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Editorial Remarks

Last Sunday President Elliot of Harvard reached his seventieth year, and was given one of the most momentous and touching acknowledgements ever accorded to a man of letters in this country. He has been president of Harvard for thirty-five years, and has seen the passing of his first graduates from young manhood to age. He was accorded a reception by the faculty, which was, however, greatly surpassed by the one given him by the students. They gave him a rousing reception at Harvard Union, at which they presented a letter with ten thousand signatures, the whole being in album form. This letter was one of congratulation and is one of the most remarkable documents of its kind ever conceived. It was the embodiment of the affection and regard of a multitude of graduates, upon whose lives this great man has left his impress. It was aimed to get the signature of every Harvard man in the country. President Roosevelt was chairman of the committee that arranged the whole affair. The different faculties of Harvard presented loving cups and most of the college presidents of the country sent messages of congratulation.

The Institute of Technology at Pittsburg has decided to accept a gift of \$5,000,000 from Andrew Carnegie and the officials are glad to announce that more is in view. And yet they are so bold as to believe that there is still some light ahead for their institution, in spite of the prophecies made concerning the acceptance of a gift tendered on a similar principle to our University.

The Y. M. C. A. of the University of Virginia has accepted \$40,000 for a building from Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge, the widow of the late New York millionaire, on condition that the friends of the University raise \$20,000. California has accepted a \$500,000 auditorium from Wm. R. Hearst, who is credited with being the father of yellow journalism. Yet California—using the phraseology of those who have opposed our Temple Fund—is not appalled at the idea of a monument to immorality on her campus, when it is in such a shape that it may be used for so many useful purposes. Harvard received \$1,000,000 last year from Mr. Rockefeller for a medical school, and J. Pierpont Morgan duplicated the gift.

And all these institutions have been allowed to suffer because no conscientious newspapers have come forth to steer them clear of the peril that is lurking in an indefinite somewhere, ready to strangle them without restraint or mercy. When we have a chance to benefit we should not be slow about taking advantage of it; for if many of our institutions had not ac-

cepted contributions from wealthy parties, they would be far short of their present development and still be struggling to put up with what equipment they had, while every department, as is the case here, would be crying for means of expansion. The high development of so many colleges and Universities is due very largely to the fact that they have been favored with large gifts. In fact all the great eastern institutions absolutely depend upon the endowments and gifts that they receive. Let us, here at Nebraska, consider these facts well before we close the door of opportunity that has been opened to us.

ADD EDITORIAL—

When the girls' basket ball team comes back from Minnesota, we hope it will be in the flush of triumph over the defeat of their "Scandinavian Sisters." Our team hasn't lost a game since girls' basket ball was introduced here in 1896. The team this year has not fallen behind in its fine work, and victories in the two games scheduled would crown a record that few basket ball teams anywhere can boast of.

Rev. Marsh at Chapel.

Rev. Marsh, of All Souls' church, gave an interesting discourse to the University people yesterday morning on the subject of "Devotion of Modern Thought." He said:

"The process of thinking is the same today as in times past, and it shall remain the same, but the results of the thought and the different ways of seeing things of truth and life are constantly changing. Modern thought has revolutionized and our conception of things is vastly different than in preceding years. It is said we have more of the scientific and less of the poetic interpretation, that the poetic vision has been obstructed by the development of scientific thought and so with it the devotion or the religious thought has been destroyed. The devotion of thought is the fragrance of the thought, it is the richness and pureness of the mind. That which comes in the spirit and radiates from the spirit. Devotion finds its expression in the beautiful and the highest expression is through the language of the poet, who feels and pictures the beauties of the soul, and portrays the depths of human life."

And to show us that there were still poets who utter devotion, he read us several short poems, in which were embodied both science and religion, one of which was "Each in his own name," an outline of the process of evolution and development of worlds. He concluded by saying that the true spirit of prayer was quickened by modern thought. His talk was of a high nature, many new points of view being presented in a different light. His voice was clear and distinct, and the hearty applause that was given him gave evidence of an appreciation.

It is the intention of the management of the State Historical society, in their overhauling and re-arranging of furniture, to dispose of some of the "cubbyholes" that are frequented daily by languishing couples, who find the absence of daylight quite preferable, also a glass plate will be placed in different corners of the room for them to scratch their diamonds upon instead of marring the wood furniture as has been done heretofore.

Prof. J. W. Crabtree and Prof. G. E. Barber leave today for Chicago where they will represent Nebraska at the ninth annual meeting of the North Central Association of College and Secondary Schools.

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