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THE REV. ROBERT DICK WILSON, PH.D., D.D., was elected Professor of Semitic Philology and Biblical Criticism in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, New Jersey, at the Spring meeting of the Board of Directors, May 7, 1900. He was formally inducted into his chair on Friday, September 21, 1900, at 11 A. M. The order of exercises on this occasion was as follows, the Rev. George D. Baker, D.D., Vice-President of the Board of Directors, presiding:

OPENING HYMN (St. Anne)

How glorious art thou, O our God!
'Tis Thou and Thou alone
Who dwellest in Thy people's praise,
On Thine eternal throne.

From Charran and Chaldean Ur,
The River's banks along,
From Canaan's heights and Egypt's sands,
Arose the constant song,—

From all the towns that stud the hills
Of teeming Galilee,
From marts of Greece and misty lands
Beyond the Western Sea.

How many voices, diff'ring tongues,
Harmonious, join to raise
To Thee, O Rock of Israel,
Accumulated praise!

Fain would we catch the accents strange,
Fain train our ears to hear
The notes that hymn Thee, through the years,
O Israel's Hope and Fear!

'Twas thou didst teach thy sons of old
Thy varied laud to sing,
School Thou our hearts that we may too
Our hallelujahs bring.

How glorious art Thou, O our God!
How mighty past compare!
Thou dwellest in Thy people's praise,—
Accept the praise we bear.

B. B. Warfield, D.D., LL.D.