

Support for Hobart College

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On August 1, 1854, the rector reported to the Bishop: “Our Junior Warden, Horace White, with his characteristic munificence, has secured \$15,000 to the Corporation of Hobart College to endow a professorship in that admirable institution of the Church.”

The endowment funded a professorship in the English Department, specifically supporting instruction in elocution and rhetoric.

Made during the college's formative years, this significant gift helped strengthen both the quality of its academic programs and the long-term stability of Hobart College, now known as Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The institution has long maintained strong ties to the Episcopal Church. Its namesake, Bishop John Henry Hobart of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, was instrumental in the college's founding and early development.

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Demonstrating its enduring commitment to Hobart College, the parish funded the construction of the college's chancel organ and donated the tower bell in 1967. Their dedication became a significant community event, drawing more than 1,000 attendees, according to the Syracuse Post Standard (September 30, 1967).

