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MR. LAMPSON'S WILL.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Farnam, Treasurer of the University, the Weekly is able to print in this issue, the exact terms of Mr. Lampson's splendid bequest to the University. We use the words "exact terms," but the form of the legacy rather forbids any technical construction. There is certainly nothing narrow about Mr. Lampson's spirit towards Yale or the form which his generosity took. He had some definite ideas as to the particular fields of usefulness which might employ his means, but he knew that those whose life was given to a study of the needs of the University would know even better than he just where the funds would be of greatest need and highest service. So he has left the Corporation a very broad field in which to exercise their discretion.

The very liberality of his provision would, of course, preclude the possibility of a use of the money which was not in accord with the spirit of the bequest, if indeed there would be any danger of that under any circumstances. It is worth while to dwell on this feature of Mr. Lampson's great benefaction to Yale. To give in such a way is to add enormously to the value of the gift.

We were inclined to believe that we were putting a rather low estimate on the value of the property in our last issue. We hope that we did, but it is the opinion of those who know most about the property which has come to Yale that as much as can reasonably be hoped is, that it may reach towards half a million dollars. It will, in all probability, prove to be the largest bequest ever made to the University and in the history of all the departments of Yale will be exceeded only by Mr. Sheffield's bequest to the Sheffield Trustees.

No definite statement of the value of the property is possible until an inventory has been filed or an appraisal made.

The Weekly reprints in full elsewhere President Schurman's reply to President Stryker, of Hamilton College, in his recent debate with him before a convention of teachers of New York State. The issue which the recent action of Cornell in regard to the B. A. degree has again raised, is properly al-

ways a very live one in the educational world. It goes without saying that the President of Cornell defends his position with force and interest.

When the administration of President Dwight is again reviewed, facts and figures of Yale's material growth will show even more splendidly than ever. The Lampson bequest makes a large feature in a report covering any length of time.

The Spirit for the Future.

These incidents were probably inevitable, and are no longer of any consequence except as suggesting that in future the relations between Yale and Harvard would be better sustained by mutual forbearance, and by a departure from methods of intercommunication and counteracting criticisms which have already once made mischief. The literary bureau and the diplomatic corps should be permanently abolished and in their place should be substituted the standard of sportsmanship which exists between Oxford and Cambridge. The two universities should remain rivals in every field of athletic endeavor, but they should also remain friends. Neither should attempt to conceal from the other what it is doing in preparation for a contest. The stupidest and at the same time the most irritating practice in the past has been to set spies upon one another, to take the time of a crew for example, as if the information acquired played any part whatever in the result of a race. Yale should welcome Harvard to her boat house, her ball field or her gymnasium, just as one gentleman should welcome another to his house. Either there should exist between these two universities, the highest standard of comity, or they should be kept permanently apart. With such a relation existing between them, there would be no chance for a disagreement.

Aside from the arrangement of dates and the acceptance of sporting rules governing each contest, the only agreement necessary between Yale and Harvard is: "May the best man win. A fair field and no favor." This is what the great body of graduates and undergraduates of both institutions desire. What the bookmakers and dead game sports of the turf desire need not concern college athletes. There has already been too much playing to the galleries, and too little dignified sportsmanship of the kind recently displayed by the brave and gallant Ithacans. Let there be less hero worship, and more University pride.

N. G. Osborn, '80.

The Musical Department.

"The growth of the Musical Department the past year is in keeping with its history from the foundation of the department. The piano department has especially grown and Professor Sanford has been obliged to devote one day more a week to his pupils than heretofore. Not only has the number of students increased, but the quality of work is better than ever. This year, for the first time, students of the University are admitted to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra for a very small sum. This organization, which is under the direction of Professor Horatio W. Parker, gives four concerts during the Winter. It is a complete and well-equipped orchestra of about fifty players and a valuable adjunct to the Department of Music and to the musical life of New Haven.

Students of orchestration are afforded an opportunity to hear their work actually performed, and any composition which is original and of sufficient merit may be performed publicly. The same orchestra affords an opportunity to acquire orchestra routine to these students of the violin who are able to pass the examination for admission to the orchestra. The most advanced students of piano-playing, as well as violin-playing, are allowed to rehearse with the orchestra, and to perform publicly, if, in the judgment of the faculty of the Department, they are fitted to do so.

