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PROFESSOR MARSH'S GIFT AND
YALE'S OPPORTUNITY.

It is not necessary here to emphasize the very great importance to Yale and to Science of the gift of Professor Marsh to the University. The facts are before the graduates and the friends of Yale, and it is quite superfluous to say that feelings towards him of the deepest gratitude are felt by all the family of Yale. A gift like that, gathered at such lavish outlay of energy and funds, for upward of thirty years, is unique in the history of benefactions to the University. It is an act by a son of Yale which should bring its own peculiar inspiration to every other son of Yale and to all her hosts of friends. Besides all this, it has its own peculiar significance at this, the beginning of the season of preparation for Yale's great anniversary. To appreciate this, it is in order to recall a few facts of importance.

Professor Marsh is a Yale graduate of the Class of 1860. As some of our readers know, he is a nephew of the late George Peabody, and thus he secured the donation that gave Yale the present Peabody Museum, as well as a reserve building fund that then seemed adequate for future additions. After obtaining this great gift for Yale, Professor Marsh served his alma mater faithfully, without salary, for thirty years, as professor of paleontology, refusing all offers to go elsewhere. This was the first professorship of paleontology ever established, and Yale was thus in the lead of all other institutions of learning. Besides bringing together with untiring zeal these vast scientific collections now presented to the University, Professor Marsh has found time to describe many of the important specimens new to science, and make them known to the world in more than two hundred and fifty publications.

These priceless collections, now the property of Yale, are only in small part open to the public or available for study, owing to the limited space in the present museum building, and must long remain so if dependence is placed alone upon the small reserve building fund left by Mr. Peabody. This should not be. A sum equal to one-half the value of the present gift added to the fund now on hand would put up the main museum building, for which the site is waiting and the plans are already

drawn. The collections now given by Professor Marsh would fill this building, and all could be ready for the Yale bi-centennial in 1901. Will not some friend of Yale crown the work so well begun by Peabody and Marsh, and make this museum worthy of the University and of Science?

THE BOATING SITUATION.

The story of what has gone on between Cornell and Yale in regard to a return race at New London this year is told in another column. Those who understand Yale's principle in guiding her athletic course can hardly have any difficulty in following the steps taken in this instance, and we think they will approve the straightforward course of her representatives. They will certainly be glad to know that there is no disposition here to forsake the New London course—the distinctly university racing ground, with all its natural advantages and its associations of keen and glorious times in the past. They will also be glad that Yale is not to be tempted into the pursuit of general championships and has not grown sensitive to the comparative prowess of other institutions.

Yet most Yale men were glad when they heard that a challenge had gone to Ithaca. The general course of Yale's boating policy had been broken into last year, when she went to Poughkeepsie to resume her traditional contests with Harvard. There she met Cornell, and what might be called a return engagement was naturally to be expected. Cornell had courteously received Yale into what might be called her own race on her own waters. She had gloriously beaten her and she had carried herself after that notable triumph in such a manner as reflected most creditably upon her spirit. It was felt most fitting that Cornell should therefore be invited into what might be called Yale's waters and perhaps into Yale's own race. Nor did it make their pleasure any the less to learn that Cornell had been offered the choice of courses. There was a cordial support of this reciprocal act, but the feeling was firm that the incident, as pleasant as it was, should not become a precedent or involve obligations for the future. Sufficient permanent obligations were already in sight, and each year must be left open to be guided by its special circumstances and opportunities, the contest with Yale's natural rival in all sports remaining always the particular feature which no other arrangement could be allowed to threaten.

Yale's friends in general, therefore, re-echoed the sentiment of Mr. Whitney's dispatch. The desire was strong for a race and the regret was keen that Cornell had proposed a condition that Yale could not accept, in justice to herself. There has been no disposition to criticize Cornell, but a sense of disappointment that she had not appreciated the strength of Yale's conviction on this cardinal point. It is certainly a relief to know that Mr. Whitney did his best to make this position plain. The history of the conference is a necessary supplement to the official record as shown in the communications which have passed between the two Universities.

Mr. Woodruff on "Yale Luck."

Among the many good speeches at the Wilkes-Barre banquet was one by Mr. G. W. Woodruff, '89, one of the most successful Yale athletes of his day, who has made an unusual reputation as a football coach at the University of Pennsylvania, where he continued his studies after leaving Yale. Mr. Woodruff spoke somewhat as follows to the toast "Yale Luck":—

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of Yale: 'Bearing in mind the old adage, 'Fools for luck,' we, as Yale men, might very properly wax indignant that the barbarian world attributes much of Yale's startling success to that unworthy cause. But there is consolation in the thought that, although luck is ridiculed when found as the transient tutelary divinity of foolish and upstart mediocrity, it is applauded as the disciplined slave of talent and fairly worshipped when, as the brilliant-winged Ariel of genius, it traverses space at his unconscious bidding and returns, in a twinkling, laden with unbelievable treasures of knowledge. We may well say that systematic and continuous luck is skill and ability. Such luck fools never know, and the adage is a natural result of those instances of lucky chance which are remarkable for their very infrequency—even as an ordinary hill seems a mountain in a prairie country.

