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Mr. George F. Bateman
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Dear Dean Bateman:

Following our conversation some time ago with regard to Professor Anthony you were good enough to loan me your copy of the April, 1908, Sibley Journal containing an article on Professor Anthony by Professor E.L. Nichols.

In writing a article for the Yale Scientific Magazine a year ago I said that Yale had had two A.I.E.E. Presidents, Buck and Townley. Later I read in the 50th Anniversary number (May 1934) a biographical sketch of Past-President Anthony which said - "He entered the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University and graduated at the head of his class in 1856".

In the article by Professor Nichols I find that Anthony was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School (Yale) with the class of 1860.

In the preliminary copy of an article by Prof. C. Frank Allen, Anthony was stated to be from Yale, but instead of naming the degree the word "grad" was given indicating that he had received an advanced degree rather than a regular degree.

To settle the discrepancy I have looked up the Yale records and find the following. "Anthony was here as a student 1856 for one year. The following year he was an assistant in physics. In 1860 he was granted the regular degree given for graduates of Yale by the Sheffield Scientific School viz Ph.B. (Bachelor of Philosophy) as an "Honorary" degree.

My own conclusion is that presumably Anthony as a student made a splendid record so that he was appointed as an assistant the following year. Furthermore, his general excellence was such that if he had continued as a student he would presumably have graduated and received the Ph.B. degree in regular courses, but as he did not continue the whole time, but was competent to receive the degree he was given the degree given to the regular graduating classes and it was marked "Honorary".

There are some further features in the Sibley Journal particularly with regard to the early dynamo that Prof. Anthony constructed concerning which I expect to write later.

P.S. Prof. C. Frank Allen says that Anthony was
also at Brown.
Cc to H.H. Henline, J.J. Kimball

Very truly yours
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