

**PEABODY MUSEUM CHANGES.**

**A Great Work of Remounting and Reclassification Going On.**

The remounting, rearrangement and re-classification of the specimens in the Peabody Museum, which was begun last November, has been going on steadily since then under the direction of Charles E. Beecher, Professor of Historical Geology in the University, and although the work accomplished is but a small fraction of the enormous whole, as planned, enough has been done to give an idea of the great value to the student when completed. The method of mounting the specimens has heretofore been on plaster bases, difficult to make, expensive, and not wholly satisfactory, as they concealed a considerable portion of specimens they supported. Neat, gilded iron supports which are screwed firmly to a substantial and handsome cherry base which moves on smoothly rolling castors, are now being used in place of the cumbersome plasters. The new scheme offers a means of observing every portion of a specimen, a thing almost impossible heretofore. A large number of fossil cycads have been mounted on these rolling bases, including one supposed to be the largest of its kind in the world, having four branches and weighing nearly one thousand pounds.

A work, now going on, which Professor Beecher expects to have completed by Commencement and put on exhibition in the great vertebrate hall on the second floor, is the re-construction of the bones of a dinosaur which will stand 15 feet high and more than 20 feet long. The fossil remains, which were collected for the late Professor Marsh in Wyoming ten years ago, and since stored in the basement of the Museum, will be mounted on a slab. The basement rooms are being overhauled and with closer storing are yielding much needed elbow room. As fast as places can be found and mounting accomplished, the more easily handled specimens, which have lain packed in boxes for years, are being brought out and put in their proper geological order in the exhibition rooms.

Besides a great many new tools, the Museum authorities have purchased, to carry on the work of improvement, a petrotome or rock-slicing machine, the combined gift of the Scientific School and Professor George J. Brush, was put in place in the basement last week. It furnishes the means of cutting truly and smoothly, with great facility of adjustment, large or small sections of rocks, stones or precious metals, and is a great improvement over the old machine in use for 25 years.

One of the points of the new plan of classification and rearrangement is the photographing of every specimen when it is ready to occupy its particular place. Several negatives are taken and a print inserted in specially prepared books. When the work is completed, these will become a valuable illustrated and indexed catalogue, showing at once where any specimen in the Museum is and also where its negative is stored.

Dr. F. L. Chase of the Yale Astronomical Observatory, has received an invitation from the United States Naval Observatory in Washington, to be a member of one of their expeditions to the South to observe the Solar eclipse, May 28.

**Mr. Mott at Yale.**

Since the visit of Henry Drummond in October, 1887, no series of religious meetings at Yale in recent years have been more universally attended, more favorably received by the students and more far-reaching in their effects than the recent addresses to undergraduate students in Dwight Hall by Mr. John R. Mott of New York City.

Mr. Mott graduated from Cornell University in 1888, where he gained high honors in legal and philosophical studies. Being prevailed upon to leave his professional studies and to give himself to Christian work among students, he became college secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association shortly after his graduation. When the movement was extended so as to include the university men of all lands he was made Secretary of the World's Student Federation and has spent several years traveling among students in every country of the world, strengthening Christian organizations in colleges and studying student life. In fitting recognition for this work, Yale University conferred upon him the honorary degree of M.A. in 1899.

The series of meetings at Yale was the conclusion of a tour among leading universities of Canada and Eastern United States in the months of January and February. At Cornell, Toronto, University of Virginia and Princeton Mr. Mott has been greeted by audiences ranging in size from 300 to 1,000 students.

Mr. Mott occupied the College pulpit in Dr. Bunnell's absence, Sunday morning, where he was listened to with marked attention and where his words made a profound impression. At 12.30 he spoke before the Sheffield Y. M. C. A. Department, and the rooms of the building were filled to overflowing, with students. On Sunday and Monday evenings every seat in Dwight Hall was filled and men stood at the doors though the seating capacity of the hall had been nearly doubled by placing chairs in the aisles. So great was the interest that he was prevailed upon to stay over Tuesday evening when despite the rain a like-sized crowd again greeted him. Beside the regular services Mr. Mott held special gatherings at the close of the regular meetings in another part of the building where the bearing of his talks on the personal acceptance of Jesus Christ was explained. These three special meetings on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings were attended by 80, 150 and 200 men respectively. The average attendance at the regular services in Dwight Hall was 425 and it is estimated that exclusive of chapel when he addressed the whole Academical Department, Mr. Mott spoke to 700 different men in voluntary religious meetings. Meetings was almost entirely taken up by personal interviews with students. Mr. Mott's wonderful hold on the students of Yale lay in his plain straightforward presentation of the facts of sin and his appeal to the mind and the will rather than to the emotions. The impressions made by his words bid fair for this very reason to be lasting.

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