

YALE OBITUARY.

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three years Captain in the 4th Mississippi Cavalry, the last Confederate Regiment disbanded east of the Mississippi river. He passed through these four years without being captured or seriously wounded, and at the close of the war returned to his old home to repair his broken fortunes. Since that time he has lived quietly on his plantation, "Valley Farm," near Holly Springs, Miss. He was a gallant soldier, an estimable citizen, and a refined, highly educated, polished gentleman.

JAMES THOMAS MATTHEWS, '54.

James Thomas Matthews, '54, died at Evanston, Ill., July 20, 1898.

Mr. Matthews, the son of John and Lydia Matthews, was born in Boston, March 14, 1830. He entered Yale and after graduation with the Class of Fifty-Four, he was engaged in teaching in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for two years, and then studied at the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, where he graduated and was licensed to preach in 1859. After preaching for one year in the First Presbyterian Church, at Port Jervis, N. Y., he became pastor of the First Congregational Church in Kenosha, Wis., and remained so for three years. On December 20, 1864, he received a call from the Eighth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Ill., which he accepted, but in the Fall of 1868, before the close of four years' service, he was forced by ill-health to resign. Since that time he has not ventured to take charge of any church, lest his health should again fail him, but has preached and exercised the functions of his profession upon occasional demands. As he wrote a friend, "So, first and last, I have done not a little of what I prepared myself in especial to do; yet not so much as I had expected to accomplish."

The year 1869, after his resignation, he spent mainly in establishing the *Interior* newspaper, as an organ of liberal Presbyterianism in the Northwest. In the Spring of 1871, he purchased an interest in a fine art gallery in Chicago, but the "great fire" swept it away. Since then he has been engaged chiefly in travel and literary work of a miscellaneous character. He went to Europe in May, 1882, principally for his health, and remained a year; and again in 1883, taking his wife and daughter with him. In all, he has spent three or four years traveling in "Europe, Asia and Africa."

He was married December 6, 1860, to Mary F., daughter of Samuel Hale of Kenosha, Wis., who survives him with one son and one daughter. The son, Charles Hale Matthews, graduated at Yale in 1886.

LEWIS WHITMARSH FORD, '54.

Lewis Whitmarsh Ford, '54, died at Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 27.

Mr. Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., Dec. 12, 1830, but moved with his family to Cleveland in 1841. In 1850 he was admitted to Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio, and at the close of his Sophomore year he left Western Reserve and entered Yale, as a member of the Class of Fifty-Four, at the beginning of Junior year. After graduation he studied law for some months in the office of the Hon. Hiram Griswold, in Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently at the Harvard Law School. On January 1, 1857, he opened a law office in Cleveland, but soon after accepted a tutorship at Yale, and remained in New Haven until the Summer of 1859. In October of the same year he resumed the practice of law in Cleveland, which he continued until his death. For several years past he was a Trustee and President of the Euclid Avenue Church Society of that city. A man of bright intellect, sterling character, sound health and sunny disposition, life with him proved a grand success.

He was married November 21, 1860, to Anna E., daughter of Sereno Fenn, of Tallmadge, Ohio, who survives him with two sons and two daughters.

California Alumni.

The Yale alumni of Southern California are planning to have a meeting about April 1.

HARVARD IN THE WAR.

Some Figures and Comments From President Eliot.

President Eliot of Harvard in his annual report, just issued, says that the information received by the Harvard authorities up to date is more or less complete about the war service of 384 men, undergraduates, graduates, and former students of the University. Mr. Brown, the deputy keeper of the University records, is sure that the total number of Harvard men who served in the war will not fall short of 400.

Of the 384 persons, 148 were Harvard A.B.'s; 36 had the Harvard A.B. and some other degree; 40 had the Harvard professional degrees only; 21 had Harvard professional degrees and a Bachelor's degree from another institution; 37 were former temporary College students; 17 were former temporary professional students; 47 were College undergraduates and 38 undergraduates of other schools of the University.

