

CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB: CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN

IN REMEMBERING THE CLUB'S PAST, WE THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY READING ABOUT HOW THE CLUB RECEIVED ITS WHALE'S TOOTH GAVEL, WHICH IS USED EACH YEAR TO START THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THE GAVEL WAS PRESENTED TO THE CLUB BY WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. A COLUMN "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" HAS ALSO BEEN INITIATED AND WE HAVE GLEANED FROM A COUPLE OF THE OLD LOGS

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**HOW WE CAME TO ACQUIRE THE WHALE'S
TOOTH GAVEL**

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APRIL 28, 1910.

MR. J. H. BIRCH, JR.,
BURLINGTON, N. J.

MY DEAR MR. BIRCH:

I AM SENDING YOU BY EXPRESS THE WHALE'S TOOTH WHICH I PROMISED THE CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB. THE FACT THAT IT IS A TOOTH MAKES IT APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CLUB, NOT THAT THE CLUB SHOWS ITS TEETH FREQUENTLY, BUT BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ENJOY GOOD EATING, IF I COULD JUDGE FROM MY EXPERIENCE AT THE DINNER WHICH IT GAVE.

BUT THE TOOTH IS APPROPRIATE FOR ANOTHER REASON; NAMELY, IT IS THE TOOTH OF A WHALE, AND A WHALE IS NOT ONLY THE KING OF THE OCEAN BUT IS A GREAT TRAVELLER. IT IS A CIRCUMNAVIGATOR OF THE FIRST WATER, AND I AM SURE THAT THE WHALE FROM WHOSE JAW THIS TOOTH CAME WOULD FEEL HONORED IF HE KNEW THAT THIS PART OF HIS ANATOMY WOULD FIND AN HONORED TOMB AMONG THE TREASURES OF THE CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB.

PLEASE ASSURE THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB THAT NO. 8 REMEMBERS WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION THE WELCOME WHICH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB EXTENDED HIM ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS LAST VOYAGE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

(SIGNED) W. J. BRYAN.

(Circum William Jennings Bryan)