I am glad to believe that Yale luck belongs to the admirable class of diligent talent. This is shown by the universal applause—sometimes unwilling—which follows Yale's systematic successes. Her infrequent failures are but evidences that the Yale family has talent rather than genius, and that her robust, sandy sons are obliged, sometimes against grave odds, to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. This is only another instance of Yale luck, for, though talent, with its necessary accompaniment of vigor, pluck, perseverance and broad-mindedness, is a matter of heredity, genius burns up the fibre of a family in one generation and leaves naught but ashes for the inheritance of direct posterity.

"Cornelia, like mother Yale, was a lucky woman. But what mother can hope for the luck of being crowned with the jewels of admirable children? We all believe in breeding. We know that, barring accident, a vigorous, high-strung, noble mother will be properly proud of her off-spring.

"I am a firm believer that, barring genius, all men can be replaced. We find that when any son goes out from under the roof-tree of Yale after years of unusual success, the world cries: 'Who can take his place? Yale can never again have the luck to get such a son as he!' But we, who have worn the kilts beneath the elms, and have seen our next older brothers fight and win for our common Mother, and have felt the heartache of seeing them proudly walk out from the elm-shadows with Yale's mother kiss burning on their brows, and have diffidently girded our loins and stepped into the broken ranks, determined to partially fill the seemingly hopeless breach, fearful of our unworthiness, proudly hopeful of our Mother's smile, come modest victory or worthy defeat; thrilling to feel that our idolized predecessors have halted in their life-march and are waving back to us confidence and encouragement—we know that Yale never grows old, that through all time she will bring forth in proper season more and more vigorous children and that her greatest and proudest luck is that Nature has rigidly decreed the production of like from like."

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Scranton Alumni Dinner.

The second annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association of Scranton, Pa., was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Monday evening, January 3d. The Association was very largely represented. There were also present some members of the Wilkes-Barre Association. The guests of honor were Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, '59, of Hartford, and Mr. Eugene A. Smith, '59, of New York.

The Board of Trade rooms were very handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the banquet table was arranged in the form of a "T" with those to respond to toasts at the head.

The president, Colonel H. M. Boies, '59, acted as toastmaster, and the toasts and speakers were as follows:

"Yale University,"
Rev. J. H. Twichell, '59.
"Embryonic Yale,"
W. H. Buell, '80.
"Undergraduate Yale,"
W. J. Torrey, '99.
"Yale in the Eighties,"
James W. Oakford, '84.
"Yale Alumni,"
Eugene A. Smith, '59.
"University of Pennsylvania,"
John L. Wentz, M.D.
"Cornell University,"
George G. Brooks.
"Foreign Universities" (with special reference to such as are located in the state of New Jersey),
Rev. James McLeod, D.D., Princeton, '69.

THE GRADUATES PRESENT.

Besides the speeches on the program there were several in addition. The following persons were also present at the banquet: Judge E. N. Willard, '67; Henry Belin, Jr., '63; Everett Warren, '84; W. W. Scranton, '65; Judge R. W. Archbald, '71; Dr. N. Y. Leet, '56; J. B. Neale, '96; S. B. Thorne, '96; A. E. Hunt, '96; L. T. Bliss, '93 S.; George Woodruff, '89; Dr. P. F. Gunster, '72 S.; H. W. Boies, '88; E. H. Connell, '95; T. E. Connell, '94; D. E. Peck, '98; W. H. Curran, '98; A. D. Baldwin, '98; Worthington Scranton, '98; R. W. Archbald, Jr., '98; C. H. Dowd, '97; C. S. Jennings, '94 S.; Frederic Connell, '84; F. R. Stocker, '97; F. M. Lynch, '97; Chas. J. Long, '82; C. S. Woodruff, '78; Selden Case, '96 S.; W. B. Easton, '95 S.; Mr. Hall, '95 S.; J. M. Boies, '95 S.; Mr. Robinson, '95 S.; P. B. Belin, '95 S.; C. H. Wells, Jr., '99; A. Z. Huntington, '95 S.; C. W. Abbott, '99; C. A. Belin, '99; C. H. Conner, Jr., '99; C. B. Sturges, '96 S.; W. J. Hand, '87; J. B. Woodward, Wilkes-Barre; J. B. Dimmick, '81; I. S. Harding, Wilkes-Barre; A. G. Hunt, '87.

During the evening the Scranton Orchestra furnished music. At a meeting held before the banquet the following officers were chosen for the year: J. B. Dimmick, '81, President; Everett Warren, '84, Vice-President; A. G. Hunt, '87, Secretary and Treasurer; Executive Committee to consist of the foregoing officers and H. A. Boies, '88, and Worthington Scranton, '98.