Among these were the following officers: 3 major generals, 3 brigadier generals, 2 colonels, 7 lieutenant colonels, 8 majors, 28 captains, 28 first lieutenants, 26 second lieutenants and 29 corporals. One hundred and twenty were privates. The Navy list included the Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, until the declaration of war, 1 commander, 6 lieutenants, 2 lieutenants of the junior grade, 14 ensigns.

Of the Harvard men in the Army, 47 were enlisted in the First United States Volunteer Cavalry (Rough Riders).

In regard to the attitude of the President and the Deans towards the enlistment of the men, President Eliot says: "The effort of the President and the Deans was to prevent hasty and inconsiderate enlistment, but not to discourage the enlistment of able-bodied young men of legal age whose family circumstances warranted them in offering their lives to the country. So long as there are wars it will be expedient, especially in democracies, that the best educated young men bear their full share in war's hardships and dangers. The highly educated class must show itself as tough, brave and disinterested as any other and as faithful to ideals. If its education has been right, it will always show itself superior in these respects to every other class."

Remarkable Strength Test.

Every year the figures for the strong man of the Freshman class are pushed higher and higher, but the achievement of E. H. Benner, 1901 S., who went beyond the best record of last year by over 1800 pounds, is considered remarkable. Benner, whose weight is 146 pounds, made the record as follows: Push-up (on parallel bars) 35; pull-up (on horizontal bar) 22½, which, figured according to the formula for strength tests, gives the total strength of 8,395 pounds. The competition, which is an annual one, was held at the Gymnasium on Monday night, Jan. 30, under the supervision of Drs. Anderson and Seaver.

Many of the Class tried the tests, but only the four named below entered the competition. Here is the record of the strongest Freshmen:

	Wt.	Push-up.	Pull-up.	Total.
E. H. Benner, 1901 S.,	146	35	22½	8,395
A. P. Wright, 1902,	143	30	21	7,293
W. F. Burnham, 1902.	139	21	17	5,282
W. F. Roberts, 1902,	136½	18	19	5,050½

Within a short time a competition, which is open to all members of the University, will be held, and from the fifty strongest men will be taken ten, who will compete for the University championship. This champion will represent Yale in the intercollegiate strength tests to be held in the Spring.

The Pundits.

A literary club known as "The Pundits" (from the Hindoo, meaning learned men, or teachers), which was founded in the Class of Eighty-Eight, has been reorganized in the Class of Nineteen Hundred and One, under the charter of the original society. The club is similar in organization to the Robert Louis

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Stevenson Club formed in the Class of Ninety-Eight. Owing to the incompleteness of the list of members, it has been decided not to make any further announcements as to the policy of the club or its membership until after the next regular meeting, when a fuller account will be given out for publication if the present members desire it.

"Lit." Medal Awarded.

The medal annually awarded by the *Yale Literary Magazine* for the best essay, has been given to Guy Mortimer Carleton, '99, of Hartford Conn. The title of the essay is, "George Meredith and His Philosophical Novel." The *Lit.* board made its decision in conjunction with Dr. E. B. Reed and Professor C. M. Lewis.

The winner of the prize prepared for College at the Hartford High School, where he received the second prize in the *Chronicle* Prize Story Competition, which was offered by the school paper in his Junior year. The essay will appear in the February number of the *Lit.*

In the February *Atlantic*, Professor James begins his "Talks to Teachers on Psychology," defining the relations of the subject and the necessity of approaching it from the point of view of the practical purpose for which man's mind was given him, namely, to adapt him to his terrestrial environment.

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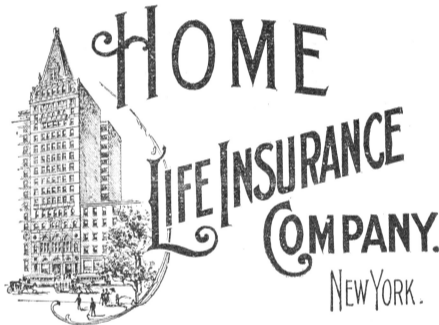
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