The Steinert Scholarship for organ-playing has been won by W. W. Chandler, '96, of New Haven, and that for violin by Miss Emma Spiesk, of Hartford. The scholarship in piano was not

awarded, but the amount resulting from it was devoted to paying in part the charges of the other students.

Taxation Enforced at Williams College.

The Williamstown Assessors were upheld, in listing for taxation, certain land and houses of Williams College, occupied by the librarian, head carpenter, superintendent of college buildings, director of gymnasium and professors, by the full bench in the Supreme Court day, February 24. The college asked for an abatement of the tax on the grounds of Massachusetts at Boston on Wednesday that the property was used for purposes for which the college was incorporated, and that the buildings were occupied by officers of the college. The court admitted that the buildings were occupied by officers, but claimed that as a special sum (\$1,917) was deducted from the salaries, the college thus derived an income.

In giving its verdict the court said: "In the present case the occupants were each in the sole occupation of the premises, and the occupation was for strictly private purposes, and the control of the premises, which they occupied, was with them. That the rent was paid by a monthly deduction from the salaries instead of being paid directly to the College is immaterial. It has been held many times that to exempt the real estate of a corporation under the statutes we are considering, it is not enough that the income is applied to the purposes of the corporation, but the real estate itself must be occupied for those purposes. It is not enough that the corporation derives a benefit from the occupation of the real estate, but the real estate must be occupied by the corporation or its officers for the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation."

Louisville Alumni to Reorganize.

Plans are on foot to re-organize the Alumni Association of Louisville and Kentucky, which has not held a meeting for several years. About March 20 a meeting will be held in Louisville, at which officers of the Association will be elected and the club reorganized. It is the intention of those interested to form plans for arranging the association on a strong basis and for holding several meetings during the year, in this way bringing the men together in a strong bond of friendship and union. The proposed meeting is to be immediately followed by a banquet.

Already over 25 signatures to the plan have been obtained, and those who have been most active in making the arrangements, among whom is Stuart McKnight, '93, are confident of success.

A New Specimen for the Yale Museum.

On December 5, 1896, there was cast ashore on the beach that stretches south of St. Augustine for many miles, an enormous sea monster which was supposed to have been a devil fish or octopus. Fragments of the body have been cut off and sent to Prof. A. E. Verrill, of the Peabody Museum. Prof. Verrill has given the Weekly the following description of it:

"Large masses of the sea monster recently found on the Florida coast have been received by me, within the last few days. They are fairly well preserved and show by their structure that the creature was not an octopus, as had been supposed by me and others. The structure of the masses sent is not muscular, but consists of a tough, elastic mass of fibers and cords of white, strong, connective tissue, from three to ten inches thick. It is about as hard to cut as India rubber or sole leather. This structure resembles the blubber of some kind of whales, more than any thing else, but contains very little oil.

"It is impossible to decide, at present, as to what particular sea-monster this enormous pouch-like mass could have belonged. It does not seem possible that it can be any part of any known whale, though its structure is very whale-like. There are apparently no bones in the mass, which is pear-shaped and 21 feet long and six feet in diameter. There are no external appendages to it."

Mr. G. D. Kellogg, who graduated from the Academical Department in 1895, and has since been taking a post graduate course, has, since the Christmas vacation, been conducting Mr. Guy V. Thompson's recitations in Sophomore Latin. Mr. Thompson has, during this time, been traveling abroad, but has recently returned and resumed his work. Mr. Kellogg intends now to continue his study in the Graduate Department.

Steins or : : : Cankards.

In FLEMISH WARE decorated in colors, GERMAN WARE, brown DOULTON, blue with College Seal Growlers "Here's to good old Yale" are shown by THE GEORGE H. FORD COMPANY.

The Freshmen basket ball team defeated the Co. A team of Waterbury, on Friday evening, February 26, by a score of 7 to 6. The next game will be played in Stamford next Saturday.

Five of the Yale gymnastic team will take part in an exhibition of the New York University in New York March 5.

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