANE IN 1897 AND FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN 1900. HE CARRIED HIS ENGINEERING WORK INTO THE WOOD-WORKING INDUSTRY, AND HAS BECOME A RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY IN THAT FIELD, WITH TWO BOOKS TO HIS CREDIT.
2. BRAINERD CLARK PERRY, BORN AUGUST 13, 1879, WAS A FRAIL YOUNGSTER WHO DIED JULY 21, 1880.
3. CHARLES BOSWELL PERRY, BORN JANUARY 25, 1884, GRADUATED FROM DOANE IN 1906, ENTERED THE CONSULAR SERVICE AND WAS STATIONED AT TEBIZOND, CALCUTTA AND TURIN. HE DIED IN 1928. HE WAS NAMED FOR CHARLES BOSWELL, FROM WHOSE ESTATE CAME A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE DOANE ENDOWMENT.
4. HELEN CLARK PERRY (CURTIS), BORN FEBRUARY 17, 1888, GRADUATED FROM DOANE IN 1911 AND TOOK POST GRADUATE WORK IN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. HER ACTIVITIES WERE ~~IN~~ INTERIOR DECORATING, AS WELL AS BOOK AND MAGAZINE WRITING. DURING AND AFTER WORLD WAR II, SHE BECAME ACTIVE IN THE RELIEF WORK OF THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE.
5. HENRY ELDRIDGE PERRY, BORN OCTOBER 8, 1889, GRADUATED FROM

HIS FATHER'S ALMA MATER IN 1912, WHERE HE WAS PROMINENT IN ATHLETICS. HE HAS GONE FAR IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, BECOMING EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION.

THERE ARE THIRTEEN GRANDCHILDREN IN THE PERRY CLAN, AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, WHICH LATTER SCORE BIDS FAIR TO INCREASE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

NOTE D.

PRESIDENT DAVID BRAINERD PERRY WAS HONORED AT THE YALE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT IN JUNE 1898 BY THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY. HE WAS PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT TIMOTHY DWIGHT BY PROFESSOR BERNADOTTE PERRIN, IN THE ABSENCE OF PROFESSOR GEORGE B. FISHER IN EUROPE, WITH THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU, FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY, THE REV. DAVID BRAINERD PERRY, PRESIDENT OF DOANE COLLEGE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA. MR. PERRY WAS GRADUATED WITH HIGH RANK AT YALE, IN 1863. HE SERVED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AS A TUTOR IN THE COLLEGE, AND HAVING TAKEN A THOROUGH COURSE IN THEOLOGY ENTERED THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. SINCE THE YEAR 1872, HE HAS BEEN ABSORBED IN THE WORK OF CREATING AND BUILDING UP THE COLLEGE OF WHICH HE WAS THE FIRST OFFICER AND IS NOW THE HEAD. WHILE ACTIVE IN FOSTERING HIGHER SCHOLARSHIP IN THAT WESTERN COMMUNITY, AND WELL ESTEEMED AS A PREACHER, HE HAS SPARED NO EXERTION IN ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF GENERAL EDUCATION IN NEBRASKA, AND IN ELEVATING THE CHARACTER AND INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS CHURCHES. INSPIRED, AS HE ONCE SAID, BY HIS EXPERIENCE HERE AND HIS LOVE FOR "OLD YALE", HE HAS MADE IT HIS AIM "TO BUILD UP A NEW YALE IN WHAT WAS ONCE KNOWN AS THE GREAT AMERICAN DESERT". MR. PERRY IS ONE

OF THE PIONEERS, NOW NOT SMALL IN NUMBER, WHO HAVE GONE FORTH FROM YALE TO PLANT INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING AND RELIGION IN THE VAST REGIONS EXTENDING TO THE PACIFIC; AND WHOSE LIVES WOULD FURNISH A MOST INTERESTING CHAPTER IN THE ANNALS OF THE UNIVERSITY."